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### Overview

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding to support comprehensive community-based approaches to addressing hate crimes that promote community awareness and preparedness, increase victim reporting, and improve responses to hate crimes. This program furthers DOJ's mission by increasing access to justice and protecting civil rights by supporting community-based organizations and civil rights organizations to establish community-centered approaches for public awareness, education, and prevention of hate crimes. The program is also designed to develop community-informed models for responding to hate speech and incidents, as well as facilitating reconciliation and community healing.

This solicitation incorporates guidance provided in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide which provides additional information for applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP 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

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
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C-BJA-2023-00056-PROD	Category 2: National Civil Rights Organizations	3	\$1,000,000	10/1/23 12:00 AM	36

**Eligible Applicants:**

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

**Other**

This includes community-based organizations and civil rights organizations that are tribal, non-profit, and academic.

An applicant entity may submit more than one application, if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application.

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 2023 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.

**Contact Information**

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center at 800-851-3420, 301-240-6310 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only), or [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov). The OJP Response Center operates from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time (ET) Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date.

## Pre-application Information Session

BJA will hold a solicitation webinar on March 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM ET. This call will provide a detailed overview of the solicitation and allow an opportunity for interested applicants to ask questions. Preregistration is required for all participants. Register by clicking on this [link](#) and following the instructions. To use the time most efficiently, BJA encourages participants to review the solicitation and submit any questions they may have in advance and no later than Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Submit your questions to [Olivia.C.Schnitzer@usdoj.gov](mailto:Olivia.C.Schnitzer@usdoj.gov) with the subject as “Questions for Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes Webinar.”

## Submission Information

**Registration:** Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM). You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.

**Submission:** Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process via Grants.gov and JustGrants.

**Step 1:** 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>. **Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline.** If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.

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

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

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov). The JustGrants Service Desk operates 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

OJP encourages applicants to review the “[How To Apply](#)” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [JustGrants website](#) for more information, resources, and training. Applicants should maintain all receipts and confirmations received from SAM.gov, Grants.gov, JustGrants systems.

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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.

With this solicitation, BJA seeks to support community-based organizations (CBOs) and civil rights organizations in their work to develop comprehensive approaches to addressing hate crimes. Approaches under this program should be designed to (1) prevent hate crimes; (2) promote community awareness, resiliency, preparedness, and healing; (3) increase victim reporting of hate incidents; and (4) improve responses to hate crimes.

### Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. No. 117-328)

### Specific Information

Hate crimes (sometimes called bias-motivated crimes) are criminal offenses motivated by some form of bias toward a victim on the basis of their perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

Hate crimes have a devastating effect beyond the harm inflicted on any one victim. They reverberate through families, communities, and the entire nation as others fear that they too may be threatened or attacked because of what they look like, who they are, where they worship, who they love, or whether they have a disability. Community institutions and civil rights organizations are pillars of the community and play a critical role in quelling fear, sharing information, delivering services—particularly culturally specific and language-accessible ones—and improving safety for impacted individuals and communities.

In addition, hate crimes can be more violent and involve greater victim injury as compared with other victimizations, yet they are substantially underreported. Victim reluctance to contact law enforcement may arise from perceptions of police bias, distrust of law enforcement or the criminal justice system, or barriers such as language or concerns about immigration status. As trusted pillars of the community, CBOs and civil rights organizations are well suited to address gaps in existing services and to establish trust between victims and law enforcement.

### Prevalence and Data

Hate crimes are chronically under-reported to and under-identified by law enforcement. The U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's UCR program can shed some light on trends among those hate crimes reported to law enforcement or via NCVS.

Though these crimes are often underreported, in recent years, there have been alarming spikes in hate crimes and threats of violence across the country, often fueled by online hate forums. In 2021 and 2022 there have been a number of attacks on houses of worship and threats against historically Black colleges and universities. Hate also continues to drive many acts of mass violence including the Tops grocery store shooting in Buffalo, NY and the Club Q shooting in Colorado Springs, CO.

## **Program Background**

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) have been developing a comprehensive suite of grant programs to address the alarming increase in hate crimes in recent years. Founded in 2021, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program (Shepard/Byrd Hate Crimes Program) supports state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies in their outreach to and education of the public, victims, and their staff and partners on hate crimes.

Building on the law enforcement and prosecution led efforts supported under the Shepard Byrd Program and in response to the recent increase in hate crimes, BJA is seeking applications to employ a comprehensive and community-based approach to prevent and address hate crimes. Funding under this program may be used to support public awareness campaigns, educational and outreach programs, trauma-informed services and supports, and preparedness trainings or planning.

This funding is designed to support CBOs and civil rights organizations in addressing hate crimes and to assist victims and communities that are facing an increase in these crimes. The Community-Based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes Program seeks to build the capacity of community institutions to leverage their unique ability to empower communities, and to facilitate dialogue and deescalate tensions in order to prevent these types of crimes.

## **Federal Resources**

The federal government has an important role to play in addressing hate crimes through collaboration with state, local, tribal, community-based and civil rights-focused partners. Eliminating hate crimes and bias-motivated violence from communities and the country is one of DOJ's highest priorities. Its Hate Crimes Enforcement and Prevention Initiative is charged with coordinating DOJ's efforts to eradicate hate crimes in part by facilitating training, outreach, and education to law enforcement agencies and the public at the federal, state, local, and tribal levels. This work is collaborative and includes DOJ's Civil Rights Division, the Community Relations Service, U.S. Attorneys' Offices (USAOs), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and other OJP program offices such as the Office for Victims of Crime and the Bureau of Justice Statistics. For more information on the agencies' work and opportunities to build on this work, visit: [www.justice.gov/hatecrimes](http://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes).

## **Stakeholder Engagement**

Applicants will be expected to work with a broad range of stakeholders to develop a multifaceted



approach to preventing hate crimes and promoting community healing in the wake of hate speech, hate incidents, and hate crimes.

Applicants may consider partnering with certain DOJ components and other federal agencies such as the Community Relations Service, the Department of Homeland Security, and the relevant field office of the FBI, as well as the federal civil rights coordinator in their USAO districts. To effectively approach this work, applicants should develop strategies in coordination with additional nongovernmental partners or task forces that can help to address the concerns and needs of all affected parties. BJA also encourages partnerships with schools, colleges, and universities in the applicant's jurisdiction as part of these strategies to build on OJP's programs to prevent and address school-based violence, training on restorative justice approaches, and funding to support victims of hate crimes.

Note that BJA recently selected a team of training and technical assistance (TTA) providers to assist grantees and the field at large. This TTA will include individualized, efficient, and consistent delivery in order to help Community-Based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes Program grantees accomplish their goals by the end of the project period. BJA and the TTA partners will assess grantees' needs and develop training, targeted technical assistance, and tools. This will include ongoing coaching and dialogue as well as support for peer-to-peer dialogue and training, knowledge diffusion products, grantee learning communities, dissemination of best practices and lessons learned, and a listserv.

### **Category One: Community-based Organizations**

Category One is designed to support individual organizations seeking to pilot prevention strategies and facilitate dialogue and community healing to deescalate tensions arising from hate speech and hate incidents, and to prevent hate crimes at the local level. These programs should be tailored to a particular community or geographic area.

### **Category Two: National Civil Rights Organizations**

Category Two will support national organizations with reach and relationships with local communities across the country. Category Two is designed to support capacity building at local and community-based organizations by providing materials, tools, and strategies that can be tailored to meet the needs of individual neighborhoods, cities, or regions seeking to prevent and address hate crimes.

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

### **Goals**

Support comprehensive community-based approaches to addressing hate crimes, speech, and incidents that promote community awareness and preparedness, increase victim reporting, and improve prevention efforts and responses to hate crimes.

Develop and enhance activities to de-escalate community tension, empower community efforts for conflict resolution, and strengthen community resiliency.

## **Objectives**

Categories One and Two:

An applicant should address the objectives that are relevant to their proposed program/project in the time task plan to be completed in the web-based form on JustGrants. Objectives include:

Build or enhance partnerships and coordination among community-based organizations, justice agencies, educational institutions, houses of worship, and other stakeholder organizations to develop local strategies for education, outreach, prevention, preparedness, and improved responses to hate crimes.

Establish effective outreach, education, and engagement strategies that meet the specific needs of the groups or populations being served such as language access services, culturally specific materials or services and accommodations under the American Disabilities Act.

Develop comprehensive approaches that expand and enhance strategies—including resources, tools, policies, and procedures—to prevent and respond to hate crimes.

Develop activities that facilitate dialogue and defuse tensions between groups, and that create a shared sense of empathy and a community environment that will not tolerate hate.

Establish practices or activities aimed to reduce the frequency and impact of hate speech, hate incidents, and hate crimes.

Promote trauma-informed services and outreach materials that foster community resiliency and address the specific needs of hate crime victims.

## **Deliverables**

Category One:

Convene or enhance a task force or collaborative working group (this may be an existing group) that meets regularly throughout the project period to lead the project, identify and address service gaps and barriers, and use funding for focused strategies to support those who are at the highest risk for experiencing hate crimes.

Develop a project action plan within the first 6 months of the award that outlines the specific approach that will be taken to address hate crimes. The action plan must be developed in coordination with the program's TTA provider and submitted and approved by BJA prior to implementation. BJA, the training and technical assistance provider, and the grantee will use this action plan to guide and track progress on the project's objectives.

Successful implementation of the action plan resulting in outreach materials, awareness campaigns, educational programs, or services that are developed collaboratively with BJA

staff and the TTA partner.

Develop resource guides, trainings, public awareness campaigns, or other education and outreach materials. Materials should be translated as appropriate and distributed broadly. Establish targeted outreach and engagement activities specific to impacted communities.

Document efforts to share lessons learned following the project's implementation, including a final report. This information will be publicly shared to assist the field.

#### Category Two:

Conduct a landscape analysis/assessment of existing resources in the field, best or promising practices, and gaps in available resources to support communities locally in addressing hate crimes.

Develop a series of tools, materials, resources, and strategies that can be used to support comprehensive community-based approaches to addressing hate crimes and build capacity of community-based organizations to understand and effectively prevent and respond to hate crimes and incidents.

Develop a dissemination plan for materials to local organizations across the country.

Build on or establish relationships with at least two communities where the materials developed as a result of this program will be adapted and implemented.

Establish broad access and promotion of available resources to maximize their use in communities across the United States.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that show the completed work's results, as discussed in 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 projects and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information and applicable documentation to be included in the application, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

### **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*

In support of this Executive Order, OJP will provide priority consideration when making award decisions to the following:

B. Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive **at least 40%** of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Web-Based Form) identify as a *culturally specific organization*.

To receive this additional priority consideration, applicants must describe how being a culturally specific organization (or funding the culturally specific subrecipient organization(s)) will enhance their ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which populations are intended or expected to be served or to have their needs addressed under the proposed project (s).

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

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

## Federal Award Information

### Solicitation Categories

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**Awards, Amounts and Durations**

**Anticipated Number of Awards**

15

**Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards**

\$1,000,000

**Period of Performance Start Date**

10/1/23

**Period of Performance Duration (Months)**

36

**Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation**

\$7,8000,000

**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 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.

**Type of Award**

BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants. See the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide 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 the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

**Budget Information**

In addition to the unallowable costs identified in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, award funds may not be used for the following:

- Prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets, or any other monetary incentives
- Client stipends
- Gift cards
- Vehicles
- Food and beverages

Federal funds may also not be used to replace (supplant) nonfederal dollars that are appropriated for the same purpose. For a definition of supplanting, visit: <https://ojp.gov/grants101/definitions.htm>.

Applicants should budget for travel for at least two team members to attend an in-person, 2-day grantee meeting as part of their projects; assume that the trip will be in a location that requires air travel costing at least \$500 per person. For estimates of costs for hotel and lodging, the trip should include General Services Administration (GSA) rates in Washington, D.C., which can be accessed at [GSA Per Diem Rates](#)

### **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 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.

### **Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

The use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned

aircraft vehicles (UAV), and/or any accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV devices/systems, is unallowable.

## Eligibility Information

Applicants for Category Two should be national or regional civil rights organizations with demonstrated capacity to reach community organizations or local chapter/affiliate organizations nationwide.

For eligibility information, see the solicitation cover page.

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

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

**Notice regarding law enforcement agencies:** 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 2023 DOJ discretionary grant funding. To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency’s use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and (2) the agency’s use-of-force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law. The certification requirement also applies to law enforcement agencies receiving DOJ discretionary grant funding through a subaward. For detailed information on this certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO> to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Implementation Fact Sheet, and the List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

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

## Application and Submission Information

### Content of Application Submission

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 Web-Based Form (The web-based form includes the budget details and the budget narrative.)

If OJP determines that an application does not include these elements, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

## Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov

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

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

**Intergovernmental Review:** This solicitation (“funding opportunity”) **is not** subject to [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#). In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting “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 their 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 its purpose, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipients (if known) — must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables, written in the third person, and exclude personally identifiable information. Abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP and USASpending.gov websites if the project is awarded. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for an example of a proposal abstract.

Proposal abstracts should include the following:

1. Applicant’s name and the project’s title.
2. City and state where the project will take place, if applicable. For tribes, provide the boundaries or relevant counties and state.
3. Dollar amount of federal grant funds requested.
4. Summary of the plan to use and analyze data to assess and enhance reporting of hate crimes.
5. Summary of the project’s goals and activities.
6. Identification of the specific issues to be addressed by the project.

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



Whether priority consideration 1(B) is being sought.

What page(s) in the program narrative provide documentation of the applicant's plan to respond to the priority consideration.

For applicants seeking priority consideration 1(B), who is the proposed subawardee to receive the funding and the amount of funds proposed.

## **Proposal Narrative**

The Proposal Narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 15 numbered pages. 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 Proposal Narrative must include the following sections:

### a. Description of the Issue

#### **Categories One and Two:**

Describe the nature and extent of any increase in the type or types of hate crime and hate incidents that the applicant's target population faces, including trends in these increases over the last 3 to 5 years which will be addressed by the proposed solution. Identify the period of time during which the relevant crime type increased. If available, provide data to support this. Be sure to identify specific concerns around underreporting of hate crimes.

Describe the challenges, including lack of resources, that the applicant faces in planning and implementing strategies to address these hate crimes. Describe the nature and extent of community members underreporting hate crimes to law enforcement.

Describe gaps in current approaches to preventing and responding to hate crimes.

Discuss why the applicant cannot address these issues using existing resources and why these federal funds are needed.

As appropriate, share examples of lived experiences of how incidents of hate have impacted the communities being served.

### b. Project Design and Implementation

#### **Category One:**

Describe how the applicant will implement a planning period and engage community partners and hate crime victims to develop a trauma-informed approach.

Describe how the applicant will respond to the issue defined in the application, including the increase in the type or types of hate crime. Describe the strategies to conduct outreach and

educate the public and groups or persons at risk for hate crimes.

Describe the multidisciplinary working group that will support this work.

Describe the strategies to enhance reporting of hate crimes, including education and other efforts to assist staff and partners to identify hate crimes.

Describe how hate speech and hate incidents may be tracked or responded to by the proposed project.

Discuss specific strategies that will be used to conduct outreach to communities that may be experiencing hate crimes or hate incidents, including addressing the language needs of those at risk of victimization. If training or educational materials will be developed, describe how these materials will be translated or distributed to have the broadest impact.

Discuss how the program will seek to prevent hate crimes either through de-escalation or another community-designed approach.

Describe how the applicant and its partners will implement the proposed design, including gathering and analyzing information, developing an action plan, and implementing efforts by staff and partners to conduct outreach and train and educate stakeholders.

Attach a timeline that supports the project design outlined in this section and outlines when activities or project milestones are to be accomplished and.

The design should be supported by the required project timeline, position descriptions, and letters of support/memorandums of understanding (MOUs).

### **Category Two:**

Describe how the applicant will implement a planning period and engage partners and hate crime victims to develop a trauma-informed approach.

Describe how the applicant will respond to the issue defined in the application, including the increase in the type or types of hate crime. Describe the strategies to conduct outreach and educate the public and groups or persons at risk for hate crimes.

Describe the multidisciplinary working group that will support this work.

Discuss specific strategies that will be used to develop materials that can be tailored to address hate in individual communities that may be experiencing hate crimes or hate incidents. If training or educational materials will be developed, describe how these materials will be translated or distributed to have the broadest impact.

Discuss how the program will seek to prevent hate crimes either through de-escalation or another community-designed approach.

Describe how the applicant will reach local chapters or community-based organizations throughout the country and will enhance their capacity and expertise to prevent and respond to hate crimes and incidents.

Attach a timeline that supports the project design outlined in this section and outlines when activities or project milestones are to be accomplished and.

The design should be supported by the required project timeline, position descriptions, and letters of support/memorandums of understanding (MOUs).

c. Capabilities and Competencies

**Category One:**

Describe in detail experience in working with specific groups or communities at risk of being targeted for hate crimes. Include any specific information on language access capabilities, support for those with disabilities, or other competencies directly relevant to serving these groups.

Describe how the applicant and its partners will build on or establish trust in communities experiencing hate crimes. Provide examples of previous work that has been done to prevent or improve responses to hate crimes.

Discuss any previous collaboration that will help to achieve the objectives. Explain existing partnership agreements. Describe how effective communication and coordination among the team members will be implemented throughout the program period. Of note, where available, applications should include letters of support and MOUs from partner organizations as attachments.

Describe the planned structure of the task force or partnership to implement this project including the names of the partners and their respective roles.

The position descriptions and letters of support/MOUs should clearly tie to and be supported by the partnership structure and approach.

As part of this application, applicants must document their plans to ensure they have a set of diverse staff, partners, and/or subject matter experts who reflect a mix of experiences and perspectives to effectively reach the communities and practitioners that they will serve.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration 1(B), it should describe within this section how being a culturally specific organization (or funding a culturally specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 40% of the project budget) will enhance its ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

**Category Two:**

Describe in detail experience in working with specific groups or communities at risk of being targeted for hate crimes. Include any specific information on language access capabilities, support for those with disabilities, or other competencies directly relevant to serving these groups.

Provide examples of previous work or existing partnerships that develop and promote tools

and resources among smaller stakeholder groups.

Discuss any previous collaboration that will help to achieve the objectives. Explain existing partnership agreements. Describe how effective communication and coordination among the team members will be implemented throughout the program period. Of note, where available, applications should include letters of support and MOUs from partner organizations as attachments.

As part of this application, applicants must document their plans to ensure they have a set of diverse staff, partners, and/or subject matter experts who reflect a mix of experiences and perspectives to effectively reach the communities and practitioners that they will serve.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration 1(B), it should describe within this section how being a culturally specific organization (or funding a culturally specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 40% of the project budget) will enhance its ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

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

**Categories One and Two:**

For each objective, identify the criteria that will determine how and if it was successfully met as well as one or more specific measurable outcome(s) and the data sources that will be used to determine whether or not the outcome was accomplished.

All applicants must indicate their willingness and ability to collect and report performance and outcome data through BJA's reporting tools (no personally identifiable information will be collected). Applicants are expected to report on behalf of any subawardees.

Describe the process for measuring the project's performance. Identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurement, and how the information will be used to guide and assess the program.

Note: An applicant is **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as a notification that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements. Some measures are presented as examples, while others are the exact measures that every recipient will be expected to address.

OJP will require each award recipient 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. Applicants can visit OJP's performance measurement page at [www.ojp.gov/performance](http://www.ojp.gov/performance) for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

A list of performance 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 the applicant is selected for award.

### **Note on Project Evaluations**

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

### **Goal, Objective and Deliverables**

The applicant will submit the project's goals, objectives, deliverables and timeline in the JustGrants web-based form. The applicant will also enter the projected fiscal year and quarter that each objective and deliverable will be completed. Please refer to the [Application Submission Job Aid](#) for step-by-step directions.

**Goals.** The applicant should describe the project’s intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem noted in the previous section and outline the project’s goals.

**Program Objectives.** The applicant should explain how the program will accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, quantifiable statements of the project’s desired results. They should be measureable and clearly linked to the goal.

**Deliverables.** Project deliverables refer to outputs—tangible or intangible—that are submitted within the scope of a project.

### **Budget and Associated Documentation**

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

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. For additional information, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide and the [Complete the Application in JustGrants – Budget training](#).

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% of award funding**. The budget narrative must also describe how the activities that will be funded with the (minimum) 40% of award funding provided to the subrecipient **specifically relate to the priority consideration requested** and described in the Capabilities and Competencies section of the application.

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

See the section on Costs Requiring Prior Approval in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide Post Award Requirements](#) for more information.

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

If applicable, the applicant will upload their indirect cost rate agreement as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for more information on indirect costs.

## **Consultant Rate**

See the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for information on the consultant rates which require prior approval from OJP.

## **Limitation on Employee Compensation; Waiver**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver.

## **Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)**

The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and upload 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**

This solicitation expressly modifies the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by not incorporating its “Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation” provisions. Applicants to this solicitation are not required to provide this disclosure.

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

Applicants should include for each named partner, a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Letter of Intent, or subcontract that confirms the partner’s agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs. For applications submitted from two or more entities, applicants are encouraged to develop and submit signed MOUs or signed Letters of Intent that provide a detailed description of how the agencies will work together to meet project requirements.

Each MOU or Letter of Intent should include the following: (1) names of the organizations involved in the agreement; (2) scope of the direct service(s) and other work to be performed under the agreement; (3) duration of the agreement. Subcontracts, MOUs, or Letters of Intent should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

## **Additional Application Components**

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

## **Curriculum Vitae or Resumes**

Provide resumes of key personnel.

## **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 upload the tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

## **Letters of Support**

Applicants should include, for each named partner entity, a signed Letter of Support that confirms the partner's agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs. Applications submitted from two or more entities are encouraged to submit signed Letters of Support that provide a detailed description of how the agencies will work together to meet project requirements.

Each Letter of Support should include the following: (1) names of the organizations involved in the agreement; (2) scope of the direct service(s) and other work to be performed under the agreement; (3) duration of the agreement. Letters of Support should be signed and then submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

## **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 upload documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity 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. Once the applicant submits in Grants.gov, this information will pre-pend into JustGrants. 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; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing**

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

### **Applicant Disclosure and Justification - DOJ High Risk Grantees**

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; 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**

**Registration:** Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM). You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.

**Submission:** Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process via Grants.gov and JustGrants.

**Step 1:** After registering with SAM, the applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> by the Grants.gov deadline. **Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline.** If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.

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

Within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual in Section 8F of the SF-424 will receive an email from [DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov](mailto:DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. Register the Entity Administrator and the Application Submitter with JustGrants as early as possible but no later than 48-72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive an emailed link to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. The Entity Administrator also will need to log into JustGrants to review and invite the applicant's Authorized Representative(s) before an application can be submitted.

Submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 24 – 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline. Some of the application components will be entered directly into



JustGrants, and others will require uploading attached documents. Therefore, applicants will need to allow ample time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare each component. Applicants may save their progress in the system and revise the application as needed prior to hitting the Submit button at the end of the application in JustGrants.

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 May 17, 2023 8:59 PM ET

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by May 24, 2023 8:59 PM ET

OJP urges applicants to submit their Grants.gov and JustGrants submissions prior to the due dates with sufficient time to correct any 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. Failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration process in sufficient time (i.e., waiting until the date identified in this solicitation) is not an acceptable reason for late submission.

## Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application

OJP will only consider requests to submit an application after the deadline when the applicant can document that a technical issue with a government system prevented application submission.

If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical issues with SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. However, the waiver request will not be considered unless it includes a tracking number generated when the applicant contacts the applicable service desks to report technical difficulties. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desks; and for this reason applicants are encouraged to email the appropriate service desk, even if they also intend to call the service desk for phone support. Experiencing wait times for phone support does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of getting a tracking number.

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

- SAM.gov - contact the [SAM Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#), Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET at 866-606-8220.
- Grants.gov - contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](#), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).
- JustGrants - contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175, Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET and Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) within **24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) within 24 hours of the JustGrants deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline.

Waiver requests sent to the OJP Response Center must -

- describe the technical difficulties experienced,
- include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., date and time the error occurred, date and time of actions taken to resolve the issue and resubmit; and date and time support representatives responded),
- include an attachment of the complete grant application and all the required documentation and materials,
- include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and
- include any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking numbers documenting the technical issue.

OJP will review each waiver request and the required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request for late submission has been approved or denied. An applicant that does not provide documentation of a technical issue or that does not submit a waiver request within the required time period will be 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. Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (25%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
2. Project Design and Implementation (30%)- evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
3. Capabilities and Competencies (30%) - evaluate the applicant's administrative and technical capacity to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
5. Budget (10%) - evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g.,

reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

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

Other important considerations for BJA include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Web-Based form accurately explains 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 entity. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record of performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant entity 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 entity 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 its organization 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 entity.

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**

Generally, award notifications are made by the end of the current Federal fiscal year, September 30th. 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 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 more information.

### **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.

Required reports. 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), contact information for Grants.gov, and 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

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/advancing-justice-measures.pdf>

## Application Checklist

### **BJA FY 2023 Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes**

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, reference the [OJP Application Submission Steps in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

#### **Pre-Application**

##### ***Before Registering in Grants.gov:***

- Acquire or renew your Entity's [System Award Management \(SAM\) Registration Information](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

##### ***Register in Grants.gov***

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

##### ***Find the Funding Opportunity***

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, 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 <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidededoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8> (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

##### ***Review the Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements***

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2023 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

##### ***Review the Scope Requirement***

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$1,000,000.

##### ***Review Eligibility Requirement:***

- Review the Eligibility section on the cover page and Eligibility Information section in the solicitation.

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### **Application Step 1**

Submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov

- In Section 8F of the SF-424, include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants and the SF-LLL in Grants.gov**

*Within 48 hours after the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive four (4) Grants.gov email notifications:*

- a submission receipt
- a validation receipt
- a grantor agency retrieval receipt
- an agency tracking number assignment

*If no Grants.gov receipt and validation email is received, or if error notifications are received:*

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

Within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual in Section 8F of the SF-424 will receive an email from JustGrants with login instructions.

- Proceed to Application Step 2 and complete application in JustGrants

### **Application Step 2**

Submit the following information in JustGrants:

Application Components

- Standard Applicant information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- **Proposal Abstract\***
- **Proposal Narrative\***

Budget and Associated Documentation

- **Budget Web-Based form\***
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

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)
- Timeline
- Memorandum of understanding (if applicable)
- Résumés of key personnel (if applicable)

### 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)

***\*Note: Items designated with an asterisk must be submitted for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the designated items, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.***

### Review, Certify and Submit Application in JustGrants

- Any validation errors will immediately display on screen after submission.
- Correct validation errors, if necessary, and then return to the “Certify and Submit” screen to submit the application. Access the Application Submission Validation Errors Quick Reference Guide for step-by-step instructions to resolve errors prior to submission.
- Once the application is submitted and validated, a confirmation message will appear at the top of the page. Users will also receive a notification in the “bell” alerts confirming submission.

*If no JustGrants application submission confirmation email or validation is received, or if error notification is received:*

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) regarding technical difficulties. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

### **Standard Solicitation Resources**

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding.



DOJ Grants Financial Guide serves as the primary reference manual to assist award recipients in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to safeguard grant funds and to ensure funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded. It compiles a variety of laws, rules and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of DOJ awards. This guide serves as a starting point for all award recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards.

JustGrants Resources Website is an entryway into information about JustGrants and the grants management system itself. Through this portal both award recipients and applicants can access training resource and user support options, find frequently asked questions and sign-up for the JustGrants Update e-newsletter.

JustGrants Application Submission Training Page offers helpful information and resources on the application process. This training page includes e-learning videos, reference guides, checklists and other resources to help applicants complete an application.

Virtual Q&A Sessions are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance and support on JustGrants system functionality.