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**Overview**

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) seeks applications for the Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative. The VALOR program is an effort to improve the immediate and long-term safety, wellness, and resilience of our Nation's law enforcement officers. Through a multifaceted approach that includes various programs to deliver no-cost training (professional education), conduct research, develop and provide resources, and establish partnerships that benefit law enforcement officers, the VALOR Initiative provides our law enforcement with innovative, useful, and valuable resources and skills. This program furthers the DOJ's mission by supporting and enhancing law enforcement safety, wellness, resilience, and survival; providing support to efforts including training and technical assistance programs, strategically targeted to address law enforcement safety and wellness needs; and encouraging and supporting community/police relations as a direct link to officer and community safety and wellness.

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.**

**Solicitation Categories**

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-BJA-2022-00080-PROD	1	1	\$6,700,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	Applicant selects 18, 24 or 36 months
C-BJA-2022-00081-PROD	2	1	\$2,100,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	Applicant selects 18, 24 or 36 months
C-BJA-2022-00082-PROD	3	1	\$1,800,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	Applicant selects 18 or 24 months
C-BJA-2022-00083-PROD	4	1	\$1,100,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	Applicant selects 18 or 24 months

### **Eligible Applicants:**

City or township governments, County governments, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Special district governments, State governments, Other

### **Other**

For purposes of this solicitation, "state" means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Attorney General determined that all state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process, to be eligible for FY 2022 DOJ discretionary grant funding. To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency's use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and (2) the agency's use-of-force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law. The certification requirement also applies to law enforcement agencies receiving DOJ discretionary grant funding through a subaward. For detailed information on this certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO> to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Implementation Fact Sheet, and the List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

BJA will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). For additional information on subawards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2022 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and on the availability of appropriations.

### **Contact Information**

For technical assistance with submitting the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL) in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, [Grants.gov customer support](#), or at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only) or by email at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov). The OJP Response Center hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. eastern time Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date.

### **Submission Information**

Applications will be submitted to DOJ in two steps:

**Step 1:** Applicants must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) form when they register in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

Beginning April 4, 2022, the Federal government will cease using the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to uniquely identify entities. At that point, entities doing business with the Federal government will use a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) created in SAM.gov. If your entity is currently registered in SAM.gov, your UEI has already been assigned and is viewable in SAM.gov. This includes inactive registrations. If you are a new entity registering in SAM.gov, you will continue to register in SAM.gov using the DUNS number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) until April 4, 2022. Upon completing your registration in SAM.gov, you will be assigned a UEI. For additional information, see the [Unique Entity Identifier Update](#) and the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

**IMPORTANT:** Grants.gov will transition to UEI at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (ET) on March 31, 2022.

To support this transition, DOJ will update all posted Grants.gov funding opportunity packages to reflect the use of UEI.

All entities applying for DOJ funding opportunities that have a Grants.gov close date after March 31, 2022, must take one of the following actions:

1) Complete and submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL **no later than March 30, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. ET.**

- If the SF-424 is not completed and submitted by this time, any information contained in the SF-424 will be lost during the transition.

- If this occurs, applicants will need to re-enter their data in the new SF-424 form upon returning to Grants.gov on April 1, 2022.

2) Wait until April 1, 2022, to begin and submit the Grants.gov application.

**Step 2:** Applicants must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov).

To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

OJP encourages applicants to review the "How to Apply" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [JustGrants website](#) for more information, resources, and training.

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## Program Description

### Overview

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

For the FY 2022 VALOR Initiative, BJA intends to award one national program provider under **each** of the following four categories:

1. VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Training and Technical Assistance Program (VALOR Program): BJA seeks a national officer safety and wellness training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to continue and further enhance BJA's cornerstone officer safety and wellness suite of training, resources, and technical assistance.
2. National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program (SAFLEO Program): BJA seeks a national TTA provider to continue and further enhance BJA's law enforcement suicide prevention, education, and awareness work.
3. Law Enforcement Agency and Officer Resilience Training Program (Resilience Program): BJA seeks a national TTA provider to continue and further enhance BJA's law enforcement resilience skills-building TTA program.
4. National Law Enforcement Roadway Safety Program (NLERS Program): BJA seeks a national TTA provider to continue and further enhance BJA's law enforcement roadway safety training and resource program.

### Statutory Authority

Any awards under this solicitation would be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, 1260.

### Specific Information

BJA's VALOR Initiative is comprised of distinct program areas that address a variety of topics related to officer safety, wellness, resilience, and survival. Through multifaceted training, technical assistance, and specialized program offerings to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement, the VALOR Initiative is the premier provider of innovative, research/ evidence-based, and current officer safety and wellness TTA. The Initiative has provided critical education and resources to tens of thousands of officers and their agencies, directly impacting their safety.

Our Nation's law enforcement professionals are facing unprecedented challenges, threats, and stressors as they continue to serve and protect our communities during a global pandemic and with rising pressures related to changing national expectations concerning the nature and role of law enforcement in the broader context of public safety.

BJA recognizes the importance of effective Constitutional policing where the sanctity of life is paramount above all else, and where the civil rights and dignity of all persons must be protected and honored. The important work done by our Nation's law enforcement officers every day requires a level of constant awareness of the possible risks of (as well as exposure to) volatile, physically dangerous, and sometimes tragic and emotional situations. This environment can take a toll on these professionals, and, if left unaddressed, can lead to emotional trauma, behavioral concerns, familial disruptions, and possibly suicide by these officers. Prioritizing and addressing officer wellness and resilience is just as important as tactical and physical safety for law enforcement.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), in its *2021 End-Of-Year Preliminary Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report*, noted that line-of-duty deaths (including COVID-related deaths) rose approximately 55 percent in 2021 with 458 law enforcement fatalities compared to 295 in 2020. (NLEOMF.org, 2021 End-of-Year Preliminary Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report, <https://nleomf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2021-EOY-Fatality-Report-Final-web.pdf>, accessed January 15, 2022).

Most officers spend a great deal of time driving from one call to another, investigating motor vehicle collisions, assisting disabled motorists, or initiating traffic stops. They work in all types of weather—rain, snow, fog, and sleet—and in all types of lighting and visibility conditions. NLEOMF's 2021 end-of-year preliminary fatalities report also found that law enforcement traffic-related fatalities rose by 38 percent in 2021 with 58 officer deaths due to roadway incidents compared to 42 deaths in 2020. (NLEOMF.org, 2021 End-of-Year Preliminary Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report, <https://nleomf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2021-EOY-Fatality-Report-Final-web.pdf>, accessed January 15, 2022).

These statistics are more than just numbers, they represent individuals who dedicate their professional lives to selflessly protecting our communities from harm even if that means making the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives in the performance of those duties.

According to Blue H.E.L.P., an organization that tracks officer suicide information, in 2021, it estimated that 169 law enforcement officers died by suicide. These incidents are preventable. One officer suicide is one too many. Law enforcement officers need to be as prepared as possible with the skills, knowledge, and tools that will help them not only better address the emotional and mental aspects of police work, but also the physical and tactical aspects of the profession in order to be safer, healthier and serve their communities and agencies to the best of their abilities.

BJA is committed to supporting our Nation's law enforcement by providing robust TTA and resources with the goal of keeping officers safe, well, and resilient. The VALOR Initiative's mission is to assist our law enforcement in coming home at the end of each shift as safe and well as possible and for them to finish their careers and enjoy long, safe, and happy retirement. Through the VALOR Initiative, officers and law enforcement agencies gain skills and knowledge to better address and cope with the many

complex physical, emotional, and mental aspects of police work. The Initiative is continually evolving to ensure that it addresses current law enforcement concerns and integrates the latest research and promising practices to address all aspects of safety and wellness.

This FY 2022 solicitation supports and enhances BJA's VALOR Initiative through continuation of four of the Initiative's programs. To learn more about those and the other eight programs, visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/valor/overview>. FY 2022 VALOR Initiative award recipients will be required to collaborate with the other existing VALOR Initiative providers/programs, as well as with BJA.

## **Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline**

### **Goals**

The overall goals for each program (Category), as described below, are meant to provide a general overview and guidance for what BJA is seeking under this solicitation.

- Increase the knowledge and skills of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in officer safety and wellness through cutting-edge, innovative resources, training, and technical assistance.
- Identify and address current and emerging safety and wellness threats and concerns to law enforcement.
- Raise awareness of BJA's officer safety and wellness programs, trainings, and resources.

### **Objectives**

#### **Category 1: VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Training and Technical Assistance Program (VALOR Program)**

BJA will select one applicant to provide state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement with TTA on wide ranging officer safety and wellness topics that have a direct impact on officer safety. To deliver on the VALOR Initiative's cornerstone officer safety and wellness program, VALOR Program applicants must have the capacity and resources to provide this TTA throughout the United States and its territories, both in person as well as online/virtually, while also developing and delivering other trainings and resources that may be requested by BJA or the field. This program often requires development and delivery of items with very tight deadlines; therefore, it is expected that the TTA provider can concurrently deliver TTA in multiple locations while also fulfilling those tight deadlines. Applicants must demonstrate this capacity within their applications.

The VALOR Program TTA provider will implement the program as part of BJA's larger VALOR Initiative and continue to deliver critical TTA to law enforcement that addresses all aspects of officer safety and wellness. The VALOR Program's continued work must be a comprehensive and well-balanced skills, knowledge, and awareness building national TTA program that strives to build long lasting relationships with officers and their agencies. The provider must provide training, resources, and information to help officers identify potentially deadly encounters before they occur and prevent them from occurring, or survive them if they cannot be prevented, in the safest way possible for both officers and community members.

The delivery of TTA must be creative, innovative, interactive, and it must use adult-learning and behavior-changing concepts. All deliverables must be based on the latest research, data, and evidence-based practices and must undergo periodic review to ensure relevance. Additionally, TTA topics should be directly related to what research indicates are the greatest threats to officer safety and wellness. The VALOR Program must encompass and teach a philosophy and culture of safety and wellness for all levels of law enforcement, and focus on the profession's importance and need for strong and trusted relationships with the communities served to increase both officer and community safety.

The chosen provider may be asked to issue subawards or microgrants to a limited number of law enforcement agencies to evaluate the impact of VALOR trainings. Applicants must demonstrate that they have the experience and capabilities to solicit, award, and manage subawards and microgrants. For more information, see [2 CFR § 200.332 Requirements for pass-through entities](#).

To learn about the existing VALOR Program, visit [www.valorforblue.org](http://www.valorforblue.org).

#### **Category 2: National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program (SAFLEO Program)**

BJA will select one applicant to provide state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement with TTA on officer wellness and suicide prevention and education. The SAFLEO Program provides national, culturally informed, and culturally sensitive TTA to law enforcement professionals and agencies to educate and increase awareness and recognition of law enforcement suicide with the aim of preventing it. The provider must address the many complex factors (traumatic and/or dangerous service calls/incidents, shift work, stress, etc.) that can have an effect on officers and possibly cumulatively

influence the increase in suicide ideation among them. The delivery of TTA must be creative, innovative, interactive, and use adult-learning and behavior-changing concepts. Additionally, all deliverables must be based on the latest research, data, and evidence-based practices and must undergo periodic review to ensure relevance.

The SAFLEO Program TTA provider will implement the program as part of BJA's larger VALOR Initiative and continue to deliver critical in-person and online/virtual training and technical assistance to all ranks of law enforcement officers and agencies. The provider will address the complex nature of stress and trauma within the law enforcement profession with the goals of educating and preventing officer suicide. Addressed factors should include mental/emotional wellbeing, stress reduction, professional and personal/family life stressors, family education on issues related to law enforcement stressors and suicide, physical wellness as it directly relates to emotional wellness and stress, unhealthy coping mechanisms (alcohol and drug use), executive and middle management considerations, and agency policies and procedures. The provider must also provide resources for law enforcement family members, friends, and other appropriate stakeholders (clergy, medical professionals, etc.). Applicants are encouraged to propose other topics directly related to officer suicide prevention and recognition based on evidence and their expertise and knowledge of needs from the field, including identified gaps in training topics.

This TTA provider must closely involve and coordinate with subject matter experts from the mental health field who have knowledge and demonstrated experience in mental health issues within first responder communities. Applicants are encouraged to explore suicide prevention work and research being done in other fields/disciplines to identify possible translation and use within law enforcement.

Applicants must demonstrate in their applications historical and current capacity to deliver in-person and online/virtual trainings and/or technical assistance concurrently in multiple locations, and/or deliver trainings with marked frequency.

To learn about the existing SAFLEO Program, visit [www.safleo.org](http://www.safleo.org).

#### Category 3: Law Enforcement Agency and Officer Resilience Training Program (Resilience Program)

BJA will select one applicant to provide state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement with TTA on law enforcement resilience. The Resilience Program provides training, resources, and technical assistance to assist officers and law enforcement agencies in strengthening resilience. The program provides knowledge and skills in resiliency concepts that can be applied throughout an officer's career. It is based on research, work, and studies that have been done in the field of resiliency. The TTA provider must continue to draw from research and evidence and should include, when appropriate, information learned from different fields (for example, law enforcement, military, victim services, medical). All deliverables must undergo periodic review to ensure their relevance.

The Resilience Program TTA provider will implement the program as part of BJA's larger VALOR Initiative and continue to deliver in-person and online/virtual resilience training and technical assistance to all ranks of law enforcement officers and agencies. Trainings must be skills based and include a variety of exercises to allow officers to practice those skills. The TTA provider will enhance the program by providing additional customized technical assistance to agencies seeking to implement a resilience program. Additionally, the applicant should propose a variety of resources and tools to be developed that will reinforce the training lessons and concepts given within the Resilience Program. The delivery of TTA must be creative, innovative, interactive, and use adult-learning and behavior-changing concepts.

Applicants must demonstrate historical and current capacity to deliver in-person and online/virtual trainings and/or technical assistance concurrently in multiple locations, and/or deliver trainings with marked frequency.

To learn about the existing Resilience Program visit <https://www.theiacp.org/projects/law-enforcement-agency-and-officer-resilience-training-program>.

#### Category 4: National Law Enforcement Roadway Safety Program (NLERS Program)

BJA will select one applicant to provide TTA to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement on the many issues related to law enforcement and roadway safety. The NLERS Program provides TTA and resources to law enforcement agencies and officers that address traffic/roadway-related officer safety, while also considering data-driven promising practices, policies, and strategies. The NLERS TTA provider will continue to provide training on the roadway threats and concerns currently being faced by law enforcement and should include, but not be limited to, traffic stops, emergency vehicle operations, all-weather driving, and directing traffic. Each training should instruct on the latest safety strategies and maneuvers, based on research and evidence of promising practices and results. TTA delivered under this program should include both in-person and online/virtual training. The TTA must be creative, innovative, interactive, and use adult-learning and behavior-changing concepts. All deliverables must undergo periodic review to ensure relevance.



The NLERS Program TTA provider will implement the program as part of BJA's larger VALOR Initiative and continue to deliver critical in-person and online/virtual training and technical assistance to all ranks of law enforcement officers and agencies. The TTA provider will enhance the program by providing additional customized technical assistance to agencies seeking to address roadway safety concerns or to implement a roadway safety program. Additionally, the applicant should propose a variety of resources and tools to be developed that will reinforce the training lessons and concepts given within the NLERS Program.

Applicants must demonstrate in their applications historical and current capacity to deliver in-person and online/virtual trainings and/or technical assistance concurrently in multiple locations, and/or deliver trainings with marked frequency.

To learn about the existing NLERS Program, visit <https://www.policefoundation.org/projects/national-law-enforcement-roadway-safety-program/>.

## **Deliverables**

### **Category 1: VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Training and Technical Assistance Program (VALOR Program)**

Deliverables under Category 1 must include, but should not be limited to:

- A robust and comprehensive catalogue of interactive and innovative in-person and online/virtual trainings that address officer safety and wellness. The offerings must include courses and resources for all levels of law enforcement and include train-the-trainer courses.
- Exploration and possible creation and/or adaptation of officer safety, wellness, resilience, and survival TTA and resources specific to the corrections field.
- Implementation and enhancement of TTA for BJA's new *VALOR Safer Together* campaign to include a 1-day in-person training, educational reinforcement tools and resources, a toolkit, and online resources. *VALOR Safer Together* emphasizes the link between officer safety/wellness and community trust. To learn more visit <https://www.valorforblue.org/Clearinghouse/1491/Safer-Together-Campaign-Fact-Sheet>.
- Development and provision of training materials, manuals, related resources, and direct reinforcement tools for use within the TTA program.
- Customized technical assistance to improve agencies' existing training, policies, procedures, and programs related to officer safety and wellness.
- Customized technical assistance, including awarding possible microgrants, to two law enforcement agencies to assist in the implementation or enhancement of an agency wellness program. The TTA provider will administer and award the microgrants through a competitive process. BJA will provide guidance on this competitive process once the TTA provider is selected.
- If site-specific intensive TTA is provided, BJA's overall TTA delivery expectations include:
  - Development of individualized TTA work plans for each law enforcement site based on the goals and needs identified during the planning phase. The customized work plan should be presented to each site, revised as needed, and agreed to by the agency. Work plans should include checklists to help each selected agency execute key tasks. Please note that BJA may require the selected provider to submit for review and approval the proposed TTA plans, protocols, or strategies in advance of disseminating them to and implementing them with each site.
  - Support selected sites in completing their implementation guides and ensure they address governance, program design, performance measures collection, and sustainability.
  - Assign each site a TTA coach to assess and identify TTA needs, including a summary of the findings for the agency and recommended next steps, to improve program performance to be shared with BJA. Each coach should have the skills and time needed to move their assigned agency site toward its goals. TTA coaches should have consistent, scheduled monthly calls with their sites. Email check-ins may be substituted occasionally, as logistics require. Assigned coaches must provide follow-up information regarding the agency's implementation of the recommendations. Prior to assigning coaches, the award recipient must provide BJA with a list of TTA coaches/consultants and their expertise.
  - The selected TTA provider must undertake efforts to anticipate, quickly identify, and address challenges that arise during TTA delivery. When challenges arise, the TTA provider should engage in strategies like case conferencing to harness the collective knowledge of its TTA coaches.
  - All training provided with BJA funding must provide a mechanism for pre- and post-testing of knowledge and other impact assessments.
  - Develop a program plan for delivery of TTA and resources specifically to tribal, rural, and territorial law enforcement.

- Analysis of locations recommended for possible training and/or technical assistance, to include written analysis and justification.
- Evaluations of all trainings immediately following the training and 90 days after the training to gauge training impact. The analysis and major findings resulting from the evaluations should be conducted and discussed with BJA and should inform the program of any needed training modifications.
- Evaluations of technical assistance engagements. Major findings should inform the program of any needed TTA modifications.
- A VALOR Program website, including a secured portal for sworn law enforcement (if appropriate). See [www.valorforblue.org](http://www.valorforblue.org) to view the existing program's site.
- Proactive promotion of the VALOR Program and a highly visible and active presence. The program should also promote other BJA officer safety and wellness programs and resources.
- The TTA provider must serve as a thought leader and information clearinghouse for relevant research and best practices. All products must be 508 compliant, and, when appropriate, available in both English and Spanish. The provider must:
  - Create knowledge diffusion products/resources (e.g., fact sheets, webinars) and disseminate them through BJA's networks.
  - Explore possibly convening practitioner learning communities, based on their respective projects/programs, to explore best practices and lessons learned.
  - Disseminate best practices and lessons learned by attending and presenting at national, state, local, tribal, or other conferences and events related to award activities where officials and other stakeholders can learn about successful strategies.
- Development and maintenance of a TTA request database. The TTA provider should prioritize responses to requests from practitioners and the field, in consultation with BJA. Not all ad hoc requests require an extensive response—some might require referral to resources or connection with other agencies for collaboration—but a limited number may require more thorough exploration and response. In consultation with BJA, the TTA provider must design a process to evaluate requests for limited assistance from unfunded jurisdictions and agencies, triage requests and respond to them efficiently and effectively, and provide regular briefings that summarize the support provided, if any.
- Support for VALOR Initiative coordination activities, including, among other activities, officer safety and wellness meeting logistics, scheduling, minutes/reports, and Initiative marketing and communications.
- A VALOR Initiative online dashboard for all VALOR Initiative programs to submit, on a regular basis, information including, but not limited to
  - Number of trainings and technical assistance events held; total and broken down by type of training and assistance.
  - Number of law enforcement officers trained; total and broken down by type of training attended.
  - Number of law enforcement agencies represented in training; total and broken down by type of training.
  - Number of law enforcement agencies assisted.
  - Number of future trainings and technical assistance scheduled, including locations.
  - Number of pending requests for TTA; total and broken down by type.
  - Web hits on the program's website or webpage.
  - Number of registered followers on the program's social media accounts.
  - Number of registered users on the secured portion of the website.
  - Quotes and testimonials from class evaluations and 90-day surveys.
  - List of completed TTA with date, location, type, and number of attendees.
  - List of agencies requesting training and/or technical assistance, and type requested.

These are in addition to the required performance measures.

- Participation in scheduled conference calls (at a minimum twice monthly) with BJA to coordinate all activities being performed under the program.
- An advisory board, created in consultation with BJA, to assist, inform, and help guide the provider throughout the program's project period.
- Participation in at least two yearly VALOR Initiative provider meetings; one meeting to be held in person in Washington, D.C., and one meeting to be held virtually.
- Additional ad hoc tasks/deliverables requested or deemed necessary by BJA to address issues related to officer safety and wellness that directly affect officer safety. The award recipient may set aside a conservative funding amount to be used for these activities or may be required to coordinate with BJA and receive approval to re-allocate funding and/or deliverables.

## Category 2: National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program (SAFLEO Program)

Deliverables under Category 2 must include, but should not be limited to:

- A robust and comprehensive catalogue of interactive and innovative in-person and online/virtual trainings that address officer suicide awareness and prevention. The offerings must include courses and resources for all levels of law enforcement and include train-the-trainer courses.
- Exploration and possible creation and/or adaptation of wellness/suicide awareness and prevention TTA and resources specific to the corrections field.
- Development and provision of training materials, manuals, related resources, and direct reinforcement tools for use within the TTA program.
- Customized technical assistance for agencies wishing to implement, or in the process of implementing, an in-house law enforcement suicide awareness and prevention training or program.
- A program plan for delivery of TTA and resources specifically to tribal, rural, and territorial law enforcement.
- Resources and training for law enforcement families, friends, and appropriate stakeholders to educate them on the issues and factors surrounding law enforcement wellness and suicide and what they can do to assist their officer.
- Analysis of locations recommended for possible training and/or technical assistance, to include written analysis and justification.
- Evaluations of all trainings immediately following the training and 90 days after the training to gauge training impact. The analysis and major findings resulting from the evaluations should be conducted and discussed with BJA and should inform the program of any needed training modifications.
- Evaluations of technical assistance engagements. Major findings should inform the program of any needed TTA modifications.
- A SAFLEO Program website, including a secured portal for sworn law enforcement (if appropriate). See [www.safleo.org](http://www.safleo.org) to view the existing program's site.
- Proactive promotion of the SAFLEO Program with a highly visible and active presence. The program should also promote other BJA officer wellness programs and resources.
- The TTA provider must serve as a thought leader and information clearinghouse for relevant research and best practices. All products must be 508 compliant, and, when appropriate, available in both English and Spanish. The provider must:
  - Create knowledge diffusion products/resources (e.g., fact sheets, webinars) and disseminate them through BJA's networks.
  - Explore possibly convening practitioner learning communities, based on their respective projects/programs, to explore best practices and lessons learned.
  - Disseminate best practices and lessons learned by attending and presenting at national, state, local, tribal, or other conferences and events related to award activities where officials and other stakeholders can learn about successful strategies.
- Development and maintenance of a training and technical assistance request database. The TTA provider should prioritize responses to requests from practitioners and the field, in consultation with BJA. Not all ad hoc requests require an extensive response—some might require referral to resources or connection with other agencies for collaboration—but a limited number may require more thorough exploration and response. In consultation with BJA, the TTA provider must design a process to evaluate requests for limited assistance from unfunded jurisdictions and agencies, triage requests and respond to them efficiently and effectively, and provide regular briefings that summarize the support provided, if any.
- Regular data and information submission into a VALOR Initiative online dashboard. Information to be submitted includes, but may not be limited to:
  - Number of trainings and technical assistance events held; total and broken down by type of training and assistance.
  - Number of law enforcement trained; total and broken down by type of training attended.
  - Number of law enforcement agencies represented in training; total and broken down by type of training.
  - Number of law enforcement agencies assisted.
  - Number of future trainings and technical assistance scheduled, including locations.
  - Number of pending requests for TTA; total and broken down by type.
  - Web hits on the program's website.
  - Number of registered followers on the program's social media accounts.
  - Number of registered users on the secured portion of the website.
  - Quotes and testimonials from class evaluations and 90-day surveys.
  - List of completed TTA with date, location, type, and number of attendees.
  - List of agencies requesting training and/or technical assistance, and type requested.

These are in addition to the required performance measures.

- Participation in scheduled conference calls (at a minimum twice monthly) with BJA to coordinate all activities being performed under the program.
- An advisory board, created in consultation with BJA, to assist, inform, and help guide the provider throughout the program's project period.
- Participation in at least two yearly VALOR Initiative provider meetings; one meeting to be held in person in Washington, D.C., and one meeting to be held virtually.
- Additional ad hoc tasks/deliverables requested or deemed necessary by BJA to address issues related to officer safety and wellness that directly affect officer wellness and suicide prevention. The award recipient may set aside a conservative funding amount to be used for these activities or may be required to coordinate with BJA and receive approval to re-allocate funding and/or deliverables.

### Category 3: Law Enforcement Agency and Officer Resilience Training Program (Resilience Program)

Deliverables under Category 3 must include, but should not be limited to:

- A comprehensive catalogue of interactive and innovative in-person and online/virtual trainings that addresses law enforcement resilience. The offerings must include train-the-trainer courses.
- Exploration and possible creation and/or adaptation of officer and agency resilience TTA and resources specific to the corrections field.
- Development and provision of training materials, manuals, related resources, and direct reinforcement tools for use within the TTA program.
- Customized technical assistance and resources to assist an agency in developing a more resilient law enforcement organization and culture.
- A program plan for delivery of TTA and resources specifically to tribal, rural, and territorial law enforcement.
- Analysis of locations recommended for possible training and/or technical assistance, to include written analysis and justification.
- Evaluations of all trainings immediately following the training and 90 days after the training to gauge training impact. The analysis and major findings resulting from the evaluations should be conducted and discussed with BJA and should inform the program of any needed training modifications.
- Evaluations of technical assistance engagements. Major findings should inform the program of any needed TTA modifications.
- A Resilience Program website. See <https://www.theiacp.org/projects/law-enforcement-agency-and-officer-resilience-training-program> to view the existing program's site.
- Proactive promotion of the Resilience Program and a highly visible and active presence. The program should also promote other BJA officer wellness programs and resources.
- The TTA provider must serve as a thought leader and information clearinghouse for relevant research and best practices. All products must be 508 compliant, and, when appropriate, available in both English and Spanish. The provider must:
  - Create knowledge diffusion products/resources (e.g., fact sheets, webinars) and disseminate them through BJA's networks.
  - Explore possibly convening practitioner learning communities, based on their respective projects/programs, to explore best practices and lessons learned.
  - Disseminate best practices and lessons learned by attending and presenting at national, state, local, tribal, or other conferences and events related to award activities where officials and other stakeholders can learn about successful strategies.
- Development and maintenance of a training and technical assistance request database. The TTA provider should prioritize responses to requests from practitioners and the field, in consultation with BJA. Not all ad hoc requests require an extensive response—some might require referral to resources or connection with other agencies for collaboration—but a limited number may require more thorough exploration and response. In consultation with BJA, the TTA provider must design a process to evaluate requests for limited assistance from unfunded jurisdictions and agencies, triage requests and respond to them efficiently and effectively, and provide regular briefings that summarize the support provided, if any.
- Regular data and information submission into a VALOR Initiative online dashboard. Information to be submitted includes, but may not be limited to:
  - Number of trainings and technical assistance events held; total and broken down by type of training and assistance.
  - Number of law enforcement trained; total and broken down by type of training attended.
  - Number of law enforcement agencies represented in training; total and broken down by type of training.

- Number of law enforcement agencies assisted.
- Number of future trainings and technical assistance scheduled, including locations.
- Number of pending requests for TTA; total and broken down by type.
- Web hits on the program's website.
- Number of registered followers on the program's social media.
- Number of registered users on the secured portion of the website.
- Quotes and testimonials from class evaluations and 90-day surveys.
- List of completed TTA with date, location, type, and number of attendees.
- List of agencies requesting training and/or technical assistance, and type requested.

These are in addition to the required performance measures.

- Participation in scheduled conference calls (at a minimum twice monthly) with BJA to coordinate all activities being performed under the program.
- An advisory board, created in consultation with BJA, to assist, inform, and help guide the provider throughout the program's project period.
- Participation in at least two yearly VALOR Initiative provider meetings; one meeting to be held in-person in Washington, D.C., and one meeting to be held virtually.
- Additional ad hoc tasks/deliverables requested or deemed necessary by BJA to address issues related to officer resilience and wellness. The award recipient may set aside a conservative funding amount to be used for these activities or may be required to coordinate with BJA and receive approval to re-allocate funding and/or deliverables.

#### Category 4: National Law Enforcement Roadway Safety Program (NLEERS Program)

Deliverables under Category 4 must include, but should not be limited to:

- A robust and comprehensive catalogue of interactive and innovative in-person and online/virtual trainings that address traffic/roadway safety-related threats, issues, and concerns faced by officers in the course of their duties. The offerings must include courses and resources for all levels of law enforcement and include train-the-trainer courses.
- Development and provision of training materials, manuals, related resources, and direct reinforcement tools for use within the TTA program.
- Customized technical assistance to agencies to improve their existing training, policies, procedures, and programs related to law enforcement traffic safety.
- A program plan for delivery of TTA and resources specifically to tribal, rural, and territorial law enforcement.
- Analysis of locations recommended for possible training and/or technical assistance, to include written analysis and justification.
- Evaluations of all trainings immediately following the training and 90 days after the training to gauge training impact. Analysis and major findings resulting from the evaluations should be conducted and discussed with BJA and should inform the program of any needed training modifications.
- Evaluations of technical assistance engagements. Major findings should inform the program of any needed TTA modifications.
- A law enforcement traffic safety awareness and educational campaign using materials to be distributed within law enforcement agencies.
- A NLEERS Program website, including a secured sworn law enforcement portal (if appropriate). See <https://www.policefoundation.org/projects/national-law-enforcement-roadway-safety-program/> to view the existing program's site.
- The TTA provider must serve as a thought leader and information clearinghouse for relevant research and best practices. All products must be 508 compliant, and, when appropriate, available in both English and Spanish. The provider must:
  - Create knowledge diffusion products/resources (e.g., fact sheets, webinars) and disseminate them through BJA's networks.
  - Explore possibly convening practitioner learning communities, based on their respective projects/programs, to explore best practices and lessons learned.
  - Disseminate best practices and lessons learned by attending and presenting at national, state, local, tribal, or other conferences and events related to award activities where officials and other stakeholders can learn about successful strategies.
- Proactive promotion of the NLEERS Program and a highly visible and active presence. The program should also promote other BJA officer safety and wellness programs and resources.

- Development and maintenance of a training and technical assistance request database. The TTA provider should prioritize responses to requests from practitioners and the field, in consultation with BJA. Not all ad hoc requests require an extensive response—some might require referral to resources or connection with other agencies for collaboration—but a limited number may require more thorough exploration and response. In consultation with BJA, the TTA provider must design a process to evaluate requests for limited assistance from unfunded jurisdictions and agencies, triage requests and respond to them efficiently and effectively, and provide regular briefings that summarize the support provided, if any.
- Regular data and information submission into a VALOR Initiative online dashboard. Information to be submitted includes, but may not be limited to:
  - Number of trainings and technical assistance events held; total and broken down by type of training and assistance.
  - Number of law enforcement trained; total and broken down by type of training attended.
  - Number of law enforcement agencies represented in training; total and broken down by type of training.
  - Number of law enforcement agencies assisted.
  - Number of future trainings and technical assistance scheduled, including locations.
  - Number of pending requests for trainings and technical assistance; total and broken down by type.
  - Web hits on the program’s website or webpage.
  - Number of registered followers on the program’s social media accounts.
  - Number of registered users on the secured portion of the website.
  - Quotes and testimonials from class evaluations and 90-day surveys.
  - List of completed TTA with date, location, type, and number of attendees.
  - List of agencies requesting training and/or technical assistance, and type requested.

These are in addition to the required performance measures.

- Participation in scheduled conference calls (at a minimum twice monthly) with BJA to coordinate all activities being performed under the program.
- An advisory board, created in consultation with BJA, to assist, inform, and help guide the provider throughout the program’s project period.
- Participation in at least two yearly VALOR Initiative provider meetings; one meeting to be held in person in Washington, D.C., and one meeting to be held virtually.
- Additional ad hoc tasks or deliverables requested or deemed necessary by BJA to address topics related to law enforcement traffic/roadway safety. The awardee may set aside a conservative amount to be used for these activities or may be required to coordinate with BJA to receive approval to re-allocate funding and/or deliverables.

#### **Evidence-Based Programs or Practices**

OJP strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

#### **Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities**

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section entitled “Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities.”

#### **OJP Priority Areas**

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

##### **1. Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government***

Consistent with this Executive Order, the term “underserved community” refers to a population sharing a particular characteristic, as well as a geographic community, that has been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life or whose members have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality. Such communities include, among others, Black people, Hispanics and Latino/a/e people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. In support of Executive Order 13985, OJP will:

- A. Give priority consideration to applications that include project(s) that will promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by

inequality, when making award decisions.

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project(s) will address potential inequities and barriers to equal opportunity, and/or contribute to greater access to services for underserved and historically marginalized populations.

B. Give priority consideration to applicants that can demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because the applicant (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 30% of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative) identifies as a culturally specific organization. To receive this additional priority consideration, applicants must describe how being a culturally specific organization (or funding the culturally specific subrecipient organization(s)) will enhance their ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or to have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

Culturally specific organizations are defined for purposes of this solicitation as private nonprofit or tribal organizations whose primary purpose as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to, among others, Black people, Hispanics and Latino/a/e people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders.

Note: Addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas is not a guarantee of an award.

## Federal Award Information

### Solicitation Categories

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-BJA-2022-00080-PROD	1	1	\$6,700,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	Applicant selects 18, 24 or 36 months
C-BJA-2022-00081-PROD	2	1	\$2,100,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	Applicant selects 18, 24 or 36 months
C-BJA-2022-00082-PROD	3	1	\$1,800,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	Applicant selects 18 or 24 months
C-BJA-2022-00083-PROD	4	1	\$1,100,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	Applicant selects 18 or 24 months

### Awards, Amounts and Durations

**Period of Performance Start Date**  
10/1/22 12:00 AM

**Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation**  
\$11,700,000.00

**Additional Information**  
Performance period varies per category

### Continuation Funding Intent

BJA may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation, through continuation awards. OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and progress of award funded work, when making continuation award decisions.

**Availability of Funds**

This solicitation, and awards (if any are made) under this solicitation, are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this solicitation is intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

**Types of Awards**

BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as cooperative agreements, which provide for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

**Financial Management and System of Internal Controls**

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

**Budget Information**

The use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)/unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV) and/or any accompanying accessories to support such UAS/UAV devices/systems, etc. is unallowable.

*Applicants should consider the most effective and efficient ways for reaching the field in proposing approaches to the work.*

**Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement**

This solicitation does not require a match.

**Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) information on Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs).

**Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.

**Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs.

**Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Costs Associated with Language Assistance.

**Eligibility Information**

For eligibility information, see the solicitation cover page.

**Application and Submission Information**

The following application elements **MUST** be included in the application submission for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:



- Proposal Abstract,
- Proposal Narrative,
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form) (The web-based form includes the budget details and the budget narrative)

See the “Application Elements and Formatting Instructions” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements or that is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

#### **Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)**

The SF-424 must be submitted in Grants.gov. It is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

In Section 8F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information (*email address*) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

**Intergovernmental Review:** This solicitation (“funding opportunity”) is **not** subject to [Executive Order 12372](#). (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting the response that the “Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.”)

#### **Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency Information)**

The Standard Applicant Information section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to: add zip codes for areas affected by the project; confirm its Authorized Representative; and verify and confirm the organization’s unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

#### **Proposal Abstract**

A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including the purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries and subrecipients (if known), will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be written in the third person and will be made publicly available on the OJP website if the project is awarded.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration, the applicant **must** provide the following information:

- Which priority consideration is being sought: 1(A), 1(B), or both.
- What page(s) in the program narrative provide documentation of the applicant’s plan to respond to the priority consideration.
- For applicants seeking priority consideration 1(B), who is the proposed subawardee to receive the funding and the amount of funds proposed.

#### **Proposal Narrative**

The proposal narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 15 pages. Pages should be numbered and submitted as an attachment. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, BJA may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision.

The following sections must be included as part of the proposal narrative:

##### A. Description of the Issue

Clearly specify the category for which the application is submitted. Describe and demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the nature of and need for the program under that category.

##### B. Project Design and Implementation

Describe how the project will address the category-specific description listed in the Program-Specific Information section. Clearly provide a design that will result in the category-specific deliverables. The applicant must tie program activities/deliverables to objectives in the program design. In addition, a required program timeline (as an appendix) should clearly identify each program activity (all category-specific deliverables must be addressed), expected completion date, and responsible person or organization.

Applicants should include other items or deliverables being proposed in addition to the ones listed in this solicitation and should provide detailed information on them.

Additionally, applicants must include a completed training delivery data chart (as an appendix) that contains data points for the onsite training delivery. For additional information on the chart, see What an Application Should Include.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration for Priority 1(A), it should address in this section how the proposed project(s) will promote racial equity and/or the removal of barriers to access and opportunity, and/or contribute to greater access to services, for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

### C. Capabilities and Competencies

Fully describe the applicant's experience and capabilities to implement the national program being proposed and the competencies of the staff assigned to the program. Résumés for key personnel (to include subject matter experts) must be included in the application package. (See What an Application Should Include). TTA provider staff are expected to have sufficient subject matter expertise in the execution of their projects. The staff should have the necessary technical skill sets and experience to effectively complete the tasks under the award. There are also occasions when an external expert will be required. To this end, the TTA provider must utilize a range of vetted local and national subject matter experts, including practitioners, academics, and federal partners. The TTA provider must identify and maintain a list of subject matter experts whose expertise and experience best fit the needs of the program. It is key that the provider considers and has a plan to ensure that it has a set of diverse staff, trainers, and/or subject matter experts who reflect a mix of experiences and perspectives to effectively reach the communities and practitioners that they will serve.

Applicants must also provide evidence of extensive experience in successfully providing complex national-level law enforcement training and technical assistance related to officer safety and wellness. The applicant must demonstrate experience in, and sufficient resources to provide for, the successful delivery of TTA throughout the country and online to a variety of law enforcement professionals and leaders.

In addition, the applicant must demonstrate knowledge and experience in: curriculum development, research and analysis, publications and multimedia material development, collaborative partnerships, development and management of large in-person training and conference events as well as online and virtual events, and experience in recruitment and maintenance of subject matter experts/instructors.

**Category 1 applicants** must demonstrate technical and programmatic capacity to successfully accomplish the goals and requirements of a subaward program. They must also demonstrate capacity to concurrently deliver trainings and technical assistance, many times in multiple locations simultaneously, while also fulfilling hard and tight deadlines for other deliverables requested by BJA or the field.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1(B), it should describe within this section how being a culturally specific organization (or funding a culturally specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 30% of the project budget) will enhance its ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

### D. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures

Note: Applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that demonstrate the results of the work carried out under the award. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" section. Applicants can also visit OJP's performance measurement page at [www.ojp.gov/performance](http://www.ojp.gov/performance) for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

A list of performance measures questions for this program can be found at <https://bja.ojp.gov/performance-measures/ta-deliverable-performance-metrics.pdf>.

BJA will require award recipients to submit performance measures data in the TTA Reporting Portal and separately submit a semi-annual performance report in JustGrants. Further guidance on the post-award submission process will be provided, if selected for award.

### **Note on Project Evaluations**

An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance in the "Note on Project Evaluations" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

### **Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline**

Applicants will submit the projects goals, objectives, deliverables, and timelines in the JustGrants Web-based form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

**Budget and Associated Documentation**

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

The proposed budget should not exceed the amounts listed below and must be consistent with activities described in the proposal narrative.

Category 1 – VALOR Program: \$6,700,000

Category 2 – SAFLEO Program: \$2,100,000

Category 3 – Resilience Program: \$1,800,000

Category 4 – NLEERS Program: \$1,100,000

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1(B) based on the identification of at least one proposed subrecipient as a culturally specific organization, the proposed funding for the subrecipient in the web-based budget form **must be a minimum of 30% of award funding.**

The budget narrative must also describe how the activities that will be funded with the (minimum) 30% of award funding provided to the subrecipient **specifically relate to the priority consideration requested under Priority 1(B)** and described in the Capabilities and Competencies section of the application.

**Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)**

Applicants will attach a budget worksheet and budget narrative in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.](#)

**Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)**

The applicant will submit its indirect cost rate agreement by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

**Financial Management Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)**

The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and submit it by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for the link to the questionnaire and additional information.

**Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation**

If applicable, applicants will submit a description of the process used to determine compensation by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. See the “Application Attachments” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

**Additional Application Components**

Training Delivery Chart: Each applicant must provide the below completed chart with the listed data points as an appendix to the application.

Proposed Training Course Title	In-Person or Online/Virtual	Total Number of Proposed Deliveries	Number of Proposed Instructors per Delivery	Number of Proposed Training Attendees	Estimated Total Cost per Training Delivery

**Curriculum Vitae or Resumes**

Résumés/Curriculum Vitae of Key Personnel and Subject Matter Experts: Résumés for identified key personnel and subject matter experts must be included as an appendix.

**Tribal Authorizing Resolution**

If applicable, applicants will submit the Tribal Authorizing Resolution by uploading the resolution as an attachment in JustGrants. An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to a tribal

authorizing resolution as an attachment. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

#### **Timeline Form**

Each applicant must provide a timeline for major milestones and deliverables.

#### **Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement**

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. The applicant will submit documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

#### **Disclosures and Assurances**

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

##### **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

Complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

##### **DOJ Certified Standard Assurances**

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

##### **Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items**

Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

##### **DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements**

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

##### **Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)**

If applicable, submit the DOJ High Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ High Risk Grantee is an award recipient that has received a DOJ High Risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or is otherwise not responsible. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

#### **How to Apply**

Step 1: The applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov).

For additional information, see the "How to Apply" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

#### **Submission Dates and Time**

The **SF-424** and the **SF-LLL** will be submitted in Grants.gov by 8:59 pm May 20, 2022.

**(IMPORTANT: Please carefully review UEI Transition details under Step 1. of the *Submission Information* section above).**

OJP urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date to allow time for the applicant to receive validation messages or rejection notifications from Grants.gov and to correct in a timely fashion any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

The **full application** will be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 pm May 25, 2022.

To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

### **Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues**

An applicant that experiences unforeseen SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent application submission by the deadline, must demonstrate all efforts in requesting technical support in order to submit an application by the deadline. Technical support is available via phone and email to the applicable SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants support centers or service desks in which an applicant received a ticket number for resolution. If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical difficulties, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. *Note: If an applicant does not submit all the required Grants.gov forms by the Grants.gov deadline, the applicant will not be able to proceed to the JustGrants portion of the application process.*

An applicant experiencing technical difficulties with the following systems must contact the associated support desk indicated below to report the technical issue and receive a tracking number:

- Grants.gov - contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](#)
- SAM.gov - contact the [SAM Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#)
- JustGrants - contact the JustGrants Support Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175

An applicant requesting a waiver to submit a late application must document their request for technical assistance in an email to OJP Response Center at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. If an applicant has technical issues with Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. However, waiver requests will not be reviewed until after the JustGrants deadline to allow time for all waivers to be submitted. Waiver requests to submit after the submission deadline must:

- Describe the technical difficulties experienced;
- Include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., what date and time did the error occur, what date and time was action taken to resolve the issue and resubmit; and what date and time did support representatives respond)
- Include an attachment(s) of the complete grant application and all required documentation and material; and
- Include the applicant's DUNS number (or Unique Entity Identifier if applying after April 4, 2022), any applicable SAM.gov tracking number(s), Grants.gov Help Desk, and JustGrants Support Desk Ticket Numbers.

OJP will review each request for late submission and required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request has been approved or denied. For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the "Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

### **Application Review Information**

#### **Review Criteria**

Applications that meet basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers. Applications will be evaluated on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

1. Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (Category 1: 5 percent; Categories 2-4: 10 percent) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
2. Project Design and Implementation (35%) - evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
3. Capabilities and Competencies (Category 1: 40 percent; Categories 2-4: 35 percent) - evaluate administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (10%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
5. Budget (10%) - evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

#### **Other Review Criteria/Factors**

Other important considerations for BJA include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those mentioned above relating to priority areas), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form) accurately explain project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

## Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet basic minimum requirements, will be evaluated for technical merit by a peer review panel(s) in accordance with OJP peer review policy and procedures using the stated review criteria above.

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements prior to conducting peer review. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all solicitations for funding under OJP programs:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within programmatic funding constraints (if applicable).
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant that has one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

**Important note on FAPIIS:** An applicant, may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider any such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may take into account not only peer review ratings and BJA recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

## Federal Award Administration Information

### Federal Award Notices

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

### Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations, including the applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance. For additional information on these legal requirements, see the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

### Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on information technology security.

### General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the Program Description section, any recipient of an award under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

**Required reports.** Recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports, final financial and progress reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measures data.

## **Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)**

For OJP contact(s), see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for JustGrants, see the solicitation cover page.

## **Other Information**

### **Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a)**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a).

### **Provide Feedback to OJP**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

## **Performance Measures**

Award recipients will be required to submit performance measures data in the TTA Reporting Portal and separately submit a semi-annual performance report in JustGrants. Further guidance on the post-award submission process will be provided, if selected for award. A list of performance measures questions for this program can be found at <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/bja-training-and-technical-assistance-providers>.

## **Application Checklist**

### **Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative FY 2022 Competitive Solicitation**

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. The [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#) is another resource.

### **What an Applicant Must Do:**

*Prior to registering in Grants.gov:*

- Confirm your Entity's [System Award Management \(SAM\) Registration Information](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire a SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
  - If applying before April 4, 2022, obtain or confirm your Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number at [www.dnb.com](http://www.dnb.com)
  - On April 4, 2022, the federal government will stop using DUNS and start using the [new SAM UEI](#).

*To register with Grants.gov:*

- Acquire an AOR and Grants.gov username and password (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

*To find the Funding Opportunity:*

- Search for the Funding Opportunity in Grants.gov using the Opportunity Number, Assistance Listing, or keyword(s)
- Select the correct Competition ID
- Access the Funding Opportunity and Application Package (see Step 7 in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#)

Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, reporting available at [ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm](http://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

*Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:*

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2022 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

*Scope Requirement:*

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) based on the category.
- *Eligibility Requirement:*
- City or township governments
- County governments
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education,
- Private institutions of higher education
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Special district governments
- State governments

**Prepare to submit the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL)**

- Review Information to complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- Complete Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Submit **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov

*After the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive Grants.gov email notifications that:*

- Submission has been received in Grants.gov
- Submission has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

*If no Grants.gov receipt and validation or error notifications are received:*

- Contact Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, [Grants.gov customer support](#), or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov) regarding technical difficulties (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

*Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants:*

- Proceed to complete application in JustGrants

Content of Application Submission: Critical Application Elements

The following items are critical application elements required to pass the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the following elements, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

Proposal Abstract  
Proposal Narrative  
Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)

Budget and Associated Documentation

- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based form)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))



- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation

#### Additional Application Components

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable)

(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

- Training Delivery Chart
  - Curriculum Vitae or Résumés
  - Timeline Form

#### Disclosures and Assurances

[Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (Pending Applications) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

DOJ Certified Standard Assurance (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Applicant Disclosure and Justification - DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

*Submit application in JustGrants:*

- Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

*If no JustGrants application submission validation or error notifications are received:*

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175 regarding technical difficulties.