

Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS)

RFA Release Informational Webinar



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Welcoming Remarks

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Overview

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Submitting Questions

- Submit your questions in the Q&A box (click the Q&A icon located on your control panel).
- Submit your questions in writing to BHJIS@ahpnet.com with the subject line “RFA Question.”
- Questions will be accepted through December 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Background

- The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is releasing its request for application (RFA) for the Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS) Project, a grant to help behavioral health agencies and first responder, law enforcement, behavioral health, and community stakeholder groups that want to improve and enhance their collaborative response to individuals facing mental health or substance use crises.
- DHCS is contracting with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP), as the administrator for this grant.

AHP will subcontract with grantees for BHJIS projects.

BHJIS Goals

Demonstrate the ability to improve partnerships/collaboration, address structural inequities, and implement specific projects that meet the BHJIS goals:

- Implement innovative solutions to problems and connect people experiencing mental or substance use crises with services at the right time in the right environment
- Utilize best practices such as those of SAMHSA, BJA, and Crisis Now, including co-responder models and/or the Memphis Model Curriculum or a CIT-POST certified curriculum
- Demonstrate collaboration between system partners and communities
- Adopt policies and practices to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and establish culturally and linguistically appropriate services

Eligibility—Who Can Apply?

- Any public or private nonprofit entity in good standing and authorized to do business in California, as well as any tribal entity, state or local government entity, or school district can apply.
- This includes law enforcement agencies, fire departments, community behavioral health agencies, and community-based or other qualified organizations.
- Joint applications are encouraged, but AHP will contract with one lead agency to approve its subcontracting partners.

Funding—Overview

- Up to \$16.25 million awarded to DHCS by SAMHSA through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).
- Application requests must be a minimum of \$50,000 and no more than \$700,000.
- The estimated contract term is from February 15, 2022, through February 14, 2023 (1 year).
- A deliverable-based budget and a budget justification are required as part of the proposal.
- Agencies are responsible for ensuring that proposed costs are allowable and that they meet funding restrictions.

How Can Funds Be Used?

Capacity Building:

Collaborative planning, development activities, and training

Direct Service:

Limited funds for first-year implementation, including hiring or contracting with behavioral health clinicians and/or peers to be embedded with first responders when responding to community situations, or integration of harm reduction, reentry support, and diversion strategies.

Grant Requirements

All awards must include collaboration and capacity building.



How to Apply—Timeline

- RFA Released: November 29, 2021
- Question Deadline: December 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m. (PST)
- *Optional Notice of Intent Due*: December 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m. (PST)
- Application Deadline: December 22, 2021, 4:00 p.m. (PST)
 - Submit application, proposal narrative, budget form, and budget justification using the online application portal.
 - Late application packages will not be considered.
- Award Announcement: February 2022
- Contracts End: February 14, 2023

Letter of Intent

- Submit optional [online Notice of Intent](#) by December 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. (PST)

How to Apply

- Apply using the [online application portal](#)
- Application form must be completed in the online application portal, and the following documents must be uploaded:
 - BHJIS budget form—fillable PDF form
 - Budget justification—upload in Word or PDF format
 - Proposal narrative questions—upload in Word or PDF format
- You will be able to save your application and come back to it.
- Once your application is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email.
- If you need accommodations, please contact BHJIS@ahpnet.com.

How to Apply (cont.)

- Attachment B of the RFA provides a summary of the questions asked in the application AND the proposal narrative questions.
- Proposals must adhere to limits on the number of words in each section.
- Plan ahead. Do not wait until the last minute to complete the application.
- You can send technical questions to us at BHJIS@ahpnet.com.

Application Form

- Agency overview, lead agency and key partners
- Projected number of individuals with substance use and/or mental health conditions that will be reached by this project
- Projected number of system partners committed to working on project
- Projected number of unduplicated stakeholders
- Project abstract (50 words)
- Subcontractor or key partner roles and contributions

Narrative Questions

- **Community Need (300 words max)**
 - What current community need are you proposing to address?
 - Describe community partnerships and resources that could be readily established or are already in place to support this project.
- **Project Description (1000 words max)**
 - Describe in detail what you are proposing to do.
 - List two to five expected direct outcomes of the project.
 - What barriers do you anticipate, and how will you overcome these barriers?
- **Applicant Qualifications, Including Collaborations (500 words max)**
 - Describe the lead agency's qualifications, commitment, and plan to collaborate across system partners.
 - Discuss how the lead agency and project partners will carry out the work of this project.
 - Who will serve as the Project Director or Champion? What is their role and experience in integrating behavioral health with first responders and law enforcement?

Budget and Budget Justification

- Provide a deliverable-based budget using the deliverable-based budget template.
- Provide a separate Word document with a detailed budget justification for each line item of the budget form.

Application Scoring

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| 1. Community Need | 15 pts |
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| 2. Project Description | 35 pts |
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| 3. Applicant Qualifications, Including Collaboration | 35 pts |
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| 4. Budget and Budget Justification | 15 pts |
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| TOTAL | 100 pts |
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For More Information

- [Visit the website](#)
 - [Online Application](#)
 - [BHJIS Request for Application \(RFA\)](#)
 - [BHJIS RFA Budget Form](#)
 - [Co-Responder Examples](#)
- Remember—submit optional notice of intent by December 15, 2021, by 4:00 p.m. (PST)
- Questions are due on December 15, 2021, by 4:00 p.m. (PST)
- Complete proposals must be received by December 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. (PST)

Thank you! We look forward to receiving your applications!!