The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under OJJDP FY 2007 High-Risk Youth Offender Reentry and Family Strengthening Initiatives. These Initiatives further the Department's mission by supporting innovation and enhancement in juvenile justice-related practices at the local, state, and tribal levels as authorized by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. 5665-5667.

OJJDP FY 2007 High-Risk Youth Offender Reentry and Family Strengthening Initiatives

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to public agencies (including state agencies, units of local government, state and local departments of corrections, and tribal governments) and private organizations (including faith- and community-based non-profit organizations).

(See “Eligibility,” page 4)

Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. E.T., on June 8, 2007.

(See “Deadline: Application,” page 3.)

Contact Information

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This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. The funding opportunity number is OJJDP-2007-1635. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1–800–518–4726.
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High Risk Youth Offender Reentry and Family Strengthening Initiatives
CFDA # 16.548

Overview

The High-Risk Youth Offender Reentry and Family Strengthening Initiative is designed to support innovations and enhancements of juvenile justice related practice at the local, state and tribal government levels as authorized by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. 5665-5667. Under this initiative, OJJDP will fund (1) high risk youth offender reentry strategies and programs designed to promote collaboration among Departments of Juvenile Corrections, faith-based and community-based organizations and providers committed to providing opportunities, resources and services for youth offenders who are returning to their families and communities, school systems, and/or workforce environments, following a period of confinement in a juvenile residential facility, and (2) family strengthening strategies and programs that focus on improving family economic success, family support systems, and building thriving and nurturing communities in which healthy families can pursue long-term goals. OJJDP will give priority to family strengthening programs that focus on strengthening the families of youth at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. OJJDP is particularly interested in programs or strategies that address family strengths and needs in an integrated, comprehensive, communitywide approach that focuses on change, not only at the individual level, but also at the family and community levels.
Registration

Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; however, if you are a first time registrant it could take up to several weeks to have your registration validated and confirmed and to receive your user password. It is highly recommended you start the registration process as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting your application package to our agency by the deadline specified. There are three steps that you must complete before you are able to register: 1) Register with Central Contractor Registry (CCR); 2) Register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and 3) Be authorized as an AOR by your organization. For more information, go to www.grants.gov. Note: Your CCR Registration must be renewed once a year. Failure to renew your CCR registration may prohibit submission of a grant application through Grants.gov.

Deadline: Application

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. E.T., June 8, 2007.
Eligibility

OJJDP invites applications from public agencies (including state agencies, units of local government, state and local departments of juvenile corrections, and tribal governments) and private organizations (including faith- and community-based nonprofit organizations). Joint applications from two or more eligible applicants are welcome; however, one applicant must be clearly indicated as the primary applicant (for correspondence, award, and management purposes) and the others indicated as co-applicants. Applicants may apply for one or both components of this initiative. It is recommended that applicants applying for both components submit one combined application.

Applications are encouraged from multi-disciplinary collaboratives. If the project is of a collaborative nature, written assurances of the collaboration must be provided. Similarly, when specific programs or agencies are the subject of an applicant's project, the application should include letters of commitment or cooperation from the relevant program or agency. Applicants are encouraged to identify existing or potential funding partners for the proposed work and indicate whether the proposed idea has been submitted to any other funding sources. Finally, applicants must demonstrate that they have experience or ability to manage the project they propose to conduct.

Faith-Based and Other Community Organizations: Consistent with President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13279, dated December 12, 2002, and 28 C.F.R. Part 38, it is DOJ policy that faith-based and other community organizations that statutorily qualify as eligible applicants under DOJ programs are invited and encouraged to apply for assistance awards to fund eligible grant activities. Faith-based and other community organizations will be considered for awards on the same basis as other eligible applicants and, if they receive assistance awards, will be treated on an equal basis with all other grantees in the administration of such awards. No eligible applicant or grantee will be discriminated for or against on the basis of its religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors or persons working in the organization.

Faith-based organizations receiving DOJ assistance awards retain their independence and do not lose or have to modify their religious identity (e.g., removing religious symbols) to receive assistance awards. DOJ grant funds, however, may not be used to fund any inherently religious activity, such as prayer or worship. Inherently religious activity is permissible, although it cannot occur during an activity funded with DOJ grant funds; rather, such religious activity must be separate in time or place from the DOJ-funded program. Further, participation in such activity by individuals receiving services must be voluntary. Programs funded by DOJ are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion.

Applicants are encouraged to review the Civil Rights Compliance section under “Additional Requirements” in this announcement.

Program-Specific Information

The OJJDP FY 2007 High-Risk Youth Offender Reentry and Family Strengthening Initiatives are intended to foster innovation and advancement in juvenile justice and child welfare practices at the local, state, and tribal levels.
• **High Risk Youth Offender Reentry Initiative**

**Purpose.** The purpose of the High-Risk Youth Offender Reentry Initiative is to facilitate juvenile offenders’ successful transition to their families and communities following confinement in a juvenile residential facility. OJJDP is interested in using a promising approach to reentry that is integrated with established community and faith-based services and resources. This initiative will focus on the structural replication of a reentry model previously demonstrated by OJJDP as the Intensive Aftercare Program Model. For further information on this model, visit [http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojjdp/201800/contents.html](http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojjdp/201800/contents.html).

A significant challenge facing the juvenile correction system is transitioning offenders from the closely monitored and highly regimented environment of secure confinement to relatively unstructured life in the community. The difficulties posed in providing a continuity of service and supervision across the boundary of juvenile corrections and service providers have long plagued efforts to achieve successful community reentry. Inadequate communication, coordination, and collaboration among staff in correctional facilities and other residential placements, probation and parole agencies, and community-based social institutions (e.g., schools, local organizations, faith-based organizations, public mental health agencies, drug and alcohol treatment centers, employment and training programs, business associations, employers) have impeded the development of effective reentry programming. Incorporating a framework and set of procedures to ensure careful pre-release planning and structured transitioning is needed to address the needs of youthful offenders reentering their communities.

The reentry continuum can be conceptualized as three distinct, yet overlapping phases with accompanying activities:

1. Pre-release planning during confinement
2. Structured reentry involving the active participation of both residential and community-based agency staff
3. Long-term reentry activities.

A number of strategies initiated at the institutional end of the continuum can be used to determine a youth’s readiness and suitability for return to the community. These often entail such initial steps as home visits and brief excursions into the community to make contact with parents or other placement options, educational providers, and potential employers. Once a decision has been made to begin formal reentry, considerable attention must be given to the step-down procedures preceding final community placement. These procedures focus on relatively brief reentry, residential settings such as transitional placements (often located close to the institution itself), and halfway houses in the community, short-term group homes, and preparatory program placement for long-term independent living arrangements. The critical need to activate links with identified community services and resources as soon as possible must be kept in mind, as extended waiting periods for service provision following community reentry should be avoided.

The period of structured transitioning usually requires a high level of face-to-face and telephone contact between the reentry worker and the youth, as with other significant parties, and may entail the use of curfew, tracking services, electronic monitoring devices; and random drug and alcohol testing. This initial level of intense social control...
and surveillance should be reduced as the youth moves through the reentry experience; hopefully exhibiting improved performance and demanding increased responsibility.
The community follow-up phase of the reentry continuum includes these program design features:

1. multistage decompression process
2. multi-agency collaboration including public organizations, private provider agencies, faith and community based organizations, and key stakeholders
3. increasing degree of community involvement at grassroots level
4. provision of multi-model treatment and service provision, with a focus on family-centered services to include family strengthening
5. discrete case management framework
6. supervision and surveillance beyond ordinary working hours
7. reduced caseload size/increased frequency of client contact.

Case management provides the critical ingredient for ensuring effective interventions for juvenile offenders transitioning to home and community. In this context, it should be based on comprehensive, balanced intervention that prioritizes addressing problems most related to the youth’s delinquent activity.

Goals, Objectives and Deliverables. The goal of the High-Risk Youth Offender Reentry Initiative is to reduce recidivism rates of returning youth who re-offend and to provide the critical services, resources and opportunities that will allow a returning youth to successfully transition to adulthood.

Its objectives include the following:

1. establishing robust links with community organizations, including links that feature the use of intermediaries that can provide flexibility in service brokerage for offenders at the community level
2. building effective partnerships with community service providers that provide family-centered approaches to treatment and diversion
3. benefiting from the resources and unique strengths of faith-based organizations and services in the community.

Links with major social networks is crucial to programming for youths at greatest risk for repeat offending since such programming must focus on improving the family situation, intervening with the peer group, and reversing the cycle of school failure. Providing comprehensive and intensive services, as well as close supervision and monitoring, requires a variety of community support systems. Thus, referral and brokerage are essential to an effective juvenile reentry program.

Each successful applicant will develop an advisory group that must include individuals from juvenile corrections, juvenile probation and parole, community corrections, local law enforcement; faith-based and community based organizations, other intermediaries involved in the project, and other pre-release and community-based service and treatment providers. If there is a multidisciplinary committee or advisory group already in place to address offender reentry at the state level, applicants must indicate the length of time the committee has been together, the nature of its work, frequency of meetings, and past achievements.
Family Strengthening Initiative

Purpose. The purpose of the Family Strengthening Initiative is to foster innovations and advancement in family strengthening strategies, programs, and interventions that focus on improving family economic success, family support systems, and building thriving and nurturing communities in which healthy families can pursue long-term goals. OJJDP will give priority to family strengthening programs that focus on strengthening the families of youth at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. OJJDP is particularly interested in programs or strategies that address family strengths and needs in an integrated, comprehensive, communitywide approach that focuses on change at the individual, family, and community levels. OJJDP is also interested in programs designed to prevent teen pregnancy because a significant risk to family structure is teenage pregnancy.

The family strengthening framework has been embraced by the Anne E. Casey Foundation who defines family strengthening as a “deliberate process of giving parents the necessary opportunities, relationships, networks, and supports to raise their children successfully, which includes involving parents as decision-makers in how their communities meet family needs.”

Goals, Objectives and Deliverables. The goal of the Family Strengthening Initiative is to empower families and build on their capacities to nurture their children and lead their communities. This can only be achieved when parents, other family members, and neighbors partner with community agencies and service providers to define, assess, and allocate resources to address local needs in a manner that builds on community assets.

Its objectives include the following:

1. developing family-centered services that address the needs of the family as a whole
2. creating partnerships across service systems such as health, education, and workforce development; community and faith based organizations; and businesses and employers
3. strengthening the capacity of the family to function self sufficiently, including prevention of teen pregnancies
4. engaging families in decisions and goal setting.

Award Information

It is anticipated that $15 million will be available under this announcement, with $10 million allocated to the High-Risk Youth Offender Reentry Initiative and $5 million to the Family Strengthening Initiative, with awards ranging from $250,000 to $1 million for a period of up to 4 years under each. Applicants may apply for one or both components of this initiative. It is recommended that applicants applying for both components submit one combined application.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. It is anticipated that any awards that may be made under this solicitation should be awarded no later than September 30, 2007.

Match Requirement: Match is not required for this program.
Performance Measures

To assist in fulfilling the Department’s responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), P.L. 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work. Performance measures for this solicitation are as follows:

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<td>Strengthen families of youth involved in the juvenile justice system to help them improve family functioning and to support their ability to make informed decisions about the services youth receive.</td>
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<td>Number of families with at least one parent/guardian participating in a majority of relevant services (e.g., family counseling, family-oriented recreation activities, accompanying youth to court and other appointments)</td>
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### How To Apply

DOJ is participating in the e-Government initiative, one of 25 initiatives included in the President's Management Agenda. Part of this initiative—Grants.gov—is a “one-stop storefront” that provides a unified process for all customers of federal grants to find funding opportunities and apply for funding.

**Grants.Gov Instructions.** Complete instructions can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). If you experience difficulties at any point during this process, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

**CFDA Number.** The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.548, and the funding opportunity number is OJJDP-2007-1635.

**A DUNS number is required.** The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award.
Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1-866-705-5711 or by applying online at www.dunandbradstreet.com. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

What an Application Must Include

Standard Form–424

Applicants must complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF–424), a standard form used by most federal agencies, following the instructions it provides.

Program Narrative

Applicants must submit a program narrative that presents a detailed description of the purpose, goals, objectives, strategies, design, and management of the proposed program. The program narrative must be double spaced and single-sided, using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman preferred), with 1-inch margins, not exceeding 30 pages of 8½ by 11-inches. (Please number pages “1 of 30,” “2 of 30,” and so forth.) Material required under the “Budget and Budget Narrative” and “Other Attachments” sections will not count toward the program narrative page count. Applications that do not adhere to the required format may be deemed ineligible.

The program narrative must address the following selection criteria: (1) statement of the problem/program narrative, (2) impact/outcomes and evaluation, (3) project/program design and implementation, and (4) capabilities/competencies. The connections between and among each of these sections should be clearly delineated. For example, the goals and objectives should derive directly from the problems to be addressed. Similarly, the project design section should clearly explain how the program’s structure and activities will accomplish the goals and objectives identified in the previous section.

- **Statement of the Problem/Program Narrative**

Applicants must briefly describe the nature and scope of the problem in the jurisdiction to be addressed by this project. Applicants can select one jurisdiction, several jurisdictions or statewide where youth will be returning. Local data should be used to provide evidence that the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the larger community. Applicants should describe any previous or current attempts to address the problem.

- **Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation**

Applicants must describe the goals of the proposed project and identify its objectives. When formulating the project’s goals and objectives, applicants should be cognizant of the performance measures that will be required of successful applicants.
Goals. Applicants should provide a broad statement, written in general terms, that conveys the program's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem described. This section of the program narrative must outline the specific goals of the project.

Program Objectives. Applicants should explain how the program will accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, quantifiable statements of the desired results of the program, and they should be clearly connected to the problems identified in the preceding section. The objectives should be measurable. (Examples of measurable objectives might include the following: to provide school-based and community services for 40 youth returning from commitment, to increase the percentage of youth who successfully complete their current academic grade, to expand counseling services to cover an additional 50 at-risk youth.)

Performance Measures. Award recipients are required to collect and report data in support of performance measures. (See “Performance Measures,” page 8.) Recipients' assistance in obtaining this information will facilitate future program planning and will allow OJP to provide Congress with measurable results associated with federally funded programs. Performance measures must reflect the specific problems, goals and objectives, and design (see “Project/Program Design and Implementation” below) associated with this grant.

- Project/Program Design and Implementation

Applicants must describe the specific strategies that will be used to implement the proposed program. Applicants should develop a program design that will facilitate the gathering of data on the required performance measures.

The project design section of the program narrative should describe what applicants propose to do and how they intend to do it. Applicants should identify the program's target population and explain how the strategy will achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section.

This section should be detailed and describe how the project will operate throughout the duration of the funding period. Applicants are encouraged to select evidence-based practices for their programs. This section must also discuss plans for sustainability, i.e., how the program will continue to operate beyond the period of the OJJDP grant award.

This section should also include details regarding any leveraged resources (cash or in-kind) from local sources to support the project. Applicants should identify any other federal, state, or private foundation grants that serve the same local area and target population.

Finally, applicants should describe any research or evaluation studies that support the entire project design, or any of its components. Previous research related to the applicant's selected problem area should also be noted to indicate the applicant's understanding of the causes of—and potential solutions to—the problems to be addressed. While applicants are expected to review the research literature for any relevant studies, they should also explore whether any unpublished local sources of research or evaluation data are available.

In addition to the narrative description of the project design, applicants must also submit a timeline or milestone chart that indicates major tasks in the proposed design, assigns
responsibility for each major task, and plots completion of these tasks by month or quarter for the duration of the award. This timeline/milestone chart should be submitted as a separate attachment as stipulated in “Other Attachments,” page 13.
• **Capabilities/Competencies**

Applicants must describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff and explain the program’s organizational structure and operations. This section of the program narrative must describe how the project will be managed and staffed locally. Management and staffing patterns should be clearly and evidently connected to the project design described in the previous section. This section should describe the experience and capability of the applicant’s organization and any contractors that will be used to effectively implement and manage this effort and its associated federal funding. Any prior experience implementing projects of similar design or magnitude should be highlighted in this section.

**Budget and Budget Narrative**

Applicants must provide a budget that: (1) is complete, allowable, and cost effective in relation to the proposed activities; (2) shows the cost calculations demonstrating how the applicant arrived at the total amount requested; and (3) provides a brief supporting narrative to link costs with project activities.

Applicants must submit a budget that includes both a detailed worksheet itemizing all costs and a narrative explaining and justifying each budget item:

• **Budget Detail Worksheet**

The worksheet should provide the detailed computation for each budget line item. The worksheet must list the cost of each item and show how the cost was calculated. For example, costs for personnel should show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time devoted to the project for each employee paid through grant funds. The budget detail worksheet should present a complete and detailed itemization of all proposed costs. A Budget Detail Worksheet template is available at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget.pdf.

• **Budget Narrative**

The narrative should describe each budget item and relate it to the appropriate project activity. It should closely follow the content of the budget detail worksheet and provide justification for all proposed costs. In the budget narrative, the applicant should explain how fringe benefits were calculated, how travel costs were estimated, why particular items of equipment or supplies must be purchased, and how overhead or indirect costs (if applicable) were calculated. The budget narrative should justify the specific items listed in the budget detail worksheet (particularly, supplies, travel, and equipment) and demonstrate that all costs are reasonable.

**Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.** Applicants should attach a copy of their current federally approved indirect cost rate negotiated agreement, if indirect cost has been included in the budget. Applicants that do not have a federally negotiated indirect cost rate and wish to establish one, can submit a proposal to their cognizant federal agency. Generally, the cognizant federal agency is the agency that provides the preponderance of direct federal funding. This can be determined by reviewing an organization’s schedule of federal financial assistance. If DOJ is your cognizant federal agency, obtain information needed to submit an indirect cost rate proposal at
Other Attachments

Applicants must submit the following materials as attachments to their application. While these attachments are not assigned specific point values, peer reviewers will consider relevant items when rating applications. For example, reviewers will consider résumés when assessing “Capabilities/Competencies.” Peer reviewers will not consider any additional information other than that specified below.

Annualized project timeline containing each project goal, related objective, activity, expected completion date, and responsible person or organization. Please do not use actual calendar months/years in your timeline; instead prepare the timeline using “Year 1,” “Month 1,” etc. (See “Sample Project Timelines” at ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grantees/timelines.html.)

- Résumés of all key personnel.
- Job descriptions outlining roles and responsibilities for all key positions.
- Letters of cooperation. Where appropriate, applicants should provide letters of support or commitment or memoranda of understanding (MOUs) from involved agencies and programs. Before an applicant receives an award, OJJDP may require applicant to submit a signed MOU. If an applicant fails to submit the document upon request, OJJDP will eliminate the applicant from consideration for an award.
- Sample informed consent forms, if appropriate.

Geographic Information. To help the Office of Justice Programs develop a geographic information system (GIS) strategic planning capacity, applicants must provide the following two items of information on the geographic area served by the funded activity (“service area”) in the formats specified below:

- **Physical address.** If the mailing address is a P.O. Box, specify the physical address of the location where services are to be provided. If the mailing address is in a rural area with no street address, include the nearest street intersection. If the program has multiple service areas, include the required information for each.

  (example with street address)  
  ABC Associates  
  123 First Street  
  Shrewsbury, PA 17361

  (example with no street address)  
  ABC Associates  
  First Street and Holiday Drive  
  Shrewsbury, PA 17361

- **Map and street description.** Please provide a road map (with local detail) with the service area clearly depicted. The map should be marked with information identifying the grant application it is tied to, including applicant name, application number, and contact name and phone number. Also include a written description of streets bounding the service area. If GIS files are available, they can be e-mailed to OJJDP via Dennis Mondoro at Dennis.Mondoro@usdoj.gov.
Selection Criteria

Applications that proceed to peer review will be rated on a 100-point scale, based on the following point values for the selection criteria.

- Statement of the Problem/Program Narrative (20 points)
- Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation (20 points)
- Project/Program Design and Implementation (25 points)
- Capabilities/Competencies (25 points)
- Budget (10 points)

See “Program Narrative,” page 10, for detailed descriptions of the above criteria.

Review Process

OJJDP is committed to ensuring a competitive and standardized process for awarding grants. Applications will be screened initially to determine whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel.

Peer reviewers’ ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. All final grant award decisions will be made by the U.S. Department of Justice, which may also give consideration to geographic distribution and regional balance when making awards.

Additional Requirements

Successful applicants must agree to comply with additional requirements prior to receiving grant funding, including the following:

- Civil Rights Compliance
- Confidentiality and Human Subjects Protections regulations
- Anti-Lobbying Act
- Financial and Government Audit Requirements
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance
- DOJ Information Technology Standards
- Single Point of Contact Review
- Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements
- Compliance with Office of the Comptroller Financial Guide
- Suspension or Termination of Funding
• Non-Profit Organizations
• Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
• Rights in Intellectual Property

OJJDP strongly encourages every applicant to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting their application. Additional information for each can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm