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#### Overview

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> (DOJ), <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), <u>Bureau of Justice Assistance</u> (BJA) seeks applications for funding to continue work on a specific prior grant award. Eligible applicants will have received invitation letters with instructions on how to apply to this solicitation. The continuation program will follow the guidelines detailed in the original funding award. This program furthers the Department's mission by aiding state, local, and tribal criminal justice practitioners.

This solicitation incorporates the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants to prepare and submit applications for funding. 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**

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

# **Eligible Applicants:**

Other

#### Other

Only applicants that received an official invitation letter from BJA are able and eligible to apply. Please refer to that letter for the eligibility requirements

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 <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO">https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO</a> 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.

#### **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, at <a href="mailto:Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> customer support, or <a href="mailto:support@grants.gov">support@grants.gov</a>. 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 833–872–5175 or <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>. 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 National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center, by telephone at 800-851-3420, or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov.

#### **Submission Information**

Applications will be submitted to DOJ in two steps.

<u>Step 1:</u> The applicant 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 <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html</a>. To register in Grants.gov, the applicant will need to ensure that its System for Award Management (SAM) registration is current.

<u>Step 2</u>: The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u>. 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 <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> and the <u>JustGrants website</u> 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. The purpose of this solicitation is to invite organizations and entities to apply for continuation funding in support of specific BJA initiatives. This solicitation is exclusively for those who received a letter from BJA to apply. All guidelines and funding rules are the same as for the originally funded project.

Statutory Authority: please reference the specific authority referenced in the applicant invitation letter.

## **Specific Information**

Detailed information on what is sought under this award is provided in the applicant invitation letter.

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

The goals, objectives, and deliverables are unchanged from those established for the originally funded project. Any activities funded under this solicitation will support those goals, objectives, and deliverables unless altered by BJA as outlined in the applicant invitation letter.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that show the completed work's results, as discussed in the Content of Application Submission section.

#### **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."

#### **Federal Award Information**

#### **General Guidance for Federal Award**

Total number of awards BJA expects to make: 9

Maximum dollar amount for each award: Please see applicant invitation letter.

Total amount to be awarded under solicitation: \$25,496,000

Period of performance start date: please see the applicant invitation letter for the specified period of performance. Period of performance duration: please see the applicant invitation letter for the specified period of performance.

### **Solicitation Categories**

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

#### **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 for additional information.

## **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**

Please see the guidance provided in the applicant invitation letter and refer back to the specific budget guidance offered in the original solicitation. Please see the OJP Financial Guide for further guidance.

#### **Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement**

Please refer to the letter of invitation from BJA on the match requirement and guidance. If a match is required, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information on this match requirement.

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

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for 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 for 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 and refer to the letter received from BJA inviting the applicant to apply.

For information on cost sharing or matching requirements, see the Federal Award Information section.

## **Application and Submission Information**

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 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.

Applicants should refer back to their letter of invitation and the original solicitation under which they applied to determine if Intergovernmental Review is required.

**Intergovernmental Review**: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") is not subject to <u>Executive Order 12372</u>. 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."

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") is subject to Executive Order 12372. An applicant may find the names and addresses of State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) at the following website: <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SPOC-4-13-20.pdf">https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SPOC-4-13-20.pdf</a>. If the applicant's State appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact its SPOC to find out about, and comply with, the State's process under E.O. 12372. In completing the SF-424, an applicant whose State appears on the SPOC list is to make the appropriate selection in response to question 19, once the applicant has complied with its State E.O. 12372 process. An applicant whose State does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting the response that the: "Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review."

### 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.

#### **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 12 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 final award decision.

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

a. Project Design and Implementation

Describe the strategy to address the needs identified in the original funded project. List the proposed program activities and describe how they relate to the stated objectives. Activities are the specific actions to be undertaken to fulfill the program objectives and reach the program goal(s). Provide a detailed description of the method(s) to be used to carry out each activity. Provide a timetable indicating roughly when the activities or program milestones are to be accomplished.

b. Capabilities and Competencies

Describe the capabilities and competencies to accomplish the goals and objectives of the originally funded project.

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

Describe the process for measuring project performance. Please refer to the applicant invitation letter for specific guidance. Identify who will collect the data; who is responsible for performance measurements; and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the impact of the project. Describe the process to accurately report data.

Note: The applicant is **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as an alert that each successful applicant 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 show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" discussion. The applicant can also visit OJP's performance measurement page at <a href="https://www.ojp.gov/performance">www.ojp.gov/performance</a> for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at <a href="https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/overview">https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/overview</a>.

All reporting requirements remain the same as under the original 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 supplemental application goals, objectives, deliverables and timelines in the JustGrants Webbased form.

#### **Budget and Associated Documentation**

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

Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. 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 additional information and the link to the questionnaire.

#### Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

If applicable, the applicant will submit a description of the process used to determine executive compensation by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. See the "Application Attachments" section of the <a href="OJP Grant Application Resource Guide">OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</a> for information.

#### **Additional Application Components**

The applicant will attach the requested documentation in JustGrants.

#### **Tribal Authorizing Resolution**

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment. If applicable, the applicant will submit the tribal authorizing documentation by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the <a href="OJP Grant Application Resource Guide">OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</a> for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

#### **Timeline Form**

Submit a timeline as an attachment for each significant milestone, which should reflect the project's goals 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 <a href="OJP Grant">OJP Grant</a> 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; and 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 that 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 an **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html</a>.

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at 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 must be submitted in Grants.gov by 8:59 p.m. eastern time, July 27, 2022.

The full application must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 p.m. August 1, 2022.

OJP urges applicants to submit their Grants.gov and JustGrants submissions prior to the due dates to allow sufficient time to correct errors and resubmit by the submission deadlines if a rejection notification is received. To

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

#### **Application Review Information**

#### **Review Process**

OJP reviews each application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with the solicitation. For invited applications, OJP reviews for consistency with the invitation letter and invited applicant guidance. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on the application review process.

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, at its option, 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 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, the Assistant Attorney General will make all final award decisions.

#### **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 <a href="OJP Grant Application Resource Guide">OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</a> 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, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

<u>Required reports</u>. Award recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, *semi-annual performance* reports (unless otherwise noted in the invitation letter), final financial and performance reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Any additional reporting requirements will be outlined in the letter of invitation. 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 measure data.

# Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

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

For contact information for Grants.gov and 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.

#### **Application Checklist**

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This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. The <u>DOJ Application Submission Checklist</u> is another resource.

# What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to registering in Grants.gov

Confirm your Entity's <u>System Award Management (SAM)</u> Registration Information (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)

### To register in Grants.gov:

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (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 (if applicable)
- Access the Funding Opportunity and Application Package
   Application Resource Guide)

  (see step 7 in the OJP Grant
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide
- Read <u>Important Notice</u>: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8 (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.

#### Review Scope Requirement:

• The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) stated in the invitation letter.

## Review Eligibility Requirement:

• Other: Only applicants that received an official invitation letter from BJA are able and eligible to apply. Please refer to that letter for the eligibility requirements

# 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
- Submit the Intergovernmental Review (if applicable)
- Complete Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
  - Submit the 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 validation, or if error notifications are received:

 Contact BJA or the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at <u>Grants.gov customer support</u>, or <u>support@grants.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties (see <u>OJP Grant</u> Application Resource Guide)

Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants

Proceed to complete Application in JustGrants

## **Content of Application Submission**

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative

#### **Budget and Associated Documentation**

- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (attachment)
- 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 (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

# **Additional Application Components**

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- · Timeline of significant milestones.
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (if applicable) (see <u>OJP Grant Application</u> Resource Guide)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see <u>OJP Grant</u> Application Resource Guide)

## **Disclosures and Assurances**

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)
- 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 if error notifications are received:

Contact JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833–872–5175 regarding technical difficulties.