

# Rural Communities

## *Documenting Priority Consideration*

The information below is designed to assist you in identifying if you meet one of the FY 2020 Office of Justice Programs' priority considerations for rural communities. If you meet this priority consideration, suggested language for your attachment is below.

### **Do I meet this priority consideration?**

To determine if your community is rural, applicants may wish to refer to <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html>),

If your application does not propose to provide services to a rural community, this attachment is not necessary.

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

In your attachment, you must describe:

- what makes the geographic service area rural (using U.S. Census or other appropriate government data)
- How isolated the area is from needed services
- How you will address specific challenges in rural communities.

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 tracts that are predominantly rural in nature. Residents living in these areas must travel upwards of an hour to access substance abuse treatment, a hospital, and probation services. Our proposed initiative is designed to address the challenges related to access by funding staff that will work in satellite offices closer to where most clients live and peer recovery specialist who are able to travel to the participant's home and provide transportation to treatment.*

### **How should I name my attachment?**

Name your attachment "Serving Rural Communities 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.