

## **FY 2007 Protecting Inmates and Safeguarding Communities Solicitation Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1. Are counties, municipalities, or other locally-based entities eligible to apply?**  
No. Applicants are limited to the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. Applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with local agencies (i.e., counties, municipalities), including faith-based and community organizations, to implement activities in local jails, detention centers, and holding facilities.
- 2. Our state received a grant under the FY 2006 Protecting Inmates and Safeguarding Communities Discretionary Grant Program. Are we eligible to apply for the FY 2007 funding?**  
Yes. If you choose to apply, you should demonstrate how the new proposal will complement previous or existing activities that were carried out as a result of prior funding.
- 3. What sources of funding can be used to meet the 50 percent match requirement for this grant?**  
Match may be cash and/or in-kind.
- 4. If I request \$1,000,000 under this grant, does this mean that I have to provide \$500,000 to meet the 50 percent match requirement?**  
No. A grant made under this program may not cover more than 50 percent of the total costs of the project being funded. If you request \$1,000,000, the total project cost must be \$2,000,000. In this case, your match amount would be \$1,000,000.
- 5. Our agency was designated by the Governor to apply for this grant in FY 2004 and FY 2006. Do we need to seek designation status from him/her again for FY 2007?**  
Yes. This is considered a new grant cycle and not a continuation from previous grant cycles.
- 6. When is the grant start date?**  
Applicants may begin their proposed project dates on or after July 1, 2007. BJA expects to make awards during or after July 2007.
- 7. Are the grant funding limits per year or for the full grant period (up to 24 months)?**  
The grant funding limits are for the full grant period (up to 24 months).
- 8. What are allowable costs under this program?**  
Items requested under this program must focus on managing sex offenders under community supervision. Budget items requested should be reasonable and consistent with the goals of the grant program. For more information regarding allowable and unallowable costs, please refer to the OJP *Financial Guide* ([www.ojp.usdoj.gov/FinGuide](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/FinGuide)).
- 9. Can we use funds to cover construction costs?**  
Funds cannot be used for construction of a facility. However, funds can be used for minor renovations to address physical design issues such as cell door replacements and other modifications to help maximize line of sight.

**10. If we receive the grant, can we designate which of the performance measures listed apply to the program that we are proposing, or are you expecting that a proposed program address all performance measures?**

You must address performance measures according to the category(ies) of funding that you pursue under the grant. If you apply under the Protecting Inmates category, you must address performance measures associated with the inmate population. If you are applying under the Safeguarding Communities category, you should be prepared to address performance measures related to a population that is reentering the community. If you receive funding under both categories, you must address all performance measures listed.

**11. What are the evaluation expectations? Do we need to include in our proposal an independent evaluator, such as someone who is university-based or similar, or can we develop and implement our own evaluation plan?**

Your evaluation plan should address the issues as outlined in the solicitation. It is not a requirement to have an independent evaluator. However, your evaluation/monitoring strategy should allow you to determine program effectiveness and assist with long-term sustainment.

**12. Where can I go to get information in response to general questions that I have regarding the application process (i.e., Grants.gov, format, timelines, review process, etc.)?**

There is a [General BJA Grant Solicitation Frequently Asked Questions](#) on BJA's web site that addresses general questions related to the application and provides a link to access Frequently Asked Questions that are specific to the [Grants.gov](#) process.

**13. Will my state be able to fund treatment, counseling, victim services, or other collateral services under the Safeguarding Communities category?**

No. This area focuses on safeguarding communities where inmates return by assisting states with strategies to make offender release decisions while ensuring public safety. You will find additional information regarding the intent of the Safeguarding Communities category within the solicitation.

**14. If we are not funded during this funding cycle, will there be another opportunity to apply for this grant?**

We do not have information at this time about future funding availability. We will have more information after the beginning of our next fiscal year (October 1, 2007).

**15. In order to serve both adult and juvenile populations, our state intends to submit two applications: one from the state department of corrections and a second from the state youth authority (or similar entity). Is this allowable?**

No. If you wish to serve both populations, there must be one lead agency that submits an application on behalf of the state.