

FY 2023 UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW AND PREVENTING WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
MAY 17, 2023

JUSTGRANTS:
MAY 24, 2023

Who May Apply:

State, county, city, or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) and organizations; Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education; State, county, or local public defender officers that have in-house post-conviction representation programs

Why Apply:

Receive funding to support wrongful conviction review entities that represent individuals with post-conviction claims of innocence to review individual cases as well as support Conviction Integrity Units.

Maximum per Award:

Up to \$600,000

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Review cases post-conviction and appeal claims of innocence with a focus on those greatest at risk.
- Evaluate whether any systemic issues exist that may compromise the rule of law.
- Identify and apprehend the actual perpetrators of crimes.
- Collect and analyze data to support the prevention of error and enhance efforts to review and manage claims of innocence.
- Recommend practices for mitigating systemic issues and preventing wrongful convictions.

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit bja.ojp.gov/program/urlpwc/overview for more information about the program and bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171677 for full funding information.



Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: sam.gov/content/home.
- For questions about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation's cover page at: bja.ojp.gov/funding/OBJA-2023-171677.pdf for information on who to contact.
- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
- **Subscribe** for email notifications from BJA about funding opportunities and other news at bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombjaj.
- To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive **JUSTINFO** at: www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo and/or the weekly **Funding News** at: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25.

How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by May 17, 2023.
- (2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by May 24, 2023. The application's major elements are:
 - (a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
 - (b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
 - (c) The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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