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Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA - Adult Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Solicitation – to plan, implement, and enhance substance use treatment courts, including service coordination, management of treatment court participants, fidelity to the model, and recovery support services.

BJA - Justice and Mental Health Collaboration - supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the justice system.

BJA - Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program - to plan, implement, and enhance veterans treatment court (VTC) services, including program coordination, management of VTC participants, ensuring fidelity to the model, and recovery support services.

BJA - Community Courts Initiative - to establish and enhance community courts in your jurisdiction, enhance public safety, and increase access to critical behavioral health treatment and recovery support. These community-oriented projects can serve as the basis to provide community justice beyond the courtroom, creating a partnership that can solve other community safety problems, leverage resources for residents, prevent crime, and improve public trust in the justice system, law enforcement, and the community.

BJA – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Program - to support a range of program areas, including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives, mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams, and implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives including, but not limited to, mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.

BJA – Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation - specific to support tribal justice systems. Three purpose areas: Justice system strategic planning; Developing and Enhancing adult tribal justice systems ranging from law enforcement to courts to corrections; Renovate, expand, replace, or build tribal justice related facilities.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SAMHSA - Grants to Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts - to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services in existing drug courts. The program recognizes the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with SUDs. These awards provide a continuum of care, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services, for individuals with SUD involved with the courts.

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SAMHSA – Family Treatment Courts - to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services in existing family treatment drug courts, which use the family treatment drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment to parents with a SUD and/or co-occurring SUD and mental disorders who have had a dependency petition filed against them or are at risk of such filing.

Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention

OJJDP – Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program - to create and enhance juvenile treatment court programs for youth in the justice system who face substance use challenges, with a specific focus on opioid abuse. The courts work to strengthen family engagement, address the root problems that may cause substance use and addiction, and empower young people to lead productive drug-free lives.

OJJDP – Family Treatment Court Program - Family Treatment Courts serve children, parents and families involved in the child welfare system due to parental substance use as a contributing factor to child abuse or neglect. These courts provide intensive judicial monitoring and equal access to family-focused interventions, services, and supports using a multidisciplinary approach to meet the comprehensive needs of these families. Program goals are to ensure children have safe, nurturing, and permanent homes; parents achieve stable recovery and family members receive needed supports and services to improve family functioning.

OJJDP – Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Program - to respond to the substance use challenges of court-involved youth. The courts use culturally informed approaches to promote accountability, healing, and Tribal identity in youth younger than 21.

State Justice Institute

SJI – Project Grants - to support innovative education and training, demonstration, and technical assistance projects that can improve the administration of justice in state courts locally or nationwide. Project Grants for state court and national non-profit organization applicants may not exceed \$300,000 and 36 months in duration. Applications from local court applicants may not exceed \$200,000 and 24 months.

Congressionally Directed Spending – apply for funding directly from Congress.

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BJA – Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program - to implement crisis response and intervention training (CRIT) that will support law enforcement, correctional, probation and parole, and sheriff's department officers on how to effectively partner with mental health, substance use disorder, and community service agencies to improve responses

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to individuals in crisis who have behavioral health conditions or intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities.

BJA – Community Based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes Program - to support comprehensive community-based approaches to addressing hate crimes that promote community awareness and preparedness, increase victim reporting, and improve responses to hate crimes.

BJA – Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program - to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive programs that address the overdose crisis and the impacts of use and misuse of opioids, stimulants, or other substances.

BJA – Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program - to support law enforcement and behavioral health cross system collaboration that will improve public health and safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

BJA Project Safe Neighborhoods – to provide support to state, local, and tribal efforts to reduce crime problems in a community.

BJA – Field Initiated: Encouraging Innovation - to prevent and reduce crime and enhance the criminal justice system through innovative approaches that accelerate justice by identifying, defining, and responding to emerging or chronic crime problems and systemic issues using innovative approaches.

BJA – Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - • Category 1: Receive funding to implement and/or enhance PDMPs or support integration with other health information technology systems. • Category 2: Receive funding to develop and test innovative strategies or implement a multistate effort that can be replicated in other states. (ie. Support collaboration among law enforcement, prosecutors, public health officials, treatment providers, and drug courts.)

BJA – Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety Program - for the development and testing of a new or innovative approach to improving community safety and trust that is an alternative to traditional enforcement mechanisms for neighborhoods experiencing high rates of less serious and low-level criminal offenses.

BJA – Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program - to enhance or implement services to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and address the treatment and recovery needs of people with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders who are currently, or were formerly, involved in the criminal justice system.

BJA – Office of Justice Program Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative - to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive,

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evidence-based violence intervention and prevention strategies. These programs include efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations (CBOs), law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.

BJA – The Price of Justice: Rethinking the Consequences of Fines and Fees Program - to work with jurisdictions to analyze their usage of fines and fees and implement a plan to ensure they are being imposed in a constitutional and nondiscriminatory way.

BJA – Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program - to support small and rural agencies, including prosecutors' offices, in their efforts to combat violent crime.

BJA – Visiting Fellows Program - to invest in current and future leaders in the criminal justice field and bring talent and expertise from the field to BJA to inform policy and practice.

BJA – Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program - to purchase a wide range of reentry services tailored to individuals leaving incarceration, particularly those with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders who are currently involved in the criminal justice system, or were formerly involved, in need of permanent supportive housing.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SAMHSA - Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health Partnership for Early Diversion - to establish or expand programs that divert adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) or a co-occurring disorder (COD), from the criminal justice system to community-based services prior to arrest and booking.

SAMHSA – Offender Reentry Program - to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adult offenders/ex-offenders with a SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, who are returning to their families and community from incarceration in state and local facilities including prisons, jails, or detention centers.

SAMHSA - Preventing Youth Overdose: Treatment, Recovery, Education, Awareness and Training - to improve local awareness among youth of risks associated with fentanyl, increase access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) for adolescents and young adults screened for and diagnosed with opioid use disorder (OUD), and train healthcare providers, families, and school personnel on best practices for supporting children, adolescents, and young adults with OUD and those taking MOUD.

SAMHSA - Behavioral Health Partnership for Early Diversion of Adults and Youth - to establish or expand programs that divert adults and youth with a mental illness or a co-occurring disorder (COD) from the criminal or juvenile justice system to community-based mental health and substance use disorder services (SUD) and other supports prior to arrest and booking.

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SAMHSA - Recovery Community Services Program - to provide peer recovery support services to individuals with substance use disorders (SUD) or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders (COD), including those in recovery from these disorders. The program's foundation is the value of lived experience of peers to assist others in achieving and maintaining recovery. These services, in conjunction with clinical treatment services, are an integral component of the recovery process for many people.

SAMHSA - Treatment, Recovery, and Workforce Support Grant - to implement evidence-based programs to support individuals in substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery to live independently and participate in the workforce. Award recipients will be expected to ascertain gaps in the workforce and coordinate statewide employment and training activities for participants enrolled in their program with SUD in treatment and recovery.

SAMHSA - Healthy Transitions: Improving Life Trajectories for Youth and Young Adults with Serious Mental Disorders Program - to improve and expand access to developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate services and supports for transition-aged youth and young adults (ages 16-25) who either have, or are at risk for developing, serious mental health conditions. Award recipients will be expected to identify and provide appropriate behavioral health interventions to transition-aged youth and young adults who have or are at risk for a serious emotional disturbance or serious mental illness. With this program, SAMHSA aims to improve emotional and behavioral health functioning so that this population of youth and young adults can maximize their potential to assume adult roles and responsibilities and lead full and productive lives.

SAMHSA - Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance, or Co-Occurring Disorders - to provide comprehensive, coordinated and evidenced-based services for individuals, youth, and families with a serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance or co-occurring disorder who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness (e.g., people exiting jail or prison without a place to live). Recipients will be expected to 1) engage and connect the population of focus to behavioral health treatment, case management, and recovery support services; 2) assist with identifying sustainable permanent housing by collaborating with homeless services organizations and housing providers, including public housing agencies; and 3) Provide case management that includes care coordination/service delivery planning and other strategies that support stability across services and housing transitions. With this program, SAMHSA aims to further expand opportunities to improve access to and delivery of coordinated, comprehensive services mental health services and improve housing stability.

SAMHSA - Assertive Community Treatment - to establish or expand and maintain ACT programs for transition-aged youth and adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED). Recipients are expected to implement an ACT program to fidelity and provide ACT services to the population of focus. With this program, SAMHSA aims to improve behavioral

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health outcomes for individuals by reducing rates of hospitalization, mortality, substance use, homelessness, and involvement with the criminal justice system.

SAMHSA - Grants for Expansion and Sustainability of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance - to provide resources to improve the mental health outcomes for children and youth, birth through age 21, at risk for or with serious emotional disturbances (SED), and their families. This program supports the implementation, expansion, and integration of the System of Care (SOC) approach by creating sustainable infrastructure and services that are required as part of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program (also known as the Children's Mental Health Initiative or CMHI). With this program, SAMHSA aims to prepare children and youth with or at risk of SED for successful transition to adulthood and assumption of adult roles and responsibilities.

Office on Violence Against Women

OVW STOP Grant Program - Improve system response (court security and interpreter services for victims), Improve system response to disarming abusers in civil protection order cases, Support underserved/marginalized communities including - Individuals with disabilities including victims with substance abuse and/or mental health issues

Resources

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) works with over 100 training and technical assistance (TTA) programs to meet the unique needs of grantees and other criminal justice practitioners and agencies. The objectives of **BJA's TTA (<https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov/tta/resources>)** services are to:

- Provide information to grantees and criminal justice professionals to replicate model programs and approaches.
- Increase knowledge and use of best practices, emerging technologies, and new models.
- Support agencies and jurisdictions to identify and address operational and programmatic needs.

National Association of Drug Court Professionals and **National Drug Court Resource Center** co-host webinars on how to prepare a competitive grant proposal narrative and budget

National Center on Restorative Justice - to educate, train, and build knowledge on restorative justice approaches, principles, and their application to criminal justice and community safety.

Tribal Justice Training and Technical Assistance - to collaborate in a training and technical assistance (TTA) network to support federally recognized Indian tribes improve their capacity to respond to violent crime and crime associated with illicit substance use.

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State Justice Institute – Technical Assistance grants and Strategic Initiative Grants that address national court issues and develop solutions to those problems. Established to award grants to improve the quality of justice in state courts, and foster innovative, efficient solutions to common issues faced by all courts.

Center for Justice Innovation – training and technical assistance to treatment courts across the United States.

National Drug Court Institute - provides comprehensive drug court training, works to develop more effective drug court policies and procedures, and disseminates important drug court research, evaluations, and commentary.

Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network - to increase the knowledge and skills of all professionals who intervene in the lives of substance abusers and to foster alliances to support and implement best treatment practices.

Veterans Treatment Court Enhancement Initiative - to develop and administer training and technical assistance for specialized screening, assessment, and case planning tools for veterans treatment courts.

National Family Treatment Court TTA Program - to assist State, local and Tribal jurisdictions to build the capacity to develop, enhance, and sustain FTCs.