

CRISIS RESPONSE:

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

This program funds collaborative programs to reduce justice involvement and improve outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders (MHD) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUD) who have come into contact with the criminal justice system or are leaving a custodial setting.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES:

- City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), State governments.
- Other:
 - » Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education.
 - » Organizations with a different legal status (e.g., non-profit or for-profit mental health agencies) are eligible to apply only if they also have been designated as a state agency or unit of local government to provide mental health services. Documentation to support this designation must be attached to the application (34 USC § 10651(a)(5) "mental health agency" is defined as: "an agency of a state or local government or its contracted agency that is responsible for mental health services or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse services").

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

- Develop and implement a mental health collaboration program in any part of the criminal justice system. This could include:
 - » Connecting individuals with MHDs or MHSUDs with treatment and social services through crisis stabilization units and pre-arrest diversion,
 - » Creating or expanding mental health courts or other court-based approaches, including [prosecutor-or defense-led diversion strategies](#),
 - » Developing [supported employment for people with behavioral health needs](#),
 - » Utilizing [specialized caseloads for probation](#),
 - » Cross-system training of public safety officials and mental health providers, and
 - » Increasing intergovernmental cooperation between state and local governments to support

Total Available Funding:
\$15 million

Anticipated Number of Awards:
27

Anticipated Award Amount:
Up to \$550,000

Length of Project:
Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required?
Yes: This solicitation requires a 20 percent cash and/or in-kind match in years 1 and 2, and a 40 percent cash and/or in-kind match in year 3.

Sample Solicitation from FY 2022: [Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program](#)

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individuals with MHDs or MHSUDs.

- Enhance, expand or operate a mental health drop-off crisis stabilization treatment centers that provides 24/7, year-round support for law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and people who come in contact with the justice system.
- Increase community workforce and capacity for certified mental health peer support specialists and increase the availability of wraparound services evidenced to support people with MHD and MHSUD.
- The program strongly encourages that potential applicants review [Behavioral Health Diversion Interventions: Moving from Individual Programs to a Systems-wide Strategy \(Behavioral Health Diversion Interventions: Moving from Individual Programs to a Systems-Wide Strategy\)](#), which was developed based on work with previous grantees.