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National

BJA FY22 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program
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Overview

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications to plan, implement, and enhance drug court services, including service coordination, management of drug court participants, and recovery support services. This program furthers the DOJ’s mission by providing resources to state, local, and federally recognized tribal governments to support drug court programs and systems for nonviolent justice-involved individuals with substance use disorder, including stimulant and opioid use.

This solicitation incorporates the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants on how to prepare and submit applications for funding to OJP. If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.

West Virginia

Tentative $161.5M settlement reached in WVa opioid trial
Associated Press

Attorneys for the state of West Virginia and two remaining pharmaceutical manufacturers have reached a tentative $161.5 million settlement just as closing arguments were set to begin in a seven-week trial over the opioid epidemic, Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said Wednesday.

Morrisey announced the development in court in the state’s lawsuit against Teva Pharmaceuticals Inc., AbbVie’s Allergan and their family of companies. The judge agreed to put the trial on hold to give the parties the opportunity to work out a full settlement agreement in the upcoming weeks.