

# ANTICIPATED FY 2020 SOLICITATIONS THAT SUPPORT TRIBAL JUSTICE

## Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia with funding to help them develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. Through CTAS, BJA provides funding for tribes to engage in comprehensive justice system strategic planning that will improve tribal justice and safety; develop, support, and enhance adult tribal justice systems to prevent crime related to opioid, alcohol, and other substance abuse; and renovate, expand, and/or replace tribal justice facilities to enhance facility conditions and/or add capacity for recidivism-reduction programming.

## Law Enforcement

### Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

BJA's Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program is targeted to law enforcement agencies seeking to pilot, establish, or enhance BWC policy and implementation programs. It addresses how to develop and implement policies and practices for effective program adoption, including the purchase, deployment, and maintenance of camera systems and equipment; data storage and access; and privacy considerations. While BWC equipment may be purchased under the program, award recipients must first demonstrate a commitment and adherence to a strong BWC policy framework, including the requisite training.

### Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking: Supporting Law Enforcement Partnership

The purpose of the Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking is to assist law enforcement agencies—and their communities—in developing effective and sustainable multidisciplinary

task forces that implement coordinated, victim-centered approaches to identify victims of sex and labor trafficking. The model also addresses the individualized needs of victims by providing them with services, and investigates and prosecutes sex and labor trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels.

## Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction

The Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program assists high-crime communities by supporting the integration of officers and innovative enforcement strategies into community-based crime-reduction efforts. While law enforcement's mission is to protect and serve communities, its officers cannot do so alone. This initiative supports partnerships, which bring in expertise from other members in the criminal justice system, the community, and social service providers, to be effective in long-term crime reduction.

## National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

BJA's National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative helps law enforcement and prosecutors address the challenges associated with unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs) and reduce the number of unsubmitted SAKs in their jurisdictions. The initiative provides them with the evidence and tools to solve and reduce violent crimes associated with sexual assault while achieving the long-term goal of improving the criminal justice response to cases of sexual assault. Using a victim-centered approach, jurisdictions can build their capacities to inventory, test, and track SAKs and improve practices related to investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement and support in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process. Lastly, the program will help sites prevent the future development of conditions that lead to high numbers of unsubmitted SAKs.

## Project Safe Neighborhoods Program

Project Safe Neighborhoods fosters safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime by primarily

addressing violent crime, criminal gangs, and the felonious possession and use of firearms. Through ongoing coordination, cooperation, and partnerships of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies—and the communities they serve—led by the U.S. Attorney in all 94 districts, this comprehensive approach to public safety marries targeted law enforcement efforts with community engagement, prevention, and reentry efforts.

### **Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) Prevention Training and Response to Mental Health Crisis Program**

BJA's STOP Prevention Training and Response to Mental Health Crisis Program provides funding to states, units of government, and Indian tribes to address, prevent, and reduce school violence. The STOP Program supports training school personnel and educating students to prevent student violence against others and themselves. It also provides specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises, and it funds the development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and websites.

### **Strategies for Policing Innovation Program**

The Strategies for Policing Innovation Program provides resources and opportunities to enable law enforcement agencies to identify and define their most pressing crime problems and institute lasting operational and organizational changes. The program funds the testing of promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices and implementation of evidence-based strategies. It supports improving the effectiveness and efficiency of police agencies' processes and procedures, the implementation and testing of justice information-sharing technology, and establishing a system for evaluating effectiveness.

### **Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Centers**

Administered by BJA in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) Integration Initiative encourages local jurisdictions to work with their local ATF CGICs to collectively leverage their intelligence, technology, and community engagement. This initiative provides funding to swiftly identify unlawfully

used firearms and their sources, and to effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime.

## **Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Behavioral Health**

### **Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program**

To respond to the abuse of opioids that has devastated many communities, BJA's Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP) promotes the leveraging of existing resources within a community. COAP provides financial and technical assistance to states, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to plan, develop, and implement comprehensive efforts that identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by the opioid epidemic. It also promotes cross-system planning and the coordination of delivering services as it seeks to reduce the incidence of fatal overdoses.

### **Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program**

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) funds cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse who come into contact with the justice system. This contact can occur because a crime was committed or because law enforcement officers were first responders to a call for service. JMHCP supports training, policy development and implementation, direct services, evaluation, and data and technology programs that increase collaboration between criminal justice and behavioral health partners.

### **Adult Drug and Veterans Courts Discretionary Grant Program**

The Adult Drug and Veterans Courts 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 develop and implement adult drug courts and veterans treatment courts using evidence-based principles and practices. These courts are modeled after mental health and drug courts that were established to emphasize treatment rather than incarceration and include tribal

healing to wellness courts. An adult drug court is defined as a court program managed by a multidisciplinary team that responds to the offenses and treatment needs of participants who are diagnosed with substance abuse. This explicitly excludes drug offenders who have committed acts of violence. A veterans treatment court is a veterans only docket designed to provide support and resources for veterans in the criminal justice system.

## Corrections

### Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program

The Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program supports organizations or tribes that provide comprehensive reentry services to program participants transitioning from jail or prison to the community. Under this solicitation, BJA seeks applications to implement or expand on reentry programs that demonstrate strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, law enforcement, and other reentry service providers.

### Implementing the Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) directs the Department of Justice to provide grants to jurisdictions and agencies nationwide to protect inmates and safeguard communities. This program responds to this statutory obligation by supporting state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse in confinement facilities covered by the PREA standards; promoting comprehensive implementation of the standards; and enhancing community safety by decreasing the likelihood that inmates, residents, and detainees are sexually victimized in confinement facilities prior to release.

### Innovations in Reentry Initiative: Reducing Recidivism Through Systems Improvement

BJA's Innovations in Reentry Initiative: Reducing Recidivism Through Systems Improvement provides local jurisdictions and Indian tribes with the resources and training and technical assistance necessary to identify assets and gaps in their local reentry systems and develop capacity and

partnerships with other justice agencies to provide services that prevent recidivism, reduce crime, and improve public safety in their jurisdictions. Category 3 is specific to tribes.

### Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Reducing Violent Crime by Improving Justice System Performance

This program provides funding for tribal, state, and local justice agencies to develop, implement, and test innovative and research-based responses to drivers of crime and other public safety and community challenges that are identified through data analysis. These challenges may include chronic and emerging crime problems or barriers to justice agencies' abilities to address such problems, including those related to law enforcement, prosecution, sentencing, jail and prison, probation, and parole.

### Innovations in Supervision Initiative

The Innovations in Supervision Initiative improves the capacity and effectiveness of community supervision agencies to increase probation and parole success rates and reduce the number of crimes committed by those under probation and parole supervision.

### Innovative Responses to Behavior in the Community: Swift, Certain, and Fair (SCF) Supervision Program

BJA's Innovative Responses to Behavior in the Community: SCF Supervision Program provides state, tribal, and local parole and probation agencies with information, resources, and training and technical assistance to improve their responses to offender behavior. The SCF Program follows the principles of swiftness, certainty, and fairness to prevent recidivism and reduce crime.

### Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders Program

The Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders Program is designed to improve access to and delivery of services to offenders with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness when they leave incarceration to reenter the community.

## Second Chance Act Correctional Adult Reentry, Education, Employment, and Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning Program

Several years ago, BJA initiated a pilot Second Chance Act project, the Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategies Project, which tested an innovative approach to reduce recidivism and increase job readiness for offenders returning from incarceration and to integrate best practices in reentry and employment. Building upon this pilot project, BJA plans a new solicitation for state correctional agencies and tribal governments to receive grants and training and technical assistance to develop multisystemic strategic plans. These plans will aim to overhaul correctional education and other programs to effectively transition offenders into meaningful careers, increase their employability upon release, and reduce recidivism.

## Courts

### Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program

BJA's Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program provides state, local, and tribal prosecutors with information, resources, and training and technical assistance to develop effective strategies and programs to address violent crime and prosecute individuals responsible for homicides caused by illegal opioids. It encourages prosecutors to use data- and analysis-driven approaches to test promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices; implement evidence-based interventions; improve the effectiveness and efficiency of prosecutors' processes and procedures; and establish sustainable partnerships with researchers to evaluate program effectiveness.

### ***How to Access BJA Funding and Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Opportunities:***

- BJA website: [www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov)
- Department of Justice (DOJ) forecasting tool: <https://grantsnet.justice.gov/programPlan/html/Solicitations.htm>
- Current BJA funding opportunities: [www.bja.gov/funding.aspx](http://www.bja.gov/funding.aspx)
- Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov/register.html>
- DOJ Tribal Justice and Safety Subscription: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal> (Click on Email Updates link at the bottom to register.)
- Office of Justice Programs funding opportunities: <https://ojp.gov/funding>
- DOJ Tribal Justice TTA: [www.justice.gov/tribal/training-and-technical-assistance](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/training-and-technical-assistance)

### ***About BJA***

BJA helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system: Its grants, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide state, local, and tribal governments with the cutting-edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, and combat victimization. To learn more about BJA, visit [www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov), or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/DOJBJA](http://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA)) and Twitter (@DOJBJA). BJA is part of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.