The Arnold Ventures Criminal Justice team is pleased to support **Innovation Days** – external convenings that bring researchers and practitioners together to “think big” about solutions to pressing criminal justice problems. The goal is to spur collaborations on proposals for submission to our open [RFP on causal research in criminal justice](mailto:aarora@arnoldventures.org).

**Goals:**

- Bridge the gap between academic researchers and practitioners from government, non-profit, and advocacy groups
- Lay the foundation for high-impact, causal research on what works
- Facilitate longer-term partnerships that allow research to inform policy and vice versa
- Generate exciting, policy-relevant research proposals for AV funding

**Funds can be used to support the following types of expenses (but we will consider other requests as well):**

- Meeting hosting expenses such as event space, catering, and print materials
- Travel/lodging for attendees
- Facilitation and transcription services, including speaker fees
- Event deliverable production
- Personnel time for event planning

**How to apply for Innovation Day funding:**

*Email Ashna Arora* ([aarora@arnoldventures.org](mailto:aarora@arnoldventures.org)) *with the following information:*

- 1-2 paragraphs on the focus of your Innovation Day, including how it aligns with the goals listed above. The focus can be a topic (such as policing, housing, or corrections) or a place (such as Miami or rural counties).
- A draft list of people you intend to invite
- An approximate budget