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FY 2023 Second Chance Act Smart Reentry: Expanding Jail Programs and Services

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Agenda

1. Overview
2. FY 2023 Solicitation – Smart Reentry: Expanding Jail Programs and Services
3. Additional Information & JustGrants

The Smart Reentry: Expanding Jail Programs and Services solicitation is available at:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171719>

SECTION 1

OVERVIEW



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What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)** and the **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**.

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

BJA – Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS – Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ – National Institute of Justice

OVC – Office for Victims of Crime

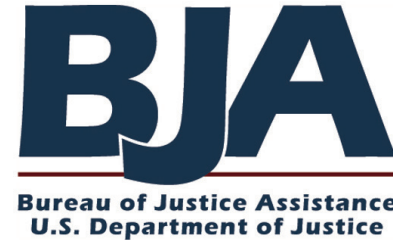
OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART – Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

Karhlton F. Moore, BJA Director



<https://bja.ojp.gov/>





Fund

Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.



Educate

Research, develop, and deliver what works.



Equip

Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes.

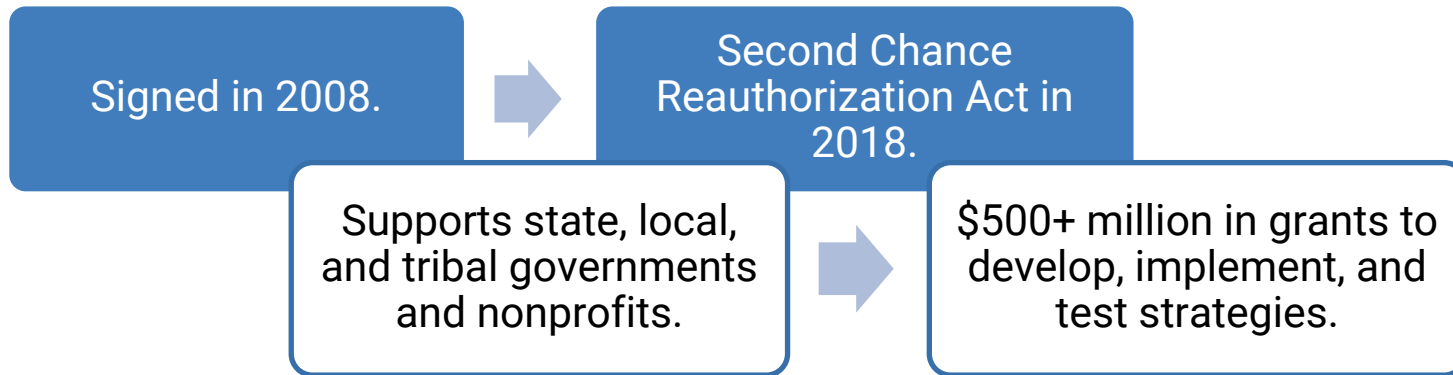


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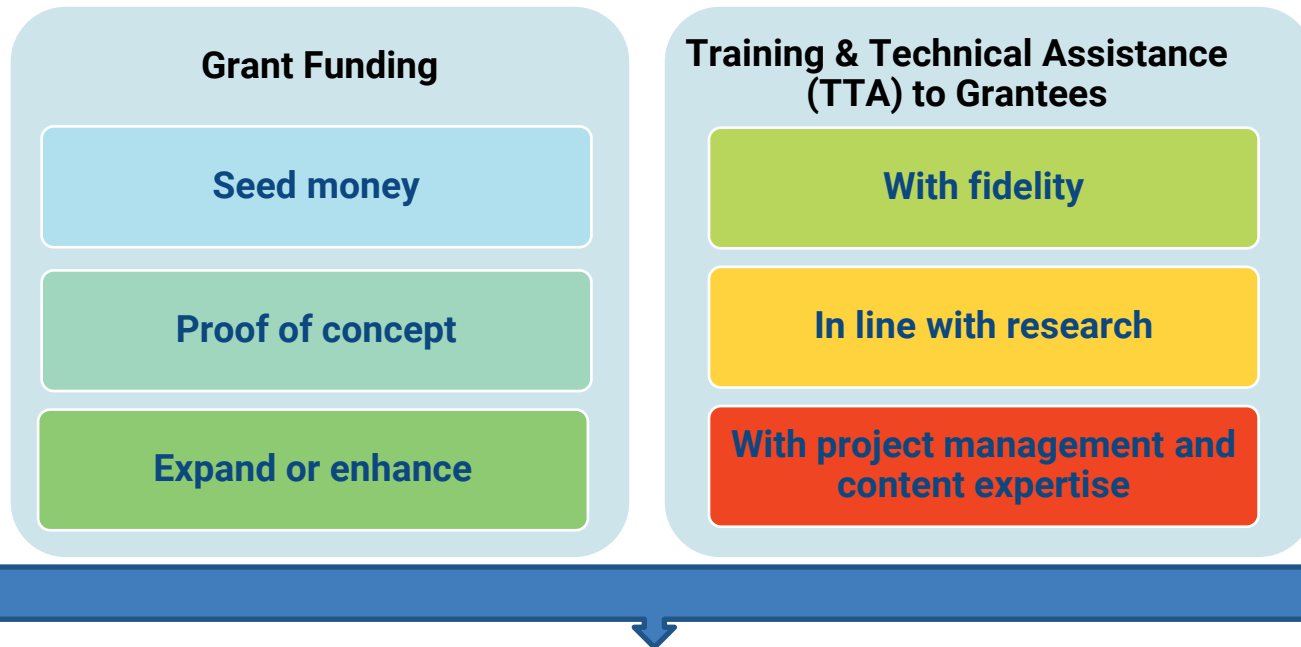
Consult, connect, and convene.

The Second Chance Act (SCA)

Funding to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth and adults leaving detention and incarceration to return to their communities.



BJA's SCA Funding



National Reentry Resource Center to support SCA TTA providers and the reentry field.



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Delivers TTA focused on reducing recidivism and improving reentry success for individuals returning from incarceration.

- Content expertise (coaches and partners)
- Project management support
- Connections to peer networks and resources



National Reentry Resource Center

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) operates the National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC). The primary mission of the NRRC is to advance the reentry field's knowledge base.

The NRRC serves as a convener and coordinator of SCA grantees.

The NRRC website is a resource center for grantees, individuals, and the field.

- Topics intersect with reentry, including community supervision, housing, and employment.
- Resources include publications, tools, webinars, and information clearinghouses:
 - National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Conviction
 - Clean Slate Clearinghouse
 - Public Safety Risk Assessment
 - Reentry Service Directory

Email: info@nationalreentryresourcecenter.org

National Reentry Resource Center

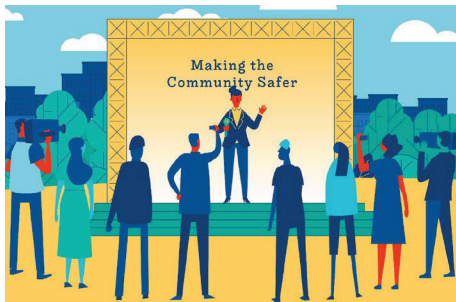
Provides an interactive experience to assist with targeted resource searching.

<https://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org> or reentrymatters.org

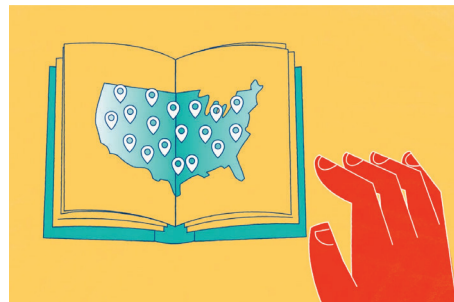
April is Second Chance Month.

<https://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/events/second-chance-month-2023>

Latest News and
Resources in Reentry



National Criminal Justice
Initiatives Map



Directories for State and
Local Reentry Services



Corrections and Community Engagement Technical Assistance Center

AIR operates the Corrections and Community Engagement Technical Assistance Center (CCETAC). CCETAC's primary mission is to provide training and technical assistance to a segment of Second Chance Act grantees.

CCETAC coaches work closely with grantees to:

- Finalize action plans.
- Improve implementation and evaluation activities.
- Provide training and resources to promote achievement of established goals.
- Connect organizations with communities of practice.
- Connect organizations with subject matter experts.
- Provide monthly TTA calls with grantees.

SECTION 2

FY 2023 SCA GRANT PROGRAMS

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Smart Reentry: Expanding Jail Programs and Services



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Purpose

- Improve reentry programs and services for people in and returning home from jails.
- Support units of local government and federally recognized Indian tribal governments.
- Develop and provide innovative, evidence-based reentry programming and services that address the needs of individuals returning to the community and reduce recidivism.

Eligible Applicants

City or township, county, Native American tribal (recognized), and special district governments.



- An applicant entity may submit more than one application.
- BJA will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant.
- BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2023 solicitation in future fiscal years.

Goal & Objectives



Goal

Improve jail reentry programs and services for individuals who are incarcerated in jails and upon their return to the community.

Objectives

Articulate and implement a robust vision for jail reentry programs and services with intensive transitional supports, including:

- Individualized case planning
- Evidence-based interventions
- Increased collaboration with providers and other reentry stakeholders

Deliverables

- Deliverable 1: Task force review.
- Deliverable 2: Assessment results and action plan.
- Deliverable 3: Preliminary process evaluation reflecting system improvements due at 30 months.
- Deliverable 4: Preliminary outcome and/or impact evaluation due at 36 months.
- Deliverable 5: Final process evaluations due at grant closeout and 90 days after the end of the 48-month grant period.

Grant Award Information

Number of awards: 5

Maximum award amount: \$1,000,000

Period of performance starts: 10/1/2023

Grant cycle: 48 months

Total amount to be awarded: \$5,000,000

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

- Compiles a variety of laws, rules, and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of DOJ awards.
- Serves as a starting point for all award recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards.
- <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/overview>

Unallowable Uses of Award Funds

See the DOJ Grants Financial Guide for unallowable costs:

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide#costs-associated>.

- Pre-agreement costs (also known as “pre-award costs”)
- Limitation on use of award funds for employee compensation: waiver
- Prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/training costs
- Costs associated with language assistance (if applicable)

Second Chance Act Mandatory Requirements

1. Reentry strategic plan
2. Detailed reentry implementation schedule and sustainability plan
3. Reentry task force
4. Independent evaluation
5. Evidence of collaboration with state and local government agencies
6. Consideration of the role of state corrections departments, parole and probation agencies, and local jail corrections systems in ensuring successful reentry
7. Chief executive officer support
8. Understanding of evidence-based methods and outcome measures
9. Description of how the program or strategy could be scaled up or broadly replicated if demonstrated to be effective
10. A plan to analyze the statutory, regulatory, rules-based, and practice-based hurdles to reentry

Memorandums of Understanding and Other Documents

- Include for each named partner, a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU), letter of intent, or subcontract that confirms agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs.
- For applications submitted from two or more entities, submit signed MOUs or letters of intent that describe how the agencies will work together to meet the project requirements.
- Subcontracts, MOUs, or letters of intent should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

Documentation of Advancing DOJ Priorities

- Promotes 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
- Builds trust between law enforcement and the community



Priority Areas

Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. In support of this Executive Order, OJP will provide priority consideration to:

- a) Proposed project(s) designed to **promote racial equity** and the **removal of barriers** to justice access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.
- b) Applications that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they identify as a culturally specific organization.

Tribal Authorizing Resolution

- If applicable, submit the Tribal Authorizing Resolution by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants.
- See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

Plan for Data Collection for Performance Measures

Describe how the data required for this solicitation's performance measures will be collected, including the system(s) used and the person(s) responsible.

Describe whether and how other relevant performance metrics will be documented, monitored, and evaluated.



Budget

- Requires a 50% match (50% must be cash, and the remaining 50% may be in kind).
- The estimates must provide a breakdown of all costs and must adhere to the federal per diem.
- The grantee can access up to \$75,000 of the grant award during the planning phase and will be required to participate in technical assistance and to complete and submit an action plan to guide implementation.

SECTION 3

HOW TO APPLY



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Before You Apply

Registration

Register with the **System for Award Management (SAM)**.

- You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months.
- If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire.
- An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants.
- Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.

Two-Step Application Process

Step 1 (Grants.gov)

- After registering with SAM, submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> as early as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline.
- The Grants.gov deadline is June 5, 2023, at 8:59 p.m. ET.

Step 2 (JustGrants)

- Submit the full application, including attachments, at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>.
- The JustGrants deadline is June 12, 2023, at 8:59 p.m. ET.

Additional Information

- See the “How to Apply” section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide at:
<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide#apply>
- See the DOJ Application Submission Checklist at:
<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh296/files/media/document/appln-submission-checklist.pdf>

Application Submission

- ✓ Identify the forms needed to submit an application.
- ✓ Complete a web-based budget form.
- ✓ Complete an application, including certifying the information.
- ✓ Submit the application.

JustGrants Resources



[Trainings: “Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application” Webinar](#)

Archived webinars show how to use JustGrants to apply for funding, including:

- How to search and find open DOJ funding opportunities.
- The steps/actions to take before applying for funding (e.g., SAM.gov).
- The JustGrants roles (e.g., Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, etc.) required to submit an application.
- How to navigate and use the system (e.g., save your work, etc.).

Support

JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

OJP Response Center at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov. Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the solicitation closing date.

Application Elements

- ✓ Application (Form SF-424)
- ✓ Proposal Abstract
- ✓ Proposal Narrative
- ✓ Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timelines
- ✓ Budget Information
- ✓ MOUs
- ✓ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- ✓ Financial Management Questionnaire
- ✓ Disclosures: Lobbying, Pending Applications, Research and Evaluation Independence, Executive Compensation

Review Criteria

Selection Criteria	Weight
Statement of problem/Description of the issue	25%
Project design and implementation	35%
Capabilities and competencies	15%
Plan for collecting data on performance measures	5%
Budget	5%
Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, Sustainability	15%

Recommended Resources: BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2023: An Overview of What's Ahead
- The Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations
 - PDFs of the presentations and transcripts are available at:
<https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>

Recommended Resources on the Web

OJP Funding Resource Center

<https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

<https://ojp.gov/financialguidedoj/overview>

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

<https://www.ojp.gov/training/financial-management-training>

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide <https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

National Institute of Justice's CrimeSolutions.gov

<https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov>

Important Contacts



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Grants@ncjrs.gov

10-6 ET, M-F



Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL

1-800-518-4726

Support@grants.gov

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Submit the full application

1-833-872-5175

JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

7-9 ET, M-F

9-5 ET, weekends, holidays

Second Chance Act solicitations are available at:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current>

Application deadlines vary, so read carefully!

JustGrants trainings can be accessed at:

<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-application-submission>

Thank you!



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