

# **Responding to the FY 2019 Solicitation Community-based Adult Reentry Program**

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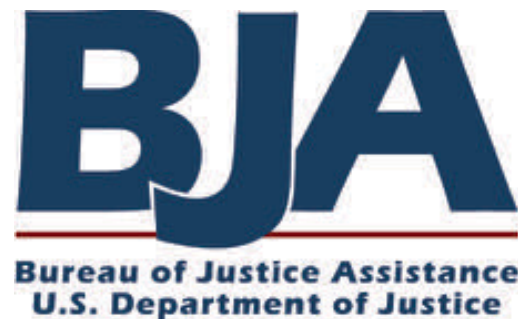
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- ❖ **Introductions**
- ❖ Overview of the SCA Community Reentry Grant
- ❖ Keys to a Successful Application
- ❖ Additional Information
- ❖ Q&A

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# The CSG Justice Center

- ❖ National nonprofit, nonpartisan organization
- ❖ Membership association representing state officials in all three branches of government
- ❖ Develops research-driven strategies and tools to increase public safety and strengthen communities



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# The Second Chance Act



- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **The Second Chance Act** was reauthorized in December 2018 as part of the landmark First Step Act.

- ❖ **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

## Latest News and Resources in Reentry



## National Criminal Justice Initiatives Map



## Directories for State and Local Reentry Services





[www.NationalReentryResourceCenter.org](http://www.NationalReentryResourceCenter.org)



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# SCA Community Reentry Grants: By the Numbers



# Award Information

- ❖ Category 1 – Community-Based Adult Reentry
  - (Competition ID: BJA-2019-15329)
- ❖ Category 2 – Community-Based Adult Reentry with Small or Rural Organizations
  - (Competition ID: BJA-2019-15330)
  - Must demonstrate annual operating budget of less than \$1,000,000

**\*48-month performance period starting October 1, 2019\***

❖ Solicitation is available at:

<https://www.bja.gov/funding/SCAComRe19.pdf>

Applications are due on **June 11, 2019.**

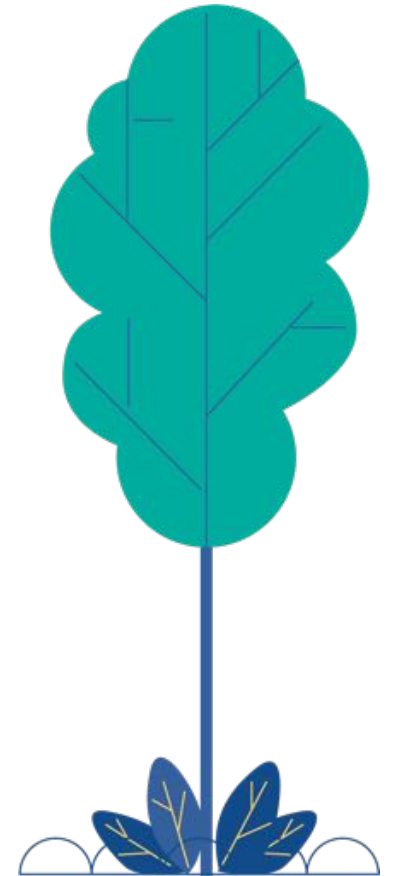
# Award Information (cont.)

## Category 1

- ❖ Up to \$1,000,000 per grant
  - \$200,000 for planning period
  - \$800,000 for implementation
- ❖ Must serve at least 150 people

## Category 2

- ❖ Up to \$500,000 per grant
  - \$100,000 for planning period
  - \$400,000 for implementation
- ❖ Must serve at least 75 people



# Program Goals & Objectives

*Implement or expand on reentry programs that demonstrate strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, law enforcement, and other reentry service providers.*

## Case Management Plans

- Address criminogenic risks and needs
- Include delivery or facilitation of services

## Partnerships

- Increased partnerships between community- and faith-based organizations and other local reentry stakeholders
- corrections, law enforcement, probation/parole, prosecutors, etc.

# Eligible Applicants



- ❖ Community-based nonprofit organizations
- ❖ Faith-based nonprofit organizations
- ❖ Tribal nonprofit organizations
- ❖ Federally recognized Indian tribal governments (*as determined by the Secretary of the Interior*)

# Planning Phase

- ❖ Applicants must include a timeline and plan for a planning phase that lasts up to 12 months
- ❖ Planning and Implementation Guide (P&I Guide) must be completed in consultation with NRRC TA provider during this phase
- ❖ Awarded applicants will have access to a portion of total grant funds during this phase
  - Category 1 = \$200,000
  - Category 2 = \$100,000



# Grant Review Criteria

Selection Criteria	Weight
Description of the Issue	10%
Project design & implementation	40%
Capabilities & competencies	25%
Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures and sustainability plans	15%
Budget	10%

*See pages 15-31 of the solicitation for the full list of requirements.*

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# Mandatory Requirements

- ❖ The applicant should:
  - Have an MOU/MOA with correctional partner
  - Serve medium- to high-risk adults (as determined by a criminogenic needs assessment)
  - Have an established relationship with independent evaluator
  - Develop a plan for measuring and reporting outcomes

**See page 7 of the solicitation for other requirements.**

# Priority Considerations

- ❖ Utilization of a Randomized Control Trial (RCT)
  - Studies employing RCT methods to assess the effectiveness of programs and practices.

# Priority Considerations (cont.)

- ❖ Serving moderate-high or high risk offenders
  - Applicants that propose strategies to reduce violent recidivism, among high risk offenders under supervision who have a history of serious violence and are identified in concert with local and/or state law enforcement.

# Priority Considerations (cont.)

- ❖ Proposed work within Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZs)
  - OJP will, as appropriate, give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that propose projects that directly benefit federally designated QOZs.

**See page 9 of the solicitation for more priority considerations.**

# Examples of Program Components



- ❖ Gender-responsive, trauma-informed, and culturally based programming
- ❖ Pre- and/or post-release mentoring
- ❖ Veteran-specific programming
- ❖ Cognitive Behavioral Interventions
- ❖ Job readiness and employability services
- ❖ Substance addiction treatment
- ❖ Housing support and homelessness prevention
- ❖ Medical and mental health care services
- ❖ Family-supportive programming

# Helpful Webinars

## BJA Grant Education Series:

<https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>

- ❖ The importance of using the Application Checklist
- ❖ How applications are successfully submitted
- ❖ How subawards can be incorporated into an application
- ❖ How to attach documents

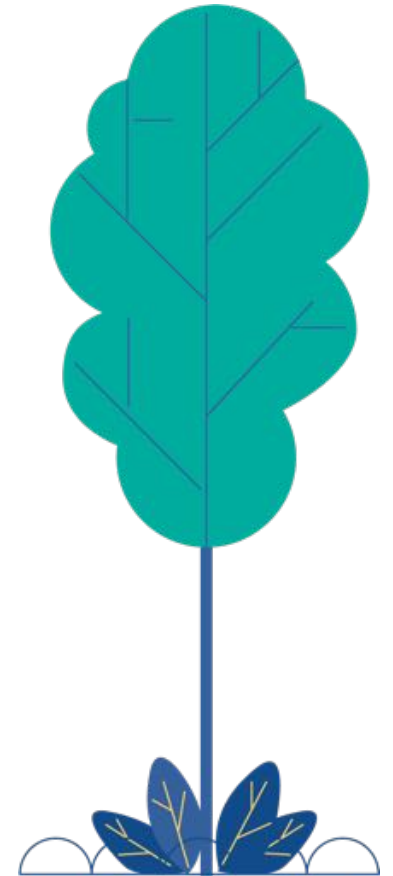


<https://www.bja.gov/funding/submitting-your-application-avoid-these-common-mistakes-webinar.pdf>



# Helpful Webinars (cont.)

- ❖ 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/>



# Additional Resources

## Mentoring as A Component of Reentry: Practical Considerations from the Field

- ❖ Informed by grantees, the field, and evaluators
- ❖ Five sections including mentoring models, training, and evaluation
- ❖ Program examples and call outs on relating information specifically to peer mentoring



# Additional Resources (cont.)

- ❖ Community-based Organizations and Corrections Agencies: Relationship Building Questionnaire:
  - [https://csgjusticecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/6.27.17\\_Corrections-Questionnaire\\_Mentoring-as-a-Component-of-Reentry.pdf](https://csgjusticecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/6.27.17_Corrections-Questionnaire_Mentoring-as-a-Component-of-Reentry.pdf)
- ❖ Research Partner Q&A:
  - <http://www.psnmsu.com/documents/ResearchPartnerQ&A.pdf>
- ❖ BJA Grant Education Series & Solicitation webinars:
  - <https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>

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# Financial Information

- ❖ Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, found at:  
<https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>
- ❖ DOJ Grants Financial Management Training is available at:  
<https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>



# Applying

- ❖ Applicants must register at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> prior to submitting an application.
- ❖ For complete instructions on how to register and submit an application, visit: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
- ❖ Applications are due **June 11, 2019 11:59 p.m. ET**

# Important 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.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat.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.

# For Full Details...

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# Questions

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