

Drug court applicants can apply under problem solving courts (Byrne Recovery)
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CATEGORY VII: SUPPORTING PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS.

Initiatives that use BJA's problem-solving court and community prosecution models support the collaboration between the criminal justice system and the local communities to enhance public safety. To be effective, judges, prosecutors, defense counsel, court managers, pretrial services staff, and others must work collectively to address a community's local crime problem. Such work includes addressing issues, faced by defendants that often fuel crime (such as drug addiction, mental illness, prostitution, and domestic violence).

Applications are solicited under Category VII for state or local courts systems to implement or enhance a problem-solving court such as a community court, to include hiring of personnel. The goal of this initiative is to reduce the conflicts, gaps, and inconsistencies that can be created by inefficient court operations and multiple problem-solving courts operating within a jurisdiction. Essential elements of the program are: 1) engaging the community in defining the issues to be addressed and building strong links to citizens, schools, and community groups; 2) establishing pretrial screening, assessment, pre-adjudication diversion, and close supervision of offenders; and 3) establishing effective links between criminal justice system and community social service organizations that lead to diverse sentencing options and access to appropriate community resources.

BJA is also soliciting applications from local jurisdictions to implement or enhance community prosecution in their jurisdictions, including hiring of local, neighborhood-based prosecutors in order to support innovative problem-solving strategies. The goal of the initiative is to strengthen links between the criminal justice system and the community, to promote partnerships among local agencies, and to encourage the development of problem-solving strategies for prosecution and crime prevention. Applicants must use BJA's key principles of Community Prosecution in their program design. For more information on these principles and problem solving in general, visit the [FAQs](#) for this solicitation.