

# Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management FY 2007 Competitive Grant Announcement

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**1. Who is eligible to apply?**

Eligible applicants under this initiative are limited to states, units of local government, and Indian tribes and tribal organizations. A unit of local government is a town, township, village, parish, city, county, other general purpose political subdivision of a state, or a federally recognized Indian tribe (see "Who is Eligible to Apply," page 1).

**2. Can states apply for planning, implementation, or enhancement grants?**

Per the legislation, states are only eligible to apply for training grants.

**3. Can a state or local jurisdiction submit more than one application for funding?**

The solicitation does not prohibit a jurisdiction from submitting more than one application. Given the limited amount of resources, it is unlikely that a state will receive funding for more than one statewide effort and/or a jurisdiction will receive more than one award as geographic and programmatic diversity will be considered in making a final selection.

**4. Are territories eligible to apply?**

Yes, territories are eligible applicants.

**5. Could a non-profit or private entity apply on behalf of a state, unit of local government, and/or tribal entity?**

No, the state, local unit of government, or tribal entity must apply directly for funding. However, they are encouraged to partner with entities that will assist in the provision of services under the grant. This may include non-profit or private service providers.

**6. What sources of funding can be used for match to this grant?**

Match may be cash, in-kind, or a combination of both.

**7. Does the review process afford preference to those applicants that go above and beyond the match requirement and/or provide cash match as opposed to in-kind?**

No, the peer review process is based on the selection criteria as stated in the solicitation. The peer review panel will ensure that match requirement is met but will not give preference to applicants that provide additional match or cash as opposed to in-kind match. Applicants may use cash, in-kind, or both as sources to meet match requirements.

**8. May the applicant designate which of the performance measures listed apply to the program the applicant is proposing, or are you expecting that a proposed program address all performance measures?**

The performance measures are labeled according to category of funding. For example, Implementation grant recipients must address all performance measures listed under the Implementation category.

**9. My jurisdiction received an Implementation grant under this program previously. Which category of funding should I be applying for?**

Your jurisdiction should be engaging in enhancement efforts to complement existing efforts as a result of receiving an Implementation grant.

**10. My jurisdiction has never received an Implementation grant from OJP/BJA but we have done a considerable amount of planning and implemented a strategy. Are we still eligible to apply for an Enhancement grant?**

Yes, your application should demonstrate that you are ready to engage in enhancement activities. Jurisdictions that have completed implementation activities through previous efforts and are ready to focus on enhancement efforts must demonstrate readiness in the Program Narrative section of the application.

**11. Will my jurisdiction receive guidance in examining existing approaches to managing the population; identifying significant gaps and needs; and developing strategies to address the needs if we receive an Implementation grant?**

BJA will provide technical assistance through the Center for Sex Offender Management (CSOM) to Implementation grant recipients. CSOM will proactively facilitate the implementation process for grantees. Successful Implementation grantees will receive a letter from CSOM explaining this process after receipt of their award.

**12. If we are the recipient of a Planning, Training, or Enhancement grant will we be required to work with CSOM to facilitate the process?**

No, you will not be required to work with CSOM. However, you may contact CSOM to seek technical assistances if needed. CSOM will only be proactive in working with Implementation grantees.

**13. The solicitation states that applicants must budget travel funds for 7-10 key members of the collaborative team to attend a 3-day BJA-sponsored technical assistance workshop. Since there is no location noted, how much do I allocate for this?**

BJA recommends that you provide an approximate figure of \$1,000 per team member (\$500 airfare; \$400 hotel; \$100 meals and incidental expenses).

**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 2007).

**15. If we receive a Planning or Training grant during this funding cycle, will we be able to apply for an Implementation and/or Enhancement grant if there is another opportunity to apply for this grant?**

We do not have information about future funding availability at this time. The solicitation structure could change in the future.

**16. 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.

**17. 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).

**18. 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/)