# High-Poverty or Persistent-Poverty Areas
*Documenting Priority Consideration*

The information below is designed to assist you in identifying if you meet the FY 2020 Office of Justice Programs' priority consideration for high-poverty or persistent-poverty. If you meet this priority consideration, suggested language for your attachment is below.

## Do I meet this priority consideration?

For purposes of this priority consideration, the term "high-poverty area" means any census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent as measured by the 2013–2017 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Census Bureau (applicants may search by census tract at https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/) and the term "persistent poverty counties" means any county that has had 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses and the most recent Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (applicants may search by county at https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/dec/censuspoverty.html and at https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html).

If your application does not propose to provide services to a high-poverty or persistent-poverty community, this attachment is not necessary.

## What is required in the attachment if I meet the priority consideration?

In your attachment, you must demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties. The following is sample language that may be modified to respond to this priority consideration:

*According to the most recent census data available, our service area consists of three census tracks that are designated as high-poverty. Our proposed initiative is designed to address the challenges many individuals living in high-poverty areas face when attempting to access services. Funding for treatment services, transportation, and minimal housing assistance are components of our project. These services will be provided at no cost to residents.*

## How should I name my attachment?

Name your attachment "High Poverty or Persistent Poverty Priority"

## Additional Tip

Include a brief sentence stating which priority consideration(s) you meet in your abstract and in your program narrative. This ensures that the peer reviewers capture this information.