



## Subject Specific Grant Guide

# Grants to Support Court Projects

This guide identifies potential funding opportunities to support court projects. The opportunities chosen for inclusion in this guide are opportunities that are typically reoccurring. Past funding opportunities that seemed relevant but presented no indication of being funded in the future were not included.

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# FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
**Agency:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

## FY 2023 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts

### Grant Overview

This program expands substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services in existing drug courts. The program supports a continuum of care, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services, for individuals with SUD involved with the courts. Eligible applicants are states, political subdivisions of states, Indian tribes, tribal organizations health facilities, institutions of higher education, and community or faith-based organizations.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$6 million	15

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$32.4 million  
**Award Range:** Up to \$400,000  
**Match:** Not required  
**Solicitation Date:** January 5, 2023  
**Proposal Due:** March 6, 2023

- Public Health System Impact Statements must be sent to the appropriate state and local health agencies by the administrative deadline

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-23-007>



### Awardee Profile

Epic Community Services  
St. Augustine, Florida

**AMOUNT:** \$400,000  
**YEAR:** 2022

Epic behavioral Healthcare received funding to increase the number of clients served each year and to expand the range of treatment options available to program participants.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Agency:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

# FY 2023 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services in existing drug courts. Specifically, this program will fund the expansion of substance abuse treatment capacity in adult treatment drug courts (ATDCs), adult tribal healing to wellness courts, or family treatment drug courts (FTDCs). Recipients will be expected to provide a coordinated, multisystem approach designed to combine the sanctioning power of treatment drug courts with effective SUD treatment services to break the cycle of criminal behavior, alcohol and/or drug use, and incarceration or other penalties.

Funds must be used primarily to support direct services, including:

- Screening and assessing clients for the presence of SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders and use the information obtained from the screening and assessment to develop appropriate harm reduction, treatment, and/or recovery interventions and treatment plans
- Screening for infectious diseases for which those with substance use disorders are at high risk, including HIV and viral hepatitis (hepatitis A, B, and C) with appropriate referral and follow-up to assure treatment if screening tests indicate infection, and vaccination for those infectious diseases for which a vaccine is available
- Providing evidence-based and population-appropriate treatment and/or recovery services, including FDA-approved medications in the treatment of opioid use disorder
- Providing recovery support services, such as childcare and vocational, educational, and transportation services, that provide emotional and practical support to maintain client/participant remission
- Providing specific services and supports related to the preservation of the family including, but not limited to, family counseling and family recovery support services
- Collaborating with community partners that are trained and can serve diverse populations to provide comprehensive services
- Providing comprehensive case management plans that directly address risks for recidivism, as determined by validated risk assessments, and include delivery or facilitation of services to appropriate clients, including substance use and cognitive behavioral interventions, to address needs and reduce those risks.
- Implementing the key components of the Drug Court Model
- Providing language access services (to include interpretation, translation, disability accommodations, and accessibility) to support required activities as applicable

Funds may also be used for the following activities:

- Developing and implementing tobacco cessation programs, activities, and/or strategies

- Providing recovery housing for program participants
- Providing training on behavioral health implementation for the national CLAS standards to service providers to increase awareness and acknowledgment of differences in language, age, culture, racial and ethnic disparities, socioeconomic status, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and gender identity, and life experiences in order to improve the inclusiveness of the service delivery environment and ultimately improve behavioral health outcomes
- Providing activities that address behavioral health disparities and the social determinants of health
- Implementing efforts aligned to the award that may expand diversity equity, inclusion, and accessibility
- Using data to understand who is served and disproportionately served (e.g., overserved or underserved)
- Developing and implementing outreach and referral pathways that engage/target all demographic groups representative of the community
- Assessing for and respond to the needs of individuals and families served by the program who are at risk for or experiencing homelessness

Program funding may also be used for limited infrastructure development, including partnership development, training, and workforce development, and adopting and/or enhancing computer systems.

It is encouraged that projects address the behavioral health needs and to consider prioritizing services, where appropriate, for active-duty military service members, returning veterans, and military families; and LGBTQI+ individuals.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, political subdivisions of states, Indian tribes, tribal organizations health facilities, institutions of higher education, and community or faith-based organizations.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$32.4 million is available to support an estimated 81 awards of up to \$400,000 per year for a project period of up to five years. At least five awards will be made to tribes/tribal organizations and at least 16 awards will be made to family treatment drug courts, pending sufficient application volume from these groups. Matching funds are not required for this program.

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<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-23-007>

# FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice  
**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

## FY 2023 Adult Treatment Court Site-Based

### Grant Overview

This program provides funding to plan, implement, and enhance substance use treatment courts, including service coordination, management of treatment court participants, fidelity to the model, and recovery support services.

Eligible applicants include states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments.

### Program History

	Award Amount	# of Awards
2022	\$45,663.712	63

### Key Information

**Total Funding:** \$43.2 million  
**Award Range:** Varies  
**Match:** 25 percent  
**Solicitation date:** January 17, 2023  
**Proposal due:** April 11, 2023 (Grants.gov), April 18, 2023 (JustGrants)  
<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171509>



### Awardee Profile

County of Lenoir, NC  
**Amount:** \$700,000  
**Year:** 2022

The North Carolina 8th Judicial District is seeking Category 1- Planning and Implementation funds for a post-conviction Adult Accountability and Recovery Court (AARC). In this priority, AARC addresses inequities and barriers to equal opportunities and the accessibility of services for 8th Judicial District underserved and marginalized populations who have criminal charges influenced by substance use.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

## FY 2023 Adult Treatment Court Site-Based

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide funding and technical assistance to eligible applicants to plan, implement, and enhance the operations of adult treatment courts (ATCs). Funding is intended to reduce the misuse of opioids, stimulants, and other substances by people involved in the criminal justice system. The goals of the program are to provide adult treatment courts and professionals in the criminal justice system with the resources needed to plan, implement, enhance, and sustain evidence-based treatment court programs for individuals with nonviolent charges and convictions with substance use disorders who are involved in the criminal justice system. Specific program objectives include:

- Ensuring treatment court practitioners have the tools to effectively provide judicial and community supervision, mandatory and random drug testing, substance use and mental health disorder treatment, and appropriate incentives and sanctions.
- Utilizing evidence-based practices and principles that incorporate National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP's) 10 Best Practice Standards and other relevant research.
- Building and maximizing capacity to ensure all potential participants are identified and assessed for risk and need using a validated risk and clinical assessment tool to determine their eligibility.
- Ensuring that all individuals eligible for the treatment court program have equivalent access as measured by the collection and examination of program data.
- Enhancing the provision of recovery support services, including transitional recovery housing assistance and peer and family support, to support ongoing recovery.
- Ensuring treatment court participants have access to all types of FDA-approved medications to treatment substance use disorders and include training on overdose prevention.
- Enhancing collaboration between states and local and/or tribal jurisdictions to support the operations and enhancements of adult treatment court activities. Grants for this program will be offered between three separate components:

Grants for this program will be offered between three separate components:

- Category 1: Planning and Implementation: Planning and Implementation grants are available to eligible jurisdictions ready to commit to a 6- month planning phase followed by an implementation phase for an evidence-based adult treatment court. The ATC must have core capacity to provide critical treatment services, case management and coordination, judicial supervision, sanctions and incentive services, and other key services such as transitional housing, relapse prevention, employment, and peer recovery support to reduce recidivism.
- Category 2: Enhancement: Enhancement grants are available to eligible jurisdictions with an operational adult treatment court. Funding may be used to assist a jurisdiction to scale up its existing court program's capacity; provide access to or enhance treatment capacity or other critical support

services; enhance court operations; expand or enhance court services; build or enhance collection and use of key drug operation and outcome data; or improve the quality and/or intensity of services based on needs assessments

- **Category 3: Statewide:** State applicants may apply for funding to improve, enhance, or expand adult treatment court services statewide. Statewide activities may include scaling up an ATC program's capacity, helping a local/rural jurisdiction to launch a new ATC as a grant subrecipient, expanding treatment and services, conducting an audit of the practice and the technical assistance for adherence to the key components and best practices, data collection and analysis to assess the practice and track recidivism and participant outcomes, delivering training and technical assistance (TTA), supporting a treatment court alumni network and/or peer recovery programs to serve treatment court participants, and supporting the staff needed to expand services statewide.

Eligible courts include Adult drug courts (ADCs), driving while intoxicated (DWI)/driving under the influence (DUI) courts, co-occurring courts (participants diagnosed with both substance use and mental health disorders), and tribal healing to wellness courts (THWCs).

The funding agency strongly encourages applicants—particularly those proposing to enhance existing treatment courts—to design their proposed programs with the intention of moving toward the full incorporation of NADCP's standards.

Priority consideration will be given to projects that advance racial equity and support for underserved communities. The funding agency will specifically give priority consideration to:

- Applications that propose project(s) that are designed to promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.
- Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Web-Based Form) identify as a culturally specific organization.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants for Category 1 and Category 2 funding include state governments, special district governments, city or township governments, county governments, public housing authorities or Indian housing authorities, Native American Tribal governments, and public or private entities acting on behalf of a single treatment court through agreement with state, city, township, county, or tribal governments.

Eligible applicants for Category 3 funding include state agencies such as the State Administering Agency, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the State Substance Abuse Agency, and other state criminal justice agencies involved with the provision of substance use and/or mental health services, or related services

The Bureau of Justice Affairs (BJA) will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees).

An applicant entity may submit more than one application, if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application.



BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2023 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$45.6 million in funding is expected to be available for this program overall. Specific component funding is as follows:

- Category 1: Planning and Implementation: an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 9 awards of up to \$900,000 through this component
- Category 2: Enhancement: an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 30 awards of up to \$1 million through this component
- Category 3: Statewide: an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 3 awards of up to \$2.5 million through this component

Applicants must provide at least a 25 percent match via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

The project period for all three components is 48 months.

## Contact Information

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<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171509>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

# FY 2023 Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success

### Grant Overview

This program will assist communities in planning and assessing promising and evidence-based prevention and intervention services to facilitate the development of a community-based continuum of care for youth at risk of becoming or already involved in the juvenile justice system. Eligible applicants are city or township governments; county governments; for profit organizations other than small businesses; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; small businesses; special district governments, and state governments.

### Program History

No program history is indicated.

### Key Information

**Total Funding:** \$16,210,487

**Award Range:** \$425,000 to \$1.5 million

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** August 11, 2023

**Proposal due:** September 28, 2023, (Grants.gov); October 10, 2023 (JustGrants)

[OJJDP FY 2023 Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success \(ojp.gov\)](#)



### Tips

- A webinar will be held on August 30, 2023, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET. Registration [link](#).
- Priority consideration will be given to applicants that can demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed projects are enhanced because they, or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award amount, identify as a culturally specific organization.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
(OJJDP)

## FY 2023 Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success

### Detailed Summary

This program will provide funding to state and local jurisdictions that have high rates of youth incarceration to develop a continuum of care that includes a focus on positive youth development, prevention, diversion, and treatment services. This continuum of care will enhance communities' abilities to meet the needs of youth involved in or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system through community-based strategies, thereby reducing reliance on deeper system involvement to access resources. This program will also work with awardees to identify ways to strategically reinvest any cost savings into strategies and programs that are most effective at reducing delinquency and recidivism. There are three categories of funding available under this program:

**Category 1: State Agency Planning and Assessment Sites** and **Category 2: Local Planning and Assessment Sites.**

These categories support the efforts of eligible applicants to conduct a planning and assessment process that will identify gaps and assist in achieving cost savings through reforms. These savings can be reinvested in the development and implementation of promising practices and evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies as part of a community-based continuum of care for youth at risk of or already involved in the juvenile justice system.

**Category 3: Training and Technical Assistance.** This category will support a training and technical assistance provider to help states and local communities build the capacity of their service networks for youth through asset mapping, gap analysis, and service delivery planning, including strategic financing information, education, and sustainability planning across the continuum of care for youth. This will include assistance in identifying strategies on how to identify and achieve any potential cost-savings and reinvest those savings into effective delinquency prevention and intervention programming. Training and technical assistance will be delivered nationally with intensive priority support to program sites funded in Categories 1 and 2. The training and technical assistance provider will also develop tools, resources, and best-practice information and guidelines on developing and sustaining a community-based continuum of care to support the larger youth-serving field.

Applicants are encouraged to review the following OJJDP priorities and highlight how the proposed program aligns with these priorities:

- [Treat Children as Children](#)
- [Serve Children at Home, With Their Families, in Their Communities](#)
- [Open Up Opportunities for System-Involved Youth.](#)

Applicants under all categories must describe how their proposed project/program will integrate and sustain meaningful youth and family partnerships into their project plan and budget. Depending on the nature of an applicant's proposed project, youth and family partnership could consist of one or more of the following:

- Individual-level partnership in case planning and direct service delivery (before, during, and after contact with youth-serving systems).
- Agency-level partnership (e.g., in policy, practice, and program development, implementation, and evaluation; staffing; advisory bodies; budget development).
- System-level partnership (e.g., in strategic planning activities, system improvement initiatives, advocacy strategies, reform efforts).

Through this program, OJJDP seeks to support communities in conducting planning and assessment activities that will inform the development of a community-based continuum of promising and evidence-based prevention and intervention services that will serve as a strong foundation for preventing youth from entering the juvenile justice system, diverting them from moving deeper into the system (i.e., detention and corrections) and ultimately providing them with the skills they need to lead productive, safe, healthy, and law-abiding lives. The planning process supported under this solicitation is vital to helping communities identify and map out their available resources, as well as gaps that need to be filled to address the problem of high youth incarceration and crime rates. Based on the outcome of planning and assessment activities, communities will be able to respond to gaps in their current service continuum and strategically reinvest any cost savings into the most effective recidivism reduction, prevention, and intervention programs.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include city or township governments; county governments; for profit organizations other than small businesses; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; small businesses; special district governments, and state governments.

### Category 1: State Agency Planning and Assessment Sites

- State governments

### Category 2: Local Planning and Assessment Sites

- Special district governments
- City or township governments
- County governments

### Category 3: Training and Technical Assistance

- Nonprofit organizations and for-profit organizations (including Tribal nonprofit and for-profit organizations)
- Institutions of higher education (including Tribal institutions of higher education)

State, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body, or have started the certification process, to be eligible to receive funding through this program. Details regarding this certification requirement can be found online at [cops.usdoj.gov](https://cops.usdoj.gov).

An applicant entity may submit more than one application if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one

application. OJJDP will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees).

## Funding

In FY 2023, an estimated \$16,210,487 is available to support an anticipated 26 awards through this program. Funding for each program category is as follows:

**Category 1: State Agency Planning and Assessment Sites** - An unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 8 awards of up to \$800,000 per project through this category. The project period is 18 months.

**Category 2: Local Planning and Assessment Sites** - An unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 16 awards of up to \$425,000 per project through this category. The project period is 18 months.

**Category 3: Training and Technical Assistance** - An unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 2 awards of up to \$1,500,000 per project through this category. The project period is 24 months.

## Match and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program.

## Contact Information

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[OJJDP FY 2023 Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success \(ojp.gov\)](https://www.ojp.gov)

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice  
**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

# FY 2023 Community Courts Initiative

### Grant Overview

The Community Courts Initiative enhances public safety and builds trust between law enforcement and the community by supporting the establishment and enhancement of community courts in their jurisdictions. Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, federally recognized Native American tribes, state governments, and other (state, city, township, county, or tribal government acting directly or through agreements with other public or private entities on behalf of a single community court).

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$5,351,575	10

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$9,000,000  
**Award Range:** Up to \$900,000 per category  
**Match:** 25 percent  
**Solicitation date:** March 27, 2023  
**Proposal due:** May 24, 2023 (Grants.gov)  
May 31, 2023 (JustGrants)

Priority will be given to applicants that can demonstrate the individuals who are intended to benefit from their proposed projects reside in high-poverty areas or persistent poverty counties.

More information can be found [here](#).



### Awardee Profile

City of Las Vegas, NV

**AMOUNT:** \$376,366

**YEAR:** 2023

Las Vegas received funding to reduce homelessness; decrease the law enforcement resources utilized to cite, arrest and process offenses related to homelessness; and break the cycle of citation, arrest and jail time, by addressing the underlying issues of participants experiencing homelessness.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

## FY 2023 Community Courts Initiative

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to enhance public safety and build trust between law enforcement and the community by supporting the establishment and enhancement of community courts. For the purposes of this program, community courts are defined as neighborhood-focused court programs that combine the power of the community and the justice system to address local problems by connecting persons committing less serious crimes, often misdemeanor cases, to judicially supervised substance use disorder treatment, alternative sanctions, and other community-based services.

Projects must address each of the following objectives:

- Establish or enhance court-based intervention programs to prioritize and expedite the provision of treatment and recovery services to individuals who are frequent users of justice system, health, and other services who commit misdemeanor offenses
- Emphasize alternatives to incarceration by tailoring sentences to each defendant to improve community safety, enhance confidence in justice, and reduce recidivism
- Build and maximize the capacity of jurisdictions to ensure that all participants are identified, assessed, and referred to services
- Enhance the use of community services by participants in the community court docket, including case management, housing assistance, and service coordination
- Develop and maintain partnerships and collaborations with service providers to enhance the provision of treatment and recovery support services
- Support the development, enhancement, and translation of research and knowledge of researcher-practitioner partnerships
- Collect lessons learned and other examples of use to the field at large from award recipients and disseminate the information via publications, media platforms, and conference presentations

Category 1: Planning and Implementation: The purpose of this program is to support jurisdictions that are planning and/or ready to implement community court programs that address substance use disorders (SUDs) and other issues using evidence-based principles and practices. Applicants may propose to use funding for case management, supervision and treatment services, and/or the provision and coordination of recovery support services. Community courts supported through this component must ensure that participants are tested periodically for the use of controlled substances, including medical marijuana. Courts must also impose graduated sanctions that increase punitive measures, therapeutic measures, or both whenever a participant fails a drug test.

Category 2: Enhancement: The purpose of the Enhancement component is to enhance existing community court programs that address substance use disorders (SUDs) and other issues using evidence-based principles and practices. Applicants may propose to use funding to scale up the court program's capacity; enhance court

operations to serve a specific population, such as veterans; expand or enhance court services; improve the quality and/or intensity of services based on needs assessments; or complete a program evaluation.

Describe how the proposed enhancements will address criminal justice-related needs and enhance treatment and support services, including ensuring equal access to program access and services received and creating responses that encourage participation and reinforce retention in the program and successful completion of the program.

Describe the community court project management structure and staffing, specifically identifying the key person (or people) responsible for carrying out project activities. Identify each community court team member who will have a significant role in implementing the enhancement and describe their role, responsibilities, and qualifications to ensure the proposed enhancement program's success.

Describe any practitioner-partner relationships and/or analytical staff who will support data collection, analysis, and research, including their roles and goals for their support. Describe how they will support equity and inclusion in access to program services, effective targeting and implementation fidelity, and program evaluation.

- Priority consideration will be given to applicants that can demonstrate that:are Their project is designed to promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.
- Their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40% of the requested award funding), identify as a culturally specific organization.  
The individuals who are intended to benefit from their proposed projects reside in high-poverty areas or persistent poverty counties.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, city, township, county, or federally recognized Native American tribal governments acting directly or through agreements with other public or private entities on behalf of a single community court. State, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body, or have started the certification process, to be eligible to receive funding through this program.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$9 million is available to support an estimated ten awards of up to \$900,000 through this program. Component funding is as follows:

- Planning and Implementation: An unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated five awards of up to \$900,000 through this component.
- Enhancement: An unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated five awards of up to \$900,000 through this component.



Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via cash or in-kind contributions. Matching funds proposed by successful applicants will become mandatory and be subject to audit. In general, federal funds may not be used as a match; however, applicants that are Native American tribes and tribal organizations may be able to apply certain types of funds received from the federal government, such as certain funds received under a Native American self-determination contract, to satisfy all or part of the required match.

In addition to providing monetary awards, this program will provide training and technical assistance (TTA) from the funding agency's TTA partners, including ongoing coaching and dialogue, support for peer-to-peer dialogue and training, knowledge diffusion products, learning communities, dissemination of best practices and lessons learned, and a listserv.

The project period is 48 months.

## Contact Information

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More information can be found [here](#).

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice  
**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program

### Grant Overview

This program seeks to bring justice and reconciliation for the hundreds of unsolved cold case murder victims associated with civil rights violations through the identification, investigation, prosecution, and resolution of these cases. This program also seeks to bring justice and support to families and stakeholders impacted by these murders. Eligible applicants are state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, including prosecutors' offices.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$1,650,000	2

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$2,275,000

**Award Range:** Up to \$750,000

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** March 6, 2023

**Proposal due:** May 17, 2023 (Grants.gov), May 24, 2023 (JustGrants)

- The funding agency strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policy-making and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services.

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171639>



### Awardee Profile

City of Tulsa, OK

**AMOUNT:** \$1,075,000

**YEAR:** 2022

Tulsa Police Department received funding to pursue forensic genetic genealogy identifications for potential 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre (TRM) victims exhumed in the 2022 search of Tulsa Oaklawn Cemetery. The lasting impacts will be law enforcement and community genetic genealogy training, possession of a distributable training program, and the creation of possible TRM victim genetic genealogy profile identities.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

## FY 2023 Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to bring justice and reconciliation for the hundreds of unsolved cold case murder victims associated with civil rights violations through the identification, investigation, prosecution, and resolution of these cases. This program also seeks to bring justice and support to families and stakeholders impacted by these murders. Funding will support activities and expenses associated with the investigation and prosecution of such murders that occurred no later than December 31, 1979, as authorized by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act of 2016. This program furthers the funding agency's mission by supporting state and local efforts to address hate crimes and to enhance the investigative skills of law enforcement and prosecution, as well as enhance the rule of law through the resolution of unsolved homicides.

The objectives of this program are to:

- Enhance the capacity of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies and their partners to identify, investigate, and prosecute unsolved civil rights cold case murders
- Enhance collaboration between federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecution agencies in their investigation and prosecution of unsolved civil rights cold case murders
- Increase the number of state, local, and tribal investigations and prosecutions of unsolved civil rights cold case murders
- Bring justice, reconciliation, and support to families and stakeholders impacted by these unsolved civil rights cold case murders, thereby building trust
- Translate project learning through information sharing, training, and tools to assist the field to identify, investigate, and prosecute additional cases and to support victims' families, other stakeholders, and entire communities

Award recipients will be expected to produce the following deliverables:

- An inventory of potential cases
- Creation of an action plan during the first six months to build a strong and focused strategy
- Successful implementation of the action plan and working collaboratively with the funding agency's staff and training and technical assistance partners, resulting in the prosecution and resolution of cases
- Enhanced partnerships with federal, state, tribal, or local organizations
- Documentation of what was learned, including a final report
- Availability to share peer-to-peer expertise and guidance for other law enforcement and prosecution agencies
- Documented plans to ensure the applicant has a set of diverse staff, partners, and/or subject matter experts who reflect a mix of experiences and perspectives to effectively reach the communities and practitioners that they will serve

## Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Prosecution Program

To increase their chances for success, applicants are encouraged to employ unique partnerships with researchers, historians, forensic scientists, community partners, and local and national civil rights organizations.

Priority consideration will be given to:

- Projects that address potential racial inequities and contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality
- Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing project are enhanced because they, or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award funding, identify as a culturally specific organization
- Applications that include partnerships with multiple jurisdictions

For the purposes of this program, culturally specific organizations are defined as private nonprofit or tribal organizations whose primary purpose as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to, among others, Black people, Hispanics and Latino/a/e people, Native American and other indigenous peoples of North America, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, including prosecutors' offices.

To increase their chances for success, applicants are encouraged to employ unique partnerships with researchers, historians, forensic scientists, community partners, and local and national civil rights organizations. As part of this program, award recipients will be required to document their plans to ensure they have a set of diverse staff, partners, and/or subject matter experts who reflect a mix of experiences and perspectives to effectively reach the communities and practitioners that they will serve.

State, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process, to be eligible to receive funding through this program. Details regarding this certification requirement can be found online at [cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO](https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO).

Tribes are required to submit a tribal resolution for the proposal.

Applicants may submit more than one application, provided that each application proposes a different project. In addition, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient in more than one application.

## Funding

In FY 2023, a total of \$2,275,000 is anticipated to be available through this program to support an anticipated three awards of up to an anticipated \$750,000 each.

The project period will last 36 months and will begin on October 1, 2023. In certain cases, the funding agency may provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this program through continuation awards.

## Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Prosecution Program

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, match is encouraged and will be considered as part of the application. Where relevant, the applicant should identify which budget items will be covered by matching sources and explain what type of match will be provided.

Matching funds proposed by successful applicants will become mandatory and be subject to audit.

### Contact Information

Program Staff

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<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171639>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Enhancing Youth Defense

## Grant Overview

This program will implement youth defense delivery system enhancements that strengthen and improve youth defense. Applicants must describe how their proposed project/program will integrate and sustain meaningful youth and family partnerships. Eligible applicants are state governments, city or township governments, county governments, and special district governments.

## Program History

Award history is not available at this time.

## Key Information

**Total Funding:** \$1.3 million

**Award Range:** Up to \$650,630

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** February 13, 2023

**Proposal due:** April 3, 2023 (Grants.gov), April 17, 2023 (JustGrants)

Note: Funding awarded under this solicitation must be used to improve what has historically been referred to as “juvenile indigent defense.” Where the term “youth defense” is used in this solicitation, it means the defense of juveniles, which in the context of this solicitation refers to services provided to juveniles who are indigent.

<https://ojdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojdp-2023-171587>



## Tips

- State, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for funding
- The funding agency strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

## FY 2023 Enhancing Youth Defense

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support state and local youth defense delivery systems that improve youth defense delivery by implementing tailored strategies to meet existing gaps and needs. The goal of this program is to implement youth defense delivery system enhancements that strengthen and improve youth defense.

Applicants must describe how their proposed project/program will integrate and sustain meaningful youth and family partnerships into their project plan and budget. Depending on the nature of an applicant's proposed project, youth and family partnership could consist of one or more of the following:

- Individual-level partnership in case planning and direct service delivery (before, during, and after contact with youth-serving systems).
- Agency-level partnership (e.g., in policy, practice, and program development, implementation, and evaluation; staffing; advisory bodies; budget development).
- System-level partnership (e.g., in strategic planning activities, system improvement initiatives, advocacy strategies, reform efforts).

Deliverables may include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting a youth defense delivery system assessment to identify service gaps and needs and implement recommendations to address those gaps and needs.
- Conducting rigorous system monitoring to assure quality in youth defense.
- Establishing and implement formal youth defense-specific standards of practice, including standards addressing racial justice.
- Strengthening youth defense contracts to promote specialization.
- Conducting data collection and analysis on youth defense, strengthen data capacity, and promote data-informed decision-making.
- Sending youth defenders to national youth defense specialized training (examples include the national Youth Training Immersion Program Summer Academy and train-the-trainer certification program, and the annual Youth Defender Leadership Summit).
- Host youth defense specialized training events.
- Establishing a series of youth defense specialization programs (examples include racial justice advocacy or juvenile appellate practice).
- Implement policies establishing minimum required qualifications for youth defenders.
- Conducting outreach to new youth defenders and build community by hosting regular networking opportunities.
- Conducting outreach to local universities and law schools to build interest in youth defense as a career path.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, and state governments.

State, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for

OJJDP will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal ward; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$1,301,260 is available through this program to support an estimated two awards of up to \$650,630 each.

Matching funds are not required for this program.

## Contact Information

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<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojjdp-2023-171587>



## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Family-Based Alternative Justice Program

### Grant Overview

This program establishes a new and enhanced existing family-based alternative justice programs for parents/primary caregivers in the criminal justice system to improve child, parent, and family outcomes. Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, for-profit organizations, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, Native American tribal organizations other than federally recognized tribal governments, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, small businesses, and state or special district governments.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$1.5 million	2
2022	\$2.25 million	3

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$5,487,051

**Award Range:** Up to \$750,000

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** March 13, 2023

**Proposal due:** May 15, 2023

<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojjdp-2023-171661>



### Awardee Profile

County of Lehigh,  
Pennsylvania

**AMOUNT:** \$750,000

**YEAR:** 2021

Lehigh County received funding to create a multidisciplinary Family-based Alternative Sentencing Team (FAST) comprised of representatives from the Office of District Attorney, Office of Public Defenders, Department of Corrections, and community-based organizations to provide evidence-based social service intervention strategies for participants.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Family-Based Alternative Justice Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to establish new and enhance existing family based alternative justice programs for parents/primary caregivers in the criminal justice system to improve child, parent, and family outcomes. Projects will increase family preservation, improve parental attachment, increase healthy child development, prevent children from entering the foster care system, improve parenting skills, reduce the likelihood of future involvement in the criminal justice system, and reduce the financial impact on the criminal justice and/or child welfare systems.

Applicants are expected to provide a coordinated, multisystem approach that combines evidence based interventions with a broad range of reentry support services, such as case management and comprehensive support services that enhance life skills and address housing, education, employment, family wellness, individual well-being, substance misuse, and mental health issues. These activities may be accomplished by:

- Providing trauma-informed therapy and supportive services for children who have experienced parental arrest and/or incarceration that focus on improving responses to, or eliminating, the social and emotional burdens that children carry when a parent or caregiver is in the criminal justice system
- Developing or enhancing early release for parents/caregivers serving terms of incarceration to promote family reunification
- Enhancing and expanding services to children by facilitating access to effective services that strengthen the relationship between families and address issues affecting justice-involved parents and their children, such as suicide, alcohol and substance misuse, mental health issues, domestic and sexual abuse, financial instability, housing insecurity, and the impact on the child and the community
- Providing trauma-informed therapy and supportive services to parents, which may include counseling services and educational supports to build resiliency, mental and behavioral health treatment, domestic violence, and healthy relationship counseling
- Engaging in community awareness activities that would remove the stigma associated with having a parent who is in the criminal justice system, including developing best practices and destigmatizing language
- Providing restoration and rehabilitative coping skills and crisis management to youth and parents

The funding agency expects projects to involve cross-system coordination and collaboration, including justice-involved parents/caregivers, attorneys representing justice involved parents/caregivers, prosecuting attorneys, treatment providers, probation and community supervision agencies, child protective services, community health agencies, community-based organizations, schools, state and local corrections departments, and law enforcement. Award recipients must work in partnership with a researcher or consultant to demonstrate whether and the extent to which projects result in cost savings for the criminal justice and/or child welfare systems in the long term.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants that can demonstrate that:

- Their projects promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality
- Their capabilities and competencies for implementing projects are enhanced because they, or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award funding
- They are committed to ensuring fairness, equity, and access to justice for all children and families regardless of their race or ethnicity; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, for-profit organizations other than small businesses, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, Native American tribal organizations other than federally recognized tribal governments, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, small businesses, state governments, and special district governments.

The funding agency will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the award. However, only one entity may be the applicant; any others must be proposed as subrecipients.

Applicants may submit multiple applications, as long as each application proposes a different project. Applicants may be proposed as subrecipients in multiple applications.

Tribes are required to submit a tribal resolution for their projects.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$5,487,051 is available to support an anticipated seven awards of up to an anticipated \$750,000 through this program.

Project periods will span 36 months, beginning on October 1, 2023. Applicants may request a no-cost extension.

## Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program.

## Contact Information

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<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojdp-2023-171661>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Family Treatment Court Program

### Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to establish new family treatment courts or enhance existing family treatment courts. Eligible applicants are state governments, city or township governments, county governments, state and local courts, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$15,378,189	21

### Key Information

**Total Funding:** \$11 million

**Award Range:** Varies by category

**Match:** 25 percent

**Solicitation date:** April 19, 2023

**Proposal due:** June 6, 2022 (Grants.gov), June 20, 2023 (JustGrants.gov)

- Priority consideration will be given to projects that promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=347626>



### Awardee Profile

Mississippi County, MO

**AMOUNT:** \$626,495

**YEAR:** 2022

The County of Mississippi added trauma-based therapy, adopt a centralized assessment system to screen and re-assess client needs and track implementation systems. The program will include Family Support Services and group and individual training services.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Family Treatment Court Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to establish new family drug courts and enhance existing family drug courts to more effectively intervene with parents, children, and families affected by a substance use and/or co-occurring mental health disorder who are involved in the child welfare system as a result of child abuse and neglect or other parenting issues. Projects will provide treatment and accountability to parents with substance use disorders (SUDs) by offering access to treatment and recovery services that will ultimately protect children; reunite families, when safe to do so; and expedite permanency. Projects must include the provision of treatment and recovery services to specifically address opioid, stimulant, and other SUDs.

All family treatment courts must meet the following requirements:

- Continuing judicial supervision over offenders, and other individuals under the jurisdiction of the court, with substance abuse problems, including co-occurring substance abuse and mental health problems, who are not violent offenders
- Coordinating with the appropriate State or local prosecutor
- Integrating administration of other sanctions and services (see p.9 of NOFO)

Funding will be provided for the following program categories:

Category 1: Establishing New Family Treatment Courts: The purpose of the Establishing New Family Treatment Courts category is to implement new family drug courts to provide parental SUD treatment services, including screening, assessment, case management, recovery support services, and program coordination to family treatment court participants. Activities may include:

- Providing direct services to parents who misuse substances or have an SUD
- Providing supportive services (as appropriate) to children and additional family members affected by substance use
- Establishing a multidisciplinary core team that includes partners from courts, child welfare, and treatment agencies
- Focusing on the child and parent-child relationship by addressing the complex needs of both children and parents to create a family-centered approach to case management
- Creating community linkages to hospitals, physicians, maternal and child health agencies, and early intervention services
- Using evidence-based interventions focused on parenting, child and parent trauma, parent-child relationships, and parental substance use
- Implementing relationship-based parenting programs and developmental and behavioral interventions to improve family functioning and outcomes
- Coordinating outreach services that target family engagement and retention efforts
- Incorporating wraparound recovery support services, particularly peer recovery support, to assist parents and families with recovery and wellness
- Developing performance measures across family drug court partners for joint accountability

Category 2: Enhancing Family Treatment Courts: The purpose of the Enhancing Family Treatment Courts category is to enhance and/or expand parental SUD treatment services to participants in existing family drug courts. Activities may include:

- Addressing the specific needs of children who have been prenatally exposed to drugs and/or alcohol, or have experienced post-natal exposure to substance use
- Engaging new partnerships to address the needs of infants affected by substance use or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder
- Expanding partnerships with medication-assisted treatment providers and other medical professionals to provide high-quality, evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment
- Coordinating outreach services that target family engagement and retention efforts by employing specialized engagement or outreach positions
- Incorporating peer recovery support services to assist parents and families with recovery and wellness
- Developing new policy and practice procedures or revising existing policies to build the capacity of courts to provide services to children
- Offering ongoing cross-training opportunities to assist new and existing family drug court staff and partners in providing evidence-based services
- Establishing and/or strengthening mutually agreed upon performance measures across family drug court partners for joint accountability
- Establishing and/or strengthening data collection and reporting methods around performance measure
- Implementing recent legislation and/or legislative changes targeting children, parents, and families affected by SUDs and the systems that serve them

Priority for both categories will be given to projects that:

- Promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality
- Demonstrate a commitment to ensuring fairness, equity, and access to justice for all children and families regardless of their race or ethnicity; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion
- Demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing the proposed project(s) are enhanced because the applicant (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative) identifies as a culturally specific organization.

## **Applicant Eligibility**

Eligible applicants are state governments, city or township governments, county governments, state and local courts, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. Eligibility varies further by category:

- Category 1: Establishing New Family Treatment Courts: Applicants must be jurisdictions where either no family treatment court currently exists, or a family treatment court has been operational for less than one year. Jurisdictions may already have other types of drug or treatment courts, such as adult drug or mental health courts.

- Category 2: Enhancing Family Treatment Courts: Applicants must be jurisdictions with a fully operational family drug court that has been operational for at least one year

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$11 million in funding is expected to be available for this program overall. Awards vary by category:

- Category 1: Establishing New Family Treatment Courts: An unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated nine awards of \$750,000
- Category 2: Enhancing Family Treatment Courts: An unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated five awards of up to \$850,000 through this component

Applicants must provide at least a 25 percent match via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. If a successful applicant's proposed match exceeds the required match amount, and the funding agency approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit. In addition, applicants must specify plans for obtaining necessary support and continuing the proposed program following the conclusion of federal support.

The project period for both categories is 36 months.

## Contact Information

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice  
**Agency:** Office on Violence Against Women

# FY 2023 Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response (ICJR)

### Grant Overview

This program is designed to encourage partnerships among state, local and tribal governments, courts, victim service providers, coalitions, and rape crisis centers to improve the criminal justice response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law, and to seek safety and autonomy for victims. Eligible applicants are states, Indian tribal governments, state and local courts including juvenile courts, local governments, state, triable or territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions that partner with a state, Indian tribal government, or unit of local government, and victim service providers that partner with a state, Indian tribal government, or unit of local government.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$29.4 million	39
2021	\$30.7 million	41

### Key Information

**Total Funding:** \$25 million  
**Award Range:** Varies  
**Match:** Not required  
**Solicitation date:** March 10, 2023  
**Proposal due:** April 20, 2023 (Grant.gov), April 27, 2023 (JustGrants)

More information is available [here](#).



### Awardee Profile

City of Troy, NY

**AMOUNT:** \$500,000

**YEAR:** 2022

The City of Troy received funding through this program to improve the criminal justice response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office on Violence Against Women

## FY 2023 Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response (ICJR)

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to encourage state, local, and tribal governments, and courts, to improve the criminal justice response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law, and to seek safety and autonomy for victims, by requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system. The foundation of this program is a coordinated community response (CCR), which brings together a diverse group of community partners to work together to address the widespread impact of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to provide multiple pathways to support, healing, and accountability for families.

Funds must be used for one or more of the following purpose areas:

- Purpose Area 1: implement offender accountability and homicide reduction programs and policies in police departments, including policies for protection order violations and enforcement of protection orders across state and tribal lines
- Purpose Area 2: develop policies, educational programs, protection order registries, data collection systems, and training in police departments to improve tracking of cases and classification of complaints involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Purpose Area 3: centralize and coordinate police enforcement, prosecution, or judicial responsibility for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases in teams or units of police officers, prosecutors, parole and probation officers, or judges
- Purpose Area 4: coordinate computer tracking systems and providing the appropriate training and education about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to ensure communication between police, prosecutors, parole and probation officers, and both criminal and family courts
- Purpose Area 5: strengthen legal advocacy and legal assistance programs and other victim services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including strengthening assistance to such victims in immigration matters
- Purpose Area 6: educate federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local judges, courts, and court-based and court-related personnel in criminal and civil courts about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to improve judicial handling of such cases
- Purpose Area 7: provide technical assistance and computer and other equipment to police departments, prosecutors, courts, and tribal jurisdictions to facilitate the widespread enforcement of protection orders, including interstate enforcement, enforcement between state and tribal jurisdictions, and enforcement between tribal jurisdictions
- Purpose Area 8: develop or strengthen policies and training for police, prosecutors, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual

assault, and stalking against individuals 50 years of age or older, deaf individuals, and individuals with disabilities

- Purpose Area 9: develop state, tribal, territorial, or local policies, procedures, and protocols for preventing dual arrests and prosecution in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to develop effective methods for identifying the pattern and history of abuse that indicates which party is the actual perpetrator of abuse
- Purpose Area 10: plan, develop, and establish comprehensive victim service and support centers, such as family justice centers, designed to bring together victim advocates in order to improve safety, access to services, and confidentiality for victims and families

Applicants are strongly encouraged to address one of the following priority areas:

- Priority Area 1: advance racial equity as an essential component of ending sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking
- Priority Area 2: increase access to justice for all survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking
- Priority Area 3: strengthen efforts to prevent and end sexual assault, including victim services and civil and criminal justice responses
- Priority Area 4: improve outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from underserved communities, particularly LGBTQ and immigrant communities

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, Indian tribal governments, state and local courts including juvenile courts, local governments, state, triable or territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions that partner with a state, Indian tribal government, or unit of local government, and victim service providers that partner with a state, Indian tribal government, or unit of local government.

Faith-based and community organizations are also eligible to apply, provided that they meet all other eligibility requirements.

Because the majority of this program's statutory purpose areas include functions and/or activities that are inherently governmental, state/tribal coalitions and victim service providers applying as the lead applicant may seek funding to address only purpose areas 5, 10, and 17.

Court applicants and applicants that are states, Indian tribal governments, or units of local government are required to enter into a formal partnership with one or more victim service providers that have a documented history of serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, and other governmental organizations that are necessary for the implementation of the proposed project.

Lead applicants that are victim service providers, including coalitions, are required to enter into a formal partnership with a state, Indian tribal government, or unit of local government appropriate to the service area and any specific governmental organizations that are necessary for the implementation of the proposed project.

Special consideration will also be given to applications from jurisdictions that have not previously received funding through this program. This priority is available to applicants whose last award through this program expired before April 15, 2015.

Both new and continuation applications will be accepted. Applicants that have never received funding under this program or whose previous funding under this program expired on or before April 28, 2022, will be considered new applicants. Applicants that have existing funding under this program or funding under this program that closed after April 28, 2022, will be considered continuation applicants.

## Funding

In FY 2023, a total of \$25 million is expected to be available through this program to support up to an estimated 40 awards. Award amounts will vary according to applicant type and service area population, as follows:

- New applicants:
  - \$500,000 for projects with a service area population of up to 400,000
  - \$750,000 for projects with a service area population of 400,001 to 700,000
  - \$1 million for projects with a service area population of 700,001 and above
  - \$1 million for statewide projects, regardless of the service area population
- Continuation applicants:
  - \$375,000 for projects with a service area population of up to 400,000
  - \$575,000 for projects with a service area population of 400,001 to 700,000
  - \$800,000 for projects with a service area population of 700,001 and above
  - \$800,000 for statewide projects, regardless of the service area population

No match is required for this program.

Applicants interested in addressing racial equity under Priority Area 1 of this program may apply for up to an additional \$50,000 to support project activities. Applicants interested in addressing underserved communities under Priority Area 4 of this program may apply for up to additional \$50,000 to support project activities. If the applicant is applying to address both Priority Area 1 and Priority Area 4, the additional funding amount is capped at \$50,000.

For new applicants, the award period is 48 months, and for continuation applicants, the award period is 36 months. The award period is anticipated to begin on October 1, 2023.

The budget must include:

- Compensation for project partners for their full level of effort, unless otherwise stated in the partnership agreement
- Funds or other resources available to support activities to ensure access for individuals with disabilities, deaf/hard-of-hearing individuals, and persons with limited English proficiency
- Compensation for survivors and individuals with applicable lived experiences related to the project who participate as consultants, in an advisory capacity, in focus groups, or in other work activities
- Funds to attend training and technical assistance (TTA) sponsored by the funding agency in the amount of \$20,000 for applicants located in the 48 contiguous states, and \$40,000 for applicants located in the territories, Hawaii, and Alaska

Award recipients may use up to 3 percent of award funds to assess their work for internal improvement purposes only, such as by convening a listening session to identify service gaps in the community or surveying training participants about the quality of training content and delivery.

Applications that include civil legal services must limit direct civil legal services to no more than 30 percent of the project activities.

Applications that propose to address Priority Area 3 of this program must meaningfully address one or more of this program's sexual assault purpose areas and focus at least 35 percent of proposed project activities on non-intimate partner sexual assault, reflected in both the specific project activities and the budget.

Applicants may not propose that more than 50 percent of award funds be used to develop and disseminate training as an award deliverable.

If an application proposes to pass through more than 50 percent of award funds to one organization, the applicant must include an explanation of why the entity receiving the funds did not apply as the lead applicant.

Award recipients must receive prior approval before using award funds to support surveys, whether conducted as part of a program or needs assessment, or for any other purpose.

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FEDERAL  
GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** Justice, Department of (DOJ)

**Agency:** Office on Violence Against Women

## FY 2023 Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth Program



### Grant Overview

This program supports comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking. Eligible applicants include local governments, nonprofits, and Native American tribal governments.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2020	\$13 million	24

### Key Information

**Total Funding:** \$9,500,000.00

**Award Range:** Up to \$500,000

**Match:** None required.

**Solicitation Date:** 2/13/2023

**Proposal Due Date:** 3/24/2023 (Grants.gov) 3/28/2023 (JustGrants)

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>

### Tips

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a non-binding Letter of Intent by March 1, 2023.
- Special consideration will be given to applicants who address online harm and abuse in their proposed activities.

**Department:** Justice, Department of (DOJ)

**Agency:** Office on Violence Against Women

## FY 2023 Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth Program

### Detailed Summary

This program supports comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking. Each award will support only one of the following purpose areas per applicant:

Purpose Area 1: Providing service and training to address children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking within ages 0-10, including:

- Provide direct services that address the emotional, cognitive, and physical effects on trauma on children and increase the safety and stability of children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking
- Develop and deliver educational programs to assist families in creating violence-free homes for children
- Provide support services for non-abusing parents or caregivers
- Develop and deliver training to assist law enforcement and other allied professionals to appropriately respond to and support children exposed to violence
- Develop and deliver training to assist law enforcement officers in identifying and making appropriate referrals for children exposed to domestic violence
- Develop processes and provide training for educational, after-school, head start and childcare, and/or child welfare and foster care programs to identify children and families experiencing violence and make appropriate referrals for services
- Develop and implement prevention programming for children (within preschool through age 10), including those who are at high risk for victimization or perpetration

Purpose Area 2: Creating safer communities for youth: prevention, intervention, treatment, and response services for youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking within ages 11-24; including:

- Provide direct services that address the emotional, cognitive, and physical effects of trauma on youth victims

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- Develop and deliver training to assist law enforcement and other allied professionals to appropriately respond to and support youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking
- Develop and deliver educational programs that address the prevention of and response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking for youth-serving organizations and programs
- Develop and deliver prevention programming for youth, including those who are at high risk for victimization or perpetration, that are inclusive of youth-led strategies, assist youth in understanding and recognizing abusive behavior, and address by-stander intervention

Purpose Area 3: providing school-based services: prevention, intervention, and response to dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, and sex trafficking within ages 5-19; including:

- Develop and implement school-based policies, practices, and programs to prevent and respond to dating violence, sexual assault, and/or sex trafficking or stalking of students
- Provide developmentally appropriate prevention and programming for students, including those at high risk for victimization or perpetration
- Provide bystander intervention training for students
- Provide victim services for students, including better access to on- or off-site victim advocates and counselors. The counselors and victim advocates must be trained in providing mental health and victim services for youth victims of dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or sex trafficking.
- Develop and deliver training for school resource officers, teachers, school faculty and employees, and coaches on creating trauma informed classrooms, schools, and programming for students
- Provide training to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and schools in investigations and/or prosecutions of incidents of dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking when the student or the student's caregiver chooses to report to law enforcement
- Develop and deliver training to assist school faculty and employees, law enforcement, and parents or caregivers in supporting students impacted by dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking
- Implement programs within the school and/or school system designed to change attitudes and behaviors in relation to dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking

All award recipients will be required to attend funding agency-sponsored training and technical assistance, engage in a planning phase prior to project implementation, and provide crisis intervention for children, youth, and community members at all educational, outreach, and training events not specifically targeted to first responders or allied professionals. Award recipients will also be required to create or expand a coordinated community response (CCR) team to oversee and guide project activities. CCR teams must include a victim service provider as well as other partnerships depending upon the project purpose area.

Priority will be given to applications proposing activities that:

- Advance racial equity as an essential component of ending sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking
- Expand economic justice and financial advocacy for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including as a tool for violence prevention

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- Improve outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking from underserved communities, particularly LGBTQ and immigrant communities

Applicants who receive funding to address one of the priority area(s) must meet the following program requirements:

Applicants that receive funding to address the priority area to advance racial equity as an essential component of ending sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking must:

- Partner with and equitably compensate a culturally specific, community-based organization, including Native Hawaiian or Urban Indian organizations, (if the applicant is not itself a culturally specific, community-based organization);
- Commit to implementing activities that specifically engage, promote, and serve culturally specific communities, such as: providing outreach and educational opportunities in their communities; hiring staff with experience serving culturally specific clients; developing internal racial equity policies; building capacity during the planning phase to improve racial equity within the organization and with project partners; and
- Commit to attend training that assists the funded applicant to incorporate racial equity into grant funded activities and/or services.

Applicants that receive funding to address the OVW priority area to advance economic justice and financial advocacy for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking, including as a tool for violence prevention must:

- Partner with community-based organization(s) and program(s) (if the lead applicant is not such an organization) that provide wrap-around services to improve the economic and financial statuses of homeless, runaway, foster care, and emancipated youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking, such as: providing assistance with general education development, employment skills, creating and managing a personal and/or household budget, housing assistance, and/or job placement assistance. The partnership(s) must be documented in a MOU.
- Include activities that promote and secure economic justice and financial advocacy for survivors.

Applicants that receive funding to address the OVW priority area to improve outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking from underserved communities, particularly LGBTQ+ and immigrant communities must:

- Partner with and equitably compensate organizations that address the specific community identified in the application (if the applicant is not itself addressing the specific community); and
- Commit to implementing activities that specifically engage, promote, and serve underserved communities, such as: providing outreach and educational opportunities in their communities; hiring staff with experience serving the identified underserved community; and building capacity during the planning phase within the organization and with project partners to meet the needs of the identified underserved population.



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### Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are limited to nonprofit, nongovernmental entities including community-based organizations, population-specific organizations, and culturally-specific organizations such as Urban Indian organizations and Native Hawaiian organizations (other than institutions of higher education); tribal organizations; Indian tribal governments, and units of local government or agencies of units of local government in the United States or U.S. territories.

Applicants must ensure that proposed projects support only local, community-specific strategies.

All applicants must establish multidisciplinary partnerships through a coordinated community response (CCR), documented in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), to ensure the proposed project has the necessary expertise, experience, and capacity to serve and support children and youth who have been impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or sex trafficking, including the needs of the targeted age group.

### Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$9.5 million is available to support an estimated 19 awards of up to \$500,000 through this program.

Matching funds are not required for this program.

The period of performance for awards is 36 months. There is no required match or cost share.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice  
**Agency:** Office on Violence Against Women

# FY 2024 Justice for Families Program

### Grant Overview

The Justice for Families Program aims to improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. Eligible applicants are states, local governments, courts, Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, legal services providers, faith-based organizations, and victim services providers.

### Program History

Year	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	\$15.27 million	25
2022	\$14 million	26
2020	\$13 million	24

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$14 million

**Award Range:** Varies based on project type

**Match:** Not Required

**Solicitation date:** December 8, 2023

**Proposal due:** January 30, 2024 (Grants.gov), February 1, 2024 (JustGrants)

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI) by January 3, 2024.

[OVW Fiscal Year 2024 Justice For Families Program Solicitation](#)



### Awardee Profile

Mecklenburg County  
Community Support  
Services, Charlotte, North  
Carolina

**AMOUNT:** \$600,000

**YEAR:** 2023

Mecklenburg County Community Support Services received this grant to fund a project related to supervised visitation and safe custody exchange services, provide legal representation and legal assistance services for victims of domestic violence, and expand legal services, including language access, to underserved communities and communities with limited English proficiency.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office on Violence Against Women

## FY 2024 Justice for Families Program

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program supports the following activities for improving the capacity of courts and communities to respond to families affected by the targeted crimes: court-based and court-related programs, supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents, training for people who work with families in the court system, and civil legal services.

The funding agency has eight distinct purpose areas for the Justice for Families Program. In FY 2024, the funding agency is limiting applicants to addressing only purpose areas 1, 3, 5, 6, and 8:

Purpose area 1: Supervised visitation and safe exchange: providing supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children and youth by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.

Purpose area 3: Training for court-based and court-related personnel: educating court-based and court-related personnel and court-appointed personnel and child protective services workers on the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including information on perpetrator behavior, evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide, and on issues relating to the needs of victims, including safety, security, privacy, and confidentiality. Applicants proposing activities under this purpose area must also propose activities under purpose area 1 and/or 5.

Purpose area 5: Court and court-based programs and services: enabling courts or court-based or court-related programs to develop or enhance:

- Court infrastructure
- Community-based initiatives within the court system
- Offender management, monitoring, and accountability programs
- Safe and confidential information-storage and information-sharing databases within and between court systems
- Education and outreach programs to improve community access
- Other projects likely to improve court responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

Purpose area 6: Civil legal assistance: providing civil legal assistance and advocacy services, including legal information and resources in cases in which the victim proceeds pro se, to victims of domestic violence and non-offending parents in matters:

- That involve allegations of child sexual abuse
- That relate to family matters, including civil protection orders, custody, and divorce
- In which the other parent is represented by counsel

Applicants proposing activities under this purpose area must also propose activities under purpose area 1 and/or 5.

Purpose area 8: Training within civil justice system: improving training and education to assist judges, judicial personnel, attorneys, child welfare personnel, and legal advocates in the civil justice system. Applicants proposing activities under this purpose area must also propose activities under purpose area 1 and/or 5.

The funding agency is interested in funding projects that take a coordinated approach to helping families victimized by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as they navigate the justice system. To help achieve this coordinated approach, applicants may propose either a standard project or a comprehensive project:

- Standard Project: Applicants must propose activities either under purpose area 1 (supervised visitation) or 5 (courts). If an applicant is proposing to provide supervised visitation/safe exchange services, the applicant must also propose activities under at least one additional purpose area. The courts' purpose area can be addressed in combination with another purpose area or on its own under any one or more of purpose area 5 multiple sub-categories. However, applications that address pro se victim assistance programs (purpose area 5(b)) or propose education and outreach programs (purpose area 5(e)) must be proposed in combination with other purpose area 5 subcategories or (an) other purpose area(s).
- Comprehensive Project: Applicants must propose activities under purpose areas 1 (supervised visitation), 5 (courts), and 6 (civil legal services). Applicants may include additional purpose areas in a comprehensive project application but are required to include purpose areas 1, 5, and 6.

Applicants that state that they are addressing a priority area and meet the criteria for that priority area will be given special consideration. The priority areas include efforts to:

1. Advance equity and tribal sovereignty as essential components of ending sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by improving outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors from historically marginalized and underserved communities, particularly those facing disproportionate rates or impacts of violence and multiple barriers to services, justice, and safety. Special consideration for this priority will be given to tribal applicants that propose to develop or enhance domestic violence specialized courts, consolidated courts, or dockets.
2. Increase access to justice for all survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including through exploration of survivor-centered criminal justice system reform. To receive special consideration under this priority area, applicants must demonstrate a coordinated systems and community approach for court cases involving domestic violence.
3. Expand economic justice and financial advocacy for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including as a tool for violence prevention. To receive special consideration under this priority area, applicants must include project activities to address barriers in accessing community services due to a lack of transportation and childcare.

Applications for this program are submitted through a two-step process. Select federal forms should be submitted through Grants.gov then a full application must be submitted through the Justice Grants System known as JustGrants.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), nonprofits having 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, state governments, courts-including juvenile courts, legal services providers, faith-based organizations, and victim service providers in the U.S. or U.S. territories.

All applicants for the Justice for Families Program must include formal partnerships with both a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or tribal domestic violence or sexual assault victim service provider, and a court. If a court is the lead applicant, it must have a domestic violence and/or sexual assault victim service provider as a project partner. If a domestic violence and/or sexual assault victim service provider is the lead applicant, it must have a court as a partner. If the lead applicant is neither a domestic violence and/or sexual assault victim service provider nor a court, it must have a partnership with both a domestic violence and/or sexual assault victim service provider, and a court.

## Funding

In FY 2024, an estimated \$14 million is available to support approximately 20 awards through this program. This program typically makes awards in the range of \$600,000 - \$700,000. Maximum award amounts will vary according to project type, as follows:

- Standard projects: up to \$600,000
- Comprehensive projects: up to \$700,000

Requests may be made for new or continuation funding. The award period is for 36 months.

## Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice  
**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program

### Grant Overview

This program builds on the capacity of eligible applicants to implement new and innovative approaches to enhance existing juvenile drug treatment courts (JDTC) and improve outcomes for youth with substance use or co-occurring mental health disorders including histories of trauma. Eligible applicants are local governments, states, and Native tribal governments.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$7,860,740	11

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$9,450,000

**Award Range:** Varies by category

**Match:** 25 percent

**Solicitation date:** March 21, 2023

**Proposal due:** May 9, 2023 (Grants.gov), May 23, 2023 (JustGrants)

- Priority consideration will be given to projects that promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved

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### Awardee Profile

Madison County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, MS

**AMOUNT:** \$750,000

**YEAR:** 2021

Madison County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court received funding to enhance treatment by providing a variety of treatment options for participants who would otherwise not be able to afford or access appropriate treatment.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) Program is to build capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Tribal governments to implement new and innovative approaches to enhance existing juvenile drug treatment courts and improve outcomes for youth with substance use or co-occurring mental health disorders, including histories of trauma.

The program will support two categories:

- Category 1: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Planning and Implementation Program - The goal of this category is to support jurisdictions that identified a need to establish a JDTC. The objective is to support courts in providing treatment and accountability to youth with substance use disorders by offering access to treatment and recovery services that will ultimately ensure public safety and productive adults. The deliverables for this category will be a strategic plan for program implementation that includes a timeline and a JDTC Policies and Procedures Manual for the program.
- Category 2: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Enhancement Program - The goal of this category is to enhance existing JDTCs. The objectives of this program are to improve access and availability of adolescent (and family when appropriate) substance use disorder treatment services to a larger number of clients, increase the number of individuals served, and/or propose enhancements to improve the quality of treatment services by adding workforce development strategies, evidence-based treatment approaches, or new treatment services to address unmet or emerging trends. The deliverable for this category will be a long-term strategy and detailed implementation plan to enhance the JDTC and include an overview of (1) the JDTC's current practices and (2) proposed enhancements to change or implement during the project period.

The JDTC must also meet the requirements of 34 U.S.C. 10611(a), including:

- Continuing judicial supervision over youth, and other individuals under the jurisdiction of the court, with substance abuse problems, who are not individuals who are charged with or have committed a violent offense.
- Coordination with the appropriate state or local prosecutor. The integrated administration of other sanctions and services, which will include:
  - Mandatory periodic testing for the use of controlled substances or other addictive substance during any period of supervised release or probation for each participant.
  - Substance use treatment for each participant.
  - Diversion, probation, or other supervised release involving the possibility of prosecution, confinement, or incarceration based on noncompliance with program requirements or failure to show satisfactory progress.

- Case management and aftercare services such as relapse prevention, healthcare, education, vocational training, job placement, housing placement, and childcare or other family support services for each participant who requires such services.
- Payment, in whole or in part, by the participant for treatment costs to the extent practicable, such as costs for urinalysis or counseling.
- Payment, in whole or in part, by the participant for restitution, to the extent practicable, to either a victim of the participant's offense or to a restitution or similar victim support fund.

Furthermore, JDTC Program grant recipients must require mandatory periodic drug testing that is accurate and practicable.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments, states, and Native tribal governments. Eligibility is further determined by category:

- Category 1: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Planning and Implementation Program - Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Planning and Implementation Program grants are available to jurisdictions that want to establish a juvenile drug treatment court. These grants are for jurisdictions where no juvenile drug treatment court currently exists, or a juvenile drug treatment court has been operational for less than 1 year.
- Category 2: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Enhancement Program - Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Enhancement Program grants are available to jurisdictions with a fully operational (for at least 1 year) juvenile drug treatment court to enhance the operation of the court. Jurisdictions applying for funding under this category must have courts that have been fully operational for at least 1 year.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$9,450,000 million in funding is expected to be available for this program overall. Awards vary by category:

- Category 1: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Planning and Implementation Program – An unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated three awards of up to \$750,000 through this category.
- Category 2: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Enhancement Program – An unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated seven awards of up to \$1 million through this program.

Applicants must provide at least a 25 percent match via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. The project period for both categories is 48 months and is expected to begin October 1, 2023.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice  
**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

# FY 2023 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children

### Grant Overview

This program provides funding to eligible applicants to develop programs within detention or correctional facilities to respond to the needs of incarcerated parents who have children younger than age 18. Eligible applicants are local governments, for-profit organizations, Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, small businesses, and states.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2020	\$9.7 million	14

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$4,480,000

**Award Range:** Varies by category

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** April 12, 2023

**Proposal due:** May 30, 2023 (grants.gov); June 12, 2023 (JustGrants).

- Priority consideration will be given to projects that will promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

More information is available [here](#).



### Awardee Profile

City of Baltimore, MD

**AMOUNT:** \$745,969

**YEAR:** 2020

The City of Baltimore received funding to support the successful and safe transition of young fathers and mothers from confinement to their families and communities.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

# FY 2023 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children

## Detailed Summary

This program will provide funding to support states, units of local government, and community-based organizations to develop programs within detention or correctional facilities to respond to the needs of incarcerated parents who have children younger than age 18. This program supports activities that foster positive family engagement between incarcerated parents and their children within detention and correctional facilities, including juvenile detention and correctional facilities with young fathers, and implement programs and services that support the children of incarcerated parents to reduce the likelihood of antisocial behaviors and future involvement in the juvenile justice system.

The program provides funding provides funding for two categories:

### Category 1: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Programs and Services -

The goal of this category is to assist community-based organizations in developing or expanding services within juvenile and adult detention and correctional facilities to improve outcomes for incarcerated parents and their minor children by implementing programs and services to reduce recidivism and support responsible parenting that leads to healthy child development, resiliency, and improved interactions among incarcerated parents and their minor children, and family and community members. The program will:

- Expand existing relationships with community-based service providers and adult and juvenile detention and correctional facilities.
- Develop strategies and approaches to strengthen the relationships between incarcerated parents and their children.
- Seek to reduce the incarcerated parent's behavioral infractions during incarceration and recidivism post-release. Provide services to foster positive youth development for children of incarcerated parents.
- Develop innovative approaches to enhance child/parent communication, such as the use of video conferencing, electronic messaging software, audio recordings, and transportation assistance for in-person visits and facilitation for virtual visits.
- Support adult and juvenile detention or correctional facilities, prisons, and jails in rural areas that meet the needs of incarcerated parents and their minor children.

### Category 2: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Training and Technical

Assistance (TTA) - Under this category, a TTA provider will provide support to the Category 1 sites to help identify service needs and gaps; develop program models with short- and long-term outcome goals and measurements; and develop resource documents and tools (i.e., templates, data set parameters and checklists, and logic model guides) that will inform sites on best practices and strategies that are family

centered, promote positive youth development, and meet the needs of incarcerated parents and their minor children. Additionally, the TTA provider will:

- Develop and promote tools for detention and correctional facilities, community-based organizations, family members, and professionals who serve incarcerated parents to maintain connections and improve family engagement and reintegration upon pre- and post-release.
- Build the capacity of prisons, jails, and juvenile detention and correctional facilities to work with communities and community-based organizations to develop policies and practices that develop strategies for reducing recidivism and improving outcomes.
- Develop a pilot program that engages multidisciplinary partnerships, promotes balanced prevention and intervention strategies, and aligns with family-based sentencing alternatives to address the challenges encountered by incarcerated parents and their children to keep families together.
- Identify experts to build local capacity for the development and implementation of strategic plans that use data-driven strategies to help facilities address issues associated with incarcerated parents and their minor children and families.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments, for-profit organizations, Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, small businesses, and states.

Under Category 1, applications submitted by nongovernmental organizations must include, as an attachment, a draft or fully executed memorandum of agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU) or a letter of support that clearly demonstrates an established, collaborative relationship between the applicant and the juvenile justice or adult correctional agencies that (1) oversee the specific facility or facilities from which the applicant proposes to recruit the target population and (2) oversee community corrections (probation and/or parole) for the target population.

Priority consideration will be given to projects that:

- Demonstrate a commitment to ensuring fairness, equity, and access to justice for all children and families regardless of their race or ethnicity; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion.
- Demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they, or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award amount, identify as a culturally specific organization.
- Have policies, practices, and/or procedures in place that protect children and/or specific policies and procedures that detail the appropriate steps for terminating visitation and/or parent/child engagement when continued facilitation of the parent/child relationship is deemed to not be in the best interest of the child.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$4,480,000 is available to support six awards through this program as follows:

- Category 1: the funding agency expects to make five awards of up to \$750,000.
- Category 2: the funding agency expects to make one award of up to \$1 million.

Matching funds are not required for this program.

The project period is 36 months and is expected to begin October 1, 2023.

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More information is available [here](#).

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

# FY 2023 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program

### Grant Overview

The Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program encourages collaboration between state agencies, local governments, and community- and faith-based organizations to address the reentry and recidivism reduction challenges posed for youth who are returning to their communities from juvenile residential or correctional facilities. Eligible applicants are state governments, city or township governments, county governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, and nonprofits.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$9,970,249	13
2022	\$14,400,000	16

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$14,251,000

**Award Range:** Up to \$750,000

**Match:** Varies

**Solicitation date:** April 4, 2023

**Proposal due:** May 23, 2023

More information is available [here](#).



### Awardee Profile

Alameda County, CA

**AMOUNT:** \$750,000

**YEAR:** 2022

The Alameda County Probation Department was awarded funding to provide intensive wrap-around support and life coaching to gang-involved and other high-risk vulnerable youth returning to the community after a period of incarceration, and their families.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

## FY 2023 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to encourage collaboration between state agencies, local governments, and community and faith-based organizations to address the reentry and recidivism reduction challenges posed for youth who are returning to their communities from juvenile residential or correctional facilities. Projects will reduce recidivism among youth returning to their communities while promoting the fair administration of justice and advancing public safety.

The funding is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

Eligible costs may include reasonable steps to provide access to language assistance services for individuals with limited English proficiency. The funding agency strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services.

Funding will be provided for two separate program components:

Improving Youth Reentry: the purpose of the Improving Youth Reentry component is to reduce recidivism by supporting the provision of comprehensive reentry services for youth. Reentry planning and services will commence prior to release and continue during and after release from confinement. Youth preparing to reenter or who have recently reentered their communities upon release from a juvenile facility under a juvenile corrections' or juvenile court's jurisdiction are eligible to receive services. Once enrolled, award recipients may continue to provide program services until the individual has completed their reentry plan. For the purposes of this component, recidivism is defined as a return to a residential placement facility, jail, or prison with a new conviction or as the result of a violation of the terms of supervision within 24 months of initial release.

Projects must involve the development and implementation of comprehensive pre- and post-release reentry plans for youth returning to their communities after exiting confinement. Refer to page 8 of the NOFA file for anticipated project deliverables.

Projects must demonstrate partnerships with interested persons, including federal corrections and supervision agencies, service providers, and nonprofit organizations.

Priority consideration will be given to projects that best meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrate a commitment to partner with a local evaluator to identify and analyze data that will enable the award recipient to target the intended offender population and serve as a baseline for purposes of the evaluation

- Demonstrate a focus initiative on geographic areas with a disproportionate population of offenders released from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities
- Include input from nonprofit organizations in any case where relevant input is available and appropriate; input and coordination with facility administrators for service delivery prerelease; consultation with youth who are released from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities; consultation from crime victims; and input and coordination with families of offenders, the juvenile justice coordinating council of the region, the reentry coordinating council of the region, or from other interested persons
- Demonstrate effective case assessment and management abilities in order to provide comprehensive and continuous reentry, including planning for pre-release transitional housing and community release that begins upon admission for juveniles and jail inmates and, as appropriate, for prison inmates, depending on the length of the sentence

Strengthening Community-Based Youth Reentry Program: the purpose of the Strengthening Community-Based Youth Reentry Program component is to support transitional services to help youth to successfully reintegrate into their communities, and to deliver relevant training to key stakeholders positions to positively impact youths' reentry process.

Projects must include the implementation and expansion of reentry programs and services that demonstrate partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, and other reentry service providers. These partnerships should collaboratively develop and implement comprehensive pre- and post-release case management plans that directly address youths' criminogenic and non-criminogenic needs, as determined by validated risk and needs assessment tools.

Award recipients will submit to the funding agency, within 12 months of awards, will submit a comprehensive planning and implementation guide that maps their projects. Project deliverables may include:

- Implementation and/or training of staff on using validated assessment tools with model fidelity and high inter-rater reliability to effectively assess individual youths' unique risk factors and needs
- Training for stakeholders involved in youths' reentry on issues, tools, or resources pertaining to adjudicated youth, collateral consequences, and reentry
- Comprehensive, collaborative pre-release case management planning that begins at least 90 days prior to release and includes both pre- and post-release services to ensure successful reentry
- Delivery of transitional services to help reentering youth successfully reintegrate into their communities, including:
  - Educational, literacy, and vocational services and transitional job strategies
  - Substance use disorder treatment and services
  - Coordinated services, including physical and mental health care
  - Permanent supportive housing
  - Family services
  - Prosocial activities
  - Mentoring

Youth participants are expected to be screened, assessed, and identified for program participation pre-release. Where feasible, case management services and evidence-based programming should begin during the pre-release phase.

Projects must demonstrate an established and collaborative relationship between the applicant and correctional agencies that oversee the specific facility or facilities from which the project proposes to recruit

the target reentering population and oversee probation and/or parole community corrections for the target population.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants for each program component are as follows:

Improving Youth Reentry: state governments, special district governments, city or township governments, and county governments.

Strengthening Community-Based Youth Reentry Program: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, other than institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations that do not have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, other than institutions of higher education, and Native American organizations, other than federally recognized tribal governments.

Applicants must demonstrate partnerships with interested persons, including federal corrections and supervision agencies, service providers, and nonprofit organizations.

All state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to receive funding, as either a recipient or a subrecipient.

Priority consideration will be given to projects that:

- Promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality
- Will subaward at least 30 percent of the requested award to culturally specific organizations
- Demonstrate a commitment to partner with a local evaluator to identify and analyze data that will enable the recipient to target the intended youth population and serve as a baseline for purposes of the evaluation
- Focus on geographic areas with a disproportionate population of youth release from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$14.25 million is available to support awards through this program. Specific component funding is as follows:

Improving Youth Reentry: an unspecified amount of funding available to support three (3) awards of \$750,000 through this component. Applicants must provide a match of at least 50 percent of the award amount via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. If a successful applicant's proposed match exceeds the required match amount, and the funding agency approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Strengthening Community-Based Youth Reentry Program: an unspecified amount of funding available to support twelve (12) awards of \$750,000 through this component. Matching funds are not required for this component. Matching funds proposed by successful applicants will become mandatory and be subject to audit.

The project period for both components is 36 months.



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**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

## FY 2023 Supporting Vulnerable and At-Risk Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care

### Grant Overview

This program promotes positive youth outcomes and public safety for at-risk adolescents and youth transitioning from foster care. Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, for-profit organizations, independent school districts, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, Native American tribal organizations other than federally recognized tribal governments, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, and state governments.

### Program History

There is no award information available.

### Key Information

**Total Funding:** \$1,500,000

**Award Range:** Up to \$500,000

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** March 1, 2023

**Proposal due:** May 3, 2023

<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojjdp-2023-171635>



### Tips

- The funding agency strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policy-making and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services.
- Applicants may request a no-cost project period extension.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Supporting Vulnerable and At-Risk Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to promote positive youth outcomes and public safety for at-risk adolescents and youth transitioning from foster care. Funding will support the efforts of eligible applicants to develop or enhance their capacity to support at-risk and vulnerable youth transitioning out of foster care by funding implementation of replicable models for residential-based innovative care, treatment, and services.

The primary population served by this program will include adolescents and youth transitioning out of foster care who have experienced a history of foster care involvement, child poverty, child abuse and neglect, human trafficking, juvenile justice involvement, substance use or misuse, or gang involvement. Eligible applicants can provide services to vulnerable and at-risk youth up to and including age 25.

Sites funded under this program will work to accomplish the following objectives:

- Develop, implement, and build replicable treatment models for residential-based innovative care, treatment, and services for youth, which may include:
  - Providing crisis stabilization services
  - Supporting educational, literacy, and vocational services
  - Providing substance use or misuse treatment and services
  - Accessing and managing health and mental health care
  - Securing safe, stable, and affordable permanent housing
  - Promoting prosocial activities
  - Developing additional life skills
- Increase protective factors to ensure vulnerable and at-risk youth and youth transitioning from foster care have the skills they need to prevent any further victimization and/or involvement in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems

All services should consider utilizing a trauma-informed approach and, when appropriate, demonstrate how the treatment models will help to engage involved staff from local or state departments of social services in a way that may contribute to sustainability and a Continuum of Care for the targeted youth that helps to address any barriers to access service.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants that:

- Propose projects that are designed to promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality
- Demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed projects are enhanced because they or at least one proposed subrecipient identify as a culturally specific organization

- Propose projects that address potential barriers and/or contribute to greater access to services for rural populations
- Are community-based programs providing crisis stabilization, emergency shelter, and addiction treatment for adolescents and transitional age residential programs with reputable outcomes

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, for-profit organizations, independent school districts, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, Native American tribal organizations other than federally recognized tribal governments, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, state governments. Non-residential and residential service providers may apply.

The funding agency will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the award. However, only one entity may be the applicant; any others must be proposed as subrecipients.

Tribes are required to submit a tribal resolution for the application.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$1.5 million is available to support an anticipated three awards of up to an anticipated \$500,000 through this program.

The project period will last for 36 months, and will begin on October 1, 2023. Applicants may request a no-cost extension.

## Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program. Matching funds proposed by successful applicants will become mandatory and be subject to audit.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice  
**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

# FY 2023 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

### Grant Overview

This program supports criminal justice system integrity through support to wrongful conviction entities. Eligible applicants are local governments, Native American Tribal governments, States, Tribal organizations, institutions of higher learning, county governments, and nonprofit organizations.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$6 million	12
2019	\$3.9 million	13

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$8,650,000

**Award Range:** Up to \$600,000

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** March 21, 2023

**Proposal due:** May 24, 2023

- A national training and technical assistance (TTA) provider will support grantees in meeting the requirements of this award

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171677>



### Awardee Profile

Arizona Collaborative  
Justice Initiative

**AMOUNT:** \$500,000

**YEAR:** 2022

Through a collaborative effort, the University of Arizona Innocence Project (UAIP) and the Aoki Conviction and Sentence Integrity Practicum at UC Davis seek to review and resolve cases involving postconviction claims of innocence in Pima County, Arizona.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

## FY 2023 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

### Detailed Summary

The Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions (ROL/WCR) program seeks to enhance criminal justice system integrity through support to wrongful conviction entities (WCR entities) that represent individuals with post-conviction claims of innocence to review their potentially legitimate cases, as well as support to Conviction Integrity Units. The program also promotes partnerships between CIUs and WCR entities, where appropriate, to support comprehensive approaches that both review wrongful conviction claims in topic areas, such as eyewitness identifications, where the risk for error is higher and reduce the risk for future error. Where possible, the ROL/WCR Program seeks to identify actual perpetrators of crimes, and to bring justice to victim(s), thereby enhancing public safety. This program will support funding in two categories:

Wrongful Conviction Review Entity-Led Strategy: A strategy led by a WCR entity that focuses on review of post-conviction claims of innocence. This strategy may include a range of activities, specifically:

- Jurisdictions with new or established WCR entities are encouraged to apply
- The applicant's strategic plan should review, investigate, and adjudicate individual cases of post-conviction claims of innocence and appeals. Funds requested must support high quality and efficient post-conviction representation for defendants in post-conviction claims of innocence.
- The strategy should also include an assessment of the risk for wrongful conviction among the reviewed cases. This assessment should support setting criteria and prioritizing for review those at highest risk of wrongful conviction.
- Program can support a partnership with a prosecutor's office or CIU, documenting how applicants would coordinate relevant information sharing in post-conviction claims of innocence. If the application includes this partnership, applicants must include description of policies and procedures designed to avoid conflicts of interest and protect defendants' rights, including plans for obtaining waivers of attorney/client privilege and informed consent.

Prosecutor/Conviction Integrity Unit-led Partnerships with Wrongful Conviction Review Entities. A strategy led by state or local prosecutor offices or conviction integrity units (CIUs) that focuses on the prevention of wrongful convictions and the review of post-conviction claims of innocence, which may include partnerships with WCR entities. If resources are needed for the partnering WCR entity, the WCR entity should apply for funds under Category 1. Specifically:

- Jurisdictions with established CIUs, as well as those starting new units, are encouraged to apply.
- Applications must include proposed methods of assessing the risk of and preventing wrongful conviction through the collection and analysis of data on post-conviction claims of innocence and outcomes of appeals where error is found, as well as other relevant data such as ineffective

- assistance of counsel claims and review of cases, identifying areas for risk and consideration for review and action.
- The wrongful conviction assessment should look at any vulnerabilities in the court system and create a process to systematically identify and review cases that meet the criteria for risk of wrongful conviction.
  - The applicant can support a partnership with a WCR entity applying under Category 1. This partnership should have an attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Letter of Support (LOS) between the CIU and WCR entities documenting this partnership.
  - CIU applicants must include a description of policies and procedures designed to avoid conflicts of interest or perceptions of partiality, particularly with regard to the involvement in reviews of prosecutors who originally tried the case or participated in the prosecution. Applicants must include description of policies and procedures for handling evidence of prosecutorial misconduct, with a strong preference for referral to an independent entity once discovered.

All applicant organizations should show their capacity and commitment of their key partners to conduct this work, including demonstrable experience and competence with handling motions related to or legal representation in post-conviction claims of innocence and appeals.

The objectives of the ROL/WCR Program are to:

- Strategically review cases of post-conviction and appeals claims of innocence with a focus on those at greatest risk for error
- Establish or enhance partnerships, where appropriate, to apply a strategic review of individual post-conviction claims of innocence and appeals, and, where relevant, to use this information to inform efforts to prevent wrongful convictions.
- Enhance the collection and analysis of data to support the prevention of error and enhance efforts to review and manage claims of innocence.
- Identify and apprehend, whenever possible, the actual perpetrator of a crime
- Evaluate whether or not any systemic issues exist that may compromise the rule of law and recommend practices for mitigating them and preventing wrongful convictions

The expected deliverables are to:

- Identify and report the number of post-conviction and appeals claims of innocence cases reviewed and the stage of review conducted for each case, and any outcomes.
- Document a systematic review of areas of risk for wrongful conviction, and recommend any strategies to mitigate these risks.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments, Native American Tribal governments, States, Tribal organizations, institutions of higher learning, county governments, and nonprofit organizations.

## Funding

In FY 2023, \$8,650,000 is available to make 15 awards of up to \$600,000 through this program. Project periods last for a 24-month period.

There is no match requirement for this program.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice  
**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

# FY 2023 Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program

### Grant Overview

The Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program provides veterans treatment courts and criminal justice professionals with the resources needed reduce the misuse of opioids, stimulants, and other substances by veterans involved in the criminal justice system. Eligible applicants are state governments, city or township governments, county governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, special district governments, and state agencies.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$17,809,788	20

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$25.1 million

**Award Range:** Up to \$2.5 million

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** January 30, 2023

**Proposal due:** March 28, 2023 (Grants.gov), April 4, 2023 (JustGrants)

- The funding agency strongly encourages applicants to design their proposed programs with the intention of moving toward the full incorporation of National Association of Drug Court Professional's standards.

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171536>



### Awardee Profile

El Paso County, TX

**AMOUNT:** \$750,000

**YEAR:** 2022

EL Paso County received funding for the continuation of their court to include court operations, expanding the number of participants and to enhance recovery services. The program will have the capabilities to provide services and intensive supervision to 60 participants yearly and as participants successfully graduate, the program will be able to accept participants immediately due to the additional resources provided by this grant.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

# FY 2023 Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide veterans treatment courts (VTCs) and criminal justice professionals with the resources needed reduce the misuse of opioids, stimulants, and other substances by veterans involved in the criminal justice system. Objectives of this program include:

- Ensure treatment court participants have access to all types of FDA-approved medications to treatment substance use disorders; include training on overdose prevention
- Make sure practitioners have the tools to effectively provide judicial and community supervision, mandatory and random drug testing, substance use and mental health disorder treatment, and appropriate incentives and sanctions
- Utilize evidence-based practices and principles that incorporate the Ten Key Components of Veterans Treatment Courts and other relevant research
- Ensure early and accurate identification of potential veterans for referral to veterans treatment courts, including use of VRSS
- Ensure that all individuals eligible for the program have equal access to it as measured by the collection and examination of program data
- Build and maximize capacity to ensure all potential participants are identified early and assessed for risk and needs using a validated risk and clinical assessment tool to determine their eligibility
- Enhance the provision of recovery support services, including transitional recovery housing assistance and peer and family support, to support ongoing recovery
- Enhance collaboration between states and local and/or tribal jurisdictions to support the operations and enhancements of VTC activities.

Grants for this program will be offered in three categories:

- Category 1: Planning and Implementation: Planning and Implementation grants are available to eligible jurisdictions ready to commit to a 6-month planning phase followed by an implementation phase of an evidence-based veterans treatment court.
- Category 2: Enhancement: Enhancement grants are available to eligible jurisdictions with an operational veterans treatment court. Funding may be used to assist a jurisdiction to scale up its existing court program's capacity; provide access to or enhance treatment capacity or other critical support services; enhance court operations; expand or enhance court services; or improve the quality and/or intensity of services based on needs assessments.
- Category 3: Statewide: State applicants may apply for funding to improve, enhance, or expand adult drug court services statewide. Statewide activities may include:
  - Scaling up the VTC program's capacity
  - Providing subawards to launch a VTC

- Expanding treatment and services
- Conducting an audit of the practice and the technical assistance for adherence to the Ten Key Components of Veterans Treatment Courts
- Data collection and analysis to assess the practice and track recidivism and participant outcomes. Delivering training and technical assistance (TTA)
- Supporting a VTC alumni network and/or peer recovery programs to serve VTC participants. Supporting the staff needed to expand services statewide

Eligible veterans' treatment courts include:

- Adult drug courts (ADCs)
- Driving while intoxicated (DWI)/driving under the influence (DUI) courts
- Co-occurring courts where participants possess both a substance abuse and mental illness diagnosis
- Tribal healing to wellness courts

Court programs that combine or propose to combine any of these treatment court types with other court programs or dockets are also eligible for funding, although the funding under this VTC program must be used to address only those veterans eligible for treatment court services. Applicants should refer to their relevant local statutes for definitions of the legal age of an "adult."

Priority consideration will be given to projects that advance racial equity and support for underserved communities. The funding agency will specifically give priority consideration to:

- Applicants that propose project(s) that will address issues related to racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, when making award decisions
- Applicants that can demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because the applicant (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative) identifies as a culturally specific organization. Culturally specific organizations are defined for the purposes of this solicitation as private nonprofit or tribal organizations whose primary purpose as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to racial and ethnic groups, including, among others, Black people, Hispanic and Latino people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Native, Eskimo, and Aleut), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders.

Additional priority will be given to VTC programs that demonstrate the following strategies in their plans:

- Identifying eligible veterans early for referral to VTCs by coordinating with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and their local Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists and by using Veterans Re-Entry Search Service and/or the mobile SQUARES tools to identify veterans.
- Developing and implementing a plan to expand services to veterans who cannot or do not have access to VA resources and/or groups of veterans who are not accessing VTCs in numbers representative of those veterans in the criminal justice system.
- Building strategies to ensure risk assessments for violence and self-harm for veterans in VTC programs and for appropriate supervision and service delivery.

The funding agency strongly encourages applicants—particularly those proposing to enhance existing drug courts—to design their proposed programs with the intention of moving toward the full incorporation of National Association of Drug Court Professional’s standards.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applications are state governments, city or township governments, county governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, special district governments, and state agencies. Eligibility varies further by category:

- **Categories 1 and 2:** Eligible applicants are states, local governments, Native American tribal governments and other state, city, township, county, or tribal government acting directly or through agreements with other public or private entities on behalf of a single drug court
- **Category 3:** Applicants are limited to state agencies such as the State Administering Agency; the Administrative Office of the Courts; the State Substance Abuse Agency; and other state agencies involved with the provision of substance use and/or mental health services, or related services, to veterans in the criminal justice system.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$25.1 million in funding is expected to be available to support 22 awards through this program overall. Specific component funding is as follows:

- Category 1: Planning and Implementation: an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 4 awards of up to \$900,000 through this category.
- Category 2: Enhancement: an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 14 awards of up to \$950,000 through this category.
- Category 3: Statewide: an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 4 awards of up to \$2.5 million through this category.

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

The project period for all three categories is 48 months.

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