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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 (BJA)</u> seeks applications for funding to reduce the number of deaths and injuries of individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments. This program furthers the DOJ's mission by providing funding to law enforcement and other public safety agencies to implement locative technologies that track missing individuals, and it provides funding to such agencies and partnering nonprofit organizations to develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase vulnerable individuals' safety, and facilitate rescues.

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-2022-00061-PROD	Category 1: Proactive Programming	7	\$150,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24
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## **Eligible Applicants:**

Other

#### Other

The following entities are eligible to apply for Category 1:

- · Health care agencies.
- · State or local law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, or other public safety agencies.
- Nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit organizations), with preference given to nonprofit organizations
  that work with such entities in planning, designing, establishing, or operating locally based, proactive programs to
  locate and prevent the wandering of missing individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or
  developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments. (For this
  program, "nonprofit organizations" means an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 and is
  exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such title.)

The following entities are eligible to apply for Category 2:

- Health care agencies.
- State or local law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, or other public safety agencies.
- Federally recognized American Indian tribal governments that perform public safety activities.

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.

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 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, <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 <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> or at 833-872-5175. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. eastern time 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 <a href="mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov">grants@ncjrs.gov</a>. 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:

<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

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html. 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</u> Resource Guide 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 Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities supports local jurisdictions' efforts to reduce the number of deaths and injuries of individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments. It provides funding to law enforcement and public safety agencies to implement locative technologies to track missing individuals, and to such agencies and partnering nonprofit organizations to develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase individuals' safety, and facilitate rescues.

#### **Statutory Authority**

Pub. L. No. 103-322, Sec. 240001 (codified as amended at 34 U.S.C. 12621).

#### **Specific Information**

Kevin and Avonte's Law, enacted in 2018, authorized BJA to support local efforts to address this public safety challenge by providing grants to health care agencies, law enforcement and other public safety agencies, and nonprofit organizations that (1) implement locative technologies to track missing individuals, and/or (2) develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase individuals' safety, and facilitate rescue.

Applicants should propose solutions that are the least restrictive and intrusive and directly benefit and support individuals. and families of individuals, with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who are prone to wandering.

Category 1 supports health care agencies, law enforcement and other public safety agencies, and nonprofit organizations to develop holistic approaches designed to prevent and respond effectively to the wandering of individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or children with developmental disabilities, such as autism.

**Category 2** supports health care agencies, law enforcement, and other public safety agencies in the purchase of tracking technology designed to locate and recover individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or children with developmental disabilities, such as autism, in the event they wander from safe environments.

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

#### Goals

The goal of the program is to support local jurisdictions' efforts to reduce the number of deaths and injuries of individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments, through the implementation of proactive programs and the acquisition of locative technology.

### Objectives

Category 1: The objective is to design, establish, or operate holistic, locally based, proactive programs to locate or prevent the wandering of individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments.

Category 2: The objective is to purchase, develop, or implement locally based tracking technology for individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments.

#### **Deliverables**

## Category 1:

- 1. Increase public awareness of missing persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia or developmental disabilities, including what to look for, how to approach the individual, and who to call.
- 2. Provide prevention and response information, including online training resources, and referrals to families or guardians of individuals who, due to their condition, wander from a safe environment.
- Establish or expand community partnerships among local law enforcement, other public safety agencies, and the communities they serve in an effort to prevent persons with forms of dementia or developmental disabilities from wandering, and to locate them in the event they go missing.

- 4. Provide education and training, including online training resources, to first responders, school personnel, clinicians, and the public in order to:
  - Ensure safety and reduce the incidence of wandering of persons with dementia or developmental disabilities.
  - b. Facilitate the rescue and recovery of individuals who wander from safe environments.
  - c. Recognize and respond appropriately to individuals who wander from safe environments.
- Provide prevention and response training and emergency protocols to school administrators, school staff, and families or guardians of individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities to help reduce or prevent the risk of wandering by such individuals.
- 6. Develop, operate, or enhance a notification system that generates alerts, advisories, or other information for the recovery of missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities.

#### Category 2:

- 1. Partner with health care agencies or state or local public safety agencies in the design and establishment of locative technology. Applicants should include letters of support and/or memorandums of understanding (MOUs) to demonstrate the intent to partner with these agencies. Note:
  - a. Any collection, use, and retention of data under this program is solely for the purpose of preventing injury or death of a person assigned a tracking device.
  - b. Participation in this program is voluntary for participants. A guardian or parent shall make any decisions about whether or not to accept a tracking device for an individual under 18 years of age. Similarly, someone with the legal authority to make decisions for another adult may make the decision for that adult.
  - c. Applicants should create public awareness and outreach plans for the tracking program and practices.
  - d. Participate and assist in any OJP efforts to develop standards and best practices for the use of noninvasive and nonpermanent tracking devices that a guardian or parent has determined to be the least restrictive alternative to locate individuals.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that show the completed work's results, as discussed under the "Application and Submission Information" 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."

#### **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.

Note: Addressing this priority area 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**

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## **Awards, Amounts and Durations**

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

Period of Performance Duration (Months)

Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation

\$2,100,000.00

## **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 the award-funded work's progress 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 grants. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the <a href="OJP Grant Application Resource Guide">OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</a> for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants.

#### **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 <a href="OJP Grant Application Resource Guide">OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</a> for additional information.

#### **Budget Information**

The use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV, is unallowable.

Technological devices, artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and other data-driven solutions ("Technological Enhancements") are increasingly used to augment crime reduction strategies and efforts. Care must be taken to assess and address any potential harm that could be activated by these solutions to ensure privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are protected. Applicants proposing to utilize grant funds to support technological enhancements directly or via training and technical assistance may receive priority consideration if their proposal addresses the tenants of digital trust such as:

- How the technology will be carefully implemented through training of personnel and the setting and enforcement of
  policies governing its use to ensure that it contributes to positive outcomes for public safety, the community, and/or
  the criminal justice system.
- How the applicant will safeguard privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties throughout the duration of the project period.

#### **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 solicitation cover page.

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

## **Application and Submission Information**

The following application elements **must** be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements 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 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 preapplications, 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. In addition, the abstract must:

- Include the names of the lead applicant and the partner applicant, a brief description of how the applicant plans to address the problem, and the amount of federal funding requested.
- Indicate if the proposed partner employs a person-centered approach that minimizes restrictive interventions and has a direct link to individuals and families of individuals with forms of dementia or developmental disabilities. Include all proposed partners/subcontractors and their role.

## Proposal abstracts should be:

- Written for a general public audience.
- Submitted as a separate attachment with "Proposal Abstract" as part of its file name.
- Single-spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins.

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

- Which priority consideration is being sought.
- What page(s) in the proposal narrative provide documentation of the applicant's plan to respond to the priority consideration.

## **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 Times New Roman 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

- Describe the specific problem in the applicant's geographic area.
- Include data and information that have been used to identify and assess the problem, which demonstrate that the applicant understands the nature and dimension of the problem.
- Any statistics or references used in this section should be those gathered and documented for the applicant's specific geographic area. No national statistics or references should be used unless they specifically reference the applicant.
- Identify current vulnerabilities resulting from an absence of training for law enforcement or community members.

### b. Program Design

- For Categories 1 and 2, applicants will describe how they will increase public knowledge and awareness of
  proactive strategies that reduce wandering and/or aid in successful recovery.
- Describe how the applicant will deliver the proposed project based on category of funding.
- Describe how the applicant will appropriately use solutions that are less restrictive and intrusive and directly benefit and support individuals, and families of individuals, with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who are prone to wandering.
- or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who are prone to wandering.

  Detail how the applicant will achieve the deliverables listed in the "Project-specific Information" section. Describe the objectives and identify strategies for designing and achieving each program deliverable as described.
- Provide specific information on any materials/deliverables to be developed and delivered.
- Describe all partners included in the proposed activities and their roles. Describe the implementation plan for the locative tracking technology program for individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or children with developmental disabilities, such as autism, who have wandered from safe environments, if funds are requested for such. Describe partnerships with health care agencies or state or local public safety agencies to assist in the design and implementation of this technology program. Provide a copy of the form to be used by applicants to ensure minor children under the age of 18 have the signed permission of their parent or legal guardian to voluntarily participate in the program.

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

Describe the capabilities of the applicant, the subrecipients, and contractors to successfully implement the project.
 The applicant should also describe the competencies of staff assigned to the project.

#### 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 show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified under the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" section.

Applicants can also visit OJP's performance measurement page at <a href="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 here.

BJA will require award recipients to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. BJA will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, 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 under the "Note on Project Evaluations" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

## Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Applicants will submit the project's goals, objectives, and deliverables in the JustGrants web-based 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 the link to the questionnaire and additional information.

#### 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">OJP Grant Application</a> Resource Guide for information.

#### Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents

Please include letters of support or MOUs as necessary to successfully implement the proposed project.

#### **Additional Application Components**

Applicants will attach the additional 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 OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

## 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 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 an **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 at JustGrants.usdoj.gov.

For additional information, see the "How to Apply" section in the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> and the <u>DOJ</u> Application Submission Checklist.

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

The SF-424 and the SF-LLL must be submitted in Grants.gov by 8:59 pm ET on May 19, 2022.

The full application will be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 pm ET on May 24, 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.

#### **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 <u>Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline</u>.
- SAM.gov Contact the SAM Help Desk (Federal Service Desk).
- JustGrants Contact the JustGrants Support Desk at 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 the OJP Response Center at <a href="grants@ncjrs.gov">grants@ncjrs.gov</a> within 24 hours after the application deadline to request approval to submit their application after the deadline. If an applicant has technical issues with Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline 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.
- Include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), 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** 

#### Merit Review Criteria

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

- 1. Description of the Issue (15 percent) Evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
- 2. Project Design and Implementation (40 percent) Evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables
- Capabilities and Competencies (25 percent) Evaluate the 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 percent) Evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required
- 5. Budget (10 percent) 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 priority areas already mentioned), 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 the 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 review criteria listed above. OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements prior to conducting the peer review. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all OJP solicitations:

- 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 with 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 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 consider 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 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, 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, final financial and performance 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 measure 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**

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 show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified under the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" section. Applicants can also visit OJP's performance measurement page at <a href="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 here.

BJA will require award recipients to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. BJA will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, if selected for award.

#### **Application Checklist**

BJA FY 2022 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities

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

## What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to registering in Grants.gov:

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

## To register in Grants.gov:

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (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, and reporting available at 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.

#### **Review Scope Requirement:**

The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$150,000

## **Review Eligibility Requirement:**

The following entities are eligible to apply for Category 1:

- · Health care agencies.
- State or local law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, or other public safety agencies.
- Nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit organizations), with preference given to nonprofit organizations
  that work with such entities in planning, designing, establishing, or operating locally based, proactive programs to
  locate and prevent the wandering of missing individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or
  developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments. (For this
  program, "nonprofit organizations" means an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 and is
  exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such title.)

The following entities are eligible to apply for Category 2:

- Health care agencies.
- State or local law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, or other public safety agencies.
- Federally recognized American Indian tribal governments that perform public safety activities.

## 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 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 and validation, or error notifications are received:

 Contact BJA or Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at Grants.gov customer support webpage, or email at 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:**

- 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
- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

## **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)

## **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 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 833-872-5175 or <a href="JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov">JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</a> regarding technical difficulties.