

Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Enhancing Institutional and Community Corrections Program Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY 2009 Enhancing Institutional and Community Corrections Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to: help improve criminal justice systems and provides national programs and efforts, such as training and technical assistance, to address the needs of state and local justice systems and communities. This grant announcement focuses on funding national correctional services efforts in three major categories that included Category I: Discovering Corrections Web Site, Category II: Leadership Development for Jail Administrators, and Category III: Improving Access to Healthcare for Correctional Clients. The solicitation for funding was released and closed on June 22, 2009 for grants limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, and tribal jurisdictions.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are screened initially to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

Under Category I: Discovering Corrections Web Site, a total of two applications were received. These same two applications met the basic minimum requirements and were sent for peer review, seeking a total of \$400,000 in funding. BJA made one award of \$400,000 to The Council of State Governments that also represents a collaborative effort with the American Correctional Association, the American Jail Association, and the American Probation and Parole Association. This project will provide establishment and population of a nationally oriented web site designed to be the recognized locus for information relating to available positions in correctional agencies across the country at both the entry and advanced levels. The web site may provide for the posting of job announcements, display of information, and guidance targeting employee development as well as serving as a source of general information about correctional programs and services. Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to 50 percent of the applications under this category.

Under Category II: Leadership Development for Jail Administrators, a total of seven applications were received. Four applications met the basic minimum requirements and were sent for peer review, seeking a total of \$225,000 in funding. BJA made one award of \$225,000 to The Center for Innovative Public Policy that also represents a collaborative effort with the American Jail Association. This project addresses succession preparation, and identifies and develops leadership competencies and skills for successful transitioning of mid-managers into senior leadership positions within jails. Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 14 percent of the applications under this category.

Under Category III: Improving Access to Healthcare for Correctional Clients, a total of five applications were received in the category. Four applications met the basic minimum requirements and were sent for peer review, seeking a total of \$150,000. BJA made one award of \$150,000 to George Mason University for a project that addresses the use of information sharing technologies assuring continuity of care and effective coordination of Medicaid benefits for released offenders through information sharing with community-based providers and anticipating healthcare needs of incoming and transferred offenders. Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 20 percent of the applications under this category.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Enhancing Institutional and Community Corrections (Category I: Discovering Corrections Web Site)	The Council of State Governments	KY	\$400,000.00
Enhancing Institutional and Community Corrections (Category II: Leadership Development for Jail Administrators)	Center for Innovative Public Policies	FL	\$225,000.00
Enhancing Institutional and Community Corrections (Category III: Improving Access to Healthcare for Correctional Clients)	George Mason University	VA	\$100,000.00
Awards: 3	Total Funding:		\$725,000.00