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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SITE-BASED PROGRAM

BJA is seeking applications to respond to illicit substance use and misuse to reduce overdose deaths, promote public safety, and support access to treatment and recovery services in the criminal justice system.

Eligibility for Local or Tribal Applications:
City or township governments, County governments, City, township, or county governments in rural areas, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)

Award Amount:
• An urban area or large county with a population greater than 500,000: up to $1,600,000
• A suburban area or medium-size county with a population between 100,000 and 500,000: up to $1,300,000
• A rural area or small county or tribal area with a population of fewer than 100,000 or a federally recognized Indian tribe: up to $1,000,000

More Information
RURAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE

Rural communities face unique challenges that impact their ability to deliver fair and equitable justice. Despite these challenges, rural communities rely on their many strengths to address the needs of their residents.

The National Center for State Courts, in partnership with Rulo Strategies, launched the Rural Justice Collaborative (RJC) to showcase the strengths of rural communities and highlight the cross-sector collaboration that is a hallmark of rural justice systems.

The work under the RJC is supported by a crosssector advisory council composed of rural judges along with additional stakeholders in the justice, child welfare, and behavioral health systems. The advisory council guides and identifies innovative programs and practices.

RESOURCES

FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT RURAL JURISDICTIONS

The RJC is distributing a weekly federal funding guide that summarizes and categorizes open opportunities, highlighting grant programs with priority given to rural communities.

PRIMER ON SPENDING FUNDS FROM THE OPIOID LITIGATION: A GUIDE FOR STATE AND LOCAL DECISION MAKERS

Want to know how jurisdictions should prioritize programs for funding from the opioid litigation? This Primer on Spending Funds from the Opioid Litigation provides background information on each of the nine core abatement strategies including considerations for funding and implementation.
RESOURCES

SUSTAINABLE RURAL EMS: NAVIGATING CHANGE
This guide is designed to assist rural communities in navigating a change from unsustainable volunteer EMS and ambulance service models to those that are sustainable. This guide is intended to direct community leaders through change based on a stepped process that has been used in rural communities throughout the U.S. It includes information on how to assess if a community has an EMS problem, the needed ingredients to change, and a six-step process to implement change to a more sustainable model of rural EMS. A webinar is also available to explain and review the Sustainable Rural EMS: Navigating Change guide.

CAMPAIGNS & CALLS TO ACTION

STAND AGAINST STIGMA 21-DAY CHALLENGE
Substance use disorders are treatable illnesses, not moral failings. A new campaign of the Opioid Response Network challenges individuals and organizations to take part in a 21-day challenge to reduce the devastating impact stigma and substance use disorders have on our communities. Visit the campaign resource library and learn how to combat stigma related to substance use disorders, or take action through no-cost training and education.

SEEKING RURAL JURISDICTIONS TO INFORM PRETRIAL ADVANCEMENT
Advancing Pretrial Practices and Research (APPR) is developing pretrial support and practical resources specifically tailored to the needs of rural jurisdictions. APPR is requesting feedback from rural practitioners with first-hand experience and insight to inform their work. To become involved and assist their effort, please contact Supreet Minhas at sminhas@cepp.com.
COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION:
OVERVIEW AND BEST PRACTICES
WEBINAR

This webinar covers the basics of street outreach, violence interruption models, and hospital-based intervention. Speakers describe the origins of these intervention strategies, the agencies that typically coordinate these programs, key partners, applicability to small cities and rural areas, how programs have evolved over time, and engagement with criminal justice agency contacts. The presenters also address some of the challenges organizations face in this work, such as balancing relationships with law enforcement and court agencies while working with individuals in the community who are justice involved and/or have been a participant in, victim of, or witness to violent crime.

COLLABORATIVE RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

The Institute for Coordinated Community Response (ICCR) and the Conference on Crimes Against Women are coming together to provide critical training and resources for implementing collaborative, systemic responses to domestic violence in rural communities nationwide. This conference is conducted for the sole purpose of providing training to only those people employed by governmental or non-profit agencies in the fields of law enforcement, prosecution, civil attorneys who work with female victims of crime, corporate safety professionals, judges, emergency telecommunications, tribal groups, military, social services, victim’s advocacy, therapy, medicine, and to other professionals who work directly with victims of crime.

NATIONAL RURAL SUMMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2022
VIRTUAL SUMMIT

This Equitas Project virtual summit series is focused on rural and frontier diversion efforts and the unique roles and challenges of rural and frontier leaders in disentangling mental health and criminal justice.

All sessions are virtual and a Zoom link will be sent to registrants. To register for just one OR all of the sessions within this series, click here. You do not need to indicate which session(s) you plan on attending.
**ARTICLE**

'The Cavalry is Not Coming': Iowa Nurse Creates Virtual Mental Health Service with Focus on Rural Schools

Albert City-Truesdale is one of four districts in Iowa trying out a new telehealth platform, called Classroom Clinic, that provides psychiatric evaluations and diagnosis, medication management and therapy.

**RESEARCH & REPORTS**

Restorative Justice: A Best Practice Guide for Prosecutors in Smaller Jurisdictions

Prosecutors nationwide are turning to restorative justice as an alternative to traditional prosecution, hoping to provide healing for victims, hold the accused accountable, and deliver more equitable justice. Much of the conversation surrounding restorative justice focuses on big, metropolitan areas even though smaller jurisdictions are also conducive to such programs. In this document, the Institute for Innovation in Prosecution (IIP) summarizes advantages as well as unique challenges that smaller communities face in implementing restorative justice programs in this document.

Going the Extra Mile: A Case Study of Rural Reentry in Arkansas

Going the Extra Mile: A Case Study of Rural Reentry in Arkansas examines the work of Phoenix Youth and Family Services, which takes an individualized approach to aiding young adults (ages 18–24) who are returning to their communities following involvement with the criminal justice system.