

# FY 2024 CONNECT AND PROTECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



**GRANTS.GOV:**  
MAY 1, 2024

**JUSTGRANTS:**  
MAY 6, 2024

### Who May Apply:

State, county, city, township, or Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education; and special district governments. Nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies are eligible if they provide services as a unit of the state or local government. All applications require a demonstrated partnership through a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between a justice entity and a mental health partner.

### Why Apply:

Receive funding to support law enforcement and mental health cross-system collaboration that will improve public health and safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders, co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### Maximum per Award:

- Up to \$550,000 per award

### BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

### Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Design and implement a crisis response program such as case management, crisis intervention teams, co-responder teams, and mobile crisis teams
- Training and coordination for police-mental health collaboration
- Data collection to inform practices and develop policies
- Resident engagement via outreach and education to improve public health and safety
- Enhancement of officer knowledge and skills in responding to community members with mental health disorders
- Use technology to collect calls for service data involving people with behavioral health needs



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## Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/connect-and-protect/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/connect-and-protect/overview) for more information about the program and [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-171967](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-171967) for full funding information.

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## Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: [sam.gov/content/home](https://sam.gov/content/home).
  - For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation's cover page at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-171967.pdf> for information on who to contact.
  - Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](https://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
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## How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by May 1, 2024.
  - (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justgrants.usdoj.gov) by May 6, 2024. The application's major elements are:
    - (a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
    - (b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
    - (c) The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.
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