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Behavioral Health Funding Opportunities North Carolina State-based Training and Technical Assistance

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Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Funding Webinar Series

**Behavioral Health Funding Opportunities and State-
based Training and Technical Assistance**

**Presentation for North Carolina State and Local
Substance Use Disorder Practitioners**

AGENDA

- **Overview of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and BJA**
- **Discuss Key Areas of Focus and Needs From North Carolina**
- **Overview of BJA Behavioral Health Program Funding**
- **Solicitation Links and Contacts**
- **Review of Resources and Tools Available to Grant Applicants**
- **Questions & Answers**

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What is OJP?

- OJP provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Office of Justice Programs

BJA - Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ - National Institute of Justice

OVC - Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART - Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

BJA Mission Statement

BJA provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to reduce violent crime and strengthen communities.

OJP Goals

OJP strives to prevent and reduce crime through a comprehensive approach; to engage and empower those in at-risk environments; to advance systemic improvements in the justice system; and to deliver effective and outcome-driven capabilities and programs.

Administration Priorities

- *“President Biden’s Executive Order 13985 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government), which established that affirmatively advancing equity, civil rights, racial justice, and equal opportunity is the responsibility of the whole of our government. To further advance equity within the Federal Government, this order establishes that it is the policy of my Administration to cultivate a workforce that draws from the full diversity of the Nation.”*
- *CDC reporting of increase on overdose for African Americans and Native Americans*
- *Reports of increases of alcohol dependency for women and pregnant people*
- *FDA approved MATs, buprenorphine, methadone, naltrexone*

What is meant by behavioral health?

according to SAMHSA

- The term “behavioral health” in this context means the promotion of mental health, resilience, and well-being; the treatment of mental and substance use disorders; and the support of those who experience and/or are in recovery from these conditions, along with their families and communities

The Problem:

Why is DOJ concerned about behavioral health?

The Solution:

Best Practice Programs, Resources, and Education

How can you help?

Deploy programs that reduce substance use and increase behavioral health interventions.

Use validated screening and assessment tools at the jail to identify people with behavioral health conditions early.



Plan and Implement a Police Mental Health Collaboration Program

- Advance racial equity issues in its approach to drug policy.
 - Support evidence-based prevention efforts to reduce youth substance use.
 - Reduce the supply of illicit substances.

Expand access to treatment programs and other behavioral health interventions, including medication-assisted treatment.

BJA FY 2022 Behavioral Health Program Funding

Types of BJA Grants

Discretionary

- Awarded *directly* by OJP to eligible recipients
- Applicants apply directly to OJP/BJA
- Most often awarded on a competitive basis
- Applications undergo a preliminary review process to ensure that they are complete and meet the eligibility requirements, and many are also peer reviewed

Formula

- Are usually administered and managed by State Administering Agencies or other BJA-approved fiscal agents
- Are most often on a noncompetitive basis
- Distribution of funds to eligible recipients is either statutorily defined or defined by a distribution process that is specified by BJA

Federal Support for Behavioral Health Responses

- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
- Adult Drug Court (ADC) Program
- Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Program
- Family and Juvenile Drug Courts Program
- Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)
- Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)
- Justice and Mental Health Collaboration (JMHC) Program
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program

Adult Drug Court Grant Program

- The Adult Drug Court (ADC) Discretionary Grant Program provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to plan, implement, and enhance the operations of adult drug courts
- ADCs effectively integrate evidence-based substance use disorder treatment, mandatory drug testing, incentives and sanctions, and transitional services in judicially supervised criminal court settings that have jurisdiction over persons with substance use disorder treatment needs in order to reduce recidivism and increase their access to treatment and recovery support and to prevent overdoses
- This program supports significant investments in rural jurisdictions to enhance access to treatment and recovery support services and to prevent overdose

Adult Drug Court Grant Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 72 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$88 million available for awards
- FY 2022 Opportunities
 - Category 1: Planning and Implementation. Estimated Number of Awards: 11. Award Amount: Up to \$700,000
 - Category 2: Enhancement. Estimated Number of Awards: 26. Award Amount: Up to \$750,000
 - Category 3: Statewide. Estimated Number of Awards: 8. Award Amount: Up to \$2,000,000
- Eligible applicants are state governments, city or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments, other on behalf of a single drug court
- Additional information can be located on our Info Page on BJA.gov, located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/adult-drug-court-grant-program/overview>

Adult Drug Court Program Resources

- **National Drug Court Resource Center (NDCRC).** BJA-sponsored, the NDCRC provides treatment court professionals with the resources needed to design and implement programs that align with best practice standards, expand and enhance court operations, as well as collect and analyze program data
- **Drug Court Best Practice Standards.** National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), 2018. The NADCP identified 10 best practice standards, volumes I and II. These standards represent the cumulative body of the most current evidence-based practices available to drug courts to effectively operationalize the drug court's 10 key components
- **Ten Key Components for Adult Drug Courts.** BJA-sponsored, NADCP, January 2004. The key components provide the foundation for the successful operation of a drug court program
- **Adult Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance.** Assist adult drug courts and veterans treatment courts with the development and implementation of program practices to improve program effectiveness and long-term participant success

Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program

- Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to implement or enhance the operations of veterans treatment courts. These courts effectively integrate evidence-based substance use disorder treatment, mandatory drug testing, incentives and sanctions, and transitional services in judicially supervised court settings that have jurisdiction over veterans in the criminal justice system who have substance use disorders, including those with a history of violence and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI) as a result of their military service
- This program supports investment in rural jurisdictions and those without drug court services

Veterans Treatment Court Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 37 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$29 million available for awards
- FY 2022 Opportunities
 - Category 1: Planning and Implementation. Estimated Number of Awards: 6. Award Amount: Up to \$700,000
 - Category 2: Enhancement. Estimated Number of Awards: 14. Award Amount: Up to \$750,000
 - Category 3: Statewide. Estimated Number of Awards: 2. Award Amount: Up to \$2,000,000
- Eligible applicants are state governments, city or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments, other on behalf of a single veterans treatment court
- Additional information can be located on our Info Page on BJA.gov, located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/veterans-treatment-court-grant-program/overview>

Veterans Treatment Program Resources

- **Justice for Vets (JFV)**. JFV is dedicated to transforming the way the justice system identifies, assesses, and treats our veterans, leading the national effort to put a veterans treatment court in reach of every veteran in need. JFV helped establish over 250 veterans treatment courts and trained over 3,000 court staff
- **Ten Key Components for Veterans Treatment Courts**, Justice for Vets, March 2017. Modeled after the adult drug court key components, these key components provide the foundation for the successful operation of a veterans treatment court
- **Drug Court Review: Veterans Treatment Court, Winter 2018 issue**, BJA-sponsored, National Drug Court Resource Center. The Winter 2018 issue of the *Drug Court Review* focuses on veterans treatment courts to develop a deeper understanding of how these courts work. The issue is a curated compilation of research articles, a practitioner note, and a legal commentary designed to increase knowledge about veterans treatment courts and call attention to areas in need of inquiry or further consideration

Family and Juvenile Drug Courts

- Family- and juvenile-focused drug courts help families and youth overcome the effects of substance misuse and co-occurring mental health disorders. These courts include the Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts, Family Drug Courts, and Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts. There has been a steady increase in funding for these programs over the last 5 years

Family and Juvenile Drug Courts

- BJA expects to receive more than 125 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$108 million available for awards
- Eligible applicants are state governments, city or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments, other on behalf of a single drug court
- Additional information can be located at [Available Funding | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#)

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

- The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) was developed as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) legislation. COSSAP's purpose is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other drugs of use
- BJA anticipates making 86 awards



Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

- BJA will have approximately \$185 million available for awards
- FY 2022 Opportunities
 - Category 1: State-based. Estimated Number of Awards: 10. Average Award Amount: \$6,000,000
 - Category 2: Local Site-based. Estimated Number of Awards: 100. Average Award Amount: Up to \$1,600,000
- Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), or state governments. Jurisdictions without a county or local government-based addiction service system may designate the State Administering Agency (SAA) to serve as the primary applicant
- Additional information can be located on our Info Page on BJA.gov, located at [Available Funding | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#)

COSSAP Program Resources and Training and Technical Assistance

<https://www.cossapresources.org/>

- Profiles of COSSAP sites across the nation, and data visualization of grantees allowing exploration of projects by state, jurisdiction type, activity, partner, and area of focus
- Descriptions of COSSAP demonstration projects, which strengthen our understanding of effective community responses to illicit substance use and misuse, expand adoption of effective practices and support innovation, and build capacity in those communities most impacted by substance use disorder
- Information on peer-to-peer learning opportunities, including the COSSAP Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative and the COSSAP Law Enforcement/First Responder Diversion and Referral Mentoring Initiative
- Educational COSSAP materials, including newsletters, no-cost webinars, podcasts, printable fact sheets, and complementary resources from federal agencies and stakeholder partners
- Funding and TTA opportunities, including an online TTA request form and overviews of COSSAP TTA providers

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)

- Through CTAS, BJA and other grant-making components provide a coordinated application process for federally recognized tribes
- BJA oversees Purpose Areas 2, 3, and 4, which support comprehensive strategic planning; programs for adult tribal justice systems from prevention and treatment to tribal courts, corrections and reentry, and strategies to address violent crime; and to support tribal justice infrastructure investments through renovation and modular buildings

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)

- BJA expects to receive more than 135 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$42.61 million available for awards
- FY 2022 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 36–43
 - Estimated Average Award Amount: PA2: up to \$150,000; PA3: \$250,000–\$900,000; and PA4: \$1,000,000–\$4,000,000
- Eligible applicants are federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia
- Additional information can be located on our Info Page on BJA.gov, located at [Available Funding | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#)

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

- The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) supports innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the justice system

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 50 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$15 million available for awards
- FY 2022 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 60
 - Average Award Amount: Up to \$550,000
- Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, and other:
Other can be described as agencies with a different legal status (e.g., nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies) that are eligible to apply only if they also have been designated as a state agency or unit of local government to provide behavioral health services. Documentation to support this designation must be attached to the application.
- Additional information can be located at [Available Funding | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](https://www.ojp.gov/available-funding)

Program Planning Resources

- <https://csgjusticecenter.org/mental-health/publications/behavioral-health-diversion-interventions-moving-from-individual-programs-to-a-systems-wide-strategy/>
- <https://csgjusticecenter.org/publications/improving-responses-to-people-who-have-co-occurring-mental-illnesses-and-substance-use-disorders-in-jails/>
- [Building Capacity to Advance Local System Change for People With Behavioral Health Needs](#)
- [4 Tips to Successfully Open a Crisis Stabilization Unit](#)
 - Crisis stabilization units
 - Pre-arrest diversion, post-arrest jail diversion
- Mental health disorder (MHD) and co-occurring substance use disorder (MHSUD) screening, assessment, and treatment in jail
 - Mental health courts
- Community corrections specializing in MH caseloads

National Initiatives: Justice and Mental Health TTA

- BJA expects to receive more than 15 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$8.5 million available for awards
- Eligible applicants are five TTA categories
 1. TTA for JMHCP site-based grantees
 2. TTA for Connect and Protect Law Enforcement Behavioral Health grantees
 3. TTA to Enhance Law Enforcement Services for Improved Agency Operations, Policies, and Response to People with MHDs/MHSUDs: Supporting state/local capacity building for jurisdictions and the field
 4. TTA for Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training grantees
 5. TTA for Kevin and Avonte site-based grantees
- Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations (including tribal organizations) and for-profit (commercial and tribal) organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education)
- Additional information can be located at [Available Funding | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#)

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program

- This program assists state, local, and tribal governments in the development and implementation of substance abuse treatment programs in correctional and detention facilities. Funds are also available to create and maintain community reintegration services for offenders after they are released from incarceration. Its objectives are to enhance the capabilities of governments to provide residential treatment for inmates, prepare them for reintegration into the community, and deliver community-based services

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program

- In FY 2022, BJA expects it will have approximately \$40 million available for awards
- FY 2022 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 56
 - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$514,218
- Eligible applicants are state governments
- Additional information can be located at [Available Funding | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#)

RSAT Program Resources

- Promising Practices Guidelines for RSAT
 - [PPG-for-RSAT_Jan2021 \(rsat-tta.com\)](https://rsat-tta.com/PPG-for-RSAT_Jan2021)
- Compendium of RSAT Programs
 - [RSAT T&TA - Compendiums \(rsat-tta.com\)](https://rsat-tta.com/RSAT-T&TA-Compendiums)

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) TTA Program

- The RSAT Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program assists states and local governments to develop and implement substance use disorder treatment programs in state, local, and tribal correctional and detention facilities and to create and maintain community-based aftercare and reentry services

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) TTA Program

- BJA expects to receive more than three applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$1.2 million available for awards
- Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), faith-based organizations, and consortiums
- Additional information can be located at [Available Funding | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](https://www.ojp.gov/bja/available-funding)

RSAT TTA Program Resources

- RSAT Program Training and Technical Assistance Website
 - <https://rsat-tta.com>
- Promising Practices Guidelines for RSAT
 - [PPG-for-RSAT_Jan2021 \(rsat-tta.com\)](#)
- RSAT Fidelity Assessment Instrument
 - [FAI-Revised---Assessor-s-Version-1-22 \(rsat-tta.com\)](#)

What's Next

- Expected Solicitation Release Dates: **March through June**
- Application Submission Deadlines: Usually open for **at least 60 days**; some may be open longer
- Subscribe to **NewsFromBJA** to receive announcements of funding releases at <https://bja.ojp.gov/subscribe>

BJA FY 2022 Resources Available for Grant Applicants

Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – (800) 518-4726 or (606) 545-5035
 - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays
 - **Email**
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
 - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies

Application Assistance

JustGrants Technical Support

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants)
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – (833) 872-5175
 - Monday – Friday between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., ET
 - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., ET
 - **Email**
 - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
 - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov



Application Assistance and Support

OJP Response Center

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance
- Email – grants@ncjrs.gov
- Web chat – <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- Toll-free at (800) 851-3420
- TTY at (301) 240-6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday

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- Subscribe to receive email notifications of new funding opportunities and other resources
 - Sign up to receive the twice-monthly **JUSTINFO** newsletter as well as the weekly **Funding News** email
 - Subscribe at <https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe> and be sure to select “Grants/funding” as an area of interest

Resources for FY 2022 Grant Applicants

- OJP Funding Resource Center
<https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide
<https://ojp.gov/financilaguidedojo/overview>
- DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training
<https://www.ojp.gov/training/financial-management-training>
- OJP Grant Application Resource Guide
<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>



BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

To access previous webinar recordings, transcripts, and slides, visit <https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>.

Become a Peer Reviewer

- If you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer, please submit an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae, including a valid email address, to BJAreviewer@ojp.usdoj.gov
- Please put “Peer Reviewer Candidate Resume” in the subject line

Reminder: Dual Deadlines

Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline

- Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov)
- Step 2: Submit the full application, with attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov)

****NOTE: Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59 p.m., ET, not 11:59 p.m., ET, as in past years.***

Read the solicitations carefully for further guidance.

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- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DOJBJA>

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BJA's website – <https://www.bja.gov>

Questions?