

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

# FY 2023 Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety Solicitation Webinar

## Competitive Grant Announcement

May 18, 2023, 3 p.m. ET

### Presenter:

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# Agenda

- Welcome and Overview of OJP and BJA
- Overview of Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety
- Eligibility and Application Requirements
- Resources for Applicants
- Questions and Answers

# Poll Question: Has your organization been awarded federal grants in the past?

Yes, my organization has extensive experience with federal grants.

Yes, though my organization does not currently have any federal grants.

My organization has limited experience with federal grants.

My organization is new to federal grants and looking to learn more!

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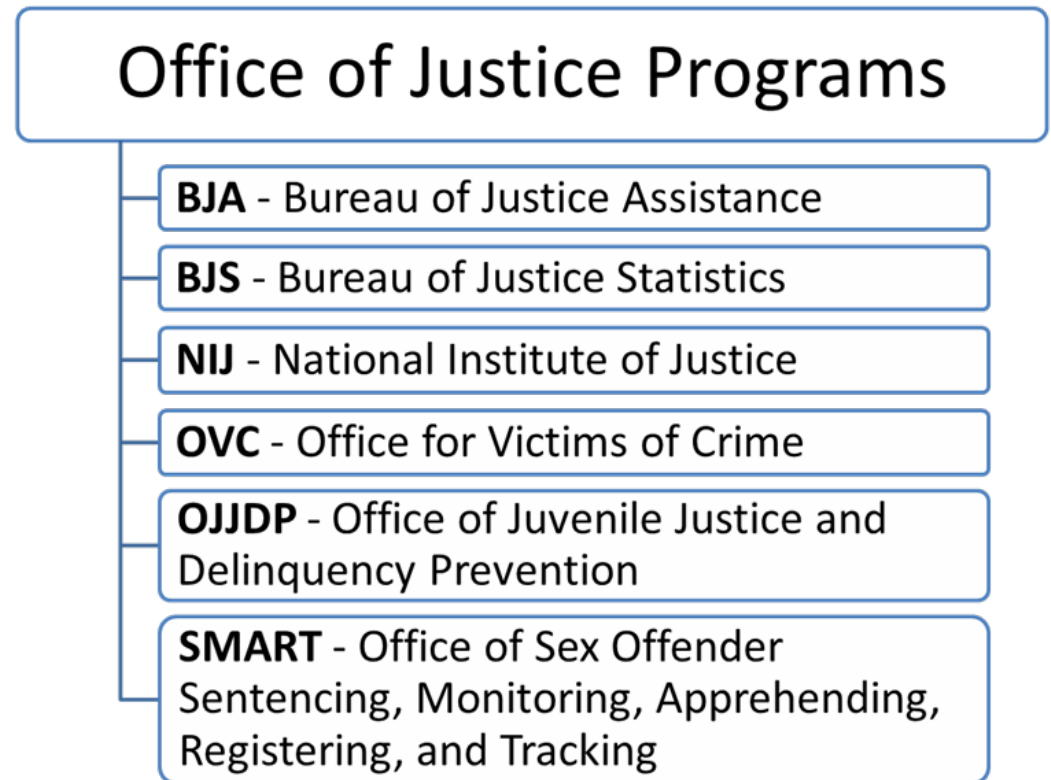
# WELCOME AND OVERVIEW



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# What is the Office of Justice Programs?

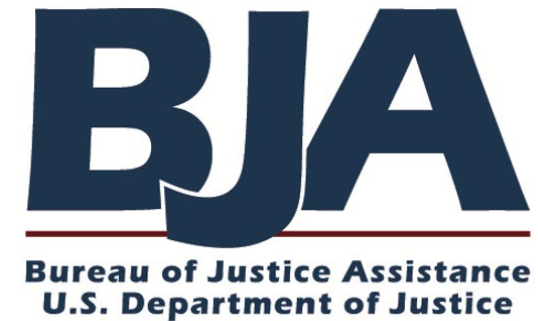
- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).



# U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Mission:** BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

**Karhlton F. Moore, BJA Director**



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## Fund

Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.



## Educate

Research, develop, and deliver what works.



## Equip

Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes.



## Partner

Consult, connect, and convene.

SECTION 2

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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# Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety

**Goal:** To improve community safety by identifying, implementing, and testing promising new or innovative community safety strategies that will reduce and prevent crime and improve community residents' perceptions of procedural fairness.

**Objectives:** Create or identify and test an effective community-based safety model to serve as an alternative to traditional enforcement processes for addressing lower level types of crime that will improve community safety and result in increased trust and legitimacy between law enforcement and residents by implementing projects that will:

- Identify and select organizations, local government agencies, and other entities within the site(s) that will serve as partners and subawardees to enhance this strategy's capacity and sustainability.
- Propose a community engagement strategy for a locality, or one or more economically disadvantaged neighborhoods within a locality, where crimes are persistent and concentrated.

## Objectives (cont'd)

- Implement the BJA approved community engagement strategy to empower residents to design and refine a community-based safety model and ensure meaningful engagement of communities as coproducers of safety.
- Enhance the potential for success through the provision of technical assistance and funding via subawards to project partners to support the implementation of the community safety model.
- Work with a research partner to assess needs, document implementation, and develop tools to support further implementation in the field, build knowledge, and enhance approaches.
- Increase investment in and build the capacity of local and community resources and institutions in the project site(s) that have the ability to reduce and prevent crime and enhance community engagement in these partnerships.

# Poll Question: Do you plan to apply for a grant under the FY 2023 Reimagining Justice solicitation?

Yes, my organization plans to apply.

No, my organization does not plan to apply.

My organization is still deciding whether or not to apply.

My organization isn't eligible, but I'd like to hear more about other programs.

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# ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



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# Eligible Applicants

- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- 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
- Other
  - Local non-law enforcement government agencies

# Proposal Design Guidance

Applicants are expected to design a plan that includes the following components:

- Detail how the applicant will engage residents and leaders in the target area in the development and implementation of a community-based safety model that will build capacity in community-based organizations, institutions, and service providers.
- The approach should include not just community residents and leaders but also local government agencies such as social service and community development agencies, local institutions such as schools and faith-based institutions, and those most impacted by community safety strategies, including those with lived experience within the criminal justice system and crime victims.
- Describe the collaborative process where partners, including subawardees, will execute their community engagement strategy and develop the community safety model within the first year of the award.

# Role and Responsibilities of Intermediary Organization

- Applicants must identify a lead applicant (fiscal agent) and clearly describe a management plan for coordinating across the collaborating entities and administering the subawards. The collaborating entities may collectively possess the range of skills and expertise necessary to lead the project.
- The applicant will be expected to determine its project partners in the application or once awarded. Project partners will receive TTA from the fiscal agent throughout the length of the project and work in partnership with entities that will receive subawards.
- The applicant serving as the fiscal agent may be a national, regional, or more localized organization that has expertise in community safety strategies and an established capacity to work with the entities outlined in the program design. The subawardees may use the funding to increase their capacity for community safety efforts in the chosen site(s) and they should be able to sustain them once federal funding ends.
- Applicants will identify a researcher in the application who will collaborate with the site-based partners and the intermediary organization to collect data on the nature and extent of crimes in the site(s) and their residents' perceptions of law enforcement and safety, procedural fairness, and legitimacy. This will inform the development of the safety model at regular intervals throughout its implementation. The researcher will also conduct regular assessments of these data during the model's implementation and report findings to the intermediary organization and site partners to learn whether any adjustments are needed during the implementation process.

# Application Tips

Don't wait until the deadline to apply!  
Refer to the application checklist.

## Important Dates

- **June 20, 2023, 8:59 p.m. ET: Deadline to submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov.**
- **June 27, 2023, 8:59 p.m. ET: Deadline to submit the full application in JustGrants.**

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.



## Award Information:

- BJA expects to make up to three awards.
- Maximum award amount: \$2,000,000.
- Total amount anticipated to be awarded: \$5,000,000.
- Grant start date: October 1, 2023.
- Period of performance: 36 months.

# Application Sections

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (required)
2. Proposal Abstract (required)
3. Proposal Narrative (required)
4. Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (required)
5. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
6. Financial Management Questionnaire (required)
7. Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)
8. Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)
9. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (required)
10. High Risk Disclosure and Justification (if applicable)
11. Additional Attachments (listed on next slide)

# Application Sections (cont'd)

## Additional Attachments

- Timeline (36 months): Outline the goals and objectives. Summarize major activities, expected dates of completion, and responsible agencies.
- Résumés/Job Descriptions: For all staff to be funded under the grant.
- Letters of Support and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Attach relevant letters of support and/or an MOU highlighting key partners and their support, roles, and agreement to collaborate.
- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications.
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity.
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation Waiver (if applicable).

# 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).
- The applicant must also include the following:
  - Applicant's name and the project's title.
  - City and state where the project will take place. For tribes, provide the boundaries or relevant counties and state.
  - Identification of the target locality/neighborhood/project boundaries, population of the target area, and ZIP code(s).
  - Dollar amount of federal grant funds requested.
  - Summary of the plan to use and analyze data to assess and address crime in the targeted locality.
  - Summary of the project's goals and activities.
  - Identification of specific crime issues to be addressed by the project.
  - Identification of other resources that will support the project.

# Proposal Narrative

Double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font with no less than 1-inch margins. Should not exceed 15 pages. Number pages “1 of 15,” etc. Submit it as an attachment.

## Scoring:

- Description of the Issue 20%
- Project Design and Implementation 40%
- Capabilities and Competencies 25%
- Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation’s Performance Measures 5%
- Budget and Budget Worksheet 10%

# Budget and Budget Narrative

- Itemize the budget for each year of the grant.
- This solicitation does not require a match.
- Address the prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/ training costs.
- Remember to budget for travel or training expenses (airfare, hotel, per diem, and ground transportation) for meeting(s).
- No more than 20 percent of the total budget may be used to support research or evaluation services.
- 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 reflect a minimum of 40 percent of award funding.

Poll Question: Now that you've heard more about this program and the application process, are you ready to apply?

Yes, my organization plans to apply.

No, my organization does not plan to apply.

My organization is still deciding whether or not to apply.

My organization isn't eligible or interested in applying for this award, but I'd like to hear more about other programs.

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# APPLICATION RESOURCES



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## BJA Resources:

### BJA Funding Webpage:

- For more information on available BJA funding, see <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current>.

### BJA Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety Solicitation Webpage:

- For more information on this solicitation, see [FY 2023 Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#).

Refer to the [JustGrants Training Application Submission](#) page for additional information and training on the application submission process.

# OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

## SAM.gov Entity Validation Update

GSA implemented a new process to validate an entity's legal business name and physical address when requesting a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and for completing a SAM.gov entity registration. Due to a high volume of requests, entity validations are taking longer than expected to process. This validation process is now taking 7-10 business days, and in some cases longer.

OJP strongly recommends starting your SAM.gov registration process as soon as possible to allow the time necessary to process entity validations well in advance of the Grants.gov due date posted in the solicitation. Read [this FAQ](#) for more information.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide ("Guide") provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding. It addresses a variety of policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP program applicants, or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Some OJP programs may have program solicitations that expressly modify a provision of this Guide; in such cases, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in the solicitation as to any such expressly modified provision.

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The Justice Grants System (JustGrants) is the Department of Justice's grants management system for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

The JustGrants Resources website is an entryway into information about JustGrants and the system itself. Through this portal both award recipients and applicants can access [training resources](#) and [user support options](#), find answers to [frequently asked questions](#) and [sign up for the JusticeGrants Update e-newsletter](#).

Users can also [log in to JustGrants](#) through the site.

## News Flash

**Feb 21: [Register Now! March Dates Added for Virtual Q&A Sessions](#)** 

**Aug 10: [Review New and Updated JustGrants FAQs](#)** 



### JustGrants Login

Select the access graphic above to log in to the Justice Grants System (JustGrants).



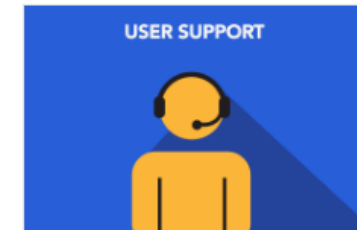
### Training

Learn to navigate JustGrants effectively and complete various essential grants management tasks.



### FAQs

Find answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) and the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP).



### User Support

Access self-service, topic-specific, and technical support options for assistance in using the JustGrants System.



### Resources

Links to resource guides, financial and administrative resources for grant management, funding opportunities, and ASAP training and resources.



### News & Updates

View the latest information and updates on DOJ's grants management and payment management systems and sign up for JusticeGrants Updates emails from the COPS Office, OJP, and OVW.

# Application Assistance

## Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL**.
  - **Customer Support Hotline**
    - 800–518–4726 or 606–545–5035
    - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
  - **Web and Email**
    - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
    - [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

## JustGrants Technical Support

Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

- **Customer Support Hotline**
  - 833–872–5175
  - Monday – Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. ET
  - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET
- **Web and Email**
  - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
  - [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)

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## Additional Questions?

### Contact the **OJP Response Center**:

- Email: [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)
- Toll free: 800–851–3420
- TTY: 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

# Reminder: Dual Deadlines

Applications must be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov).
- Step 2: Submit the full application, with attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov).

**NOTE:** Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59 p.m. ET, not 11:59 p.m. ET as in past years.

**Read the solicitation carefully for further guidance.**



# Quick Reference: Important Contacts



For technical assistance submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into Grants.Gov, **call:** 800–518–4726 or 606–545–5035, 24 hours a day, or **email:** [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).



For technical assistance submitting the **full application** into JustGrants, **call:** 833–872–5175, 7–9 ET, M–F, and 9–5 ET, weekends and holidays, or **email:** [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov).



For technical assistance with the programmatic requirements, **call the OJP Response Center:** 800–851–3420, 10–6 ET, M–F, or **email:** [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov).



## Questions?

Enter in the Q&A box and  
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