



FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

For Justice and Public Safety Agencies and Partners



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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:

Office of Justice Programs Funding Priorities

The Office of Justice Programs will provide priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the goals listed below. Applicants seeking priority consideration should specify in the proposal narrative (and in the budget detail form, if applicable) which of the following goal(s) the project is intended to advance and how it will do so: (a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations); (b) Combatting violent crime; (c) Supporting services to American citizens; (d) Protecting American children; and (e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

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](#)

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CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGIES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/27/26
JustGrants: 6/3/26

De-escalation and Crisis Response Training Program

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Funding Priorities

 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State and local governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized and other than federally recognized, educational organizations, and public or state-controlled hospitals

Total Available Funding: \$8,394,260

Anticipated Number of Awards: Category 1 (Law Enforcement): 6, Category 2 (Corrections): 6

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$700,000 per award

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to support state, local, and tribal governments, law enforcement agencies, and correctional institutions in developing, implementing, or expanding training programs that improve responses to individuals in crisis. These crises often involve behavioral health conditions, intellectual and developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, or traumatic brain injuries. The program emphasizes equipping officers with practical de-escalation strategies, crisis intervention techniques, and emerging technologies (such as virtual reality) to enhance safety outcomes, reduce use of force, and improve both public and officer wellbeing.

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

Allowable activities focus on training development, implementation, and expansion, including:

- Development or expansion of de-escalation and crisis response training programs
- Implementation of Crisis Response and Intervention Training (CRIT)
- Acquisition and integration of virtual reality (VR) training systems for scenario-based learning
- Training for:
 - Law enforcement officers (field-based)
 - Correctional officers and facility staff
 - Probation and parole personnel
- Development of customized, immersive training scenarios
- Enhancing coordination with behavioral health providers
- Use of evidence-based curricula and training models
- Planning, monitoring, and evaluation support (including use of consultants)

EXPANDING ACCESS TO TREATMENT



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/8/26
JustGrants: 5/11/26

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use, Site-Based Program

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

Rural-Specific Category



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State and local governments and Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)

Total Available Funding: \$104,400,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: Category 1a: 19, Category 1b: 20, Category 1c: 10, Category 2: 4, Category 3: 10

Anticipated Award Amount: Category 1a: \$1,600,000, Category 1b: \$1,300,000, Category 1c: \$1,000,000, Category 2: \$7,000,000, Category 3: \$1,000,000

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This funding program supports the development, implementation, or expansion of comprehensive programs in response to overdose deaths, illicit opioids, stimulants, and other substances. Through this program, state, territorial, local, and tribal governments can support law enforcement-related activities, including efforts to locate and investigate illicit activities related to the unlawful distribution of opioids; increase access to prevention programs and overdose reversal medications; and expand treatment and recovery support services in the community, within correctional facilities, and upon reentry.

What can be funded?

There are 3 categories of funding available:

- Category 1a: Local Applications (Urban area or large jurisdiction)
- Category 1b: Local Applications (Suburban area or medium-size jurisdiction)
- Category 1c: Local Applications (Rural jurisdiction)
- Category 2: Statewide Applications; Eligible state applicants include either the State Administering Agency (SAA), the State Alcohol and Substance Use Agency, or other state agency deemed appropriate to coordinate and manage the planning and implementation of the proposed project.
 - State applicants must apply for funding on behalf of six or more jurisdictions or areas (including localities, judicial districts, tribal entities, or regions affected by increases in substance use) within the state. The state must assume responsibility for the management, oversight, and evaluation of all projects identified.
 - State applicants must also include a research and evaluation partner as part of its application.
- Category 3: Tribal Applications

Funds can be used for:

- Law enforcement–led prevention, enforcement, and diversion efforts, including investigating illicit opioid distribution, first responder diversion programs, and embedding social services with law enforcement.

- Alternative-to-incarceration and court-based treatment programs, including pre- and post-booking diversion, family and treatment courts, and expedited access to recovery services.
- Evidence-based treatment and recovery supports, including medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), peer support, and transitional or recovery housing (subject to funding caps).
- Overdose prevention and community education initiatives, including naloxone distribution and training, K–12 prevention programs, and public awareness efforts.
- Prescription drug safety and data systems, including drug take-back programs and real-time regional data collection, analysis, and information sharing.

A webinar will be held on April 14th at 2:00 pm ET to review the COSSUP funding opportunity. More information available here: <https://bja.ojp.gov/events/fy25-comprehensive-opioid-stimulant-and-substance-use-site-based-program-cossup>.

IMPROVING POLICING PRACTICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/27/26
JustGrants: 6/3/26

Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

Rural-Specific Category



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State and local governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)

Total Available Funding: \$5,838,546

Anticipated Number of Awards: 15

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$400,000

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provided funding to strengthen the capacity of rural law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices to prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crime. The program supports the development and implementation of targeted, data-driven violent crime reduction strategies that address specific local challenges. Emphasis is placed on equipping rural jurisdictions—often constrained by limited resources—with technology, personnel, training, and analytic capabilities needed to improve public safety outcomes.

What can be funded?

Funding supports comprehensive, strategy-based approaches to violent crime reduction in rural communities:

1. Technology Enhancements
 - Hardware, software, and communications systems
 - Intelligence centers and data-sharing infrastructure
 - Tools that improve officer safety and operational efficiency
2. Personnel, Training, and Equipment
 - Hiring or supporting personnel tied to crime reduction strategies
 - Training on modern policing tactics and approaches
 - Equipment such as:
 - Records management systems
 - Vehicles, vests, and firearms
 - Focus on targeted deployment to high-crime areas or individuals
3. Data Analytics and Intelligence
 - Crime analysis tools and software
 - Staff or consultants to support data analysis
 - Predictive analytics to identify hotspots and high-risk times/locations
 - Enhancing resource allocation strategies
4. Strategy-Based Approaches
 - Jurisdiction-specific violent crime reduction plans
 - Regional or multi-agency collaboration models
 - Focus on specific crime types such as:
 - Homicide, assault, robbery
 - Gun violence
 - Human trafficking
 - Gang-related crime
 - Intimate partner violence

IMPROVING PROSECUTION PROGRAMS



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/13/26
JustGrants: 5/15/26

Capital Case Litigation Initiative: Improving the Quality of Legal Representation in State Capital Cases

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State Government Entities

Total Available Funding: \$4,100,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 9

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$450,000 per award

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to strengthen the quality and effectiveness of legal representation in state capital cases by supporting both prosecution and defense systems. The program requires states to invest equally in enhancing prosecutors' capacity to represent the public and improving defense services for indigent individuals facing capital charges or sentences. Through training, system improvements, standards development, and case review processes, this initiative aims to reduce errors in capital litigation, ensure competent legal representation, and improve fairness and integrity across the capital case system.

BJA hosted a webinar to discuss the NOFO. Watch it here: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/webinar/fy25-ccli-recording>.

What can be funded?

Funding supports system-level improvements for both prosecution and defense functions in capital cases:

Capital Prosecution (Prosecutor-Focused Activities):

- Development and delivery of specialized training and resources for prosecutors
- Establishment of standards and qualifications for capital case prosecutors
- Performance assessment systems for prosecutors
- Implementation of error-reduction strategies in capital trials
- Systematic case reviews, including identifying cases for post-conviction DNA testing
- Victim services and support, including assistance to families of homicide victims

Capital Representation (Defense-Focused Activities):

- Establishing or enhancing effective systems for indigent defense in capital cases
- Providing legal counsel and necessary support services (investigators, experts, etc.)
- Supporting representation for:
 - Individuals charged with capital offenses
 - Individuals sentenced to death seeking appeals or collateral relief
 - Individuals seeking review in the U.S. Supreme Court
- Developing qualification standards and rosters for defense attorneys
- Expanding training, support, and resources for defense counsel

Cross-Cutting Requirements:

- Funding must be equally allocated between prosecution and defense
- At least 75% of defense funding must support trial-level representation for indigent defendants


IMPROVING PROSECUTION PROGRAMS



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/8/26
JustGrants: 5/11/26

Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assaults in Confinement Facilities Program

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State and local government entities, including prosecuting and law enforcement agencies, Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized and other than federally recognized)

Total Available Funding: \$6,118,302

Anticipated Number of Awards: 4

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$2,000,000 per award

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This funding program supports state, local, and tribal efforts to strengthen the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault in confinement facilities. The funding is intended to improve investigative and prosecutorial capacity, reduce incidents of sexual assault in confinement settings, and increase the rate of successful prosecutions. The NOFO is closely tied to the goals of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and emphasizes stronger coordination among correctional institutions, law enforcement agencies, and prosecutors.

What can be funded?

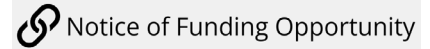
- Investigative and prosecutorial infrastructure
 - Establishing or expanding investigative and prosecutorial activities specifically focused on sexual assault in confinement facilities.
 - Enhancing operational capacity to process, review, and pursue cases involving sexual assault in jails, prisons, or other confinement settings.
- Evidence development and case support
 - Supporting evidence collection, preservation, and retention efforts needed to strengthen investigations and prosecutions.
 - Improving victim and witness interviewing practices to build stronger cases and improve case outcomes.
- Training and professional development
 - Educating and training law enforcement, prosecutors' offices, and partner agencies on how to respond to, investigate, and prosecute sexual assault in confinement settings.
- Coordinated response models
 - Establishing or strengthening multidisciplinary interagency responses, including sexual assault response teams (SARTs) in confinement facilities and improving collaboration among correctional institutions, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and other partners involved in case response.
- Equipment and practical tools
 - Acquiring resources or equipment that directly support effective investigations, such as security cameras or similar investigative tools.

IMPROVING PROSECUTION PROGRAMS



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/15/26
JustGrants: 5/20/26

Special Attorneys Program



Eligible entities:

Eligible applicants include state, local, and federally recognized Tribal government entities with the capacity to employ prosecutors in cross-designated roles.

Total Available Funding: \$300,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: Not specified (it is based on application volume and quality)

Anticipated Award Amount: Varies based on proposed budgets

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to strengthen prosecutorial capacity by supporting state, local, Tribal, and territorial agencies in hiring or assigning prosecutors to serve in cross-designated roles. These prosecutors will work as Special Attorneys within DOJ divisions or as Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys (SAUSAs), focusing on prosecuting fraud, crimes involving non-citizens, and drug and human trafficking offenses. The program is designed to enhance intergovernmental coordination and improve the ability of jurisdictions to investigate and prosecute complex, multi-jurisdictional criminal activity.

This is a rolling application process with multiple rounds. The listed deadline is for Round 1; additional rounds continue until funds are exhausted.

What can be funded?

Primary allowable uses include:

- Prosecutorial Staffing
 - Hiring or assigning prosecutors to serve as Special Attorneys or SAUSAs
 - Supporting case development, litigation, and prosecution activities
- Justice System Capacity (up to 20%)
 - Hiring, retention, and training of justice system personnel
 - Strengthening operational capacity across the criminal justice continuum
- Equipment and Technology (up to 20%)
 - Technology to support investigation, prosecution, and coordination
 - Tools to identify, locate, and apprehend offenders
 - Systems to support multi-agency collaboration and data sharing

The program prioritizes projects that:

- Strengthen prosecutorial capacity
- Enhance interagency coordination
- Expand cross-designated prosecutorial roles
- Improve case outcomes and enforcement effectiveness


IMPROVING PROSECUTION PROGRAMS



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/8/26
JustGrants: 5/11/26

Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

- State and local governments, Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized and other than federally recognized), Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) status
- States and counties with in-house post-conviction representation programs that can demonstrate experience and competence in litigating post-conviction claims of innocence; if the applicant is not a WCR entity, it must be partnered with one

Total Available Funding: \$6,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 10: 5 in Category 1 and 5 in Category 2

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$600,000 per award in both categories

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This funding program supports conviction integrity units (CIUs) and wrongful conviction review (WCR) entities working on post-conviction claims of innocence. Its purpose is to strengthen the capacity of these entities and their justice-system and victims' services partners to more effectively identify, assess, and manage innocence claims. The NOFO also emphasizes system integrity, prevention of future wrongful convictions, identification of actual perpetrators when possible, and delivery of justice to victims.

What can be funded?

Category 1: CIU-led partnerships: Projects led by state or local prosecutor offices or conviction integrity units that focus on preventing wrongful convictions and reviewing post-conviction claims of innocence.

Category 2: WCR entity-led strategies: Projects led by wrongful conviction review entities that review post-conviction innocence claims while also supporting efforts to reduce future error and improve system integrity.

The following types of activities can be funded:

- Post-conviction claim review and investigation
 - Strategic review of post-conviction and appellate claims of innocence and investigative work intended to reassess evidence, identify errors, and, where possible, identify and apprehend the actual perpetrator.
- System-improvement and integrity work
 - Efforts designed to assess and reduce the risk of future wrongful convictions through stronger review processes and evidence-based reforms.
- Partnership and coordination activities
 - Establishing or strengthening partnerships among CIUs, WCR entities, law enforcement, prosecutors, and other criminal justice organizations.
- Governance, ethics, and procedural safeguards
 - Developing or strengthening policies and procedures that prevent conflicts of interest or the appearance of bias, especially in prosecutor-led reviews.

JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/8/26
JustGrants: 5/11/26

Expanding Youth Access to Community-Based Treatment

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State and local government entities and Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized), Nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3), excluding higher education)

Total Available Funding: \$6,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 10

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$600,000

Length of Project: 4.5 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This funding program supports community-based treatment programs serving youth with substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUD). Selected community-based programs will develop or expand cross-system approaches to improve responses and outcomes for youth with SUDs and MHSUDs who come into contact with the juvenile justice system, or who are at high risk of contact, by increasing access to community-based treatment, as appropriate, to address their substance use and mental health needs and prevent further formal justice system involvement.

What can be funded?

The following types of services can be funded:

- Comprehensive reentry services for moderate- to high-risk youth before, during, and after release from confinement
- Support transitional services to assist youth to successfully reenter the community


JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/8/26
JustGrants: 5/11/26

Family-Based Alternative Justice

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State and local government entities and Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized), Nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3), excluding higher education), Organizations other than small businesses, Small businesses

Total Available Funding: \$2,900,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 4

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$750,000

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This funding program will support the implementation of new, and enhance existing, family-based alternative sentencing programs for parents/primary caregivers who are involved in or at risk for becoming involved in the criminal justice system. Through pre-arrest and pre-sentencing alternatives, these programs focus on rehabilitation, family unification, and family preservation. They help parents avoid incarceration, when based on their child's best interest and wellbeing, while strengthening their skills and capacity to care for their children long-term, preventing children from entering the foster care system, and reducing the likelihood for children and parents/primary caregivers of future involvement in the juvenile or criminal justice systems.

What can be funded?

Applicants may use funding to:

- Establish new and enhance existing family-based pre-arrest and/or pre-sentencing alternative justice programs for parents/primary caregivers involved in or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system to improve child, parent, and family outcomes.


JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/8/26
JustGrants: 5/11/26

Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

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Eligible entities:

State and local government entities, Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)

Total Available Funding: \$8,960,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 12

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$750,000

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This funding program supports states, local, and Tribal jurisdictions to implement prevention and intervention programs and strategies that identify, respond to, treat, and support children, youth, and families impacted by opioid, stimulant, and other substance use disorders. OJJDP expects applicants to partner with law enforcement, criminal and juvenile justice agencies, schools, mental health service providers, child welfare agencies, community health agencies, and community-based organizations that encounter and address the needs of individuals and families experiencing substance use.

What can be funded?

Applicants may use funding to:

- Implement prevention, intervention, and treatment programs that address the needs of pregnant and postpartum women, parents, and youth;
- implement integrated services for parents and children that support families through treatment and recovery;
- reduce foster care system involvement;
- support the juvenile and criminal justice systems to address the needs of children and youth impacted by opioids.


JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/21/26
JustGrants: 6/1/26

Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Program

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State and local governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)

Total Available Funding: \$3,500,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: Up to 8

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$500,000

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to support jurisdictions in implementing targeted strategies to reduce youth gang involvement and violence. The program focuses on both preventing youth from joining gangs and intervening with those already involved, using a combination of intervention services and suppression (focused deterrence) approaches. Overall, the initiative aims to enhance public safety by addressing the root causes and immediate drivers of youth gang activity through coordinated, community-based and law enforcement partnerships.

OJJDP hosted a webinar to discuss the NOFO. Watch it here: <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/media/video/49396>.

What can be funded?

Funding is structured across two categories, with flexibility to design comprehensive, multi-partner strategies:

1. Intervention (Category 1)
 - Outreach and engagement with:
 - Youth at risk of gang involvement
 - Active gang members and close associates
 - Family-based interventions and support services
 - Case management and wraparound services
 - Programs addressing risk factors (e.g., trauma, school disengagement, peer influence)
 - Prevention strategies aimed at keeping youth from joining gangs
2. Suppression / Focused Deterrence (Category 2)
 - Targeted enforcement in high gang-activity areas
 - Focused deterrence strategies (“pulling levers” models)
 - Coordination between:
 - Law enforcement
 - Community-based organizations
 - Accountability measures for youth involved in gangs
 - Responses to immediate threats of violence

JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 6/8/26
JustGrants: 6/15/26

Juvenile Justice System Enhancements

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State governments only

Applicants may partner with other entities, but a single state agency must serve as the lead applicant.

Total Available Funding: \$7,274,781
Anticipated Number of Awards: 5
Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$1,454,000

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

Description:

This funding supports states in improving the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of juvenile justice systems by targeting key drivers of crime and system costs. The program emphasizes using data-driven strategies to identify system challenges—such as gaps in services, inefficiencies in operations, or emerging crime trends—and implementing measurable solutions that improve outcomes for youth involved in the justice system.

What can be funded?

Allowable activities are broad and system-focused, including:

- System Improvement & Operations
 - Enhancing court processing, case flow, and operational efficiency
 - Improving juvenile justice decision-making processes across system points (arrest, detention, diversion, adjudication, reentry)
- Data & Systems Development
 - Strengthening data collection, sharing, and analysis systems
 - Improving case management systems to better align resources
- Behavioral Health & Treatment
 - Identifying and addressing youth with mental health and substance use disorders
 - Enhancing cross-agency coordination for treatment and service delivery
- Programming & Services for Youth
 - Workforce development and reentry supports
 - Housing and transition services for youth and young adults
 - Skill-building and community reintegration supports
- Strategic Planning & Resource Allocation
 - Analyzing high-cost drivers of crime
 - Reallocating resources toward evidence-based, high-impact interventions


REENTRY AND SUPERVISION SUPPORT SERVICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/8/26
JustGrants: 5/11/26

Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Program

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized), Nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3), excluding higher education)

Total Available Funding: \$12,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: 13
Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

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

Description:

This funding program supports community-based organizations and tribal governments to provide mentoring and transitional services for adults returning to communities after a period of incarceration and who are assessed as moderate to high risk for recidivism. Services may be provided pre- and/or post-release.

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What can be funded?

Applicants may use funding to support:

- Use of validated tools to assess risk of recidivism and criminogenic needs
- Educational, literacy, and vocational services
- A Transitional Jobs strategy (see below for definition)
- Substance use and mental health treatment and services
- Individual and/or group mentoring or peer supports
- Services to support family reunification and restoration
- Service coordination, including connections to physical health care, providing or making referrals to safe and affordable housing, and continuity of substance use and mental health care
- Training on reentry and victim-related topics


REENTRY AND SUPERVISION SUPPORT SERVICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 5/8/26
JustGrants: 5/11/26

Second Chance Act Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State and local government entities, Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized), Nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3), excluding higher education)

Total Available Funding: \$10,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 10

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Length of Project: 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This funding program supports to deliver treatment and recovery support services for parents with SUD who have minor children or are pregnant, and are under correctional control in facility or community-based setting. State, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations may apply for funding to provide family-based SUD treatment programs in jail, in prison, or as part of an alternative to incarceration, to reduce recidivism and improve reentry and other related outcomes for the parent and their children.

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What can be funded?

Applicants may use funding to support:

- Hiring personnel
- Paying for mental health, substance use, and/or overdose prevention medication
- Contracting to support service delivery (e.g., case management, peer support, or clinically appropriate treatment) and/or training and evaluation services


REENTRY AND SUPERVISION SUPPORT SERVICES



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Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes

Office of Justice Programs
Funding Priorities

 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

State and local government entities, Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized and other than federally recognized), Independent school districts, Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3), excluding higher education), Organizations other than small businesses, Small businesses

Total Available Funding: \$19,800,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: 22
Anticipated Award Amount: Category 1: \$900,000,
Category 2: \$900,000

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

Description:

This funding program supports state, local, and tribal governments and community-based organizations to provide education and employment programs for people leaving jail and prison. The goal of the program is to improve academic and vocational programs available to people in prisons and jails and expand workforce development and career pathways that result in improved job readiness, employment attainment, and retention, thereby improving employment prospects and reducing recidivism. Applicants may consider proposing projects that develop marketable skills, leverage technology, and build capacity to align with their local job market and engage in the digital economy.

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What can be funded?

Applicants may use funding to support:

Category 1: Improving Reentry Education Outcomes

- Support for prison educational programming and vocational/trade education and training that serve individuals currently incarcerated with 2 years or less before release into the community.

Category 2: Improving Reentry Employment Outcomes

- Support for employment programs, such as a career pathway system or workforce development network, informed by labor market needs and local demand for employees that serve individuals currently incarcerated with 2 years or less before release into the community.