

Fiscal Year 2021 Second Chance Act Programs

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BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: FISCAL YEAR 2021 SECOND CHANCE ACT PROGRAMS



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Agenda

1. Overview
2. FY 2021 SCA Grant Programs
3. Additional Information
4. JustGrants

SCA solicitations
are available at:

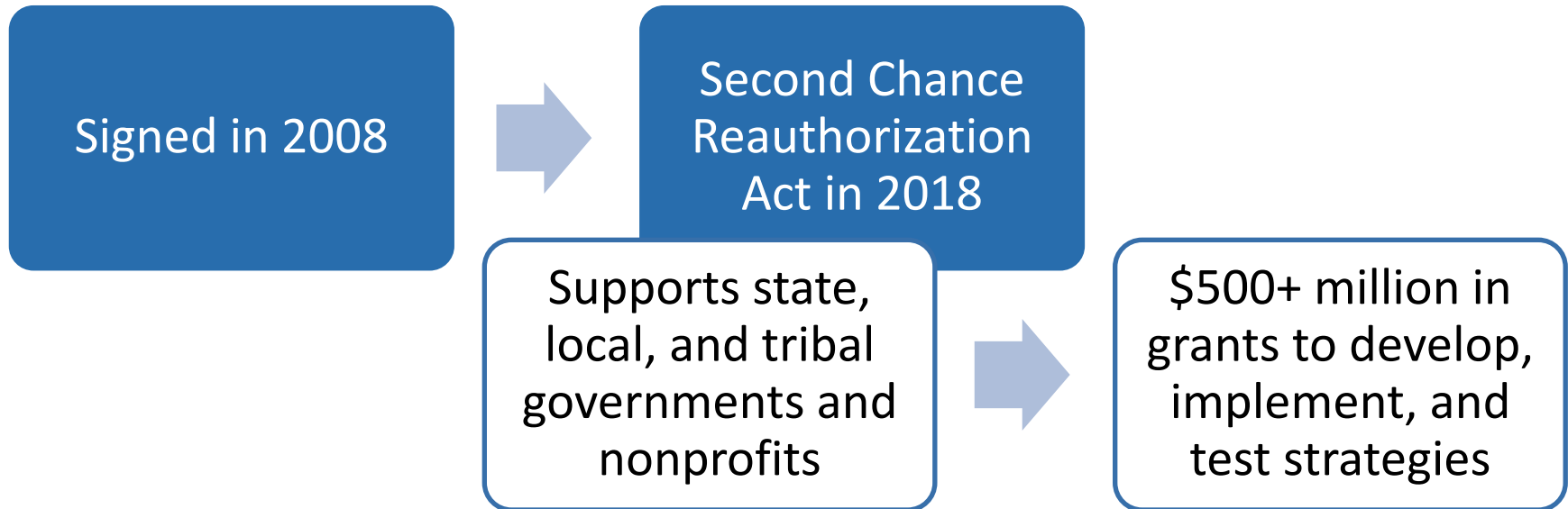
<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current>

SECTION 1

OVERVIEW

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



Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Mission

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

www.bja.ojp.gov

BJA's SCA Funding

Grant Funding

Seed money

Proof of concept

Expand or enhance

Training & Technical Assistance to Grantees

With fidelity

In line with research

With project management
and content expertise

SCA also funds the National Reentry Resource Center to support grantees and the field at large.

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 knowledge base of the reentry field.

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 that 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

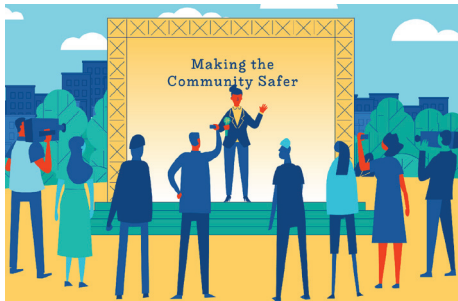
- **Advances** the knowledge base of the reentry field
- **Promotes** what works in reentry and successes of grantees
- **Facilitates** peer networks and information exchange
- **Provides** information for people returning to communities and their families

National Reentry Resource Center

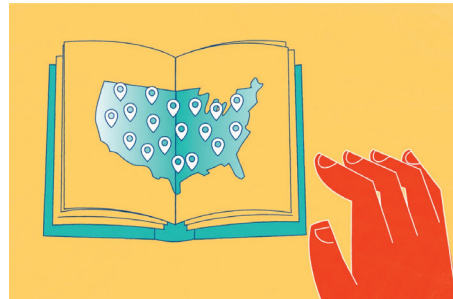
The NEW NRRC website will launch in February 2021.

The NRRC site is being designed to provide an interactive experience to assist with targeted resource searching.

Latest News and Resources
in Reentry



National Criminal Justice
Initiatives Map



Directories for State and
Local Reentry Services



SECTION 2

FY 2021 SCA GRANT PROGRAMS

Five SCA Funding Opportunities

**Community-Based
Reentry Program**

**Pay for Success
Initiative**

**Adult Reentry
Education,
Employment,
Treatment, and
Recovery Program**

**Innovations in Reentry
Initiative**

**Smart Probation:
Innovations in
Supervision Initiative**

SCA Community-Based Reentry Program

- This program supports community- and faith-based organizations in developing and implementing comprehensive and collaborative programs that support people who are reentering communities from incarceration who are at medium to high risk of reoffending, to reduce recidivism, and to improve public safety.

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-58002>

Community-Based Reentry Program



Community-Based Reentry Program

- Eligible applicants – Nonprofit organizations
 - Category 1: Community-based adult reentry for organizations serving rural communities
 - Category 2: Community-based adult reentry for organizations serving nonrural communities
- FY 2021 opportunities
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to 17
 - Award amount: Up to \$750,000

SCA Pay for Success Initiative

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-41005>

SCA Pay for Success

- This program supports state, local, and tribal governments in enhancing or implementing performance-based and outcomes-based contracts with reentry, permanent supportive housing, or recovery housing providers to reduce recidivism and to address the substance use disorders affecting formerly incarcerated people.

SCA Pay for Success

- Eligible applicants: Units or components of state, county, or local government and federally recognized Indian tribal governments
- FY 2021 opportunities
 - Category 1: Performance-based and outcomes-based contracting for permanent supportive housing or reentry services
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to four
 - Award amount: Up to \$1,100,000
 - Category 2: Performance-based and outcomes-based contracting to provide recovery housing
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to two
 - Award amount: Up to \$1,100,000

SCA: Adult Reentry Education, Employment, Treatment, and Recovery Outcomes Program

- The purpose of the program is to enhance the ability of corrections systems to address the substance use treatment needs of offenders as well as to expand education and employment programs that emphasize strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, education, workforce development, and reentry service providers.

(Forthcoming)

SCA: Adult Reentry Education, Employment, Treatment, and Recovery Outcomes Program

- Eligible applicants may submit only one application per category but may apply to more than one category.
- Eligible applicants:
 - Units or components of state government agencies
 - Units or components of county or city local government agencies
 - Federally recognized Indian tribal governments
 - Nonprofit organizations having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service, other than institutions of higher education

Category 1:

Improving Correctional Education

- Implement or expand educational and vocational programs for incarcerated adults that result in improved educational outcomes, as measured by literacy attainment, high school equivalence, high school and higher education diplomas, certifications, and other credentials.
- Demonstrate increased collaboration between educational providers and corrections, community supervision providers, and other reentry stakeholders.
- FY 2021 opportunities
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to seven
 - Award amount: Up to \$900,000

Category 2: Improving Vocational and Employment Services

- Implement or expand job readiness assessments, individualized case plans, and employment-related services for incarcerated adults that result in improved job readiness, employment attainment and retention.
- Provide career training, including subsidized employment, when part of a training program, to prisoners and reentering adults.
- FY 2021 opportunities
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to eight
 - Award amount: Up to \$900,000

Category 3: Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

- Improve the provision of drug treatment to offenders in prisons and jails and reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs by long-term substance abusers during the period in which they are incarcerated, and through the completion of parole or court supervision.
- Provide prison-based family treatment programs for incarcerated parents of minor children or pregnant women.
- The target population for services under Category 3 can include people with substance use disorders as well as people with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
- FY 2021 opportunities
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to 12
 - Award amount: Up to \$900,000

Innovations in Reentry Initiative: Building System Capacity and Testing Strategies to Reduce Recidivism

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-58003>

Innovations in Reentry Initiative

- This program will help jurisdictions assess their reentry system, identify strengths and gaps, and then build capacity for either improving reentry systems generally or improving service delivery by implementing or expanding a reentry program.
 - Planning
 - Implementation
 - Evaluation

Innovations in Reentry Initiative

- Eligible applicants
 - State governments
 - City or township governments
 - County governments
 - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- FY 2021 opportunities
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to four
 - Award amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Smart Probation: Innovations in Supervision Initiative

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-58004>

Innovations in Supervision Initiative

- This program seeks to improve the capacity and effectiveness of community supervision agencies to increase probation and parole success rates and to reduce the number of crimes committed by those under probation and parole supervision, which would in turn reduce admissions to prisons and jails and save taxpayer dollars.
 - Focus resources on individuals at high risk
 - Reduce recidivism and violent crime
 - Promote and increase collaboration and systems alignment

Innovations in Supervision Initiative

- Eligible applicants
 - State governments
 - City or township governments
 - County governments
 - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- FY 2021 opportunities
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to seven
 - Award amount: Up to \$715,000

SECTION 3

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Eligibility Requirements

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Attorney General determined that 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 be eligible for FY 2021 Department of Justice (DOJ) discretionary grant funding. The certification requirement also applies to proposed subawardees.

To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency's use of force policies adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and (2) the agency's use of force policies prohibits chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law.

For detailed information on this new certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO>.

Dual Deadlines

Applications will be submitted in a new two-step process, each with its own deadline:

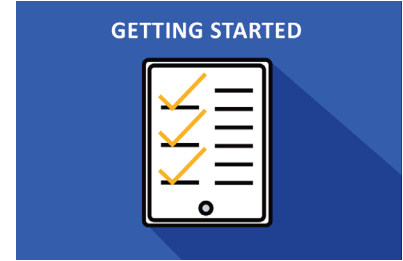
- Step 1: Applicants submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).
- Step 2: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov).

Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance.

JustGrants

- Offers a streamlined, end-to-end process, enabling applicants and grantees to move seamlessly through the full grants management life cycle
- Gives applicants and award recipients new ways to manage their own entity information and that of users in the system

Application Submission



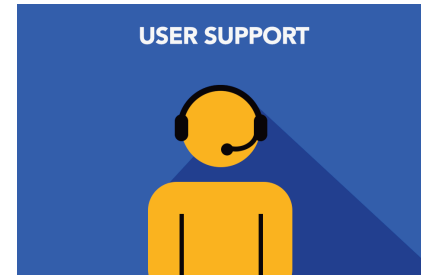
- ✓ Identify the forms needed to submit an application.
- ✓ Complete a web-based budget form.
- ✓ Complete an application, including certifying the information.
- ✓ Submit the application.

JustGrants Support



Register
now!

Access tutorials and
sign up for training
alerts.



Learn more about DOJ's
grants management and
financial systems.

<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>

JustGrants Support



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

Webinars in February and March will show applicants how to use JustGrants to apply for funding, including:

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

Application Elements

- ✓ Application (Form SF-424)
- ✓ Project Abstract
- ✓ Program Narrative
- ✓ Budget Information
- ✓ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- ✓ Financial Management Questionnaire
- ✓ Disclosures: Lobbying, Pending Applications, Research and Evaluation Independence, Executive Compensation

EXAMPLE Review Criteria

Selection Criteria	Weight
Description of the issue	15%
Project design and implementation	40%
Capabilities and competencies	30%
Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures and sustainability plans	5%
Budget	10%

Recommended Resources: BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2021: 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/financialguidedojo/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



Application Submission Technical Assistance

[Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Customer Support Hotline

1-800-518-4726 | support@grants.gov

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Solicitation Assistance Contact Information

National Criminal Justice Reference Service

Response Center

1-800-851-3420 | grants@ncjrs.gov

Open 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, EST, M-F

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Application deadlines vary, so read carefully!



**Register now for
a JustGrants
Application
Webinar**