



BJA's Comprehensive

**Opioid Abuse**  
Program



# Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic Grant

## Funding Announcement

The **Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic Grant** is designed to leverage the combined resources and expertise of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State Justice Institute (SJI), and other federal partners to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdoses among individuals who come in contact with law enforcement or are involved in the criminal justice system in high-risk rural communities and regions. Applications should demonstrate an understanding of the dynamic nature of substance abuse. All proposed activities supported by this solicitation must exclusively target populations residing in rural communities or rural census tracts in urban or suburban counties.

## Eligibility

Applicants are limited to units of local government, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, units of local governmental on behalf of a multicounty region within a state, and nonprofit or for-profit organizations, including tribal nonprofit organizations, faith-based, and community-based organizations with a documented history of providing services to rural communities or regions highly impacted by substance use disorder. All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee. Applicants must verify that the proposed service areas or census tracts to be served are rural, as defined by U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) by referring to <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/RuralAdvisor>.

The solicitation can be found at  
<http://s.iir.com/RRgrantform2019>.

Applications are due on July 26, 2019.

## Overview of Solicitation

The **Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic** solicitation is part of a series of demonstration projects funded under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP). These demonstration projects are designed to build capacity, foster cross-sector collaboration, and support innovation. Under this solicitation, up to eight rural communities or regions will be selected for an award of up to \$750,000 each for a 24-month time period.

## Applicant Webinar

Learn more about the **Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic Grant** and application process during the upcoming webinar, scheduled for **June 26, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., ET**. Register here: [http://s.iir.com/Rural\\_Responses](http://s.iir.com/Rural_Responses). Please submit questions in advance to [COAP@iir.com](mailto:COAP@iir.com) no later than **June 25, 2019**. Emails should include the name and agency of the submitter, his or her email address, and the question(s).

Visit the COAP Resource Center at [www.coapresources.org](http://www.coapresources.org).

## About BJA

BJA helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system. Its grants, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide state, local, and tribal governments with the cutting-edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, and combat victimization. To learn more about BJA, visit [www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov), or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/DOJBJA](http://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA)) and Twitter ([@DOJBJA](https://twitter.com/DOJBJA)). BJA is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.

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