USDOJ, Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant

Website to solicitation: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=282382

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are limited to states, units of local government, federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), and tribal organizations. 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, federally recognized Indian tribe, or tribal organization.

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.

**Deadline:** All applications are due to be submitted and in receipt of a successful validation message in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 17, 2016.

**Federal Award Information:** BJA estimates that it will make up to 30 awards for an estimated total of \$7,250,000. BJA will make no more than six awards for Category 1 in FY2016. Specific award amounts and project periods, which should begin on October 1, 2016

- Category 1: Collaborative County Approaches to Reducing the Prevalence of Individuals with Mental Disorders in Jail: Grantees awarded Category 1 awards will demonstrate a system wide coordinated approach to safely reduce the prevalence of individuals with mental disorders in local jails.
- Category 2: Planning and Implementation: Grantees awarded Category 2 awards will design and implement targeted interventions to address the needs of individuals with mental disorders in the criminal justice system and improve public safety.
- Category 3: Expansion: Grantees awarded Category 3 awards will expand upon or improve well-established collaboration strategies.

## **Contact Information:**

For assistance with 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.

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