

**Justice and Mental Health Collaboration
State-Based Capacity Building Program
FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Eligibility

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants are limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher learning with demonstrated expertise in assisting states with developing, implementing, and expanding adult or juvenile collaborative programs.

BJA encourages organizations or agencies to apply who have expert knowledge of collaborative programs for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice or juvenile justice system, extensive knowledge of brokering and developing assistance, and a willingness to work with other BJA service providers.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with other organizations to submit joint applications for the required services and deliverables.

2. What is the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program?

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program seeks to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice system. This program is authorized by the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004 (MIOTCRA) (Pub. L. 108-414) and the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-416).

State and local jurisdictions can apply for funding to plan for, implement, or expand a collaborative program. In addition, support is provided for training and technical assistance providers for grantees and those jurisdictions that applied that did not receive funding. This purpose of this solicitation is to seek a Capacity Building Program service provider to provide comprehensive resources and services to eligible but unfunded JMHC program applicants. For more information on the program, visit:

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/JMHCprogram.html.

3. When is the funding start date?

Applicants should plan for their proposed project dates on or after October 1, 2009.

4. What is the match requirement for this program?

There is no match requirement for this program.

5. How should our budget be presented?

The budget worksheet and narrative must be submitted as one document; a sample is found through the hyperlink listed on page 7 of the solicitation. The form provided can be copied and saved into a WordPerfect or Word document, and narrative can be added after the work sheet information. A budget can also be created in Excel, but it must follow a similar format to what is included in the sample budget worksheet. Recognize also that the Budget Detail

Worksheet is used as a guide to assist the reviewers in comparing activities proposed with budget items requested. BJA also recommends that applicants review the OJP Financial Guide for additional assistance related to the budget www.ojp.usdoj.gov/financialguide/index.htm.

6. What is the anticipated number of awards?

One cooperative agreement for up to \$525,000 will be awarded for a project period of 12 months.

7. Does the 20-page limit include Attachments 1, 2, and 3 or only Attachment 1?

This includes only Attachment 1, the Program Narrative, and should include Selection Criteria 1, 2, 3, and 5. See page 7 of the solicitation for further details.

8. Are the additional requirements (page 9 of announcement) required at the time of application or at time of award, if funded?

In the application process in Grants.gov, applicants will be required to acknowledge and agree to several of these requirements. However, no paperwork will need to be completed unless an award is made.

Please note:

- The application must be submitted through Grants.gov. Please register with Grants.gov as soon as possible as the registration process can take some time. For complete instructions, see page 6 of the solicitation.
- OJP's Grants Management System does not support Microsoft Vista or Microsoft 2007. Please refer to page 6 of the solicitation for more information on allowable formats.