

Project Abstract



Part 1: Please identify the applicant point of contact (POC)

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Part 2: Please identify the application

Application Information	
Solicitation Name	Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program FY 2017 Competitive Grant Announcement
Project Title	Pretrial Mental Health Enhancement Project
Proposed Start Date	September 30, 2017
Proposed End Date	September 29, 2019
Funding Amount Requested	\$300,000

Part 3: Please identify the project location and applicant type

Project Location and Applicant Type	
Project Location (City, State)	San Francisco, California
Applicant Type (Tribal Nation, State, County, City, Nonprofit, Other)	County Government - Sheriff's Department



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Enter additional project abstract information. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, this information includes:

- Brief description of the problem to be addressed and target area and population
- Project goals and objectives
- Brief statement of project strategy or overall program
- Description of any significant partnerships
- Anticipated outcomes and major deliverables

Text should be single spaced; do not exceed 400 words.

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The San Francisco Sheriff's Department, in collaboration with San Francisco Pretrial Services and the UCSF Citywide Forensics Program, seeks a total of \$300,000 in funding through Category 3 of the BJA FY 2017 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program to fund an innovative two-year program to improve pretrial outcomes for clients with serious mental health issues. Our primary approach involves hiring and evaluating the impact of a new, full-time Masters-level Clinical Social Worker (CSW) who will provide in-depth behavioral health assessments for mentally ill persons released pretrial, along with ongoing counseling, support, referral, and placement advocacy services. The new position responds to a need that has emerged following the adoption of the Arnold Foundation Public Safety Assessment Tool, which reduces mental health issues as a basis for unnecessary detention but creates a gap in client mental health assessment and support. The CSW will be based directly within the pretrial Assertive Case Management (ACM) program, and will serve as an on-site trainer and TA provider for ACM staff on issues related to mental health and substance use. The project will also identify, adopt, and provide training on the use of a practical behavioral health screening tool to help non-professionals identify pretrial clients in need of mental health services. Additionally, the project will create a small-scale Emergency Housing Fund for mentally ill clients in the pretrial system who require short-term housing support to preserve stability and maintain their course of treatment. Working with a nationally respected criminal justice evaluator and researcher, Katie Kramer of the Bridging Group, the project will incorporate an extensive evaluation component to assess the impact and effectiveness of project elements, and will work to identify long-term funding for project components that prove successful. Project management and administrative services will be provided on an in-kind basis by staff of the SF Sheriff's Department as a non-federal match to the BJA project, including a 10% time Project Director; a 10% time Finance and Reporting Specialist; and a 5% time Deputy Sheriff. The program will support 5% time of an Assessment & Training Specialist to identify and implement the new MH screening tool for non-professionals while 10% of an Information Technology (IT) Specialist at SF Pretrial Diversion modifies data systems to accommodate data reporting. The applicant is not a previous recipient of JMHCP funds.



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Authorized Official (AO) Consent	
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