



BJA Bureau of Justice Assistance Fact Sheet

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FY 1997 Open Solicitation Announcement Call for Concept Papers

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has issued its *FY 1997 Open Solicitation Announcement* seeking innovative solutions to problems facing the criminal justice community. BJA invites eligible applicants to help improve the criminal justice system and build partnerships between the criminal justice system and public and private organizations.

Submission Requirements

Applicants are limited to units and agencies of State, local, or tribal governments. Submissions must follow the format outlined in the Announcement's Submission Criteria and must not exceed six pages, with a separate cover page.

Submissions must be postmarked by June 2, 1997.

For a description of submission requirements in their entirety, applicants should refer to the *FY 1997 Open Solicitation Announcement* now available from the BJA Clearinghouse at 1-800-688-4252 or via the BJA home page at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA>.

Solicitation Topic Areas

Papers must address specific issues within the following topic areas. Applicants may submit only one paper per topic area, but they may apply in as many areas as they wish.

☐ Topic Area 1: Issues in Law Enforcement

Eligibility: units of State, local, or tribal government.*

- 1.1 Strategies to counter witness intimidation that facilitate witness participation in the criminal justice system.

- 1.2 Strategies for special needs populations (particularly the physically and mentally challenged, the elderly, and non-English speakers) who are involved in the criminal justice system as victims, witnesses, or offenders.

- 1.3 Strategies to enhance law enforcement and prosecution coordination.

☐ Topic Area 2: Issues in Adjudication

Eligibility: units of State, local, or tribal government.*

- 2.1 Strategies to strengthen linkages between courts and communities they serve.
- 2.2 Strategies to address issues presented by juveniles charged as adults.
- 2.3 Strategies to address the treatment and supervision of defendants and offenders who are substance abusers with mental health problems.
- 2.4 Strategies that improve case processing and the administration of justice.

☐ Topic Area 3: Issues in Rural Communities

Eligibility: units of government, including tribal governments, serving rural communities with populations of less than 25,000 residents that are not located within a metropolitan area or that have been designated by the Federal Government as Rural Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, or Champion Communities.*

- 3.1 Strategies that focus on community-based partnerships and coalitions to control and prevent crime and violence.

3.2 Strategies in which criminal justice agencies address regional problems through consolidation or sharing of resources, or through technology.

3.3 Strategies to provide cost-effective alternatives to incarceration for selected defendants and offenders.

□ Topic Area 4: Issues in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

Eligibility: federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments.*

4.1 Comprehensive tribal strategies to address gang issues.

4.2 Tribal strategies to provide cost-effective alternatives to incarceration.

4.3 Tribal strategies to prevent substance abuse (alcohol, drugs, and inhalants) by minors.

**Eligibility restrictions do not preclude private/not-for-profit agencies from collaborating with authorized applicants, nor do they preclude two or more units of government from applying under the cover of one authorized applicant, which will be responsible for the administration of the award.*

For More Information

Copies of this solicitation are available through the BJA Clearinghouse. Questions concerning the solicitation should be directed to the BJA Response Center. Information about the solicitation and other BJA programs is also available through the BJA home page at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA>.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Clearinghouse

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Rockville, MD 20849-6000

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Bulletin Board System: 301-738-8895

World Wide Web: <http://www.ncjrs.org>

Clearinghouse staff are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. eastern time. Ask them to place you on the BJA mailing list.

Department of Justice Response Center

1-800-421-6770 or 202-307-1480

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