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# INNOVATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES

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## Funding Opportunities for Future Innovation

Where: United States

Program: FY 2021 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies bill

<https://www.naco.org/blog/us-house-approves-fy-2021-commerce-justice-science-funding-bill>

At the end of July, the U.S. House cleared H.R. 7617 - a \$1.3 trillion, FY 2021 appropriations bill that combines six of Congress' twelve annual spending bills. The Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies bill was included as part of the package, which sets funding levels for key state and local law enforcement and other programs important to counties. See the link for a full list of funding opportunities allocated within the bill.

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## Data Integration

Where: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Program: Building Data-Driven Justice

<https://www.naco.org/resources/building-data-driven-justice-philadelphia-pa>

[https://www.naco.org/sites/default/files/documents/DDJ%20Case%20Study%20Philadelphia\\_FINAL\\_updated.pdf](https://www.naco.org/sites/default/files/documents/DDJ%20Case%20Study%20Philadelphia_FINAL_updated.pdf)

In a collaborative effort to reduce Philadelphia's jail population, the Criminal Justice Advisory Board's (CJAB) criminal justice, health, and community partners have focused on how to better use data to implement innovative practices. From July 2015 to February 2020, Philadelphia has successfully reduced its jail population by roughly 41 percent. Efforts have included implementing robust information sharing projects and platforms to effectively address the needs of frequent users of health and human services and justice systems to improve outcomes across agencies. Additionally, significant emphasis was put on building and expanding data capacity through the formation of an interagency data team that works to standardize data and produces reports on jail populations and a public dashboard with performance measures.

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## Collaborative Treatment Service Provision

Where: Aspen, Colorado

Program: Mental Health/Substance Abuse Program Partnership

<https://www.aspentimes.com/news/local/city-of-aspen-partners-with-agencies-for-mental-health-substance-abuse-programs/>

The City of Aspen is through the first quarter of a one-year intergovernmental agreement with various local entities to continue to provide mental health and substance abuse services. Mind Springs Health will carry out the services on behalf of the City, Pitkin County, Aspen Valley Hospital and Aspen School District, all of which are funding the effort. The cost sharing effort supports hiring many more behavioral health specialists to provide a variety of treatment options for high-risk individuals within community mental health and integrated care programs and school-based therapies.

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