



Reaching Rural Letter of Commitment

Thank you for applying to be a part of the third cohort of the *Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions* initiative created by the Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (BJA COSSUP). As part of this initiative, you/your team (up to six people) will receive full travel scholarships to attend three required in-person events. Each meeting will last up to 2.5 days, with travel time allocated on days before and after. Each convening includes training from experts and seasoned facilitators, peer learning, dialogue, and hands-on, collaborative work. Every aspect of this project, from the first in-person convening to the monthly coaching calls, site visits, and the final convening are intended to build upon each other. Therefore, it is imperative that the fellows chosen for this initiative are committed to full participation.

Please complete the below letter of commitment by carefully reading and marking each check box below.

I, _____ (print name), agree that by applying to the *Reaching Rural* initiative I commit to complete the following components of the program in its entirety:

- I will attend the virtual kickoff meeting February 24, 2025.
- I will attend the first in-person meeting in Virginia April 8-10, 2025.
- I will attend one in-person site visit in June or July 2025.
- I will attend the final in-person meeting in Virginia February 3-5, 2026.
- I will prioritize attendance at all monthly coaching calls.

Applicants who are not agency leaders must also indicate support from their agency supervisor or director.

I, _____ (print supervisor/director name) support

_____ (print applicant's name) participation in the Reaching Rural initiative and understand the time and travel commitments required, as noted above.

_____ (supervisor/director's signature)

Applicant signature

Date

Please submit a completed copy of this form along with your other application materials.