

FY 2009 Capital Case Litigation Initiative Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 Capital Case Litigation Initiative solicitation. The purpose of this program is to provide high-quality training to defense attorneys and prosecutors who try capital cases in order to improve the reliability of jury verdicts in death penalty cases and ensure quality representation in capital cases. The solicitation for funding was released on April 13, 2009 and closed on June 11, 2009 for site-based grants to state agencies. Eligibility was limited to state agencies in states that authorize capital punishment and that conduct, or will conduct, prosecutions in which capital punishment is sought and that meet one of three statutory criteria.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received 12 applications for this solicitation, seeking a total of \$2,487,739 in funding. BJA made eight site-based awards for a total of \$1,828,433 in funding.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 66 percent of the applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Capital Case Litigation Initiative	Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet	KY	\$210,000.00
	Louisiana Public Defender Board	LA	\$250,000.00
	Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services	OH	\$210,000.00
	Arizona Criminal Justice Commission	AZ	\$208,792.00
	Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	GA	\$250,000.00
	Oklahoma Indigent Defense	OK	\$249,641.00
	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	PA	\$250,000.00
	South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination	SC	\$200,000.00
Awards: 8	Total Funding:		\$1,828,433.00