

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

# CHILD-FRIENDLY FAMILY VISITING SPACES IN JAILS AND PRISONS PROGRAM

FY 2021 Competitive Grant Announcement Webinar

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## SECTION 1

# INTRODUCTION



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# Speakers

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# Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

BJA's mission is 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.

# Agenda

1. Program Overview
2. Award Information
3. Allowable Use of Grant Funds and Required Deliverables
4. Application Requirements and Priority Considerations
5. Additional Information
6. How and When to Apply

## SECTION 1

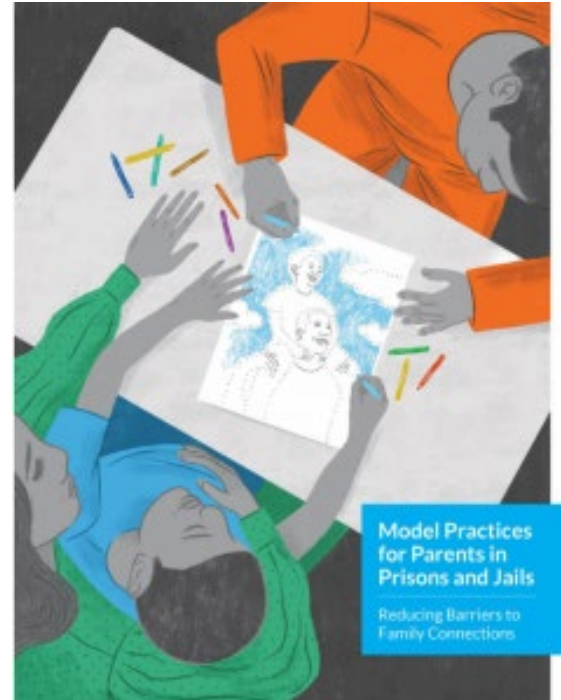
# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

# Program Overview

- Recent studies have found that 2.7 million children in the United States have a parent serving time in prison or jail at any given moment, while more than 5 million children have experienced parental incarceration at some point during their lives
- Incarceration disrupts parent-child relationships and is often stressful and traumatic for both parents and children.
- Policies and practices that support parent-children relationships during parental incarceration have clear benefits, but also come with implementation challenges.

# Program Overview (cont.)

- NIC & BJA released: [Model Practices for Parents in Prisons and Jails](#)
- These model practices will help inform BJA's implementation of this program.





# Program Overview

- This program will provide grant funds for construction, renovation, or upgrades of child-friendly family visiting spaces in correctional facilities, as well as for revisions of policies and practices to support child-friendly visitation experiences.

# Objectives

Create child-friendly and family-strengthening visiting spaces, policies, protocols, and cultures in correctional facilities

Promote and increase staff capacity to integrate the *Model Practices* into daily operations and cultures of correctional facilities

Identify and document innovative and promising practices in order to inform similar efforts across the nation

# Technical Assistance Opportunities

- Help identify potential community partnerships
- Provide training to staff centered on parent-child wellbeing and the importance of these practices
- Assist in developing specific skills among staff
- Aid in evaluating the intake and assessment process of incarcerated parents
- Create/update facility website that provides essential information to families of incarcerated loved ones

# Technical Assistance Opportunities (cont.)

- Select and design parent/family oriented classes and programs
- Make visitor lobbies and visitation spaces family friendly
- Review/revise visiting policies and procedures
- Identify opportunities for parents to communicate with people and systems that affect their children
- Incorporate caregivers into programming and community support groups
- Include children and caregivers in reentry planning and programming

## SECTION 2

# AWARD INFORMATION

# Award Information

**5 awards**

**Up to \$350,000**

**36 months**

Eligible applicants are  
state, city, county, or tribal  
governments

Category 1: Jails  
Category 2: Prisons

## SECTION 3

# ALLOWABLE USES OF GRANT FUNDS & REQUIRED DELIVERABLES

# Allowable Uses of Funds

- **Project Feasibility:** The building proposed for improvements must be a viable structure for renovation and/or expansion with a design developed and approved by a qualified architect/engineer/contractor
- **Authorization for Real Property Use:** Applicants must include documentation from the appropriate governing body authorizing the use of the facility for the purpose of renovation, expansion, or replacement. The documentation must specify the proposed facility(s) and/or area of land to be used for the project.



# Required Deliverables

1. A comprehensive, individualized Child-friendly Family Visiting Implementation Plan that will guide the grantee's activities. (A needs assessment will be provided to help guide this plan.)
2. Documentation of any renovation, construction, or physical plant modification plan.
3. Documentation, developed in conjunction with the TA coach, of innovative and promising work accomplished during the grant period, which will be made publicly available. .

## SECTION 4

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS

# Application Requirements

- See starting on page 7 of the solicitation for all application requirements.
- Applications must include:
  - Program Abstract
  - Program Narrative
  - Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative,
  - Executive-level letter(s) of commitment from the agency or agencies that are proposed to receive funding.

# Review Criteria

Selection Criteria	Weight
Description of the issue	30%
Project design and implementation	30%
Capabilities and competencies	25%
Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures	5%
Budget	10%

# OJP Priority Areas

- Applications that demonstrate ways in which their projects will advance work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.
- Applications that demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties.
- Priority consideration is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions and is not a guarantee of an award.

## SECTION 5

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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# 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>.

## SECTION 6

# HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY



# 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.

# Dual Deadlines

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

- **July 12, 2021**: Step 1: Applicants submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).
- **July 26, 2021**: Step 2: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov).

Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance.

# JustGrants Application Submission Resources

## [Application Mechanics eLearning Videos](#)

By viewing the eLearning videos, job aids, DOJ Application Checklist and other resources, applicants will have all of the information needed to successfully navigate the mechanics of submitting an application.

### The checklist includes:

- ✓ [Application Mechanics: Getting Ready to Apply \(NEW\)](#)
- ✓ [Application Mechanics: Initiating Application Submission in Grants.gov \(NEW\)](#)
- ✓ [Application Submission: Locating an Application](#)
- ✓ [Application Submission: Submitting an Application](#)
- ✓ [Application Submission: Completing a Budget Detail Form](#)
- ✓ [Application Mechanics: After Submitting an Application \(NEW\)](#)



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# DOJ Application Submission Checklist

Review the [\*DOJ Application Submission Checklist\*](#)

The checklist covers all necessary steps to complete the two-part application process in Grants.gov and JustGrants.

## The checklist includes:

- ✓ how to prepare to apply
- ✓ completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov
- ✓ Entity Onboarding and JustGrants Access
- ✓ completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting your application in JustGrants, and
- ✓ helpful user tips



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# JustGrants Training and Resources

- Access [recording](#) and [slide deck](#) from previous webinars.
- Refer to the [JustGrants Training Application Submission](#) page for additional information and training on the application submission process.
- Bookmark the [JustGrants Training](#) page for updates.



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# Important Contact Information



Technical Assistance Submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into  
Grants.Gov: 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035 | [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)



Technical Assistance Submitting the FULL APPLICATION into  
JustGrants: 833-872-5175 | [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)



Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements contact  
the OJP Response Center: 800-851-3420 | [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

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## Email Updates

- Text OJP [your email address] to 468-311 to subscribe.  
\*Message and data rates may apply

## Social Media

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DOJBJA>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/dojbja>



For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit **BJA's website** – <https://bja.ojp.gov>

# Resources for Funding Opportunities

## BJA website

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

## JustGrants

<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>

## Grants.gov

[www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)

## DOJ Grants Financial Guide

<https://ojp.gov/financilaguide/DOJ/index.htm>

## OJP Grant Funding Resource Center

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding>

## Office of Justice Programs – Award Data

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/ojp-award-data>

## NIJ's CrimeSolutions.gov

<https://www.CrimeSolutions.ojp.gov>



This solicitation is available at:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/O-BJA-2021-127001.pdf>

Good luck!

**Applications  
due:**

**Grants.gov:  
7/12/2021**

**JustGrants:  
7/26/2021**