

BJA FY 2026 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grants Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2026-172763

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1. Complete SF-424 and submit in Grants.gov: **November 20, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. ET**
 2. Submit full application in JustGrants: **December 1, 2026, by 8:59 p.m. ET**
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is committed to advancing work that furthers the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) mission to keep our country safe and secure and uphold the rule of law and protect the rights of American citizens. OJP provides federal leadership, funding, and other critical resources to directly support law enforcement, combat violent crime, protect American children, provide services to American crime victims, and address public safety challenges, including human trafficking and the opioid crisis.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **BJA FY2026 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grants Program**.

This opportunity provides formula grant funding to enhance the capabilities of state, local, and tribal governments to support residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment to adult and juvenile populations in detention or incarceration, initiate or continue evidence-based SUD treatment in jails, prepare individuals for reintegration into the community, and assist them and their communities throughout the reentry process by delivering community-based treatment and other recovery aftercare services. The RSAT program supports:

- The development and implementation of RSAT programs in correctional and detention facilities, providing appropriate clinical assessment and intervention and substance use testing protocols for adults and juveniles incarcerated or detained.
- The establishment and maintenance of drug-free prisons and jails through evidence-based approaches that address underlying substance use treatment needs.
- The development and implementation of specialized residential prison and jail substance use treatment programs that identify and provide appropriate treatment for people with co-occurring mental health and substance use treatment needs, including clinically appropriate medications.
- The implementation of coordinated treatment and aftercare services both during incarceration and after release to ensure continuity of care and successful reentry.

This NOFO will increase access to treatment for individuals with substance use or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders in detention or incarceration and improve continuity of care during and after reentry by delivering community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services.

See the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for eligibility details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.593
Statutory Authority	Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 1901 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10421); Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 32, para. 14(C))
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-BJA-2026-172763
Expected Total Amount of Funding	Approximately \$26,285,604
Anticipated Number of Awards	56
Award Type(s)	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Based on formula allocation
Expected Award Period(s)	48 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	October 8, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Begin the process by October 19, 2026, and no later than November 5, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on November 20, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	8:59 p.m. ET on December 1, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Government Entities

- State governments

Cost Sharing (Match) Requirement: This NOFO requires cost sharing (match). To be eligible to receive an award under this notice of funding opportunity, the application must demonstrate that a minimum of 25 percent of the total costs of each project under an award will be funded with non-federal funds. The federal share of an RSAT award may not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of the projects described in the application. See applicable law at 34 U.S.C. § 10424. See [Program Description: Cost Sharing](#)

[\(Match\) Requirement](#) for details on the cost sharing (match) calculation and what types of contributions are acceptable.

Additional Eligibility Factors

Required Coordination: To be eligible for funding, states must also coordinate the design and implementation of the SUD treatment and recovery support programs between state correctional representatives and the state alcohol and substance use disorder agency (and, if appropriate, between representatives of local correctional agencies and representatives of either the state alcohol and SUD agency or an appropriate local alcohol and SUD agency).

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

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Agency Funding Priorities

In order to advance public safety and help meet its mission, OJP's priorities include:

- a. Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);
- b. Combatting violent crime;
- c. Supporting services to American citizens;
- d. Protecting American children; and
- e. Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Unallowable Activities: The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
2. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier, that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged basis, within a given area, population, or sector.

3. As specified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) in Chapter 3.13, “Unallowable Costs” (“Legal Services for Aliens”), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes of any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply: (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Goals and Objectives of This Funding Opportunity

Goal 1: SUD Treatment in Correctional Settings

- **Objective 1:** Enhance the capabilities of states and units of local and tribal governments to provide residential substance use treatment in correctional settings.
- **Objective 2:** Provide SUD treatment services within correctional facilities that address substance use disorders and criminogenic risk factors associated with reoffending.
- **Objective 3:** Maintain structured, therapeutic, and drug-free correctional environments that support institutional safety, behavioral change, and successful participation in treatment programming.

Goal 2: Reentry Planning and Coordination

- **Objective 1:** Improve transition planning to connect with services and supports before release.
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen coordination between correctional staff, community supervision agencies, treatment providers, and law enforcement to support stable reentry into the community and protect public safety.

Goal 3: Community-Based Aftercare and Recovery Support

- **Objective 1:** Enhance public safety by promoting accountability and long-term recovery by connecting individuals with comprehensive aftercare services in the community, including treatment, recovery support, education, job training, and housing that reduce the likelihood of relapse and reoffending.

The NOFO supports four program tracks: pretrial SUD treatment, jail-based residential SUD treatment, prison-based residential SUD treatment, and stand-alone aftercare services; for detailed program requirements and eligibility criteria for each track, see the [BJA RSAT webpage](#). A state may use amounts received for nonresidential SUD treatment aftercare if the chief executive officer of the state certifies that the state is providing, and will continue to provide, an adequate level of residential treatment services (see [Appendix A](#)).

Expected Outcomes

OJP expects recipients to submit deliverables and performance reports, as described below. Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information. OJP will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data, and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO.

Deliverables

Recipients do not need to submit any deliverables other than the standard items in the [Post-Award Requirements and Administration](#) section.

Performance Reports

OJP requires recipients to submit regular performance reports that communicate progress toward achieving the [Program Goals and Objectives](#). Read information on [performance reporting](#).

A list of performance measure questions for this funding opportunity can be found at the [RSAT Program Questionnaire](#).

Cost Sharing (Match) Requirements

This funding opportunity requires cost sharing (match) from the award recipient. Read the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for additional definitions and requirements of cost sharing (match), including the allowable sources of both in-kind and cash cost sharing.

Recipients must satisfy this cost sharing (match) requirement with cash and/or in-kind contributions.

BJA will waive any requirement for matching funds (including in-kind) under \$200,000 for all awards made to American Samoa, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands unless otherwise required by law to be provided; and may waive any requirement for matching funds equal to or over \$200,000 for all awards made to those territories, or to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The \$200,000 amount is determined on a grant-by-grant basis, not by the aggregate total of all matching requirements applicable to an insular area (48 U.S.C. § 1469a).

Explanation of the Calculation

This funding opportunity requires a 25 percent match based on the total project costs. Federal funds awarded may not cover more than 75 percent, and you must cover at least 25 percent of the total project costs.

Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for steps on calculating the amount of match based on your budget.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

The table below lists the contents for your application. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions.

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information	Online Form
Proposal Abstract	Text Box
Data Requested with Application - Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status) - Agency Funding Priorities Inventory	Online Form
Proposal Narrative	Attachment
Budget	Online Form
Other Budget/Financial Attachments - Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) - Consultant Rate (if applicable) - Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable)	Attachment
Additional Application Components Certification Regarding Non-Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment-Aftercare (if applicable)	Attachment

Standard Applicant Information

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov. Add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

Proposal Abstract

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract (limited to 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project. As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names). The abstract should include the following information:

- The name of the applicant's proposed project.
- The purpose of the proposed project (i.e., what the project will do and why it is necessary).
- Where the project will take place (i.e., the service area, if applicable).
- Who will be served by the project (i.e., who will be helped or have their needs addressed by the project).
- What activities will be carried out to complete the project.
- The subrecipient(s)/partner organizations or entities, if known.
- Deliverables and expected outcomes (i.e., what the project will achieve).

View an example of a [proposal abstract](#).

Data Requested with Application

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)

Review information on this [questionnaire](#).

Proposal Narrative

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Submit the narrative as an attachment in JustGrants. The document should:

- Be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point size font.
- Have no less than 1-inch margins.
- Have numbered pages.
- Not exceed 10 pages.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the four sections listed below.

1. Description of the Need: The description of the issue should directly support enhancing public safety by increasing access to SUD treatment and recovery support services for individuals during and after incarceration in prisons and/or jails. Please include:

- A brief explanation of the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.
- Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community.

- How the need relates to the purpose of the NOFO.

2. Project Goals and Objectives: How will the proposed project address the need identified and address the purpose of the NOFO? Please include:

- Project goals (goals are broad, visionary statements on what you hope to accomplish).
- Project objectives (objectives are specific outcomes you plan to achieve through project activities).
- How your project goals and objectives relate to the [goals and objectives of the funding opportunity](#).

3. Project Design and Implementation: How will you implement project activities that meet the project goals and objectives? Please include:

- What activities you will conduct to achieve the proposed goals and objectives.
- How you will deliver or complete those activities.
- When the activities will take place.
- Who in your organization will staff the activities, including key staff.
- If you plan to use subrecipients to help conduct the project, please name them (if they are known) or describe how you will identify them. Please describe their role in conducting project activities.
- Identify the specific allowable program track(s) that will be funded.
 - For pretrial program track: describe efforts to identify and support continuation or initiation of evidence-based treatment for pretrial populations in the state's jails and to improve connections to treatment in the community after release.
 - For residential program tracks: describe how requirements specific to residential SUD treatment programs in prisons and/or jails will be met and monitored.
 - For stand-alone aftercare track: describe efforts to identify and support aftercare programs that serve participants in residential SUD treatment programs upon reentry.
- Outline the process for distributing funds to specific facilities and/or aftercare programs, including factors considered during decision-making (e.g., new vs. existing programs) and how objectives and activities may vary depending on the type of awarded entity.
- Explain how the state will coordinate the RSAT Program's design and implementation at the state and local levels and how it will coordinate use of RSAT funds with any funding received from Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to support SUD treatment and recovery services for individuals in the criminal justice system.
- Briefly describe your existing treatment service(s) and practice(s).

- Describe how the applicant will ensure that offenders who participate in the RSAT Program established or implemented with these federal funds will be provided with community reintegration services. Describe how the applicant will ensure that providers furnishing reintegration services are approved by the appropriate state or local agency, and are licensed, if necessary, to provide medical treatment or other health services.
- Describe how the applicant will allocate at least 10 percent of the total state allocation for FY26 to local correctional facilities, provided such facilities exist.
 - Pass-through funds must be used for either residential SUD treatment programs in jails, to initiate or continue SUD treatment programs in pretrial populations, or to initiate or continue stand-alone aftercare services that identify and support aftercare programs that serve participants in residential SUD treatment programs upon reentry.
 - States who do not believe they have local correctional facilities to pass-through funds may be given an exception. Prior approval from BJA is required. If your program falls into this category, please include a justification/request on agency letterhead with your application. Additional conditions/requirements may be applied post award.

4. Capabilities and Competencies: What administrative and technical capacity and expertise do you bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:

- A short description of your capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the post-award requirements, if funded.
- A description of projects or activities your organization has conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrates your ability to undertake the proposed project activities.
- A summary of relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project.

Project Evaluations: An applicant that proposes to use award funds to conduct project evaluations must follow the [guidance on project evaluations](#).

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget

Use the Budget Detail Worksheet (Web-Based Form) to submit the budget. Read information on [budget preparation](#) and [JustGrants Application Submission Training](#).

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category.
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities.

- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.¹

The following information specific to this funding opportunity will help you develop your project budget:

- **Formula allocations:** Each state and territory receives a base allocation of 0.4 percent of total program funds. The remaining funds are distributed proportionally based on each participating state's share of the total U.S. prison population.

FY 2026 funding is approximately 82 percent higher than FY 2025. Applicants should account for this increase when estimating their award amount or, alternatively, enter \$1 as their federal request amount. After the application period closes, BJA will calculate award allocations based on the number of applying states. These amounts will be communicated during the application review process, and grantees will submit updated budgets after awards are made.

- **Administrative costs:** Not more than 10 percent of the total amount may be used for a recipient's administrative expenses.
- **Pass-through requirement:** Applicants are required to allocate at least 10 percent of the total state allocation for FY26 to local correctional facilities—provided such facilities exist—funds must be used for either residential SUD treatment programs in jails, to initiate or continue evidence-based SUD treatment programs in pretrial populations, or to initiate or continue stand-alone aftercare services that identify and support aftercare programs that serve participants in residential SUD treatment programs upon reentry
 - States who do not have local correctional facilities to pass-through funds may be given an exception. Prior approval from BJA is required. If your program falls into this category, please include a justification/request on agency letterhead with your application. Additional conditions/requirements may be applied post award.
- **Allowable Costs**
 - Salary and benefits
 - Subawards for local correctional facilities
 - Supplies
 - Training curricula
 - Pretrial programming
 - Aftercare services
 - Equipment with a nexus to the RSAT program
 - Reentry support items

¹ See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on [unallowable costs](#) that apply to all funding opportunities.

- Administrative costs for grant management (not to exceed 10%)
- **Unallowable Costs**
 - Purchase vehicles
 - Land acquisitions
 - Construction projects
 - Gift cards
 - Food and/or beverage
- Gifts, trinkets, or entertainment

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs calculated using a current, federally approved indirect cost rate, upload your indirect cost rate agreement. Read information about [indirect costs](#).
- **Consultant Rate (if applicable):** Read information on [limits to consultant rates](#) and whether you need to request approval to exceed those limits.
- **Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable):** Read information on this [limitation](#) and to determine whether you need to submit a waiver.
- **Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable):** Applicants to this funding opportunity are not required to provide this disclosure.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- **Certification Regarding Non-Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment-Aftercare (if applicable):** A state may use amounts received under this program to provide nonresidential substance abuse treatment aftercare services for inmates or former inmates that meet the requirements of an aftercare component, if the chief executive officer of the state certifies to the Attorney General that the state is providing, and will continue to provide, an adequate level of residential treatment services ([Appendix A](#)).

Disclosures and Assurances

Read the [disclosures and assurances](#) and complete them in JustGrants:

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (if applicable)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
- DOJ Certifications
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable)

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit your application by the [deadlines](#). [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) does apply to this funding opportunity; read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for details. Read OJP's policy for applicants to [request late submission](#) due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disasters.

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

OJP will review applications to ensure the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the goals of the funding opportunity. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the application review process for formula grants, including risk review, and the deciding official.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the [award notification](#) process.

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information about: standard award terms and conditions, administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	Name: OJP Response Center Phone: 800-851-3420 or 202-353-5556 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only) Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: sam.gov/help Hours: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday (closed federal holidays)
Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)

JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 833-872-5175 Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov Hours: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.
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APPENDIX A

Certification Regarding Non-residential Substance Use Treatment Aftercare

I, as the chief executive officer of the state named below, have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the state applicant. On behalf of the state named below, and in order to receive consideration for its application, I certify to the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, that the state is providing, and will continue to provide, an adequate level of residential substance use treatment services.

Signature of Certifying Official

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Title of Certifying Official

Name of State Applicant Entity

Date