

Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant FY 2020-2021 Competitive Grant Announcement

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), Bureau of Community Sanctions is seeking applications for the Justice Reinvestment and Incentive grant. This grant was formerly known as the Probation Improvement and Incentive Grant. This grant provides performance-based funding to Court of Common Pleas, Municipal Courts, County Probation Departments and Community Based Correctional Facilities to adopt evidence-based practices to reduce the number of offenders on probation supervision who violate the conditions of their supervision. ODRC reserves the right to amend the information listed in this announcement.

Calendar of Events

Application Period Opens:	May 14, 2019
Application Period Closes:	June 3, 2019 at 8:30am
Application Screening Completion Date: (Automatic renewal applicants)	June 17, 2019
Application Screening Completion Date: (New applicants)	July 26, 2019
Notification to New Applicant Agencies:	August 5, 2019

Eligibility

All Ohio Common Pleas Courts, Municipal Courts and Community Based Correctional Facilities (CBCF) are eligible to apply provided they comply with Revised Code §5149.311 (D) (1), which states that the courts must satisfy all requirements under sections §2301.27 and §2301.30. Courts must also affirm that they are utilizing the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS), which is the single validated risk assessment tool selected by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction in accordance with §5120.114 of the Revised Code. CBCFs must demonstrate written support from a Common Pleas or Municipal Court within its application.

Grant Benefits

Grantees for this program can use funds for a wide array of expenses associated with their programs. This includes costs associated with personnel (salaries and fringe benefits), general operating expenses, treatment expenses, program expenses (non-residential or residential) and equipment. Essentially, the dollars associated with this grant can be used broadly to create or enhance existing community services.

Courts receiving funding through this program that have realized success have used the funds in a variety of ways, all of which are permissible under the parameters of the grant. Examples include starting or supporting expansion of drug courts and other specialty dockets, purchasing kiosks to supplement supervision activities, increasing mental health and substance abuse treatment options including medication assisted treatment (MAT), purchasing residential treatment including detox services, creating regional probation treatment services in rural areas, and providing collaborative training opportunities for staff and local treatment providers. This grant can assist in expanding and supplementing community corrections throughout Ohio, thereby providing local communities with more options to address the non-violent and addicted offender. **Please note that Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grants cannot be used for capital improvement expenses.**

Grant Requirements

This grant requires the grantee to establish goals to reduce prison incarceration (community control violators and F4/F5 prison commitments) or jail incarceration. **All baseline information must be derived from Fiscal Year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 data.** See the ODRC website, www.drc.ohio.gov/jrig, for this information. (Justify)

- All grantees are required to submit performance reports noting progress throughout the grant period via Intelligrants. The performance review period for applicants who had successful FY18-19 JRIG grants and received an automatic renewal (auto-renew applicants) is July 1, 2019 to April 30, 2021. The performance period for all other applicants (new applicants) is October 1, 2019 to April 30, 2021. This grant also requires the submission of quarterly fiscal reports.

Grant Funding

- All grantees may expend funds received during the grant period until June 30, 2021. If the grantee has not expended all funds by June 30, 2021, any remaining funds must be returned to the State of Ohio. The only exception is the incentive award, which must be expended by June 30, 2022.

Grant Funding continued

- Grantees that meet established outcome goals are eligible to earn an incentive award as outlined in the grant agreement. The grantee may use this award for any community corrections program/service as defined by ORC 5149.30 (A). Earned incentive funds will be distributed to the grantees in June of 2021. Grantees must expend earned incentive funds by June 30, 2022. All unspent incentive funds must be returned to the State of Ohio by October 30, 2022.
- Auto-renew applicants will receive funding for 24 months, July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.
- New JRIG applicants will be screened after all auto-renew grants are funded. If ODRC has funds remaining it will fund the highest scoring new applicants for 21-month grants, beginning October 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2021.

Performance Measure Requirements

- All grants must indicate an outcome goal that reduces the number of offenders on probation that violate the conditions of their supervision and are revoked* as one of the goals. Hereinafter referred to as the JRIG mandatory goal.
- Applications from Common Pleas Probation Departments/Courts who did not participate in ODRC's Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) grant must include ONE of the following as a goal in addition to the JRIG mandatory goal:
 - An outcome goal reducing the total number of Felony 5 offenders committed to prison OR
 - An outcome goal reducing the total number of Felony 4 offenders committed to prison.
- Applications from Common Pleas Probation Departments/Courts who are participating in ODRC's T-CAP grant must include the JRIG mandatory goal and the following:
 - An outcome goal reducing the total number of Felony 4 offenders committed to prison.

- Municipal or County Probation Departments/Courts must include an outcome goal reducing the total number of community control violators incarcerated in jail.*
- All applications which include a proposal to provide services to those addicted to opiates and other illegal substances must include an outcome goal specific to this population which increases programming or service availability, or a goal related to the treatment service provided.

Performance Measure Requirements continued

- **Probation/Community Control violators are those offenders initially sentenced to Community Control, Intervention in Lieu, or other form of community supervision who violate the conditions of the Community Control, Intervention in Lieu or other form of community supervision resulting in the revocation of Community Control, Intervention in Lieu of other form of community supervision with the imposition of a prison sentence. Judicial release offenders who violate and are returned to prison, as well as Community Control, Intervention in Lieu or other community supervision offenders who violate supervision with new FELONY convictions for which a prison sentence is imposed are not considered probation violators for purposes of this grant.*

**Municipal/County Court Probation/Community Control violators are those who are initially sentenced to probation/community control or other community supervision who violate the conditions of the supervision resulting in the revocation of probation/community control supervision with imposition of a JAIL sentence. Municipal/County Court offenders whose violations include a new criminal conviction for which a jail sentence is imposed are not considered probation/community control violators for purposes of this grant.*

How to Apply

Applicants must submit applications through www.ocjsgrants.com, The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services and Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Grant Management System (Intelligrants). Applicants must first register with Intelligrants in order to apply through Intelligrants. **Registering is a one-time process.** First-time registrants will receive confirmation within two business days. Intelligrants users with existing grants through the Bureau of Community Sanctions or Office of Criminal Justice Services are already registered users. Existing users access the application using the “View Current Solicitations” button.

Complete the following steps for **first-time Intelligrants registration**:

1. Go to www.ocjsgrants.com.
2. Within the “Login” box, click the link “New User?”
3. Complete all required fields on the Registration Form. Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk.
 - a) In the “Organization” field, please indicate your Organization using the following format: **County or City, Type of Court, Probation Department/Court**
 - i. Example: **Franklin County Common Pleas Court**, or **Darke County Municipal Probation Department** or **Cleveland County Court**
 - b) Please select “Department of Rehabilitation and Correction” in the “Agency you are registering for” box at the bottom of the registration page.
4. Click the blue “Save” button in the top, right-hand corner of the page.
5. Within two business days of submitting your registration you will receive an email confirmation that you have been approved/denied.
6. Once approved as an Intelligrants user, log onto www.ocjsgrants.com and enter the username and password you created during the registration process.
7. Under the “View Current Solicitations” menu click the blue button “View Current Solicitations”.
8. Under the description of the **Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant**, select the blue button “Apply Now”.
9. On the Agreement page, select the blue button “I Agree”.
10. Under the “View, Edit, Complete Forms” menu, select the blue button “View Forms”.
11. Complete each section and page of the application. For additional step-by-step instructions on how to navigate the Intelligrants system and complete the application, click the link to “**My Training Materials**” at the top of the page and select the **FY20/FY21 Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Manual**.

Grant Application Tips

- The FY20/FY21 Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant Manual provides detailed information on grant requirements and step by step instruction on how to submit a grant application. It can be accessed via Intelligrants by selecting the My Training Materials tab.
- It is recommended that agencies review the Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Scoring document that indicates how assigned reviewers will be evaluating and scoring each submitted application. Applications that score the highest will be given first consideration as part of the competitive scoring process. As such, all applications may not be approved based on score and/or budget limitations. This document is located on the ODRC website, www.drc.ohio.gov/jrig

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