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Synopsis

Program Description Overview

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> (DOJ), <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), <u>Bureau of Justice</u> <u>Assistance</u> (BJA) seeks applications for formula funding under the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP). Byrne SCIP provides funding for the creation and/or implementation of extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs, state crisis intervention court proceedings, and related programs/initiatives. This program furthers DOJ's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence, with a particular focus on gun violence and the programs and initiatives that target the risk factors that are likely to lead to this kind of violence.

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Eligibility

• State governments

Only states may apply under this solicitation, and states must designate a single State Administering Agency (SAA) that has authority to apply on their behalf. For the purposes of Byrne SCIP, the term "states" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. (Throughout this solicitation, each reference to a "state" or "states" includes all 56 jurisdictions.) Please see the <u>expected eligible allocations by state for fiscal year (FY) 2024 Byrne SCIP</u>.

Agency Contact Information

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

For procedures related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant that impact submission by the deadlines, see the "How To Apply" section, <u>Experiencing Unforeseen</u> <u>Technical Issues</u>.

For assistance with submitting the <u>Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424)</u> and a <u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)</u> in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, <u>Grants.gov Customer Support</u>, or <u>support@grants.gov</u>. The Grants.gov Support Hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>. The JustGrants Service Desk operates from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

Application Submission Information

Registration

Before submitting an application, an applicant must have a registration in the <u>System for Award</u> <u>Management (SAM.gov)</u>.

Submission

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants. See the <u>Submission Dates and Time</u> section for the Grants.gov and JustGrants application deadlines.

Step 1: The applicant must register for this opportunity in Grants.gov at

<u>https://www.grants.gov/register</u> and submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required <u>Application</u> for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424) and a <u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL</u>). See <u>Submission Dates and Time</u> section for application deadlines.

Step 2: The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u> by the JustGrants application deadline. See the <u>Submission Dates and</u> <u>Time</u> section for application deadlines.

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Statutory Authority

Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C.

Specific Information

On June 25, 2022, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 into law to reduce gun violence, save lives, and make progress toward keeping guns out of dangerous hands. In signing the bill into law, the President noted that this historic act "invests in antiviolence programs that work — that work directly with the people who are most likely to commit these crimes or become victims of gun crimes."

As authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, Byrne SCIP provides formula funds to implement state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to, extreme risk protection order programs that work to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others, as well as mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans treatment courts.

BJA understands "related programs or initiatives" to mean those programs/initiatives that have a direct connection to crisis intervention, which is focused on identifying risk and intervening before harm occurs. Programs/activities exclusively focused on response to crime in progress or already committed would not be considered crisis intervention. Related programs or initiatives can include certain court-based programs, programs that deflect individuals to behavioral health services, and gun safety programs such as, but not limited to:

ERPO Programs

 Implementing ERPO Programs – an extreme risk protection order (ERPO) empowers law enforcement, and in some states, family members, health care providers, and others to petition a court for a civil order that temporarily prevents a person from accessing firearms if they are found to be a danger to themselves. In 2021, the Department of Justice released model legislation that provides a framework for states to consider as they determine whether and how to craft laws allowing law enforcement, concerned family members, or others to seek these orders and to intervene before warning signs turn into tragedy.

- Training for those implementing ERPO programs
 - Training for judiciary and court staff on ERPO proceedings
 - Training for family members on ERPO
 - Training for first responders on ERPO
 - Training for social service providers on ERPO
 - Training for clinicians on ERPO
- Communication, Education, and Public Awareness of Existing ERPO Laws
 - Outreach to community members, stakeholders, municipal leaders, law enforcement agencies, and those engaging with individuals deemed to be at high risk of firearm violence to raise public awareness about the value and public safety benefits of existing ERPO laws and programs, and effective implementation of such laws and programs.
 - Development and distribution of ERPO fact sheets, brochures, webinars, television or radio engagement (e.g., advertisements, spotlights, etc.), and social media outreach (e.g., YouTube, Facebook, X) in order to execute the communication, education, and public awareness strategy.
 - Publication of best practices regarding ERPO programs.

Related Court-based Programming

- Develop processes to identify, triage and connect court-involved people in crisis to services.
- Expand the capacity of existing drug, mental health, and veterans treatment courts, including to assist clients who are most likely to commit or become victims of gun crimes.
- Implementing or expanding domestic violence courts focused on those at risk for gun related violence.
- Embed social workers in prosecutor, public defender and/or courts agencies to provide screening, assessment, and referral to services for people in crisis, such as court-based navigators.
- Prosecutor, pretrial, or court diversion programs.
- Development and implementation of validated gun violence risk assessment tools, enhancement of existing tools and service case management and navigation programs to assess the risks and needs of clients and connect them to critical services to mitigate their risk of gun violence and enhance their access to effective interventions.
- Community courts that connect people in crisis with community resources.
- Programming and training on domestic violence cases and related protection orders, including relinquishment of firearms.
- Threat assessment training for prosecutors, judges, law enforcement, and public defenders.

Referrals to Community-based Services for People in Crisis

(see the <u>National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care Best Practice Toolkit</u> and <u>Guidance for Emergency Responses to People with Behavioral Health or Other Disabilities</u>)

- Pre-arrest law enforcement and first responder deflection.
- Assertive community treatment.
- Behavioral threat assessment programs and related training.
- Triage services, mobile crisis units (both co-responder and civilian only), and peer support specialists.
- Suicide and crisis prevention and referral to services.

- Technological supports such as smartphone applications to help families and patients navigate mental health and related systems and telehealth initiatives, including technology solutions for telehealth visits outside the hospital.
- Behavioral health responses and civil legal responses to people in crisis, such as regional crisis call centers, crisis mobile team response, and crisis receiving and stabilization facilities for individuals in crisis.
- De-escalation training for law enforcement, first responders and other justice practitioners.
- Embedding social workers with law enforcement and co-responder programs.
- Specialized training for individuals who work with or are in families of adults and youth who are in crisis.
- Related law enforcement-based programs, training, and technology, focused on crisis intervention for those at risk to themselves or others.

Funding for Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Programs or Initiatives

- Development and or delivery of specialized training, including crisis response and intervention training (CRIT), and overtime for officers to attend such training.
- Training for school resource officers on identifying youth at risk for firearm violence.
- Supplies, equipment, technology, and training to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns, such as gun locks and storage for individuals and businesses and software or other technologies to track relinquished guns.
- Gun safety training for community members.
- Systems purchase or enhancement to facilitate service and/or tracking of ERPOs.
- Technology, analysis, or information-sharing solutions for ensuring law enforcement, probation, prosecutors, the courts, and public defenders are informed when a prohibited person attempts to purchase a firearm.
- Data collection, analysis, and strategic planning to address community gun violence.
- Personnel, supplies, and other related costs for crisis intervention officers or co-responders.

Program Requirements

Crisis Intervention Advisory Board

Applicants must have a diverse Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (CIAB) to inform and guide the state's related gun violence reduction programs/initiatives. The (CIAB) must include, but is not limited to, representatives from law enforcement, the community, courts, prosecution, behavioral health providers, victim services, and legal counsel. Applicants must describe the CIAB, its membership, and governance structure for the purpose of this grant award.

State Crisis Intervention Program Plan and Budget Approval

Program and budget plans must be developed in coordination with and demonstrate evidence of approval by the CIAB and must be expressly approved by BJA post award via Grant Award Modification (GAM) before funds can be obligated, expended, or drawn down with the exception of obligations not to exceed \$20,000 for the sole purpose of developing the program and budget plans in coordination with the CIAB. The detailed process for obtaining post-award approval can be found in the Byrne SCIP FAQs.

Authorization of Subawards

All subawards must be expressly authorized by BJA post award via GAM before funds can be obligated for subawards.

Evaluation, Data Collection, and Required Cooperation

Recipients will be required to cooperate with BJA and its training and technical assistance provider(s). Recipients will also be required to cooperate with the statutorily required evaluation activities as part of the terms and conditions of the award. Applicants may budget and allocate grant funding to meet specific research and programmatic requirements under this award regarding:

- 1. The effectiveness of the crisis intervention program or ERPO initiative in preventing violence and suicide
- 2. Measures that have been taken to safeguard the constitutional rights of an individual subject to a crisis intervention program or ERPO initiative.

The use of grant funds to engage with a research partner to meet the evaluation, data collection, and required cooperation requirements is allowable and encouraged.

Mandatory Requirements for Extreme Risk Protection Order Programs

ERPO programs must include, at a minimum:

- 1. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation due process rights that prevent any violation or infringement of the Constitution of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Bill of Rights and the substantive or procedural due process rights guaranteed under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the States and as interpreted by State courts and United States courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States). Such programs must include, at the appropriate phase, to prevent any violation of constitutional rights, and at minimum notice, the right to an in-person hearing, an unbiased adjudicator, the right to know opposing evidence, the right to present evidence, and the right to confront adverse witnesses.
- 2. The right to be represented by counsel at no expense to the government.
- 3. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation heightened evidentiary standards and proof which mean not less than the protections afforded to a similarly situated litigant in Federal court or promulgated by the State's evidentiary body, and sufficient to ensure the full protections of the Constitution of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Bill of Rights and the substantive and procedural due process rights guaranteed under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the States and as interpreted by State courts and United States courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States). The heightened evidentiary standards and proof under such programs must, at all appropriate phases to prevent any violation of any constitutional right, at minimum, prevent reliance upon evidence that is unsworn or unaffirmed, irrelevant, based on inadmissible hearsay, unreliable, vague, speculative, and lacking a foundation.
- 4. Penalties for abuse of the program.

Byrne SCIP recipients who plan to use funding to support ERPO programs must submit a <u>Certification Relating to Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 501(a)(1)(I)(iv) (Extreme-Risk</u> <u>Protection-Order Programs</u>) signed by a principal legal officer certifying that the extreme risk protection-order program to be funded satisfies each of the requirements above prior to the use of grant funds for ERPO programs.

Adult Drug Courts

Adult drug courts funded under Byrne SCIP must conform to All Rise (formally known as the National Association of Drug Court Professionals) key components for drug courts. These components are described in the BJA and All Rise publication <u>Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components</u>.

In addition, all clients in the BJA-funded drug court must have a right to access medication assisted treatment (MAT) under the care and prescription of a physician to the extent MAT is clinically indicated; 2) BJA-funded drug courts must not deny any eligible client enrollment to the drug court program because of their use of FDA-approved medications for the treatment of substance abuse; 3) MAT must be permitted to be continued for as long as the prescriber determines that the FDA-approved medication is clinically beneficial; 4) while under no circumstances can a BJA-funded drug court program deny access to MAT under the care and prescription of a physician when it is clinically indicated, a judge retains judicial discretion to mitigate/reduce the risk of abuse, misuse, or diversion of these medications; and 5) federal funds shall not be used to support activities that violate the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 801-904.

Behavioral Health Crisis Care

Behavioral health crisis care programs funded under Byrne SCIP must be operated in accordance with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care: <u>https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/national-guidelines-for-behavioral-health-crisis-care-02242020.pdf</u>.

Formula

Consistent with the Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022, Byrne SCIP funds will be "awarded pursuant to the formula allocation (adjusted in proportion to the relative amounts statutorily designated therefor) that was used in the fiscal year prior to the year for which funds are provided for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program." Therefore, allocations for FY 2024 Byrne SCIP are based on the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The allocations by state for FY 2024 Byrne SCIP can be found at: <u>https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/fy-2024-byrne-scip-allocations.pdf</u>.

All funds will be awarded to the states to implement their programs. States can retain the full 60 percent share with no variable pass-through requirement.

Local Pass-through Requirement

Where applicable, states must pass through a 40 percent portion to units of local government. (For the purpose of Byrne SCIP, a "unit of local government" is a city, county, township, town, or certain federally recognized American Indian tribes.) States have discretion on how the funds are passed through to units of local government, as informed by their CIAB. This pass-through is mandatory and not eligible for a waiver. This could include, but is not limited to, an organizational unit of local government such as a local prosecutor's office, local public defender's office, local law enforcement agency, local public health agency, or local court. Note: Organizational units of government that are state government entities consistent with state law are not eligible to receive local pass-through funds.

Less than \$10,000 Pass-through Requirement

Some units of local government were not eligible to receive a direct JAG award fund due to their small size in FY 2023. (These small-sized units of local government are referred to as "less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions.") However, under Byrne SCIP, states must provide additional funds

to state courts that provide criminal justice and civil proceeding services for the "less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions" within the state and/or subaward the funds to such jurisdictions.

The less than \$10,000 pass-through requirement is eligible for a waiver to the extent that (1) the state-administered project will directly benefit a unit of local government, and (2) one unit (or more) of local government voluntarily agrees and acknowledges in an appropriate written certification that the specified amount of state-administered funds would directly benefit the unit of local government in question and agrees that funding the project at the state level is in the best interest of the local government unit. The detailed process for requesting a less than \$10,000 pass-through waiver can be found in the Byrne SCIP FAQs.

Note: With the exception of state courts, organizational units of government that are state government entities consistent with state law are not eligible to receive less than \$10,000 pass-through funds without express prior approval from BJA through a less than \$10,000 pass-through waiver.

Available Training and Technical Assistance

BJA funds training and technical assistance (TTA) to support Byrne SCIP grant recipients. Nocost TTA is available in the following areas:

- **Implementing ERPO Programs**: This TTA provider supports states and localities in their efforts to implement ERPO programs to fit local needs, including sharing resources and best practices through the <u>National ERPO Resource Center</u>.
- Supporting State, Local, and Tribal Courts Implementing Safer Communities: This TTA provider supports state, local, and tribal courts in the examination of current court capacity for screening, assessing, and assigning cases for appropriate case processing. This could include assessment for services/ programming and for individuals in crisis, as well as court capacity for meeting the needs of those identified as at risk of harm to themselves or others with a firearm, including judicial and other court staff training and safety considerations.
- Implementing Safer Communities: This TTA provider supports grantees in gathering sufficient information to meet the reporting requirements outlined in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, and in data collection and preparation for potential participation in evaluating the effectiveness of the crisis intervention programs or initiatives in preventing violence and suicide. Additionally, this TTA provider can support grantees in planning for the implementation of Byrne SCIP funding including the creation and development of Advisory Boards to support program development efforts.

No-cost TTA for each area can be requested at <u>www.ncja.org/byrne-scip</u>.

Solicitation Goals and Objectives

Goals

In general, FY 2024 Byrne SCIP will support state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to, ERPO programs, mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans treatment courts. Although Byrne SCIP provides assistance directly to states, it is also designed to assist units of local government through its pass-through requirements.

Objectives

The objectives are directly related to the Byrne SCIP accountability measures described at <u>https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/byrne-scip-measures.pdf</u>.

Deliverables

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act requires an annual report from OJP on grants awarded for crisis intervention programs or initiatives that contains a description of the grants awarded and the crisis intervention programs or initiatives funded by the grants, broken down by grant recipient; an evaluation of the effectiveness of the crisis intervention programs or initiatives in preventing violence and suicide; measures that have been taken by each grant recipient to safeguard the constitutional rights of an individual subject to a crisis intervention program or initiative; and efforts that the Attorney General is making, in coordination with the grant recipients, to protect the constitutional rights of individuals subject to the crisis intervention programs or initiatives.

For information about what the applicant needs to submit regarding Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables please see the "<u>How To Apply</u>" section on the <u>Application Goals</u>, <u>Objectives</u>, <u>Deliverables</u>, and <u>Timeline Web-Based Form</u>.

Federal Award Information

Awards, Amounts and Durations

Anticipated Number of Awards: 56 Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount per Award: \$15,826,678 Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2024 Period of Performance Duration: 36 months Anticipated Total Amount to Be Awarded Under This Solicitation: \$141,174,276

Availability of Funds

This funding opportunity, and awards under this funding opportunity, are subject to the availability of funding and to any changes 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

OJP expects to make awards under this funding opportunity as grants. See the "<u>Administrative</u>, <u>National Policy</u>, <u>and Other Legal Requirements</u>" section of the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see the Synopsis section.

For the purposes of this notice of funding opportunity, "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.

How To Apply

Application Resources

When preparing and submitting an application, the following resources may aid prospective applicants:

- 1. Grants.gov "How To Apply for Grants"
- 2. OJP <u>"How To Apply</u>" section in the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>
- 3. JustGrants Application Submission Training

This solicitation (notice of funding opportunity) incorporates guidance provided in the <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u> (Application Resource Guide), which provides additional information for applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. If this solicitation requires something different from any guidance provided in the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>, the difference will be noted in this solicitation and the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation, rather than the guidance in the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> that is in conflict.

How To Apply

Registration

Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). An applicant must renew their registration every 12 months. If an applicant does not renew their SAM.gov registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Applicants are encouraged to start the SAM.gov registration process at least 30 days prior to the application deadlines. Applicants who fail to begin the registration or renewal process at least 10 business days prior to the Grants.gov deadline may not complete the process in time and will not be considered for late submission.

Submission

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants.

Step 1: After registering with SAM.gov, the applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <u>https://www.grants.gov/register</u> by the Grants.gov deadline. **To leave time to address any technical issues that may arise, an applicant should submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov by the deadline, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants. Applicants can confirm Grants.gov submission by verifying their application status shows as "submitted" or "agency tracking number assigned."**

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u> by the JustGrants deadline.

OJP recommends that applicants submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline. Some of the required sections of the application will be entered directly into JustGrants, and other sections will require documents to be uploaded and attached. Therefore, applicants should allow enough time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare all the requirements of the application. Applicants may save their progress

in the system and add to or change the application as needed prior to hitting the "Submit" button at the end of the application in JustGrants.

An applicant will receive emails when successfully submitting in Grants.gov and JustGrants and should maintain all emails and other confirmations received from SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants systems.

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

Submission Dates and Time

The SF-424 and the SF-LLL must be submitted in Grants.gov by 8:59 PM, July 24, 2024

The full application must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 PM, July 29, 2024.

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 and application process in sufficient time (i.e., waiting until the due dates identified in this solicitation for those systems to begin the application steps) is not an acceptable reason to request a technical waiver.

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application (Technical Waivers)

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 submission of the application on time.

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 documentation of attempts to receive technical assistance to resolve the issue prior to the application deadline. A tracking number is the most typical documentation and is 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, long call wait times for support do 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 <u>SAM.gov Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)</u>, Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET at 866-606-8220.
- Grants.gov: contact the <u>Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline</u>, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or <u>support@grants.gov</u>.
- JustGrants: contact the JustGrants Service Desk at <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> or 833-872-5175, Monday–Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET and Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u> 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 <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u> 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 (provide screenshots if applicable);
- 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 (including all information listed above), 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

Application and Submission Information

Content of the 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 funding opportunity **is** subject to <u>Executive Order (E.O.)</u> <u>12372</u>. An applicant may find the names and addresses of State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) at the following website: <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-</u>

<u>content/uploads/2023/06/SPOC-list-as-of-2023.pdf</u>. If the applicant's State appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact its SPOC to find out about, and comply with, the State's process under E.O. 12372. On the SF-424, an applicant whose State appears on the SPOC list is to make the appropriate selection in response to question 19, once the applicant has complied with its State E.O. 12372 process. An applicant whose State does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting "Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review."

Content of the JustGrants Application Submission

Entity and User Verification (First Time Applicant)

For first time JustGrants applicants, once the application is received from Grants.gov, DOJ will send an email (from DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) to the individual listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. This email should arrive within 24 hours after this individual receives confirmation from Grants.gov of their SF-424 and SF-LLL submissions. Register the Entity Administrator (the person who manages who can access JustGrants on behalf of the applicant), the Application Submitter, and Authorized Representative for the applicant with JustGrants as early as possible and (recommended) not later than 48-72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive a link in an email to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. Find additional information on JustGrants Application Submission in the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

Standard Applicant 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.

Data Requested With Application

The following application elements should be submitted in the web-based forms in JustGrants.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)

The Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire helps OJP assess the financial management and internal control systems, and the associated potential risks of an applicant as part of the pre-award risk assessment process. Every OJP applicant (other than an individual applying in their personal capacity, not representing an applicant organization) is required to complete the web-based Questionnaire form in JustGrants. See the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide: Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire</u> (including Applicant Disclosure of High Risk Status) for the questions additional guidance on how to complete the form for additional guidance on how to complete the guestionnaire.

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 size font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 10 numbered pages. Tables, charts, and graphs may be included in the program narrative with a legible font smaller than 12-point.

The proposal narrative should represent either the preliminary, anticipated program plan, or the final program plan developed in coordination with and demonstrating evidence of approval by the CIAB. A preliminary plan, or a plan requiring additional information, must be expressly approved by BJA post award via GAM before funds can be obligated, expended, or drawn down, with the exception of \$20,000 for the sole purpose of developing the program and budget plans in coordination with the CIAB.

The Proposal Narrative must include the following sections:

a. Description of the Issue

Identify the state's strategy/funding priorities for FY 2024 Byrne SCIP funds, the subgrant award process and timeline, and a description of the programs to be funded over the 3-year grant period. Specifically note if the state intends to use funds to support ERPO program implementation. Describe any current activities related to Byrne SCIP and how this funding will be coordinated and supplement those activities, including activities being implemented with the FY 2022-2023 Byrne SCIP funds.

b. Project Design and Implementation

Describe the state's CIAB process to inform and guide the state's related gun violence reduction programs/initiatives. The CIAB must include, but is not limited to, representatives from law enforcement, the community, courts, prosecution, behavioral health providers, victim services, and legal counsel. Applicants must describe the team, its membership, and governance structure for the purpose of this grant award.

Include a description of the anticipated funding strategy based on the allowable uses of funds and address the process for determining local pass-through subawards, where required, and an understanding that all subawards require specific prior approval from BJA post-award.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

Demonstrate the capabilities and competencies necessary to successfully implement a large-scale program informed by a diverse program advisory board. In addition, demonstrate the capabilities and competencies necessary to collect the statutorily required research and evaluation data and to coordinate with large scale evaluation studies and training and technical assistance providers.

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

Applicants should visit OJP's performance measurement page at <u>www.ojp.gov/performance</u> for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

The application should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements for this grant program and detail how the applicant will gather the required data should it receive funding. Specifically address the plan for collecting data on the effectiveness of the crisis intervention programs or initiatives in preventing violence and suicide and the measures that have been taken to safeguard the constitutional rights of an individual subject to a crisis intervention program or initiative.

Note: An applicant is **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included to provide notice that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

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 solicitation goals and objectives identified in the "<u>Goals and Objectives</u>" section.

Applicants can visit <u>OJP's performance measurement page</u> at <u>www.ojp.gov/performance</u> for more information on performance measurement activities.

BJA will require award recipients to submit performance measure data in in BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) system and separately submit a semi-annual performance report in JustGrants. BJA will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, after making awards. A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found <u>here</u>. Some measures are presented as examples, while others are the exact measures that every recipient will be expected to address. Some measures are presented as examples, while others are the exact measures that every recipient will be expected to address.

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 "<u>Note on Project Evaluations</u>" section in the <u>OJP</u> <u>Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.

Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline Web-Based Form

The applicant will submit the project's goals, objectives, deliverables and timeline in the JustGrants web-based form. This is a summary of the goals, objectives, deliverables, and timeline that relate to the proposal narrative. The applicant will also enter the projected fiscal year and quarter that each objective and deliverable will be completed. Please refer to the <u>Application Submission Job Aid</u> for step-by-step directions.

- **Goals:** The applicant should describe the project's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem noted in the proposal narrative.
- **Program Objectives and Timeline:** The applicant should include objectives to accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, measurable actions to reach the project's desired results. The included timelines should be clearly linked to the goal.
- **Deliverables and Timeline:** Project deliverables refer to outputs—tangible (for example, a report or a website) or intangible (for example, greater feelings of safety reported by the community)—that are documented and submitted within the scope of a project. Deliverables include timelines.

Deliverables Expected by Successful Applicants

Program objectives and deliverables should be included in one timeline.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Funding Restrictions

<u>Limitation on direct administrative costs</u> – Funds may not be used for direct administrative costs that exceed 10 percent of the total award amount. In addition, state administering agency direct administrative costs cannot be deducted from the minimum pass-through amounts and must only be deducted from the state share of funds.

<u>Matching funds</u> – Absent specific federal statutory authority to do so, Byrne SCIP award funds may not be used to match other federal awards.

<u>Prohibition of supplanting</u> – Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds but must be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available.

<u>Lobbying</u> – In general, as a matter of federal law, funds may not be used, either directly or indirectly, to support the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See <u>18 U.S.C. 1913</u>. Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the provisions in <u>2 C.F.R. § 200.450 (Lobbying)</u> and <u>18 U.S.C. 1913</u>, as appropriate. Also, see <u>Chapter 2.1</u> of this <u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide</u> for more specifics about restrictions on lobbying. Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of award funds would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact BJA for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of BJA.

<u>Unallowable costs</u> – 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 type of monetary incentive)
- Client stipends
- Gift cards
- Food and beverage

<u>Unmanned Aircraft Systems</u> – The use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV, is unallowable.

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

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Attachment)

The applicant will complete the budget worksheet attachment and submit it by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

The budget narrative and budget worksheet attachment is a critical element, and applicants will be unable to successfully submit an application in JustGrants unless the attachment is uploaded in this section. The application budget submission should represent a preliminary budget estimate, as budget plans must be developed in coordination with and demonstrate evidence of approval by the CIAB and must be expressly approved by BJA post award via GAM before funds can be obligated, expended, or drawn down, with the exception of \$20,000 for the sole purpose of developing the program and budget plans in coordination with the CIAB.

Please note that the budget narrative should include a full description of all costs, including administrative costs (if applicable).

For additional information about how to prepare a budget for federal funding, see the "<u>Application Resource Guide</u>" section on <u>Budget Preparation and Submission Information</u> and the technical steps to complete the budget form in JustGrants in the <u>Complete the Application in</u> <u>JustGrants: Budget</u> training.

Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

OJP strongly encourages every applicant that proposes to use award funds for any conference, meeting-, or training-related activity (or similar event) to review carefully—before submitting an application—the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for information on prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/training costs.

Costs Associated With Language Assistance (if applicable)

If an applicant proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to individuals, the costs of taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to those services or benefits for individuals with limited English proficiency may be allowable. See the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for information on costs associated with language assistance.

Budget/Financial Attachments

Pre-Agreement (Pre-Award) Costs (if applicable)

Pre-agreement costs are defined as costs requiring approval incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award. OJP does not typically approve pre-agreement costs. If a successful applicant, in anticipation of the Federal award, but before the start date of the period of performance, incurs costs which are necessary for efficient and timely performance of the funded project, those costs may not be charged to the award. See the "Costs Requiring Prior Approval" section in the <u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide Post-Award Requirements</u> for more information.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. Examples of costs usually treated as indirect include those incurred for facility operation and maintenance, depreciation, and administrative salaries. The requirements for the development and submission of indirect cost proposals and cost allocation plans are listed in Appendices III– VII of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. A non-federal applicant should follow the guidelines applicable to its type of organization. If applicable, an applicant with a current federally approved indirect cost rate agreement will upload it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the DOJ Financial Guide for additional information on Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

Consultant Rate (if applicable)

Costs for consultant services require prior approval from OJP. If the proposed project expects to fund consultant services, compensation for individual consultant services is to be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. See the <u>DOJ Grants</u> <u>Financial Guide</u> for information on the consultant rates, which require prior approval from OJP.

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable)

If an applicant proposes to hire employees with Federal award funds, for any award of more than \$250,000 made under a funding opportunity, an award recipient may not use federal funds to pay total cash compensation (salary plus cash bonuses) to any employee of the recipient at a rate that exceeds 110 percent of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for information on the "Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver."

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)

This notice of funding opportunity expressly modifies the Application Resource Guide by not incorporating its "Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation" provisions. Applicants to this funding opportunity are not required to provide this disclosure.

Additional Application Components

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

The SF-LLL attachment that was completed and submitted in Grants.gov is attached to this section.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

To ensure funding coordination across grant making agencies, and to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate duplication among grant awards, the applicant will disclose if it has any pending applications for federal funding, including pending applications for subawards of federal funds. Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> 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 in JustGrants the DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing. See the <u>Application Resource Guide for additional</u> <u>information.</u>

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Application Review Information

Review Process

OJP reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the solicitation. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on the application review process for this solicitation.

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 with respect to 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 that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM.gov.

Important note on Responsibility/Qualification Date (formerly FAPIIS): an applicant, at its option, may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in SAM.gov, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may consider not only 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 30. See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for information on award notifications and instructions.

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 (programs or practices that have been evaluated as effective), see the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 on what should be included in the application, see the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJPapproved 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 Application Resource Guide.

Civil Rights Compliance

If a successful applicant accepts funding from OJP—as a recipient of OJP funding—that award recipient must comply with certain federal civil rights laws that prohibit it from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in how the recipient delivers its program's services or benefits and in its employment practices. The civil rights laws that may be

applicable to the award include Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), the nondiscrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Safe Streets Act), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These and other federal civil rights laws are discussed in greater detail here: "<u>Overview of Legal Requirements Generally</u> <u>Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements – FY 2024 Awards</u> under the "Civil Rights Requirements" section, and additional resources are available from the <u>OJP Office for Civil Rights</u>.

Part of complying with civil rights laws that prohibit national origin discrimination includes recipients taking reasonable steps to ensure that people who are limited in their English proficiency (LEP) because of their national origin have meaningful access to a recipient's program and activity. An LEP person is one whose first language is not English and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. To help recipients meet this obligation to serve LEP persons, DOJ has published a number of resources, including a language access assessment and planning tool, which are available at https://www.lep.gov/language-access-planning. Additional resources are available at https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/limited-english-proficient-lep. If the award recipient proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to LEP individuals, the recipient may use grant funds to support the costs of taking reasonable steps (e.g., interpretation or translation services) to provide meaningful access. Similarly, recipients are responsible for ensuring that their programs and activities are readily accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities. Applicants for OJP funding must allocate grant funds or explain how other available resources will be used to ensure meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services for deaf or hard of hearing individuals or the purchase of adaptive equipment for individuals with mobility or cognitive disabilities. For resources, see https://www.ada.gov/ or contact OJP.

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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Information Technology Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for more information.

General Information About Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the "<u>Program Description</u>" section, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

Required reports. Award recipients must submit quarterly performance measurement reports, financial reports, semi-annual 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 Synopsis.

Other Information

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a)

See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the Application Resource Guide for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Performance Measures

https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/byrne-scip-measures.pdf

Application Checklist

BJA FY24 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program: Formula Solicitation

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, reference <u>The OJP Application Submission Steps in the OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> and the <u>DOJ Application Submission Checklist</u>.

Pre-Application

Before Registering in Grants.gov

 Confirm your entity's registration in the <u>System for Award Management (SAM.gov)</u> is active through the solicitation period; submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov if needed (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>).

Register in Grants.gov

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

Find the Funding Opportunity

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s).
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email <u>notifications</u> (optional) (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Read <u>Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov</u> (about <u>browser compatibility</u> <u>and special characters in file names</u>).
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at <u>https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-</u> requirements#6g3v8 (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>).

Review the Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements

• Review the "<u>Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and</u> <u>Cooperative Agreements – FY 2024 Awards</u>" in the <u>OJP Funding Resource Center</u>.

Review the Scope Requirement

• The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) listed on the allocation chart: <u>https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/fy-2024-byrne-scip-allocations.pdf</u>.

Review Eligibility Requirement

• Review "Eligibility" in the Synopsis section and "Eligibility Information" section in the solicitation.

Application Step 1

After registering with SAM.gov, 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
- Submit Intergovernmental Review (if applicable).

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 BJA or Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, Grants.gov customer support, or support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see "Application Resource Guide" section on Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues).

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

- Entity and User Verification (First Time Applicant)
- Standard Applicant information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Data Requested with Application
- Proposal Narrative
- Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline web-based form

Budget and Associated Documentation

- Budget Worksheet and Narrative attachment
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)

Additional Application Components

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)

Disclosures and Assurances

- <u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)</u> (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (see Application Resource Guide)
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)

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 <u>Application Submission Validation Errors Quick</u> <u>Reference Guide</u> 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 <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties. See the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Standard Solicitation Resources

<u>Application Resource Guide</u> provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding.

<u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide</u> 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.

<u>JustGrants Resources Website</u> 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 <u>JustGrants Update e-newsletter</u>.

<u>JustGrants Application Submission Training page</u> 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.

<u>Weekly Training Webinars</u> are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance, and support on JustGrants system functionality.