

Grant Name: Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program FY 2017 Competitive Grant Announcement

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA #): 16.745

Federal Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose: The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC) supports innovative cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system. BJA is seeking applications that demonstrate a collaborative project between criminal justice and mental health partners from eligible applicants to plan and implement justice and mental health strategies collectively designed between justice and mental health.

Program-Specific Information:

JMHCPC seeks to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse treatment systems to increase access to mental health and other treatment services for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. The program encourages early intervention for these multisystem-involved individuals; maximizes diversion opportunities for multisystem-involved individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders; promotes cross-training for justice and treatment professionals; and facilitates communication, collaboration, and the delivery of support services among justice professionals, treatment and related service providers, and governmental partners.

This solicitation specifically seeks to increase early identification and front-end diversion of people with mental health and co-occurring substance use disorders identified at early intercept points within the justice system. This program seeks to increase the number of justice, mental health, and community partnerships; increase evidence-based practices and treatment responses to people with behavioral health disorders in the justice system; and increase the collection of health and justice data to accurately respond to the prevalence of justice-involved people with mental health and co-occurring substance use disorders.

In FY 2017, there are three types of grants supported under JMHCPC:

- **Category 1: Collaborative County Approaches to Reducing the Prevalence of Individuals with Mental Disorders in Jail:** Category 1 grantees will demonstrate a systemwide coordinated approach to safely reduce the prevalence of individuals with mental disorders in local jails.
- **Category 2: Strategic Planning for Law Enforcement and Mental Health Collaboration:** Category 2 grantees will design their community's law enforcement mental health collaboration strategy to improve responses to, and connections to services for, people with mental health and co-occurring disorders by conducting a comprehensive agency assessment of policy and practice, developing an agency training plan, building and maintaining a data collection system, and partnering with mental health and the community.
- **Category 3: Implementation and Expansion:** Category 3 grantees will implement targeted mental health and justice system interventions to address the needs of individuals with mental disorders or expand upon (or improve) well-established mental health and justice system collaboration strategies to address the needs of individuals with mental health disorders and to improve public safety.

Amount of Funds Available:

BJA estimates that it will make up to 78 awards for an estimated total of \$7,400,000. BJA expects to make no more than 10 awards for Category 1, 40 awards in Category 2, and 8 awards in Category 3. Specific award amounts and performance periods, which should begin on October 1, 2017, are identified below.

BJA may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation, through supplemental awards. In making decisions regarding supplemental awards, OJP will consider, among other factors, the availability of appropriations, OJP's strategic priorities, and OJP's assessment of both the management of the award (for example, timeliness and quality of progress reports), and the progress of the work funded under the award.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

CATEGORY 1: COLLABORATIVE COUNTY APPROACHES TO REDUCING THE PREVALENCE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL DISORDERS IN JAIL. Grant amount: Up to \$200,000. Project period: 24 months. Competition ID: BJA-2017-11381

CATEGORY 2: STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION. GRANT AMOUNT Up to \$75,000. Project period: 12 months. Competition ID: BJA-2017-11382

CATEGORY 3: IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPANSION. GRANT AMOUNT Up to \$300,000. Project period 24 months. Competition ID: BJA-2017-12123

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are limited to states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). BJA will only accept applications that demonstrate that the proposed project will be administered jointly by an agency with responsibility for criminal or juvenile justice activities and a mental health agency. Only one agency is responsible for the submission of the application in Grants.gov. This lead agency must be a state agency, unit of local government, or federally recognized Indian tribal government. Under this solicitation, only one application by any particular applicant entity will be considered. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients ("subgrantees"). An entity may, however, be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application. The applicant must be the entity that would have primary responsibility for carrying out the award, including administering the funding and managing the entire project.

Per Pub. L. 108-414, a "criminal or juvenile justice agency" is an agency of state or local government or its contracted agency that is responsible for detection, arrest, enforcement, prosecution, defense, adjudication, incarceration, probation, or parole relating to the violation of the criminal laws of that state or local government (sec. 2991(a)(3)). A "mental health agency" is an agency of state or local government or its contracted agency that is responsible for mental health services or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse services (sec. 2991(a)(5)). A substance abuse agency is considered an eligible applicant if that agency provides services to individuals suffering from co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2017 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and on the availability of appropriations.

Match Requirement: Federal funds awarded under this program may not cover more than 80 percent of the total costs of the project being funded. An applicant must identify the source of the 20 percent non-federal portion of the total project costs and how it will use match funds. If a successful applicant's proposed match exceeds the required match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit. ("Match" funds may be used only for purposes that would be allowable for the federal funds.) Recipients may satisfy this match requirement with either cash or in-kind services.

Application Deadline: April 7, 2017

Contact Information: For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035, or via email to support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** in order to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. Additional information on reporting technical issues appears under "Experiencing Unforeseen Grants.gov Technical Issues" in the How to Apply section.

For assistance with any unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond an applicant's control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline, or any other requirement of this solicitation, contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center: toll-free at 800-851-3420; via TTY at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only); email grants@ncjrs.gov; fax to 301-240-5830; or web chat at <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>

The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date.

Link to solicitation: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/JMHCP17.pdf>