Scope of Program:
The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY 2010 Enhancing Adult Drug Court Discretionary Joint Grant Program with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). The purpose of this program is to: enhance drug court services, coordination, and the substance abuse treatment capacity of adult drug courts. This initiative will jointly fund comprehensive strategies for enhancing drug court capacity, allowing applicants to compete for access to both criminal justice and substance abuse treatment funds with one application. The solicitation for funding was released on December 15, 2009 and closed on February 11, 2010.

Review Process:
BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program or legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are screened initially to determine whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that contain all of the critical components of a grant application such as program narrative, budget and budget narrative and other required attachments 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 56 applications in response to the site-based solicitation. BJA made 28 site-based awards for a total of $7,076,612 in funding. Click here for a specific list of awards.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 50 percent of the applications received.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:
Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The e-mail 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 Official listed on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.