An initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails
Why?

There are nearly 12 million jail admissions annually—equivalent to the populations of New York City and Los Angeles combined, and almost 19 times the annual admissions to state and federal prisons.
CONVICTIONS

Three out of five people in jail are legally presumed innocent, awaiting trial or resolution through plea negotiations.
Why?

RACIAL DISPARITIES

Nationally, African Americans are jailed at almost 4x the rate of white Americans.
The Competition:
191 Initial Applications
The 20 Network Sites
Phase II site selection: 11 Core Sites

- Spokane
- Pima
- Milwaukee
- St. Louis
- Lucas
- Harris
- New Orleans
- Charleston
- Connecticut
- New York City
- Philadelphia

11 Core Sites
9 Partner Sites
Targets

Core sites have established jail population reduction targets for their Safety and Justice Challenge work.

Strategy target #1
Strategy target #2
Strategy target #3

Total jail population reduction target
Network

Amplification

Knowledge

National Impact
Strategic Allies

National Conference of State Legislatures
The Council of State Governments
National Association of Counties
Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
International Association of Chiefs of Police
National Center for State Courts
National League of Cities
National Legal Aid & Defender Association

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State-Level Engagement

• State legislators are key in national efforts to address how jails are used

• States are already working to ease the local burden