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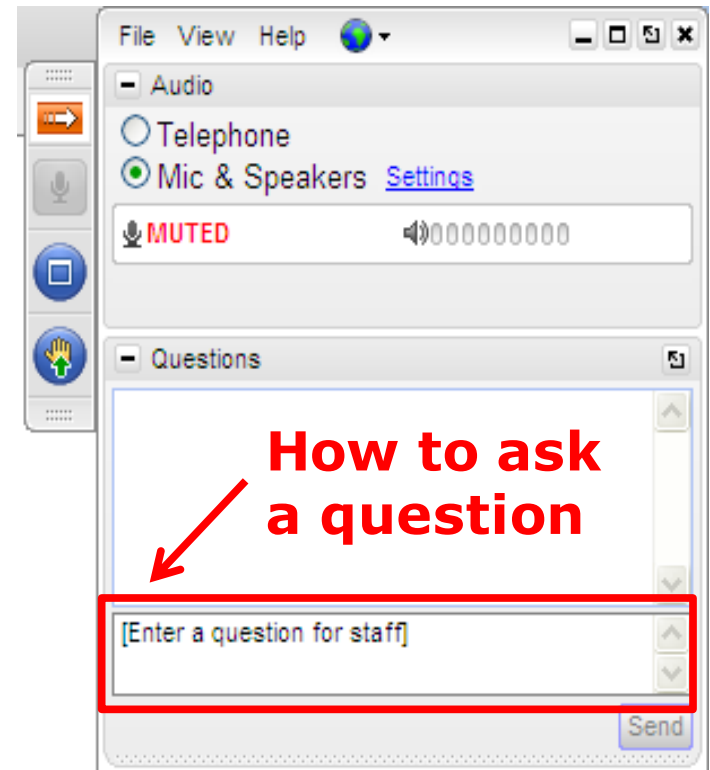
Bureau of Justice Assistance Competitive Grant Announcement: FY2015 PREA Solicitation

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Logistics

- Use the **questions box** to ask a question
- An archive of this webinar will be posted on the PREA Resource Center website: prearesourcecenter.org



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Agenda

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- Solicitation overview
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- Eligible applicants
- Priority considerations
- Awardee training and technical assistance
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PREA Implementation Update

Resource Commitment

- Since 2011, over 100 awards, more than 35 million
- Recently released PREA solicitation with FY15 funds
- President's Budget request of 10.5 million for FY16
- National PREA Resource Center funded through September 2016
- Creation of a PREA Management Office (PMO) within BJA



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PREA Implementation Update

Focus of BJA's/PMO's Work to Date, in Collaboration With the PRC

- Implementing the PREA audit function, including training and certifying auditors, and developing the audit tools.
- Leading the efforts of DOJ's PREA Working Group to issue interpretative guidance related to the standards.
- Providing technical assistance and training to the field.
- Supporting the work of BJA's PREA Grantees.
- Conducting proactive outreach to, and seeking input from, key constituent groups.



PREA Implementation Update

Looking to the Future

- Continue to focus on and address current priorities
- Support states that provided DOJ with an assurance or certification.
- Work with states that submitted neither an assurance nor a certification, so they may submit this year.
- Implement quality improvement (QI) and peer review (PR) processes to enhance the PREA audit function.



Overview of BJA's FY 2015 PREA Solicitation



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Solicitation Overview

Key Information

- Solicitation link: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15PREAsol.pdf>
- Deadline: **Wednesday, June 10, 2015** (11:59 p.m. Eastern)
- Webinar archive: <http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/training-and-technical-assistance/archived-webinars>



Solicitation Overview

Program-Specific Information

PREA Program provides funding to eligible applicants for demonstration projects within:

- Prisons
- Jails
- Juvenile facilities
- Community corrections facilities
- Law enforcement lockups and other temporary holding facilities
- Tribal detention facilities



Solicitation Overview

Program-Specific Information (cont.)

Applicants must propose comprehensive approach to:

- Prevention, detection, and response to incidence of sexual abuse
- Prioritize yet unaddressed gaps (programmatic, policy, procedural) as they relate to PREA standard implementation



Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables



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Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

Goals

- Assist facilities in implementing prevention, identification, and response mechanisms that will reduce the incidence of sexual abuse in confinement facilities
- Provide federal assistance to implement comprehensive demonstration projects in local adult and juvenile correctional facilities to meet the PREA standard requirements



Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

Objectives

- Increase awareness of the problem of sexual harassment, abuse and assault in confinement facilities
- Use local data to identify causes and contributing factors leading to sexual victimization
- Track performance indicators to ensure effective application of policy and program strategies to be PREA compliant and create “zero tolerance” cultures
- Provide resources to develop comprehensive programs, strategies, and policies to enhance ability to achieve PREA compliance and eliminate sexual abuse



Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

Deliverables

Comprehensive demonstration projects with program design elements to reduce sexual victimization with the overall goal of creating or enhancing a “zero tolerance” environment/culture. Projects should focus on systemic changes and design elements may include:

- Policy and practice review and revision
- Preventative infrastructure and technology enhancements
- Inmate/detainee/resident education
- Victim support services
- Leadership and assessment of organizational culture
- Data collection
- Staffing support and training
- Evaluation



Allowable Uses of Funds



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Allowable Uses of Funds

Allowable uses include:

- Policy and practice review, revision, and implementation
- Preventative infrastructure and technology enhancements
- Inmate/detainee/resident education
- Victim support services
- Leadership, organizational culture, and performance
- Data collection and performance measurement
- Planning, analysis, training, and staffing support
- Evaluation
- Support PREA audit activities



Eligibility and Priority Considerations



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Eligibility

Eligible applicants include:

- States
- Units of local government
- Federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior)



Priority Considerations

Priority considerations include:

- Proposals to address facilities that demonstrate above national average incidence of sexual abuse based on data reported annually to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) or other available data
- Target specific PREA standards with complex implementation requirements
- Propose to use project funds to implement prioritized and demonstrated need(s), and agree to provide a report on the improvement efforts so that others may learn from the experience



Priority Considerations

Priority considerations include (cont.):

- Propose to address specific findings from recent BJS reports, including variations in victimization rates and circumstances of victimization, or other available data that suggest past problems with sexual abuse in the facility
- Propose to address needs of high-risk and vulnerable populations such as LGBTI people or individuals with serious psychological distress



Training and Technical Assistance for Awardees



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Training and Technical Assistance for Awardees

National PREA Resource Center (PRC)

The PRC will provide all awardees with training and technical assistance (TTA) focused on the areas of:

- Prevention strategies
- Improved reporting and detection
- Investigation
- Prosecution
- Victim-centered responses



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Training and Technical Assistance for Awardees

Focus on TTA Needs

Applicants are strongly encouraged to include in the Program Narrative:

- A summary of priority TTA needs related to their efforts to fulfill their obligations under PREA
- Any current/anticipated administrative/operational barriers related to PREA implementation
- Identify individual who will interact with the PRC



Amount and Length of Awards and Cost Sharing/Match Requirement



Amount and Length of Awards

Estimated Award Amounts

- 5 awards—up to \$250,000 each for projects at individual facilities
- 8 awards—up to \$500,000 each for projects at, or to benefit, multiple facilities

Length of Awards

- Awards will be up to 24 months in length, starting October 1, 2015

Type of Award

- BJA expects that it will make any award from this solicitation in the form of a grant



Cost Sharing/Match Requirement

Cost Sharing or Match Requirement

- Federal funds awarded under this program may not cover more than 50% of the total project costs
- Applicants must identify the source of the non-federal 50%
- Match requirement may include cash, in-kind, or a combination of both

Match Waiver

- The Attorney General may waive the match requirement upon determination of a fiscal hardship
- To request the waiver, a letter of request signed by the Authorized Representative must be submitted with the application defining the fiscal hardship



Application and Submission Information



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Application and Submission Information

Application Elements

- Information to complete the application for federal assistance (SF-424)
- Project abstract
- Program narrative
- Budget detail worksheet
- Budget narrative
- Non-competitive procurement contracts in excess of simplified acquisition threshold (currently set at \$150,000)
- Indirect cost rate agreement (if applicable)



Application and Submission Information

Application Elements

- Tribal authorization resolution (if applicable)
- Applicant disclosure of high risk status
- Financial management and system of internal controls questionnaire
- Disclosure of lobbying activities
- Additional attachments include:
 - » Project timeline
 - » Position description
 - » Letters of support
 - » Governor's PREA Certification or Assurance (state, territories or District of Columbia)
 - » Applicant disclosure of pending applications
 - » Research and evaluation independence and integrity



Application Review Information



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Application Review Information

Selection Criteria

- Statement of the problem (15%)
- Program design and implementation (40%)
- Capabilities and competencies (20%)
- Plan for collecting the data required for this solicitation's performance measures (15%)
- Budget (10%)



Questions and Answers



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For More Information

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Access the solicitation at: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15PREAsol.pdf>

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline:

- 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035
- support@grants.gov

For assistance with any other requirements of the solicitation contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Services (NCJRS) Response Center at:

- 800-851-3420
- 301-240-6310 (TTY)
- responsecenter@ncjrs.gov
- 301-240-5830 (fax)
- <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat/jsp>



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