

Training and Technical Assistance Opportunity Intensive Federal Grant Application Development Series

As part of the State Justice Institute's (SJI's) ongoing commitment to support court access to federal grant funds, SJI will select eight courts to participate in a free, three-month intensive federal grant application development series. This virtual training series integrates traditional grant training and technical assistance (TTA) with intensive one-on-one support to assist selected sites in the development of a federal application to be submitted during the FY 2021 grant season. This TTA opportunity will begin in mid-October 2020 and run through the spring of 2021.

Eligibility

This TTA opportunity is open to court staff. Court support agencies and justice system partners (e.g., probation, prosecutor's office, Sheriff's office) are encouraged to participate with court staff. Up to three staff members from the same locality/region may participate if selected. SJI is prioritizing this opportunity for courts/staff with no prior federal grant writing experience or courts/agencies that have previously applied for federal funding but were unsuccessful.

Series Components

This TTA opportunity will consist of the following:

- A one-on-one introductory call with each selected site to discuss the court's goals for the grant season
- Six group sessions that will involve all eight sites (approximately 60 to 90 minutes each)
- Homework in between the group sessions (approximately eight hours total)
- One-on-one support assisting each site/agency with:
 - organizing grant writing and creating a plan for writing a proposal in response to one solicitation of the site's choosing
 - biweekly calls to discuss questions or concerns that may arise while developing the application
 - review of the draft application

The expectation is that this TTA opportunity will culminate in the submission of a federal grant application during the FY 2021 grant season. Typically, preparing a successful application will take approximately 50 hours over the course of eight weeks.

Is This the Right Opportunity for You?

The purpose of this opportunity is to integrate grant writing TTA with one-on-one support from an experienced grant writer and former funder. It is designed for courts/staff with limited or no prior federal grant writing experience, as well as courts/agencies that have previously applied for federal funding but were unsuccessful. If you have the time to commit to this type of learning, this is a great opportunity to pursue and will save your court thousands of dollars in training expenses (or the cost of hiring a professional grant writer!).

Please note that pursuing a federal grant is not the appropriate support mechanism if your primary need is funding to support the basic operations of your court, pay for personnel due to current or anticipated budget cuts, or purchase equipment.

Trainer and Technical Assistance Provider

Training and technical assistance will be provided by Tara Kunkel, the Founder and Executive Director of Rulo Strategies. Throughout her career, Tara has developed and overseen over \$30 million in cooperative agreements and grants with a variety of government agencies. Tara is a nationally recognized expert in grant proposal development and grant management and has been invited to teach grant writing courses at several state conferences. Prior to founding Rulo Strategies, Tara served as a Senior Drug Policy Advisor at the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, where she led the implementation of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program.

How to Apply

If you are interested in being considered for this TTA opportunity, click on this [link](#) to answer a brief set of questions. These questions should take you no more than 15 minutes to complete. Applications are due **October 2, 2020 at 5:00pm EST** and the selected sites will be notified by October 15, 2020.

If you have questions, please contact Tara@rulostrategies.com.