

#### **Arrest and Jail Alternatives** -Second Round Solicitation Overview

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# **AJA Origins**

- Established in 2019 by <u>2SHB 1767</u>
  - <u>RCW 36.28A.450</u>: "...supporting local initiatives to properly identify criminal justice system-involved persons with substance use disorders and other behavioral health needs and engage those persons with therapeutic interventions and other services..."

#### **AJA Expected Outcomes**

- RCW 36.28A.440(8)(a):
  - (i) To reduce arrests, time spent in custody, and/or recidivism for clients served by the program;
  - (ii) To increase access to and utilization of nonemergency community behavioral health services;
  - (iii) To reduce utilization of emergency services;
  - (iv) To increase resilience, stability, and well-being for clients served; and
  - (v) To reduce costs for the justice system compared to processing cases as usual through the justice system.

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### AJA Solicitation Overview (Eligible Applicants)

- Any law enforcement agency, other local government entity, tribal government entity, tribal organization, urban Indian organization, or a nonprofit community-based organization that:
  - Does not currently receive funds from WASPC's AJA program, and
  - Has not been a recipient of WASPC's AJA program grant funds in the past (at any point, in any amount).
  - are not already being served by an existing Arrest and Jail Alternatives program.

#### AJA Solicitation Overview (Year One Budget)

- Period of Performance/Budget for Year One:
  - April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024
- Funds Available:
  \$1,000,000 is available for allocation.

Note: funds allocated for this period do not carry over from one state fiscal year to the next and must be utilized by June 30, 2024.

### AJA Solicitation Overview (Year Two Budget)

- Period of Performance/Budget for Year Two:
  - July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
- Funds Available:
  - \$831,000 is available for allocation.

Note: funds allocated for this period do not carry over from one state fiscal year to the next and must be utilized by June 30, 2024.

# AJA Solicitation Overview (Eligible Activities)

Generally broad cost eligibility (within reason) to support efforts meant to:

- "...properly identify criminal justice system-involved persons with substance use disorders and other behavioral health needs and engage those persons with therapeutic interventions and other services, the efficacy of which have been demonstrated by experience, peer-reviewed research, or which are credible promising practices, prior to or at the time of jail booking, or while in custody..." (*RCW 36.28A.450(1)*)
- "...must include governing involvement from community-based organizations, local government, and law enforcement, and must also demonstrate engagement of law enforcement, prosecutors, civil rights advocates, public health experts, harm reduction practitioners, organizations led by and representing individuals with past justice system involvement, and public safety advocates." (<u>36.28A.450(2)</u>)
- As directed by the Legislature, WAPSC utilizes a performance based contacting model for the AJA program. Additional details available upon written request.

(Risk Assessment, Monitoring, Management, and Mitigation)

- One of WASPC's highest priorities is to ensure that we and our partners in these efforts are good stewards of public funds.
- As such, risk assessment, monitoring, management and mitigation activities are required and include (but are not limited to):
  - In-person site visits (no fewer than three total)
  - Monthly "Check-In" calls with WASPC staff and program representatives, and
  - Ongoing, timely communication and program status updates

#### (Timeline – Upcoming Deadlines and Dates)

- February 6, 2024, at 4:00 PM PST Inquiry period closes. No further inquiries will be taken or responded to after this date.
- February 9, 2024, by 4:00 PM PST Responses to inquiries (submitted via email or taken from this webinar) will be posted on the program's page of the WASPC website.
- February 19, 2024, at 5:00 PM PST Grant application period closes. No late submissions will be accepted.
- **Mid-March** Following a thorough review and scoring of the applications as outlined in the RFA, WASPC expects to notify apparently successful applicants with work expected to begin no earlier than April 1, 2024 and no later than April 14, 2024.
- **45 Calendar Days** Deadline to return a fully executed (dually signed) Award Agreement to WASPC (*not counting day of receipt of the unsigned copy of the Award Agreement*). At WASPC's sole discretion, and when presented with a formal written request, WASPC may choose to allow additional days (not to exceed another 14 calendar days) for execution of the Award Agreement (for a maximum of 59 calendar days). After the allotted time and any subsequent extension(s) expire(s), WASPC may withdraw its Notice of Intent to Award and subsequently reallocate the sum total of funds mentioned therein.

#### (Submitting an Application)

- Required documents:
  - Organizational Overview and Key Personnel
  - Program Abstract
  - Program Narrative
  - Program Outcome Focus
  - Partnerships and Collaboration
  - Program Budget

See the RFA document (<u>here</u>) for additional information about the required elements and details necessary for the documents listed above.

 Submitted via the web-form (<u>Formstack</u>) with a copy of the submission sent to the email listed in the completed application.

#### **Questions?**