Second Chance Act

Responding to the FY 2019 Innovative Reentry Initiatives: Building System Capacity & Testing Strategies to Reduce Recidivism Solicitation

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Attendee Poll

We'd like to find out more about who's on the line...

In your right-hand column, you will see the question:

Please indicate the type of organization you represent:

❑ State government agency serving adults

❑ County or local government agency serving adults

❑ Federally recognized Indian and Alaska Native tribe serving adults

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The Council of State Governments Justice Center

Mission

We develop research-driven strategies to increase public safety and strengthen communities.

Who We Are

We combine the power of a membership association, representing state officials in all three branches of government, with the expertise of a policy and research team focused on assisting others to attain measurable results.

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- ❖ **Delivers** technical assistance (TA) and training for Second Chance Act grantees

- ❖ **Advances** the knowledge base of the reentry field

- ❖ **Promotes** what works in reentry and successes of grantees

- ❖ **Facilitates** peer networks and information exchange

- ❖ **Provides** information for people returning to communities and their families

- ❖ **Funded** by the Bureau of Justice Assistance

Latest News and Resources in Reentry

National Criminal Justice Initiatives Map

Directories for State and Local Reentry Services

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The U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: To provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

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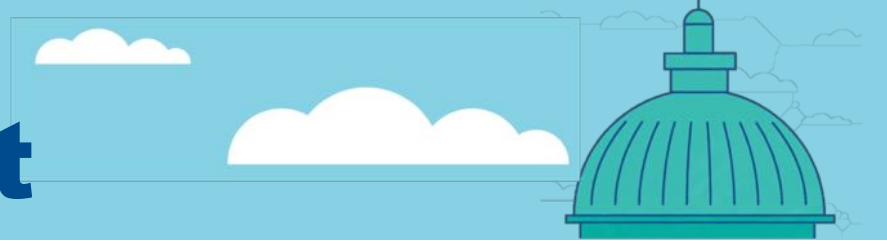
❖ The Second Chance Act supports state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations in their work to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for people leaving incarceration.

❖ The Second Chance Act has supported over $400 million in reentry investments across the country since it passed in 2008.

❖ Passed in 2018, the Second Chance Reauthorization Act builds on and strengthens the initial landmark legislation.

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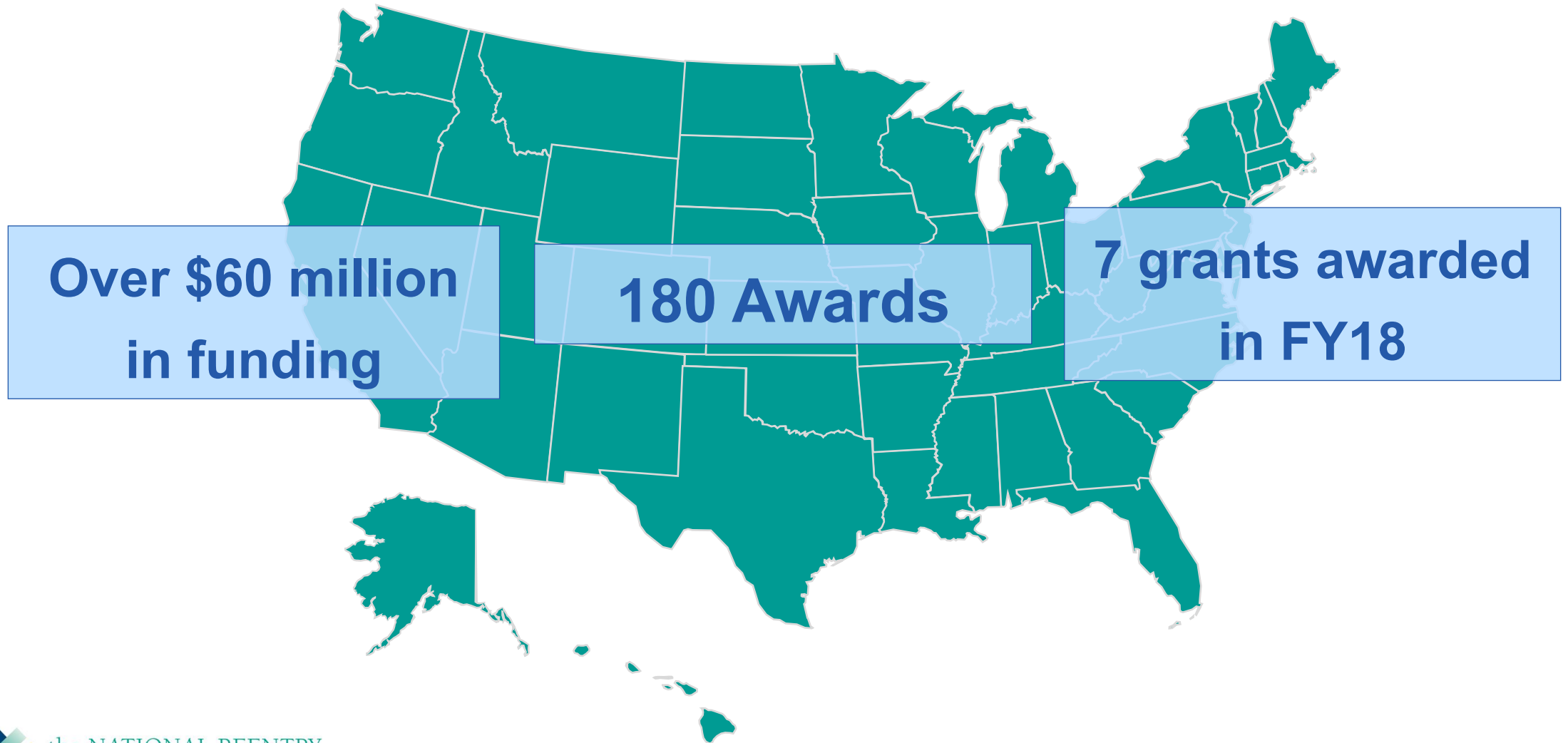
In your right-hand column, you will see the question:

Have you previously applied for an SCA grant?

❑ Yes

❑ No

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SCA Innovative Reentry Initiative (IRI)

Over $60 million in funding

180 Awards

7 grants awarded in FY18

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Overview of IRI Program

Provide resources to identify assets and gaps in local reentry systems

Develop capacity and partnerships with other justice agencies

Provide services that prevent recidivism, reduce crime, and improve public safety

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IRI Program Objective

Reduce recidivism among people reentering the community who are at **_medium to high risk_** for recidivating and to improve public safety

IRI Award Information

48 months

Planning: up to 12 months	Implementation: 24 months	Evaluation: 12 months
$75,000	**Up to $925,000**	

- **Up to 15 awards**
- **Up to $1,000,000 each**

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Supplemental Funding

$500,000 with a one-year extension
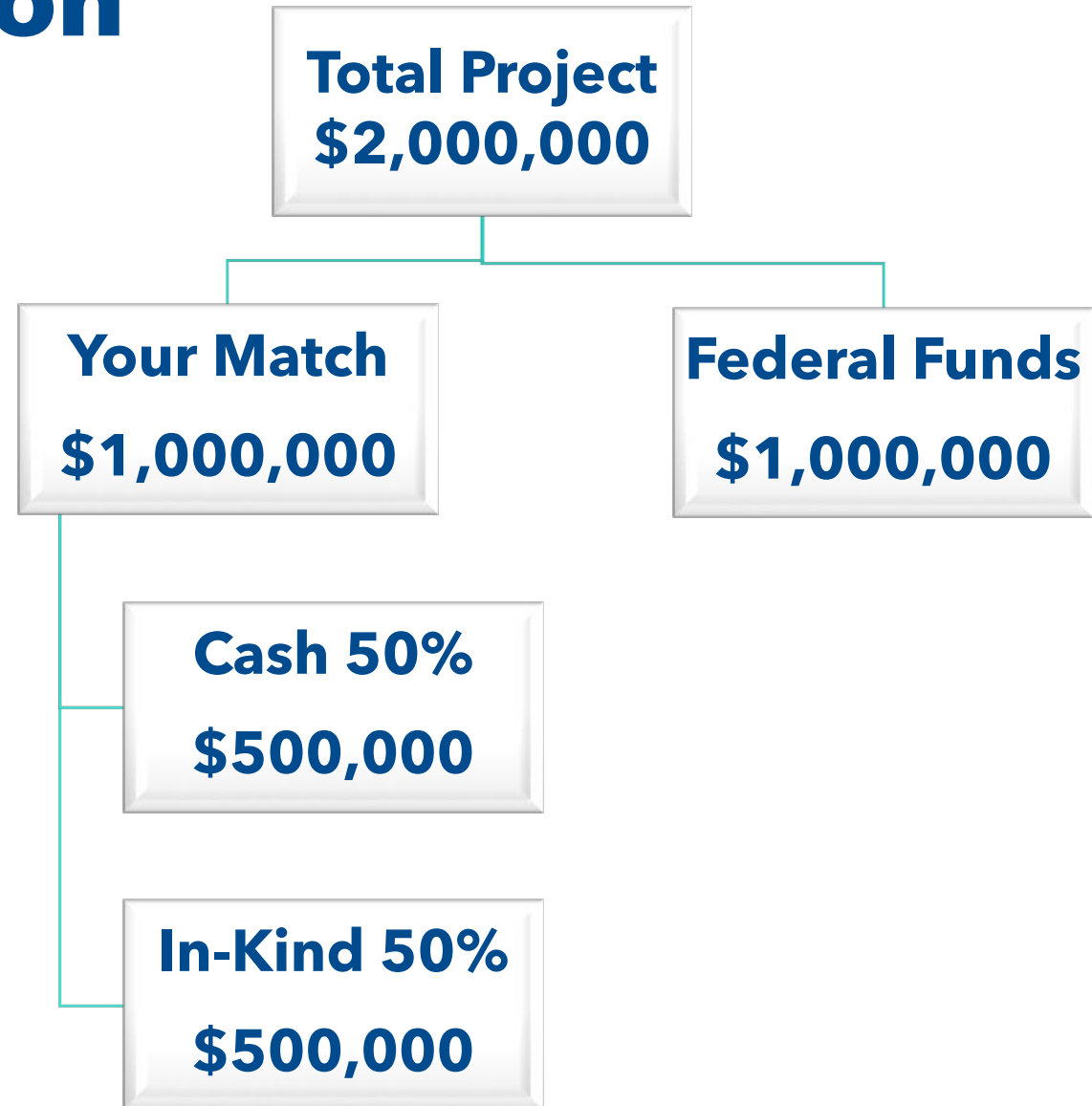
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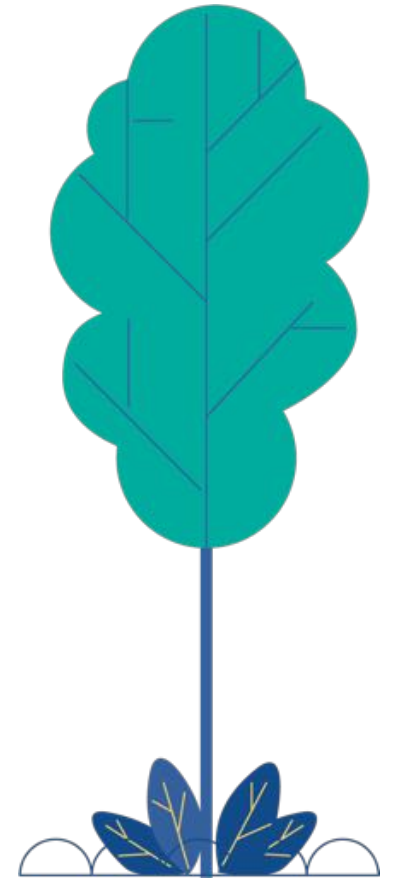
Budget Information

❖ A match waiver request may be submitted (but is not guaranteed)

Total Project $2,000,000

Your Match $1,000,000

Federal Funds $1,000,000

Cash 50% $500,000

In-Kind 50% $500,000

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IRI Building Capacity

Reentry demonstration - pilot project

Reentry System Improvements

Impacts recidivism among specific subset of reentry population (Serve 150 individuals)

Impacts recidivism among entire reentry population

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Project Timeline Planning

Developing a realistic timeline impacts:
Project activities
Target population
Budget
Evaluation

Phase 1: Planning

Up to 12 months

Phase 2: Implementation

24 months

Phase 3: Evaluation

12 months

Phase 1: Planning

✓ Engage a taskforce & assess policies and practices in four capacity areas *(see Appendix A of the solicitation)*

✓ Actively partner with a third-party evaluator

Deliverables:

1. Task force documentation
2. Action Plan Part 1 (assessment results)

All phase one deliverables are due by month 12

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Phase 1: Planning (cont.)

Utilize assessment results to:

✓ Address general system improvements

✓ Develop demonstration/pilot project (which will serve 150 individuals)

Deliverables:

1. Action Plan Part 2 (problem analysis, logic model, summary of strategies and intended outcomes, case flow analysis, research base)

All phase one deliverables due by month 12

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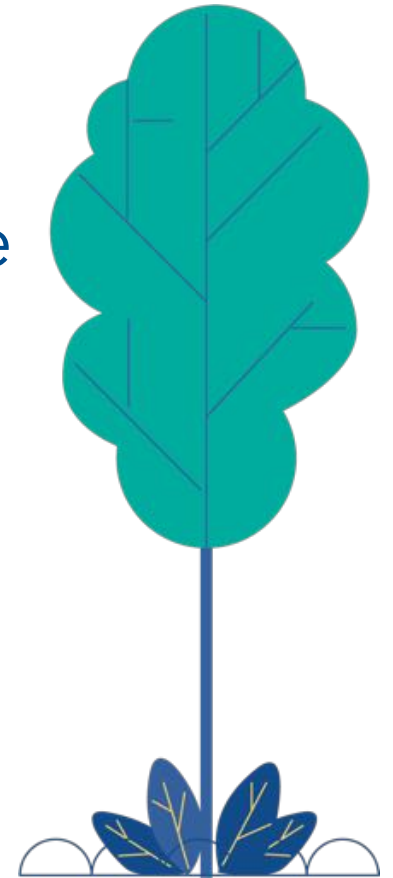
Phase 2: Implementation

- ✓ Implement general system improvements and demonstration/pilot project

- ✓ Test strategies to address gaps and deficits

Deliverables:

1. Preliminary process evaluation reflecting demonstration project and system improvement due at 30 months

Phase 3: Evaluation

- ✓ Track the recidivism and outcomes defined in evaluation

- ✓ Assess effectiveness of interventions

- ✓ Include arrest, conviction, and incarceration in assessment

Deliverables:

1. Preliminary outcome/impact evaluation due at 36 months

2. Final process and outcome evaluation due at grant closeout

Funds used for evaluation purposes only during this phase

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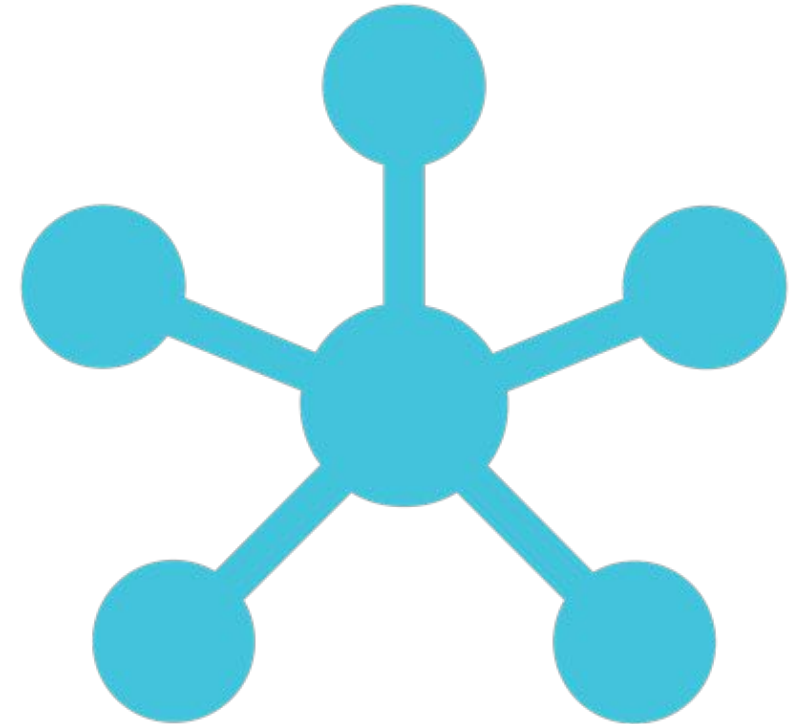
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Phase 1: Planning

❖ Assessing domains:
  ❖ Data
  ❖ Prerelease planning
  ❖ Staff capacity
  ❖ Behavioral health
  ❖ Community supervision

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Phase 2: Implementation – General System Improvements

- ❖ Examples:
  - ❖ Standardized policy changes
    - ❖ Information-sharing Agreements
    - ❖ Risk assessment protocols
  - ❖ Aligning hiring, training, and performance measures with best practices

- ❖ Staff training
  - ❖ EPICS
  - ❖ Motivational Interviewing

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Phase 2: Implementation – Demonstration/Pilot Project

❖ Example of target population:

    ❖ Geographic location to which a disproportionately high number of people are returning

    ❖ Specific age group, gender or race

❖ Example of demonstration/pilot project:

    ❖ Gender-specific continuum of care grounded in evidence-based practices

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Priority Considerations

Priority will be given to programs that:

- ❖ Use strategies to reduce violent recidivism among medium- and high-risk individuals

- ❖ Target those with histories of homelessness, substance use, or mental illness

- ❖ Focus on geographic areas with disproportionately large population of reentrants

- ❖ Employ randomized controlled trial (RCT) methods to assess effectiveness

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Keys to Success

❖ Ongoing engagement of the reentry task force

❖ Partnership with corrections for transition planning

❖ Collaboration with a research partner

❖ Connection to service providers within the communities to which people return

❖ Active participation with your technical assistance coach

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BJA Grant Applicant Education Webinars

❖ BJA hosted a series of webinars to assist applicants with applying for funding opportunities: https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html

❖ See also:

   ❖ Winning Grants – Writing Your Way To Success (https://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/webinars/winning-grants-writing-your-way-to-success/)

   ❖ Winning Grants – Implementation and Organizational Capacity (https://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/webinars/winning-grants-implementation-and-organizational-capacity/)

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION: AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES

BJA Grant Applicant Education Series (Session 4 of 4)

Andre Bethea, BJA
February 7, 2019

BJA GRANT APPLICANT EDUCATION SERIES

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Application Review Criteria

❖ Description of the Issue: 10%

❖ Program Design and Implementation: 35%

❖ Capabilities and Competencies: 25%

❖ Plan for Collecting Data Required for Solicitation's Performance Measures: 5%

❖ Budget: 10%

❖ Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, Sustainability: 15%

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Planning and Organizing Your Application

1. Develop timeline and checklist

2. Draft an outline for the program narrative

3. Review the criteria section carefully

4. Pay attention to page limit restrictions

Planning and Organizing Your Application

5. Demonstrate ability to serve 150 participants or greater for the demonstration/pilot project

   ❖ If enhancing/expanding an existing program, state how many clients the program has served over the past 6 months who meet stated target population characteristics

   ❖ If proposing to implement a new program, state how many individuals met the target population characteristics in the past 6 months

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Planning and Organizing Your Application (cont.)

6. Draft your budget early in the process before you make commitments. Make sure you carefully read and understand required budget expenses detailed in the application–especially around grantee meetings.

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Planning and Organizing Your Application (cont.)

6. Don't forget about required attachments when you are preparing your application!

Make sure to triple-check your checklist before submitting!

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Submitting Your Application

Applicants must register at
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html

prior to submitting an application.

Grants.gov Workspace, listed above, is now the standard application method for applying for grants.

Applications are due **June 25, 2019** *11:59 p.m. ET*

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Contact Information

For questions about the process of submitting an application:

❖ Contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html, or at support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For assistance with unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond an applicant's control:

❖ Contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center at 800-851-3420, via TTY at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), email grants@ncjrs.gov or web chat at https://webcontact.contactncjrs.org/ncjchat/chat.jsp. NCJRS Response Center hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date.

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Resources

❖ DOJ Grants Financial Guide - https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/index.htm

❖ OJP Applicant Resource Guide – Cost Sharing/Match Requirements - https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm#costSharing

❖ BJA Grant Applicant Education Series - https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html

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Resources (cont.)

- ❖ **National Reentry Resource Center,** BJA, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention collaborate on the oversight of the [National Reentry Resource Center](#). ***All grantees will receive intensive assistance from NRRC.***

- ❖ Office of Justice Programs Crime Solutions website (https://www.crimesolutions.gov/)

- ❖ National Implementation Research Network website (http://nirn.fpg.unc.edu/)

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Questions and Answers

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