



# **FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Purpose of Document

This document provides an overview of current federal funding opportunities. It is designed to highlight key information to help jurisdictions evaluate whether to pursue these opportunities. Please refer to the linked Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) as the official source of guidance on application procedures, eligible and allowable expenses, and deadlines. If a funding opportunity appears relevant to your plans, carefully review the NOFO to ensure all requirements are addressed. Many Department of Justice funding opportunities involve a two-step application process, each with its own deadline. These deadlines are detailed within the descriptions.

## Audience

The grant programs outlined in this document are open to a range of eligible applicants, including state, local, and tribal government entities, as well as nonprofit organizations. Eligibility varies by program, so it is essential to review the eligibility criteria. If your jurisdiction or organization does not qualify to apply directly, many programs permit and even encourage partnerships through sub-grants or contracts with eligible applicants.

## Grant Program Priorities

Please note that many grant programs identify program-specific priorities. See specific instructions in each notice of funding to determine what information is required to receive the priority consideration. This resource will note if a NOFO indicates that there is rural priority or a rural-specific category. The priorities are defined as follows:

### Rural-Specific Category

This specifies whether a grant program includes a funding category exclusively for rural jurisdictions. Be aware that each program generally defines "rural jurisdiction" differently, so it is important to carefully review each NOFO to confirm whether your jurisdiction or target audience qualifies. If applicable, the specific language regarding rural categories is included in the grant program description.

### Rural Priority

This identifies whether a grant program includes additional priority language prioritizing funding for rural jurisdictions. If applicable, the specific rural priority language is provided in the grant program description.

BJA	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S Department of Justice
COPS	Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice
OJJDP	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
OVC	Office for Victims of Crime
OVW	Office on Violence Against Women
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

### **Other Relevant Resources:**

While the document links to the most relevant federal funding opportunities for rural jurisdictions and stakeholders, there may be other information available from federal partners to support the process of applying for funding. Please be sure to sign up for grant alerts and access these federal funding pages often. To learn more:

- [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Current Funding Opportunities](#)
- [U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Current Funding Opportunities](#)
- [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Current Funding Opportunities](#)
- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Current Funding Opportunities](#)

In addition, many federal agencies offer application guidance through webinars and other support services. Below are links to division-specific webinars/resources to support jurisdictions during the funding process.

- [Bureau of Justice Assistance Funding Webinars](#)
- [Office for Victims of Crime Funding Webinars](#)
- [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention How to Apply for Funding](#)
- [Office on Violence Against Women Resources for Applicants](#)
- [Applying for a New SAMHSA Grant](#)

### **Connecting with Researchers:**

The Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN) has developed a resource for local jurisdictions to find and connect with researchers called [CONNECT](#). CONNECT is a researcher and practitioner collaboration and discovery tool and aims to help facilitate multidisciplinary research and programmatic collaboration across the health and justice fields. You can browse or search information on researchers, practitioners, publications, and organizations.

### **Training and Technical Assistance:**

If your community is not ready to apply for funding but still needs assistance, keep in mind that many federal agencies offer free training and technical assistance to connect you with subject matter experts to provide training or technical expertise on certain topics. You can request assistance through the following training and technical assistance centers available through the federal government:

- [Bureau of Justice Assistance National Training and Technical Assistance Center](#)
- [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Training and Technical Assistance Center](#)
- [Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center](#)

### **Document Versions:**

This document will be updated regularly as new grant programs are announced.

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# GRANTS BY DUE DATE

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MARCH

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# CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGIES

## Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program



Application Due Dates:

Grants.gov: 3/18/25

JustGrants: 3/25/25

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### Eligible entities:

State, local, and tribal governments and public/state institutions of higher education

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Total Available Funding: \$2,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 8

Anticipated Award Amount(s): \$312,500

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

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Complete details: [Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program](#)

### Description:

This program provides funding to support law enforcement, correctional officers, probation and parole, and sheriff's departments in effectively partnering with mental health, substance use, community service professionals and agencies to promote public safety and make sure that appropriate responses are provided to individuals in crisis who have behavioral health conditions, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, and/or traumatic brain injuries.

On February 18, 2025, at 2:00 PM ET, a webinar will be held to provide an overview of this opportunity. Register [here](#) to participate.

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### What can be funded?

There are two categories of funding:

- **Category 1:** Training Program for Law Enforcement Officers
- **Category 2:** Training Program for Correctional Officers

### Sample activities that can be funded:

- Create, design, and implement a new or enhanced training program in line with BJA's CRIT Curriculum, including virtual reality training. This can include adding training modules to an existing curriculum on CRIT topics such as responding to people with disabilities and/or traumatic brain injuries.
- Analyze existing training and staffing policies and practices in collaboration with local stakeholders and agency staff.
- Develop updated policies and procedures based on analysis of existing policies, feedback from stakeholders, and updated guidance to enhance behavioral health and crisis response systems across the crisis continuum for people facing potential incarceration (beyond initial contact) and living in the community with MHDs or MHSUDs, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and other cognitive disabilities based on the DOJ/HHS Guidance for Emergency Responses to People with Behavioral Health or Other Disabilities.
- Seek and deploy other best practice training for officers to increase awareness and understanding of behavioral health conditions, disabilities, trauma-informed responses, and/or traumatic brain injury. Define and track process measures as well as short- and long-term program outcomes.

# CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGIES

## Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program



Application Due Dates:  
Grants.gov: 4/3/25  
JustGrants: 4/10/25

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### Eligible entities:

State, local, and tribal governments, educational organizations

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**Total Available Funding:** \$13,750,000  
**Anticipated Number of Awards:** 25  
**Anticipated Award Amount(s):** Up to \$550,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years  
**Cost Sharing/Match Required?** Yes; This solicitation requires a 20 percent cash and/or in-kind match in years 1 and 2, and a 40 percent cash and/or in-kind match in year 3.

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**Complete details:** [Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program](#)

### Description:

This opportunity will provide funding to support collaborations between law enforcement and behavioral health agencies to improve public safety responses and outcomes for people who qualify with behavioral health needs. The goal is to implement deflection and diversion programs at first contact, such as crisis response and intervention teams, co-responders and other collaborative model approaches. The program focuses on improving safety and well-being for people with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Eligible entities can prepare, create, or expand collaborative projects.

On February 27, 2025, at 1:00 PM ET, a webinar will be held to provide an overview of this opportunity. Register [here](#) to participate.

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### What can be funded?

Funding can be used to:

Design and implement a crisis response program based on current best practice to assist law enforcement officers to improve encounters with individuals who have MHDs or co-occurring MHSUDs.

These could include any of the following:

- Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT)
- Co-Responder Teams
- Law Enforcement-based Case Management Services
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
- Mobile Crisis Teams
- Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment Teams
- EMS and Ambulance-based Responses
- Community Responder Programs
- Homeless Outreach Teams
- Assertive Community Treatment Teams
- Peer Support and Embedded Clinicians

See pages 10-11 for additional allowable funding uses.

# EXPANDING ACCESS TO TREATMENT

## Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success for Communities and Tribes



Application Due Dates:  
JustGrants: 3/18/25

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### Eligible entities:

Domestic public or private, non-profit entities, including community-based organizations, federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, local governments, and institutions of higher education.

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**Total Available Funding:** \$13,000,000  
**Anticipated Number of Awards:** Up to 52  
**Anticipated Award Amount(s):** Up to \$600,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 5 years  
**Cost Sharing/Match Required?** No

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**Complete details:** [Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success for Communities and Tribes](#)

### Description:

This program provides funding to build prevention capacity throughout communities and tribes and to strengthen the capacity of local community prevention providers.

The purpose of this program is to:

1. Help prevent and reduce the initiation and progression of substance use and its related problems by supporting the development and delivery of community-based substance use prevention services that strengthen protective factors, reduce risk factors, build resilience, and promote well-being.
2. Expand and strengthen the capacity of state and local community prevention providers serving communities and tribes and implement evidence-based, evidence-informed, and community-defined evidence-based prevention strategies.

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### What can be funded?

- Award recipients will use the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) to address up to 3 substance use prevention priorities, such as underage drinking and use of cannabis, tobacco, vaping, opioids, methamphetamine, and other emerging substances of concern, identified through a data-driven approach.
- See pages 7-11 for specific details on allowable activities.



# EXPANDING ACCESS TO TREATMENT

## Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success for States



Application Due Dates:  
JustGrants: 3/18/25

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### Eligible entities:

States including U.S. Territories, Pacific Jurisdictions, and the District of Columbia.

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Total Available Funding: \$13,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 6

Anticipated Award Amount(s): Up to \$2,000,000

Length of Project: Up to 5 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

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Complete details: [Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnership for Success for States](#)

### Description:

This program provides funding to continue to build prevention capacity throughout states and to strengthen the capacity of local community prevention providers. The purpose of this program is to:

- Help prevent and reduce the initiation and progression of substance use and its related problems by supporting the development and delivery of community-based substance use prevention services that strengthen protective factors, reduce risk factors, build resilience, and promote well-being.
- Expand and strengthen the capacity of state and local community prevention providers serving underserved communities and tribes; and
- Implement evidence-based, evidence-informed, and community-defined evidence-based prevention strategies.

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### What can be funded?

Funds must be primarily used to support capacity building. Capacity building involves strengthening the ability of your organization to meet identified goals so that it can sustain or improve the delivery of services. State recipients will have the opportunity to support communities through two different capacity building models depending on the needs of their communities. Applicants can elect to utilize one or both models to support the development of substance use prevention capacity and services.

- Model A: Community Capacity Building Activities. This model will allow PFS State recipients to provide capacity building activities, such as providing technical assistance (TA) directly to the community, prevention organizations and providers, community anchor institutions, and other interested parties.
- Model B: Community Capacity Building Grants. This model will allow PFS State recipients to fund communities/organizations directly to provide prevention services. For those recipients that utilize Model B, states must fund a minimum of two subrecipients from the community that demonstrate a need for programming in their selected prevention priorities.

See pages 7-12 for specific details on allowable activities.

# IMPROVING POLICING PRACTICES

## Virtual Reality De-escalation Site-Based Initiative



Application Due Dates:

Grants.gov: 3/12/25

JustGrants: 3/19/25

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### Eligible entities:

State, local, and tribal government entities and educational organizations

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Total Available Funding: \$5,500,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 7

Anticipated Award Amount(s): Up to \$800,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

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Complete details: [Virtual Reality De-escalation Site-Based Initiative](#)

### Description:

This program provides funding to assist law enforcement agencies in adopting virtual reality (VR) technology for training purposes. The program supports innovative tools that allow for multi-participant engagement and can be integrated into training focused on improving law enforcement responses to individuals in crisis.

On March 4, 2025, at 2 p.m. ET, a webinar will be held to provide a detailed overview of this opportunity. Register [here](#) to participate.

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### What can be funded?

The VR training should be based on Crisis Response and Intervention Training (CRIT), or a similar evidence-based model, and aimed at improving interactions with persons experiencing mental health crisis. Specific activities can include:

- Develop and implement a VR scenario-based training curriculum designed to improve officers' de-escalation skills and enhance their ability to respond to individuals in crisis.
- Enhance agency-wide strategy for the integration of the new immersive VR scenario-based training.
- Foster community participation in the planning and implementation of a VR scenario-based training program.

Law enforcement agencies must partner with a university-based researcher or team of researchers to assist in the development of the training and review of the implementation progress and outcomes; this collaboration should result in a written evaluation suitable for publication.

# SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES



Application Due Dates:  
JustGrants: 3/17/25

## Circles of Care for American Indian/Alaska Natives

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### Eligible entities:

Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes and tribal organizations; Urban Indian Organizations; or consortia of tribes or tribal organizations; and Tribal colleges and universities (as identified by the American Indian Education Consortium).

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Total Available Funding: \$2,800,000  
Anticipated Number of Awards: 8  
Anticipated Award Amount(s): Up to \$350,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years  
Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

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Complete details: [Circles of Care for American Indian/Alaska Natives \(AI/AN\)](#)

### Description:

This program provides funding for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) organizations with the resources to plan and design a family-driven, community-based, and culturally and linguistically competent system of care. Grant recipients are expected to organize a spectrum of community-based services and supports for AI/AN children who are experiencing or are at risk of mental health challenges. This system of care must cultivate meaningful community partnerships and address cultural and linguistic needs to help children better thrive at home, in school, and in life.

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### What can be funded?

Funds must be used primarily to support capacity development, including the following required activities:

1. Identify and convene an advisory group (e.g., board, workgroup, task force).
2. Conduct an assessment of community strengths.
3. Develop and implement a community-based System of Care (SOC) Plan.
4. Conduct a Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) to promote spiritual and cultural development and youth social connectedness.
5. Conduct network development and collaboration activities with stakeholders, including formalized interagency commitments, for coordination of services.
6. Provide orientation and ongoing training on the SOC framework.
7. Develop policies, corresponding funding streams, and other strategies that address how the system of care approach can be implemented and sustained.

# SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

## Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)



Application Due Dates:  
Grants.gov: 3/18/25  
JustGrants: 3/25/25

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### Eligible entities:

Federally recognized Native American tribal governments; Consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian Tribes; Tribal designees eligible for certain activities related to Purpose Area #6. In addition, some purpose areas note additional specific eligibility criteria in the solicitation.

CTAS is a single solicitation to allow tribes to apply to seven separate grant programs from four grant-making offices. Each tribe or tribal consortium may submit only one CTAS application. This application can include proposals for project funding under one or more purpose areas (PAs).

FY 2025 details are available at: [Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#)

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### PA #1: Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS Office)

Anticipated Number of Awards: 50

Anticipated Award Amount(s); If your agency has:

- Fewer than 20 sworn officers: Up to \$700,000
- Sworn Officers of 20+: Up to \$900,000

Length of Project: 36-60 months

### Description:

Purpose Area 1 includes the following goals and objectives:

- Address the most serious tribal law enforcement needs.
- Increase the capacity of tribal law enforcement agencies through prevention strategies, improved criminal investigations (human trafficking, missing or murdered Indigenous persons), and crime control, including illegal drugs (methamphetamine, opioids).
- Implement or enhance community policing strategies

### What can be funded?

Strategic Planning, Hiring, Equipment, Training, Travel, and Overtime

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### PA #2: Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning Program (BJA, COPS Office, OJJDP, OVC)

Anticipated Number of Awards: 10

Anticipated Award Amount(s): Up to \$150,000 per award

Length of Project: Up to 60 months

### Description:

The goals and objectives of PA #2 are to engage in comprehensive, justice system-wide strategic planning to improve tribal justice and safety, including improving services for victims of crime, improving community wellness, and increasing the ability to prevent crime and respond to violent crime. In addition to developing a comprehensive strategic plan, activities can also include development of a Tribal Action Plan as described in the Tribal Law and Order Act. This planning process will be guided and supported by a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider supplied by DOJ at no cost to the grantees.

### What can be funded?

Strategic Planning, enhancing capacity to collect and analyze data, personnel, training and technical assistance, equipment or supplies, and travel.

### **PA #3: Tribal Justice Systems Program (BJA)**

Anticipated Number of Awards: 45

Anticipated Award Amount(s): Up to \$900,000

Length of Project: 60 months

#### **Description:**

Funding under this purpose area can be used to support tribal efforts to develop, support, and enhance adult tribal justice systems and prevent crime, including violent crime and crime related to opioid, alcohol, stimulant, and other substance use disorders.

#### **What can be funded?**

Tribal courts, alternative justice courts, crime prevention, law enforcement, diversion and alternatives to incarceration, recovery support services, corrections, reentry, equipment/supplies, strategic planning, and training.

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### **PA #4: Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (BJA)**

Anticipated Number of Awards: 6-8

Anticipated Award Amount(s):

- Single Jurisdiction: \$1,900,000
- Regional (two or more tribes): Up to \$5,600,000

Length of Project: Up to 60 months

#### **Description:**

Funding for this purpose area can support tribal efforts to strengthen the tribal justice system's capacity by addressing physical infrastructure needs. TJSIP provides site-based funding to federally recognized tribes to renovate, expand, or replace existing tribal justice-related facilities or build new prefabricated or permanent modular tribal justice-related facilities.

#### **What can be funded?**

Renovation, expansion, or new permanent facility.

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### **PA #5: Tribal Adult Treatment Courts (BJA)**

Anticipated Number of Awards: 10-12

Anticipated Award Amount(s):

- Single Jurisdiction: \$1,000,000

Length of Project: 60 months

#### **Description:**

Funding for this purpose area can support tribal efforts to develop, implement and enhance adult treatment courts, including healing to wellness courts (HTWC), Veteran's treatment courts (VTC), driving while intoxicated (DWI) courts, and other treatment-focused courts or court dockets. The purpose of the Adult Tribal Treatment Court Program is to reduce the misuse of opioids, stimulants, and other substances by people involved in the criminal justice system.

#### **What can be funded?**

Planning and management, plan, implement, or enhance tribal healing to wellness programs, court operations and services, equipment and supplies, strategic planning, and travel.

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### **PA #6: Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC)**

Anticipated Number of Awards: 6

Anticipated Award Amount(s): Up to \$450,000

Length of Project: 36 months

#### **Description:**

Funding under this purpose area can be used to help American Indian and Alaska Native communities develop, establish, and operate programs designed to improve the investigation, prosecution, and handling of cases of

criminal child abuse and neglect (particularly child sexual abuse cases) in a manner which lessens trauma for child victims.

**What can be funded?**

Personnel/staffing, victim assistance, coordination/outreach, development of policies/procedures/protocols, cultural and traditional practices, expanding services, travel, training, equipment, supplies, and procurement contracts and consultants.

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**PA #8: Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP)**

Anticipated Number of Awards: 8

Anticipated Award Amount(s): Up to \$400,000

Length of Project: 60 months

**Description:**

Funding under this purpose area can support tribes seeking to establish a Youth Healing to Wellness Court (YHWC) or to enhance an existing YHWC. Enhancements to existing YHWCs can focus on court operations and/or the implementation of programs and the delivery of services.

**What can be funded?**

Staffing, expanding treatment workforce, equipment and supplies, training, travel, and court operations and services.

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**PA #9: Tribal Youth Program (OJJDP)**

Anticipated Number of Awards: 20

Anticipated Award Amount(s):

- Category 1: Seeding Change Planning Grant: Up to \$100,000
- Category 2: Cultivating Change Implementation Grant: Up to \$500,000
- Category 3: Harvesting Change Enhancement/Expansion Grant: Up to \$500,000

Length of Project: 24-60 months

**Description:**

Funding under this purpose area can be used to support and enhance tribal efforts to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency and strengthen a fair and beneficial juvenile justice system response for American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

**What can be funded?**

Staffing, equipment and supplies, travel, and programs and services.

**Cost Sharing/Match Required? No**

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