BJA FY25 National Initiatives: Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance

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BASIC INFORMATION

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> (DOJ), <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), <u>Bureau of Justice Assistance</u> (BJA) is accepting applications for funding in response to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO).

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. OJP's grant programs further DOJ's mission to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe, and to protect civil rights.

Agency Name	U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance
NOFO Title	BJA FY25 National Initiatives: Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance
Announcement Type	Initial
Funding Opportunity Number	O-BJA-2025-172346
Assistance Listing Number	 Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime Reduction Initiative—16.039 Category 2: STOP School Violence: School-based Violence Prevention and Intervention Training and Technical Assistance—16.839 Category 3: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab—16.738 Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance—16.609 Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance—16.015 Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy—16.738 Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Program Infrastructure Support—16.738 Category 8: National Case Closed Project—16.738

Executive Summary

This funding opportunity seeks to fund training and technical assistance (TTA) programs for eight national initiatives to support law enforcement and criminal justice stakeholders in key criminal justice areas. Delivered TTA will be site-based, program-specific TTA and broader TTA for the field.

This program furthers DOJ's mission by supporting and assisting state, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions in improving the criminal justice system and enhancing efforts to prevent, investigate, and respond to crime.

Please see the Eligible Applicants section for the eligibility criteria.

Supported national initiatives:

- C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime Reduction Initiative
- C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: School-based Violence Prevention and Intervention Training and Technical Assistance
- C-BJA-2025-00038-PROD Category 3: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab
- C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance
- C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance
- C-BJA-2025-00041-PROD Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy
- C-BJA-2025-00042-PROD Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Program Infrastructure Support
- C-BJA-2025-00043-PROD Category 8: National Case Closed Project

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Funding Opportunity Release Date	January 16, 2025		
Pre-Application Webinar	TBD		
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Recommend beginning process by March 10, 2025, and no later than March 25, 2025		
Step 1: Grants.gov Application Deadline	11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 08, 2025		
Step 2: JustGrants Application Deadline	8:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 15, 2025		
Award Notification Date	Generally by September 30		

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Funding Details

Anticipated Total Amount To Be Awarded Under This Funding Opportunity: \$25,000,000

- C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department **Violent Crime Reduction Initiative**
 - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1
 - Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$8,000,000 Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.
 - o Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2025
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Duration:** 36 months
- C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: Schoolbased Violence Prevention and Intervention Training and Technical **Assistance**
 - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1
 - Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$1,000,000 Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.
 - o Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2025
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Duration:** 36 months
- C-BJA-2025-00038-PROD Category 3: National Law Enforcement **Knowledge Lab**
 - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1
 - Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$5,000,000 Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.
 - o Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2025
 - Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 36 months
- C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance
 - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1
 - Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$1,500,000 Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.

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- C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and **Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance**
 - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1
 - Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$500,000 Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.
 - o Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2025
 - Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 36 months
- C-BJA-2025-00041-PROD Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance / Local Law Enforcement Strategy
 - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1
 - Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$3,600,000 Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.
 - o Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2025
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Duration:** 36 months
- C-BJA-2025-00042-PROD Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership **Training and Technical Assistance / Program Infrastructure Support**
 - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1
 - Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$3,900,000 Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.
 - Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2025
 - Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 36 months
- C-BJA-2025-00043-PROD Category 8: National Case Closed Project
 - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1
 - Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$1,500,000 Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.
 - o Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2025
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Duration:** 36 months

Application Application Deadlines & **Basic** Eligibility Program Award Post-Award Other Information Description Contents Review **Notices** Requirements Information Checklist

Availability of Funds

This funding opportunity, and awards under this funding opportunity, are subject to the availability of funding and any changes or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this NOFO 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 or its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, agents, or any other person.

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 506(b) (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10157(b); Pub. L. No. 115-185 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 60701-60705); Pub. L. No. 103-322, Sec. 240001 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 12621); additional authority for any awards under this funding opportunity is expected to be provided by a full-year appropriations act for FY 2025. As of the writing of this NOFO, the Department of Justice is operating under a short-term "Continuing Resolution"; no full-year appropriation for the Department has been enacted for FY 2025.

Agency Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this funding opportunity:

OJP Response Center

Phone: 800-851-3420 or 301-240-6310 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only)

Email: grants@ncjrs.gov

Hours of operation: 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 funding opportunity closing date.

For assistance with **SAM.gov** (registration/renewal):

SAM.gov Help Desk Phone: 866-606-8220

Web: SAM.gov Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)

Hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET Monday-Friday

For assistance with Grants.gov (registration, submission of the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424):

Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline

Phone: 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035

Email: support@grants.gov

Web: Grants.gov Customer Support

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays

For assistance with **JustGrants** (registration, submission of full application):

JustGrants Service Desk

Phone: 833-872-5175

Email: <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>

Hours of operation: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET Monday-Friday and 9:00 a.m. to

5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

For procedures related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant that impact submission by the deadlines, see Experiencing Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application (Technical Waivers).

Resources for Applying

Pre-Application Webinar: BJA will hold a webinar to provide a detailed overview of this opportunity and allow interested applicants to ask questions. Once available, a link to register will be included on the Funding Webinars page. The session will be recorded and available on the BJA website once ready.

<u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>: Referred to as the Application Resource Guide throughout the NOFO, this resource provides guidance to help applicants for OJP funding prepare and submit their applications.

<u>JustGrants Application Submission Training Webpage</u>: Offers helpful information and resources on the grant application process.

Note: If this NOFO requires something different from any guidance provided in the <u>Application</u> Resource Guide, the difference will be noted in this NOFO and the applicant should follow the guidance in this NOFO.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity are listed below:

Educational Organizations

- Independent school districts
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

Nonprofit Organizations

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (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

For-Profit Organizations

- Organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses

Small Businesses: Small business grants may be awarded to companies meeting the size standards established by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for most industries in the economy.

Limit on Number of Applications

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

Applications under which two or more entities (project partners) would carry out the federal award will be considered. However, only one entity may be the applicant for the NOFO; any others must be proposed as subrecipients. See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information on subawards.

Cost Sharing/Match Requirement

For this opportunity, match is not required.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

General Purpose of the Funding

The National Initiatives: Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance
Program seeks to fund TTA programs for eight national initiatives supporting law
enforcement programs:

- C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime Reduction Initiative
- C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: School-based Violence Prevention and Intervention Training and Technical Assistance
- C-BJA-2025-00038-PROD Category 3: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab
- C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance
- C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance
- C-BJA-2025-00041-PROD Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy
- C-BJA-2025-00042-PROD Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Program Infrastructure Support
- C-BJA-2025-00043-PROD Category 8: National Case Closed Project

These initiatives provide leadership and support to criminal justice organizations to identify effective program models for replication and infuse data-driven, evidence-based strategies into operational models, practices, and programs. Initiatives also provide TTA to communities and criminal justice partners to meet emerging and chronic criminal justice needs.

The TTA providers selected through this competitive NOFO will join a larger portfolio of TTA overseen by BJA. These awards will be administered in close consultation with and approval by BJA.

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Successful TTA funded through this NOFO will incorporate the principles that guide BJA's TTA:

- Evidence Based. TTA providers should gather regular input and data from grantees and the field on relevant public safety challenges. Any proposed approaches should employ adult learning theory and research on effective practices. In addition, deployed approaches should leverage technology to enhance the quality of services.
- Customizable. TTA providers should ensure that strategies are flexible and scalable for the field with varying levels of capacity and experience. TTA providers should include a diverse team of members who can work with the field and bring creative ideas to expand the impact and reach of BJA's TTA.
- 3. **Measurable.** TTA providers should ensure reliable implementation of strategies and assess engagement among grantees or the broader field, as well as application of support. TTA providers should evaluate the intended outcomes to make refinements to their approach as needed to better accomplish TTA goals.
- 4. **Strategic.** TTA providers should proactively manage updates and share relevant information with BJA, the field, and grantees (if applicable). TTA providers should:
 - a. Plan and problem-solve to support the accomplishment of program goals.
 - b. Provide updates to BJA and its grantees on all progress made.
 - c. Coordinate TTA with other partners as requested by BJA.
 - d. Disseminate resources to the broader field.
 - e. Manage funds effectively.

Applicants should refer to <u>Application Contents</u>, <u>Submission Requirements</u>, <u>and Deadlines</u>: <u>Budget Detail Form</u> for information on allowable and unallowable costs that may inform the development of their project design.

This NOFO contains eight categories, each seeking applications for a separate national initiative:

- C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime Reduction Initiative
- C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: School-based Violence Prevention and Intervention Training and Technical Assistance
- C-BJA-2025-00038-PROD Category 3: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab
- C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance
- C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance

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- C-BJA-2025-00041-PROD Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy
- C-BJA-2025-00042-PROD Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Program Infrastructure Support
- C-BJA-2025-00043-PROD Category 8: National Case Closed Project

C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

This funding will provide TTA to administer a microgrant program to provide subaward microgrants and assistance to rural, small, and tribal departments, selected in collaboration with BJA, to develop and implement violent crime reduction strategies. Sites will be required to utilize BJA's <u>Violent Crime Reduction Roadmap</u> to implement essential actions outlined in the resource. Sites will also be encouraged to consider program designs that leverage and support partnerships with community violence intervention (CVI) providers working to reduce violent crime in their communities.

TTA will specifically focus on supporting rural, small, and tribal agencies' implementation of various crime and violence reduction strategies. TTA will help localities optimize, effectively document, and share their efforts to reduce violent crime. Further, the selected TTA provider will coordinate and collaborate these efforts with other BJA TTA providers to ensure micrograntees have access to the full scope of BJA programming.

TTA will also provide training opportunities and resources to the field at large. These will be informed by current evidence-based and promising practices.

• C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: School-based Violence Prevention and Intervention Training and Technical Assistance

This funding will provide TTA to develop and offer a range of resources for schools, including webinars, knowledge-sharing materials, and examples of best practices from experts in the field. Resources developed will focus on the following subject areas: school-based violence prevention and intervention, conflict resolution, healthy relationships, and dating violence. The TTA provider will assist schools in translating lessons, principles, and concepts from CVI initiatives into school settings and understanding how they support complementary school and community safety approaches. This opportunity leverages and builds upon the existing school safety TTA available through BJA. To ensure maximum benefit to STOP grantees and seamless integration of violence prevention strategies, the selected provider will actively participate in quarterly STOP TTA meetings.

TTA will specifically focus on providing students, teachers, and school staff with resources and tools for recognizing, responding quickly to, and preventing acts of violence in schools and how the integration of principles and elements of CVI strategies can assist in preventing school violence.

TTA will also provide training opportunities and resources to the field at large. These will be informed by current evidence-based and promising practices.

C-BJA-2025-00038-PROD Category 3: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab

This funding will support the continued work of the National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab (the Lab), which was created in 2022, to identify and support the development of

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accessible and practical TTA resources that support innovative, fair, and effective policing practices.

TTA will specifically focus on the following 12 policing and community core competency areas:

- Community Trust and Partnerships
- Crime and Violence Response
- Mental Health and Crisis Response
- Response to Mass Demonstrations
- Stops, Searches and Arrests
- Use of Force
- Responding to Mass Critical Incidents
- Crime Investigations
- Officer Safety and Wellness
- Public Transparency
- Retention and Recruitment
- Personnel Training

TTA will also provide training opportunities and resources to the field at large. These will be informed by current evidence-based and promising practices.

• C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance

This funding will provide support to the 94 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Teams, local and state law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and communities with planning, implementing, and assessing their violence reduction PSN strategies through the provision of TTA resources, instruction, and information that will enable them to improve their capacity to reduce violence in their communities and support survivors of violence. Because of the breadth of deliverables and the diversity of the populations served under PSN, applicants should propose a collaborative model of assistance comprised of experienced technical assistance entities in its project design.

TTA activities and approaches supported by the PSN National TTA Program must specifically focus on validated evidence-based practices and strategies. The program leverages the leadership of DOJ and the expertise of nationally recognized criminal justice practitioners and researchers to help PSN Teams improve their operations and contribute to violence reduction in partnership with the communities they serve.

TTA will also provide training opportunities and resources to the field at large. These will be informed by current evidence-based and promising practices.

C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance

This funding will provide TTA to support Kevin and Avonte Program grantees in implementing practices that reduce the number of deaths and injuries to individuals with forms of dementia or developmental disabilities who wander from safe environments. TTA

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will assist grantees in the development and implementation of public awareness campaigns to grow recognition of wandering behavior and increase utilization of prevention services.

TTA will specifically focus on assisting Kevin and Avonte Program grantees with the implementation of model law enforcement, school, family, and health care prevention programs, locative technologies, response policies and protocols, and notification or communications systems for alerts, advisories, or dissemination of information for the recovery of missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities.

TTA will also provide training opportunities and resources to the field at large. These will be informed by current evidence-based and promising practices.

C-BJA-2025-00041-PROD Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy

This funding will provide TTA to the National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) sites to implement solutions that enhance their capacity to better address their chronic violent crime problems. TTA services should be developed through a collaborative approach and delivered to PSP cities in an expedited manner.

The TTA provider will deliver customized assistance, tailored to the needs of the jurisdiction, to help PSP sites enhance and/or develop and implement violent crime reduction strategies.

TTA will also provide training opportunities and resources to the field at large. These will be informed by current evidence-based and promising practices.

• C-BJA-2025-00042-PROD Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Program Infrastructure Support

This funding will provide TTA to support the PSP Program infrastructure through the coordination of PSP meetings; the development and delivery of training courses; the maintenance of PSP dashboards, website, and online clearinghouse; and the coordination of PSP national and/or regional symposiums and peer-to-peer exchanges.

TTA will specifically focus on the support PSP's infrastructure and logistics, including the PSP Virtual Academy, networking, and technical assistance; providing onsite support for strategic planning and networking; the delivery of peer-to-peer learning; the development and implementation of PSP national and/or regional multiday symposiums for PSP sites, to include appropriate faculty and subject matter experts (SMEs); and the maintenance of PSP dashboards, website, and online clearinghouse.

TTA will also provide training opportunities and resources to the field at large. These will be informed by current evidence-based and promising practices.

C-BJA-2025-00043-PROD Category 8: National Case Closed Project

This funding will provide TTA to enhance clearance rates, witness participation, victim services, community trust, and the delivery of fair and unbiased justice through improvement of investigative policies, protocols, and practices of response to violent crime.

TTA will specifically focus on providing onsite assessments and assistance to jurisdictions seeking to improve their investigative processes, practices, and protocols. TTA will be delivered to jurisdictions experiencing a precipitous increase in crime in conjunction with low clearance rates.

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TTA will also provide training opportunities and resources to the field at large. These will be informed by current evidence-based and promising practices.

Program Goals and Objectives

Applicable to all categories:

Goal: To deliver a range of effective and relevant TTA that empowers and enables the field in their efforts to reduce crime, improve justice outcomes, and enhance community safety.

Objective 1: Relevance—Develop and deliver TTA that directly addresses the needs and challenges of the field and its workforce.

Objective 2: Effectiveness—Measure the effectiveness of TTA to ensure it is achieving the intended outcomes and making a positive impact.

Objective 3: Engagement—Create engaging and interactive technical assistance and training experiences that facilitate learning.

Objective 4: Accessibility—Ensure all TTA is accessible to audiences of different backgrounds and learning styles. Additionally, all products developed must be Section 508 compliant. More information about Section 508 can be found by visiting Section 508.gov.

Objective 5: Continuous Improvement—Regularly evaluate and refine TTA to ensure relevance, effectiveness, and alignment with the evolving priorities and emerging needs of the field.

<u>C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime</u> <u>Reduction Initiative</u>

Goal: Administer a microgrant program in collaboration with BJA and provide microgrant recipients with assistance to develop and implement evidence-based violent crime reduction strategies. TTA should be designed to help localities optimize, document, and share their efforts to reduce violent crime and address challenges affecting their jurisdictions.

Objective 1: Develop a plan to identify law enforcement agency subrecipients that will develop small-scale strategies to reduce violence in their jurisdiction.

Objective 2: Assist site-based grantees in achieving their deliverables and objectives. This may include virtual and onsite TTA delivery as well as facilitation of peer-to-peer knowledge sharing and information exchange.

Objective 3: Work collaboratively with each microgrant recipient to implement their strategy and deploy appropriate resources. The TTA provider will distribute allocated funding to subrecipient agencies based on project timelines and those agencies' planned purchases and deployment of resources. Funding for individual microgrant awards should not exceed \$150,000 and must include a maximum allowable request for technology at \$50,000 per microgrant award. Approximately 60 percent of funding through this TTA initiative should be allocated for passthrough funds.

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Objective 4: Compile a description of all the crime reduction strategies implemented by the site-based awardees and TTA awardees, including a cross-sectional analysis of these strategies, their impact, how they may be replicated, and implications for practice.

Objective 5: Establish regular briefings and meetings with BJA to discuss TTA plans, achievements, work products, and adjustments.

Objective 6: Provide a monthly summary of achievements and products.

Objective 7: Support microgrant sites develop strategies that highlight success stories to promote community engagement and trust building. This includes messaging to inform the community of violent crime reduction efforts underway through the program as well as examples of how the program has contributed to a reduction of violent crime in the community.

<u>C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: School-based Violence</u> <u>Prevention and Intervention TTA</u>

Goal 1: Provide students, teachers and school staff with resources and tools for recognizing, responding quickly to, and preventing acts of violence in schools. Support schools in strengthening community partnerships and translating principles of CVI strategies to prevent crime in and around schools.

Objective 1: Develop a pilot program that includes resources for the field on translating CVI practices to schools and assisting them in developing and implementing models that draw on relevant principles and elements of CVI programs, including violence interrupter program concepts.

Objective 2: Assess the needs of the STOP site-based grantees. Develop strategies to expand engagement with community-based resources and assist grantees in creating a school-wide violence prevention and intervention plan.

Objective 3: Support the field, where relevant, by creating online resources such as toolkits and implementation guides to clarify governance, support the creation of program design, and explain use of performance measurements to track success and support sustainability.

Objective 4: Utilize a range of vetted local and national subject matter experts including practitioners, academics, and federal partners. Develop protocols and define the scope of work of the subject matter experts (e.g., training, product development, informational webinars).

Objective 5: Support STOP grantees in the creation or expansion of safe passage programs, inclusive of conflict intervention and mediation techniques to ensure students safe arrival to and departure from school.

Goal 2: Serve as a thought leader and information clearinghouse for relevant research and best practices; proactively contribute to field knowledge and expand capacity for translating relevant CVI principles and practices in a school setting.

Objective 1: Create knowledge diffusion products (e.g., fact sheets, webinars, implementation guides) and share them through BJA networks.

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Objective 2: Convene practitioner learning communities based upon project categories to explore best practices and lessons learned.

Objective 3: Share best practices and lessons learned by attending and presenting at national, state, local, tribal, or other conferences and events related to award activities where officials and stakeholders exchange successful school-based approaches that draw on elements and principles of CVI strategies.

Objective 4: Coordinate across interest groups. Facilitate regular meetings (e.g., quarterly stakeholder meetings, advisory board meetings) to allow for ongoing dialogue among relevant partners, including, at a minimum, federal partners, public/private partnerships, and special interest groups (e.g., peer support community).

Objective 5: Foster a collaborative partnership with existing BJA school safety TTA providers to strengthen the impact of the STOP School Violence Program through coordinated violence prevention and intervention efforts in school settings. The selected provider will work alongside existing providers to integrate CVI expertise, maximizing the benefit of the TTA. This collaboration will ensure alignment across programs and promote the use of innovative strategies.

C-BJA-2025-00038-PROD Category 3: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab

Goal 1: Identify, develop, and disseminate evidence-based policing practice and innovations, training, and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies nationwide.

Objective 1: Define organizational and individual core competencies required to support fair, impartial, and effective policing based on the evidence-based policy and validated research.

Objective 2: Produce web-based toolkits, guides, training curricula, and comprehensive resource clearinghouse of validated tools and information for law enforcement agencies related to the defined core competencies.

Objective 3: Maintain a robust website and social media presence to disseminate information related to evidence-based policing practice and innovation, training, and technical assistance.

Goal 2: Create opportunities for practical, accessible assistance for police leaders, community leaders, and city leaders to assess their community's policing practices, policies, training, and outcomes related to fair and impartial policing and evidence-based approaches to public safety.

Objective 1: Provide on-demand consultation, advice, and assistance to departments and partner organizations to work together to protect the public, prevent crime through fair and impartial policing practices and strategies, and enable police and community members to collaboratively co-produce public safety.

Objective 2: Support the development of a network of mentor law enforcement agencies that can serve as learning sites for police departments seeking to improve their practices in core competency areas.

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Objective 3: Support peer exchange opportunities with these established mentor law enforcement agencies to share promising practices and establish active Law Enforcement Learning Communities (LELC) in the core competency areas.

Goal 3: Lead and support the creation of new resources and opportunities to advance evidence-based law enforcement practices and related to the core competency areas.

Objective 1: Collaborate with thought leaders regarding fair and impartial policing, including community-focused advocacy organizations, policing experts, service providers, and national and international academic research institutions.

Objective 2: Lead the creation of resources and guidance for law enforcement agencies and the diverse communities they serve to collaborate as co-producers of public safety.

Objective 3: Provide funding support in the form of microgrants and/or subawards to law enforcement agencies seeking to implement innovative and evidence-based policing practices.

C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods TTA

Goal: In collaboration with the local United States Attorney Offices (USAOs), BJA, and the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA), support PSN Teams with the creation and sustainment of coordinated crime reduction efforts among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement while cooperatively engaging and educating the communities they serve and assisting survivors and witnesses of violence.

Objective 1: Create a TTA team supported by relevant subject matter experts (SMEs) with expertise in a wide range of topics to support strategic plan development by all 94 PSN Teams.

Objective 2: Support PSN Teams with the creation and testing of strategic messaging related to their efforts, including the production of assets/products/materials that can be used for measuring the impact of outreach materials, as well as the identification of effective marketing strategies and dissemination platforms.

Objective 3: Support PSN Team members and partners in the effective use of intelligence and data to identify high-crime areas and individuals driving violent crime and identify opportunities to prevent further violence.

Objective 4: Support PSN Teams with establishing and operating multi-agency gang task forces focused on deterring, preventing, and prosecuting violent gang activity.

C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities TTA

Goal: Provide training and resources to Kevin and Avonte Program grantees to implement projects which reduce the number of deaths and injuries to individuals with forms of dementia or developmental disabilities, who wander from safe environments.

Objective 1: Guide and coach grantees in deploying person-centered approaches and best practices in their program development and locative technology implementation to

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prevent people with developmental disabilities and dementia from wandering from safety.

Objectives 2: Facilitate a virtual community of practice for Kevin and Avonte Program grantees to encourage professional networking and peer-to-peer learning, as well as the sharing of best practices and lessons learned throughout program implementation.

Objective 3: Foster collaborative partnerships between advocacy groups, community organizations, impacted individuals, and first responders implementing locative technology to develop and implement person-centered policy and programs to prevent wandering, increase personal safety, and facilitate rescue of persons who go missing.

Objective 4: Raise national awareness and engage communities in public safety strategies that prevent wandering and facilitate the safe return of persons with developmental disabilities and dementia.

C-BJA-2025-00041-PROD Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership TTA/Local Law Enforcement Strategy

Goal: Work collaboratively to develop National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) TTA services and support the delivery of TTA to participating cities to implement solutions that enhance their capacity to better address their chronic violent crime problems.

Objective 1: Provide customized TTA to PSP sites to help local jurisdictions develop, implement, and/or enhance violent crime reduction strategies.

Objective 2: Assist current and future PSP sites with implementing anti-violence strategies through the provision of subject matter expertise to address specific site needs in the form of training, strategic planning, assessments, and the development of recommendations to reduce violent crime.

C-BJA-2025-00042-PROD Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership TTTA/Program Infrastructure Support

Goal: Support the PSP Program infrastructure through the coordination of PSP meetings, development and delivery of courses for PSP Virtual Academy, maintenance of PSP dashboards, website and online clearinghouse, as well as coordination of PSP national and/or regional symposiums and peer-to-peer exchanges.

Objective 1: Support PSP's program infrastructure and logistics, including the PSP Virtual Academy, networking, and technical assistance; provide onsite support for strategic planning and networking; deliver peer-to-peer learning; develop and implement PSP national and/or regional multiday symposiums for PSP sites, to include appropriate faculty and subject matter experts (SMEs); and maintain PSP dashboards, website, and online clearinghouse.

C-BJA-2025-00043-PROD Category 8: National Case Closed Project

Goal: Enhance clearance rates, witness participation, victim services, community trust, and the delivery of fair and unbiased justice through improvement of investigative policies, protocols, and practices of response to violent crime.

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Objective 1: Provide onsite assessment and assistance to jurisdictions seeking to improve their investigative processes, practices, and protocols. This project must focus on jurisdictions experiencing a precipitous increase in crime.

Objective 2: Develop evidence-based tools and resources (e.g., webinars, briefs, checklists) to support agencies in enhancing clearance rates for fatal and nonfatal violent crime.

Objective 3: Create national awareness of promising practices to improve clearance rates and disseminate tools and resources to the field.

How Awards Will Contribute to Program Goals/Objectives

Award recipients will provide site-based, program-specific TTA and broader TTA for initiatives that support law enforcement and criminal justice stakeholders. The recipients will focus on a range of topics that seek to reduce violent crime and create safer communities.

Expected Outcomes: Deliverables and Performance Measures

To achieve the goals and objectives of this funding opportunity, OJP has identified expected deliverables that must be produced by a recipient. OJP has also identified performance measures (pieces of data) that will indicate how a recipient is achieving the performance goals and objectives previously identified. Recipients will need to collect and report this performance measure data to OJP.

Deliverables

Deliverables are what the applicant will create or produce under the award. The term "deliverables" as used here refers to discrete products under an award. An award may support activities (e.g., personnel time for award activities) that are part of recipient performance but are not considered deliverables. Award recipients will be expected to develop and submit the deliverables listed below in the course of implementing their proposed project.

TTA programs across all Categories will:

- Utilize a diverse range of vetted local and national subject matter experts to plan and implement TTA activities.
- Coordinate all activities and products with <u>BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center</u> (NTTAC) and maintain an online project tracking tool.
- Support and maintain a dedicated website to house BJA's products, resources, and tools for grantees and the field.
- Maintain a central location for practitioners to request TTA to at no cost.

Category Specific Deliverables:

C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

Conduct a site selection process, in collaboration with BJA, to identify subrecipient sites.
 This site selection process should ensure that the microgrant sites selected meet the following criteria: (1) they qualify as a rural, small, or tribal jurisdiction as defined by BJA, (2) there is at least one identified crime challenge in the jurisdiction, (3) the agencies have capacity and demonstrate a willingness to work collaboratively with the TTA

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provider, and (4) the site has submitted a microgrant application that clearly defines the violent crime challenge(s) and strategies the agency seeks to deploy to address the challenge(s). The TTA provider should encourage sites to leverage BJA's Violent Crime Reduction Roadmap and other BJA violent crime reduction resources during the development of their application. The TTA provider should also support sites seeking to implement or partner with CVI and prevention programs and ensure grantees with active CVI initiatives receive technical assistance on developing and improving professional understanding with leaders of those efforts.

- Conduct meetings with jurisdictions on a periodic basis and memorialize the proceedings with meeting notes, transcripts, and/or recordings. Initial meeting notes should define a TTA plan and document the types of TTA that will likely be needed to implement and track each locality's violent crime reduction strategy.
- Work with localities to promote successful implementation of projects. Identify relevant research and resources to assist site-based grantees in refining and planning their violent crime reduction strategies through formal literature reviews and searches of professional and academic literature.
- Develop guidance and provide support to microgrant sites on how to communicate about the work being done through the program to their communities. This guidance should seek to enhance trust and build community engagement between microgrant sites and their communities, from the inception of the violent crime reduction program up through completion of program activities. The TTA provider should specifically assist in highlighting success stories and any reduction in violent crime the microgrant site accomplishes through its program activities.
- Conduct regional and topical meetings across site-based localities on common issue areas to facilitate peer to peer engagement, learning, and knowledge sharing.
- Incorporate existing subject matter experts and material from DOJ programs and initiatives, including but not limited to BJA programs related to courts and community partnerships, justice and behavioral health, and more.
- Establish and maintain an online toolkit to allow grantees and other interested parties to search and access any knowledge products (e.g., reports, research briefs, webinars, or podcasts) created by the TTA provider and other relevant existing knowledge products related to violent crime reduction strategies.
- Complete a final report that includes: (a) a clear summary description of all crime reduction strategies implemented by localities, (b) assessment of crime reduction outcomes, (c) identification of promising or effective practices, (d) common themes that emerge across strategies, (e) lessons learned and challenges encountered, and (f) recommendations for future rural crime reduction program development. This report should emphasize an evidence-based assessment framework that is attentive to contextual factors at participating law enforcement agency sites.

C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: School-based Violence **Prevention and Intervention Training and Technical Assistance**

Assess the needs of the field to develop strategies, build skills, enhance knowledge, and increase awareness of CVI and how its principles and practices can be translated in school settings.

- Develop work plans based on the goals outlined in the funded STOP applications. The selected provider will submit proposed plans to the BJA in advance of implementation.
 Work plans will include tools such as spreadsheets and/or dashboards to track the execution of key tasks and adherence to project timelines.
- Inventory CVI initiatives currently operating in collaboration with schools and coordinate with those initiatives to find commonality with the communities selected for STOP CVI implementation.
- Convene practitioner learning communities for STOP projects/programs to explore best practices and lessons learned for translating CVI principles in school settings.
- Disseminate information to the field by attending and presenting at conferences and events relevant to award activities where officials and stakeholders have opportunity to learn from successful strategies.
- Proactively build field knowledge and capacity for preventing and interrupting violence in school settings. This includes coordinating and supporting a presence at national meetings and conferences through workshops, panel presentations, and briefings.
 Determine emerging trends from requests and site-based TTA needs assessments.
 Work with the BJA to tailor a TTA strategy to meet these needs and trends.

C-BJA-2025-00038-PROD Category 3: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab

- Establish and conduct a formal mentor agency selection process, in collaboration with BJA, to identify organizations to serve as mentor law enforcement agencies in core competency areas.
- Establish and convene an expert body of individuals representing law enforcement, research, community-based programs, and relevant stakeholders to inform the Lab's priorities, core competency area work, publications, toolkits, and other products produced for the law enforcement field.
- Establish a TTA intake and follow up protocol for law enforcement agencies and other
 organizations that seek the Lab's assistance. Establish workflows that enable the Lab to
 identify and assess incoming requests for assistance related to the Lab's mission and
 available resources. If the requested assistance is available from another DOJsupported TTA program, coordinate the transfer of the request to the most appropriate
 provider that is readily available to assist the requestor.
- Produce practical and accessible training, publications (e.g., reports, research briefs, webinars, or podcasts), toolkits, and web-based resources for police executives, municipal and city leaders, and community-based organizations focused on key elements of fair and impartial policing practice.
- Conduct regional or topical convenings that focus on one or more of the core competency areas to support the dissemination of information to the LELCs and the greater policing field.
- Incorporate existing subject matter experts and material from DOJ programs and initiatives into program planning and products, including but not limited to the Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), the Office on Violence Against Women, and the DOJ Civil Rights Division.
- Establish formal assessment protocols of candidate organizations seeking to join the Lab's mentor agency network to validate that their practices are in line with the existing

- evidence base and that the promising approach to the core area is being comprehensively and reliably implemented across the organization.
- Work with law enforcement agencies to assess their gaps in core competency areas and provide tailored strategic plans and resources to improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities in those areas.
- Support peer-to-peer exchange visits with mentor law enforcement agencies, to include all aspects of planning and managing such visits and follow up support and documentation of actions taken by mentee agencies because of the exchange.
- Maintain and manage the existing <u>Federal Interventions Dashboard</u>, Digital Trust portfolio, Knowledge and Innovation Sites, and web-based information sources.
- Establish and manage a microgrant/subaward process that provides resources to law enforcement agencies seeking to replicate promising practices or engage in innovative approaches to one or more core competency areas. This site selection process should ensure that the microgrant sites selected meet the following criteria: (1) they have served as, or engaged with, a Lab mentor law enforcement agency; (2) they are active participants in a related LELC; and (3) they have capacity and demonstrate a willingness to work collaboratively with the Lab and engage in the organizational change necessary to establish the practice under consideration.
- Produce a toolkit focused on leveraging the role of the community as a co-producer of public safety, as well as practical and accessible training on this topic for law enforcement agencies.
- Establish and maintain a web-based toolkit or clearinghouse that provides public access
 to all Lab products (e.g., reports, research briefs, webinars, or podcasts), as well as
 relevant products from other reliable sources.
- Complete an annual report due 30 days after the close of the federal fiscal year (September 30) that includes: a clear summary description of all TTA provided to requestor agencies Promising/effective practices identified; progress or products produced by the LELC; training or resource deficits identified in the field related to a core competency area; lessons learned and challenges encountered; and recommendations for future Lab initiatives.

<u>C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical</u> Assistance

- Deliver periodic reports to BJA as required by the terms of the cooperative agreement.
- Establish strategic plans for all operational PSN Teams including delivery of regional trainings and/or annual conference for PSN Teams to help them develop or expand their strategic plan for their violent crime reduction initiative.
- Provide TTA to PSN Teams regarding best practices in violent crime reduction such as (but not limited to):
 - The development of policing strategies targeting high-crime areas and persons driving violent crime, balanced with concerns related to possible racial, ethnic, or economic bias.
 - Strategies for reducing violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based CVI and prevention strategies. This should include efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers,

- community-based organizations, law enforcement, researchers, and other stakeholders.
- The use of the GunStat model and leveraging the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network as an investigative tool.
- Strategies for collaborating with federal partners to investigate and prosecute crime related to the felonious possession and use of firearms.
- Establish a firearms case adoption protocol that incorporates the roles of all PSN Team member agencies.
- Building collective efficacy and social cohesion-based crime reduction capacities within partner communities.
- Strategies for responding to armed individuals or individuals in crisis that deescalate such encounters and increase officer and community safety.
- The development and testing of strategic messaging to highlight their efforts, including creating assets and materials to measure outreach impact and identifying marketing strategies and dissemination platforms.
- The development of an interactive mapping dashboard that highlights the use of PSN and BJA grant funding to address violent crime.
- In close coordination with BJA, plan and conduct national and/or regional meetings, workshops, or other educational sessions for individual districts, one or more regions, or the larger PSN community.
- Develop publications, web-based resources, and other materials that assist PSN districts in learning about best practices related to evidence-based crime reduction, community engagement, and victim/witness support practices.
- Facilitate peer-to-peer information-sharing opportunities among state and local law enforcement and partner agencies, to include fiscal agents, to exchange best practice ideas and approaches.
- Create and maintain a dynamic and interactive platform for resources, outreach
 materials, information sharing, and dissemination to include the maintenance of a PSN
 TTA website and related web resources, social media outreach, online newsletter,
 webinars, and virtual and in-person training curricula and platforms.

C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance

- Establish and maintain a formal, collaborative partnership with organizations representing and addressing both child and adult wanderers.
- Design and implement a national public education campaign to increase awareness and
 educate the public on ways to recognize individuals with developmental disabilities
 and/or dementia who might be in distress and promote strategies to prevent and aid in
 the recovery of these individuals who are prone to wandering from safe environments.
 The campaign should be maintained on the Home Safe website and include items such
 as radio public service announcements, web banners, and print material that can be
 easily distributed and accessible to the field.
- Provide TTA to local law enforcement agencies and organizations funded under the Kevin and Avonte Program to develop a needs assessment within the first 6 months of the award period. Work with grantees to support cross-system coordination between law

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- enforcement and behavioral health system service providers. TTA should include working directly with all current Kevin and Avonte Program grantees, establishing regular communication, hosting quarterly networkwide training events, and maintaining awareness of the progress of each project throughout the lifecycle of the grant awards.
- Support Kevin and Avonte Program grantees in the development of local public education campaigns to increase awareness and successful implementation of model prevention and response policies and protocols among key stakeholder groups.
- Provide best practice guidance to site-based collaborative programs developed between law enforcement and public health officials that implement locative technologies in consultation with individuals with lived experience and/or their families.
- Maintain a cadre of subject matter experts, including law enforcement and other first responder leadership, clinicians, school administrators, service providers, and members of organizations representing families and individuals with lived experience, for virtual and in-person TTA events and focus groups.
- Identify and/or develop best practice and evidence-based protocols for prevention, response, rescue, and recovery of individuals who, due to their dementia or developmental disabilities, may wander from safe environments.
- Assist Kevin and Avonte Program grantees with the implementation of model law enforcement, school, family, and health care provider prevention programs, response policies and protocols, and notification or communications systems for alerts, advisories, or dissemination of other information for the recovery of missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities.
- Develop assessment tools for use by Kevin and Avonte Program grantees, and made available to the field, to assess the extent to which their current policies and practices meet the identified best or evidence-based policies and practices as they relate to the prevention and recovery of missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities.
- Assist DOJ to develop standards and best practices, using research and focus groups, for the use of noninvasive and nonpermanent tracking devices where a guardian or parent has determined that a noninvasive and nonpermanent tracking device is the least restrictive alternative to locate individuals.

C-BJA-2025-00041-PROD Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy

- Provide site-specific technical assistance in the PSP focus areas to assist jurisdictions in producing and/or enhancing violent crime reduction strategic plans.
- Recruit, maintain, and leverage a diverse cadre of Strategic Site Liaisons (SSLs) to work with PSP sites.
- Provide analytical support to SSLs and PSP sites to assist in assessing local initiatives and resources through the collection and analysis of data and evaluation of local violent crime strategies.
- Facilitate initial onsite listening sessions and monthly meetings.
- Assist current and future PSP sites with implementing anti-violence strategies through the provision of subject matter experts to address specific site needs in the form of training, assessments, and the development of recommendations to reduce violent crime.

- Collaborate with BJA's CVI TTA providers to develop training and technical assistance focusing on what law enforcement leaders and officers need to know about developing and growing professional understanding among law enforcement and community-based violence intervention professionals.
- Coordinate the initial 6-month assessment of newly selected PSP sites to provide a
 baseline understanding of a site's violent crime problems to aid in the development of
 each site's strategic plan and guide the delivery of training and technical assistance, with
 a special emphasis on sustainability planning during the third year.
- Recruit, train, and deploy crime analysts to PSP sites who will provide analytic support and tools that support proactive and coordinated crime prevention and control efforts.
- Conduct data collection, then review and analyze metrics to assist in the selection of
 cities that are experiencing a precipitous increase in violent crime for possible
 participation in PSP, to include smaller/rural areas, including development of
 comprehensive city profiles.
- Develop case studies on the selected PSP sites' experiences and the results of the PSP TTA/resource delivery model upon completion of the 3-year engagement, as well as a case study of key leadership lessons learned across various sites.
- On a quarterly basis, collect and analyze violent crime data and violence reduction strategies that have been implemented and report to the PSP dashboard; utilize data in conjunction with local anti-violence strategies to determine the most appropriate approaches to measure the impact of TTA, in consultation with SSLs and research partners. Routinely measure the impact of TTA in relation to the strategies outlined under OJP's <u>Violent Crime Reduction Roadmap</u>.
- Develop a semi-annual evaluation report on PSP to include both a process and impact evaluation of PSP resource delivery.
- Work collaboratively and share information among the selected TTA providers to include the integration of technological tools and maintenance of online project management tools and dashboards to ensure projects are planned and implemented in tandem.
- Coordinate all TTA activities with BJA, to include summaries of TTA events and timely submission of required programmatic and financial status reports.

C-BJA-2025-00042-PROD Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Program Infrastructure Support

- Develop strategic opportunities for PSP sites to build peer-to-peer support networks, to
 include support of nationwide onsite peer-to-peer learning opportunities and share
 promising and best practices with one another and among criminal justice agencies that
 have a role in preventing and investigating crime within their jurisdiction.
- Provide logistical support for TTA and SME activities with DOJ components (OJP, Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services) and federal law enforcement agencies (ATF, DEA, FBI, USMS).
- Manage the PSP website and PSP clearinghouse website to include continuous
 monitoring of the field to identify emerging trends, promising practices, and model
 programs that address violent crime. Develop reports, publications, online toolkits, and
 other outreach vehicles to relate the research to the PSP sites and disseminate
 evidence-based information nationwide.
- Develop informational and media materials that focus on pressing violent crime related issues and shared with local law enforcement and U.S. Attorneys.

- Collect, distribute, and maintain site-specific communications, articles of interest, reports, and other relevant information. Provide administrative support to PSP to include coordination of PSP conference calls, maintenance of PSP dashboards, note-taking, distribution of meeting summaries, and preparation of PSP agendas and briefing materials.
- Develop a virtual training course and national convening panel that supports the strengthening of communities as co-producers of public safety, with specific emphasis on CVI strategies.
- Assist BJA in providing logistics for national and/or regional symposium(s) convening executive, local, and federal leadership and key stakeholders that offer customized TTA for current and future PSP sites.
- Assist the USAOs in participating jurisdictions with organizing a local violent crime symposium to highlight each PSP site's successes and lessons learned, available DOJ resources, and violence reduction strategies in the final year of the program.
- Recruit, maintain, and leverage a cadre of SMEs to assist PSP sites with the implementation of violent crime reduction strategies and technical assistance; schedule and organize trainings; market trainings and recruit participants; and manage the trainings.
- Create a quarterly PSP newsletter and online annual public report that highlight PSP sites' successes, DOJ partner accomplishments, and TTA. Routinely share resources highlighting evidence-based strategies and promote the approaches and resources outlined in OJP's Violent Crime Reduction Roadmap.
- Provide data for PSP sites' quarterly and annual reports. Assist in drafting and editing of the PSP reports and publications.

C-BJA-2025-00043-PROD Category 8: National Case Closed Project

- Provide onsite, evidence-based assessments of the investigative process, practices, training, and protocols pertaining to violent crime, homicide, or nonfatal shootings in jurisdictions that are experiencing an increase in crime.
- Develop and publish the process for jurisdiction selection in coordination with BJA.
- Deliver an assessment to each jurisdiction complete with recommendations, a potential timeline for completion of each recommendation, and an online tracking mechanism for recommendations and results.
- Provide customized technical assistance in implementing recommendations.
- Plan and implement two national convenings to highlight promising practices to enhance clearance rates.
- Deliver a final report for the field summarizing major assessment findings and best practices for investigative protocols
- Work with BJA to develop tools, educational materials, and other programming support items to address gaps in the investigative and prosecutorial process.

Performance Measures

Basic

Performance measures are data that show a recipient's progress in implementing their project, such as the number of people served, or number of trainings conducted. OJP will require each award recipient to submit regular performance reports that communicate progress toward achieving the goals and objectives identified in Program Goals and Objectives. Applicants can

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

A list of performance measure questions for this funding opportunity can be found at: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/bja-program-performance-measures.

- C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime Reduction Initiative: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/rural-violence-measures.pdf
- C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: School-based Community Violence Intervention Training and Technical Assistance: https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/STOP-Measures.pdf
- C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/PSN-Measures.pdf
- C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance: https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/DEM-Measures.pdf

For categories not specified, applicants can find a list of standard TTA Performance Measures at https://bja.oip.gov/performance-measures/tta-deliverable-performance-metrics.pdf.

Funding Instrument

OJP expects to make awards under this funding opportunity as cooperative agreements, which allow OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the Application Resource Guide for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP awards.

There are specific roles for both the recipient and BJA, some of which are outlined below.

Application Application Deadlines & Basic **Eligibility Program** Award Post-Award Other Information Description Contents Review **Notices** Requirements Information Checklist

The Recipient must:

- Comply with the terms and conditions of the award.
- Collaborate with BJA staff to implement and monitor the project.
- Submit performance measures data via the TTA Reporting Portal (TTARP.
- Submit all required performance assessments, evaluations, and financial reports to BJA.
- Attend and participate in virtual meetings.
- Other special conditions that may be identified.

BJA will:

- Conduct a kick-off meeting and review and help revise the TTA workplan as needed to maximally accomplish the TTA goals BJA has identified to support the field.
- Give regular input and guidance on the TTA workplan implementation including reviewing and approving work product outlines and final products.
- Collaborate with the recipient and provide substantial project planning and implementation input.
- Provide substantial input on evaluation activities.
- Make recommendations on continuing the project.
- Participate in publishing results, including disseminating products and materials to make any findings available to the field.
- Review and approve all key personnel.
- Maintain regular communication with the recipient through at least monthly conference calls and providing technical assistance and consultation.
- Review and provide feedback on all required performance assessment reports.
- Review all required (TTARP) data.
- Participate on committees, such as policy and steering work groups responsible for helping to guide the course of long-term projects or activities.

Cost Sharing/Match Requirements

This funding opportunity does not require a match.

APPLICATION CONTENTS, SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS, AND DEADLINES

This NOFO contains all the information needed to apply for this funding opportunity. The application for this funding opportunity is submitted through web-based forms and attachments in Grants.gov and JustGrants through the steps that follow.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and SAM.gov Registration

To submit an application, an applicant must have an active registration in the <u>System for Award Management (SAM.gov</u>). SAM.gov assigns entities a unique entity identifier (UEI) that is required for the entity to apply for federal funding. Applicants will enter their UEI with their application. Award recipients must then maintain an active UEI for the duration of their award's period of performance.

First-time Registration: Entities registering in SAM.gov for the first time will submit information about their entity type and structure, financial information (such as dates of the fiscal year, banking information, and executive compensation), entity points of contact, and other information. The information is reviewed and verified by SAM.gov, and then a UEI is issued. This process may take several weeks, so entities considering applying for funding should begin the registration process as soon as possible.

Renewing an Existing Registration: Entities must renew their SAM.gov registration every 12 months to keep it active. If an entity does not renew their SAM.gov registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent the submission of an application for funding in Grants.gov and JustGrants.

Applicants are encouraged to start the SAM.gov registration or renewal process at least 30 days prior to the application's Grants.gov deadline. Applicants who fail to begin the registration or renewal process at least 10 business days prior to the Grants.gov deadline may not be able to complete the process in time and will not be considered for a technical waiver that allows for late submission.

For Small Businesses: In addition to SAM.gov registration, a small business applicant may need to obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The person applying for an award should submit the EIN value as the Tax Identification Number (TIN) during the SAM.gov registration process. The applicant should not submit their Social Security Number. For additional information, including the steps to obtain an EIN, see the IRS Apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) online webpage.

Submission Instructions: Summary

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

- **Step 1:** The applicant must submit the required <u>Application for Federal Assistance SF-424</u> by the Grants.gov deadline.
- **Step 2:** The applicant must submit the full application, including attachments, through JustGrants by the deadline (see <u>JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov</u>).

Submission Step 1: Grants.gov Submission of SF-424

Access/Registration

If the applicant does not already have a Grants.gov account, they will need to register for this opportunity in Grants.gov. Applicants should follow the Grants.gov Quick Start Guide for Applicants to register, create a workspace, assign roles, submit an application, and troubleshoot issues.

Submission of the SF-424

Applicants will begin the application process in Grants.gov with the submission of the SF-424, which collects the applicant's name, address, and UEI; the funding opportunity number; and proposed project title, among other information. The SF-424 must be signed by the Grants.gov Authorized Organizational Representative for the applicant.

See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information on completing the SF-424.

Section 8F—Applicant Point of Contact: Please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants.** JustGrants will use this information (i.e., email address) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Section 19—Intergovernmental Review: This funding opportunity is not subject to <u>Executive Order (E.O.) 12372</u> (Intergovernmental Review). Applicants should answer section 19 by selecting, "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372."

An applicant should submit the SF-424 as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. If an applicant fails to submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov by the deadline, they will be unable to submit their application in JustGrants.

Once the first part of the application has been successfully submitted in Grants.gov, the Grants.gov Workspace status will change from "In Progress" to "Submitted." Applicants will also receive a series of four Grants.gov email notifications. Refer to the DOJ Application Submission Checklist for additional details.

If an applicant needs to update information in the SF-424 after it is submitted in Grants.gov, they can update the information as part of their JustGrants submission (see <u>Application Contents</u>, <u>Submission Requirements</u>, and <u>Deadlines: Standard Applicant Information</u>). They do not need to submit an update in Grants.gov.

Submission Step 2: JustGrants Submission of Full Application

Access/Registration

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 email address 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 confirmation from Grants.gov of the SF-424 submission.

Creating and setting up a JustGrants account consists of three steps:

- Follow the instructions in the email to first confirm who will be the Entity Administrator (the person who manages which staff can access JustGrants on behalf of the applicant).
- 2. Log in to JustGrants and confirm the information in the Entity Profile.

3. Invite other individuals who will serve as the Application Submitter and the Authorized Representative for the applicant to register for JustGrants.

These steps should be completed in JustGrants as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 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. Applicants can find additional information on JustGrants registration in the DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist.

Preparing for Submission

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, enter, and upload all the requirements of the application.

Applicants may save their application 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. After the application deadline, no changes or additions can be made to the application. **OJP** recommends that applicants submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline.

For additional information, including file name and type requirements, see the "How To Apply" section 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 can make whatever edits are needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and confirm the organization's unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

Proposal Abstract

A proposal abstract (no more than 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. The text from abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP.gov and USASpending.gov websites if the project is awarded, so this section of the application should not contain any personally identifiable information (e.g., the name of the project director).

The abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables and written in the third person (e.g., they, the community, their, themselves, rather than I or we). The abstract should include the following information:

- The name of the applicant's proposed project.
- The purpose of the proposed project (i.e., what the project will do and why it is necessary).
- Where the project will take place (i.e., the service area, if applicable).
- Who will be served by the project (i.e., who will be helped or have their needs addressed by the project).
- What activities will be carried out to complete the project.

- The subrecipient(s)/partner organizations or entities, if known.
- Deliverables and expected outcomes (i.e., what the project will achieve).

See the Application Resource Guide for an example of a proposal abstract.

Data Requested With Application

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 what financial management and internal control systems the applicant has in place, whether these systems would be sufficient to maintain a funding award, 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 form in JustGrants. See the Application Resource Guide: Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status) for additional guidance on how to complete the questionnaire.

Proposal Narrative

Format of the Proposal Narrative: The Proposal Narrative will 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; have numbered pages; and should not exceed 20 pages. If the Proposal Narrative does not comply with these restrictions, OJP may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions. Tables, charts, and graphs included in the Proposal Narrative can be created in a legible font smaller than 12-point and will not count towards the page limit.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative: The Proposal Narrative must include all of the following sections.

- **a. Description of the Need:** What critical issue or problem is the applicant proposing to address with this project? Please include:
 - A brief explanation of the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.
 - Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community.
 - How the need relates to the purpose of the NOFO.
- **b. Project Goals and Objectives:** How will the proposed project address the need identified and address the purpose of the NOFO? Please include:
 - Project goals (goals are broad, visionary statements on what the applicant hopes to accomplish).
 - Project objectives (objectives are specific outcomes the applicant plans to achieve through project activities).
 - How the applicant's goals and objectives relate to the goals and objectives of the NOFO.

- c. Project Design and Implementation: How will the applicant implement project activities that meet the goals and objectives? Please include:
 - What activities the applicant will conduct to achieve the proposed goals and objectives.
 - How the applicant will deliver or complete those activities.
 - When the activities will take place.

- Who in the applicant's organization will staff the activities, including key staff.
- Who will participate in and benefit from the activity.
- What deliverables, reports, and other items will be produced as part of the project.
- If the applicant plans to use subrecipients to help conduct the project, please name them (if they are known) or describe how the applicant will identify them. Please describe their role in conducting project activities.
- d. Capabilities and Competencies: What administrative and technical capacity and expertise does the applicant bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:
 - A short description of the applicant's capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the requirements of the award, including collecting and reporting the required performance measure data. Who will be responsible for this task, and how will the applicant collect the data? Refer to Program Description: Performance Measures for additional details on performance measures for this funding opportunity.
 - A description of projects or activities the applicant organization has conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrate the applicant's ability to undertake the proposed project activities.
 - A summary of relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project.
 - Describe the applicant's history of involvement with implementation and technical assistance coordination of a national scope. Illustrate the ability to effectively manage complex training, technical assistance, and national programs and projects.
 - Describe the management structure, staffing, and in-house or contracted capacity to complete the objectives and associated deliverables.
 - List and describe the three work products (e.g., website, fact sheet, research brief, link to archived webinar, technical assistance final report with recommendations, infographics). You will attach as part of your application.
 - Describe in detail staff competency and work experience within a law enforcement agency or having a work history within a criminal justice organization/association.
 - Describe how the proposed management structure and staffing of the project will facilitate the delivery of the TTA services. The management and organizational structure should match the staffing needs necessary to accomplish the tasks outlined in the timeline/project task plan. Information regarding the personnel assigned to these tasks and whether their résumés and role descriptions are included will contribute to the assignment of points relative to this criterion.

Category-specific Capabilities and Competences

C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

- Demonstrate experience administering a microgrant program for law enforcement agencies, to include the application process and site selection through award making, funds management, and grant closeout.
- Describe the applicant's experience working with agencies to implement evidence-based strategies that addresses the unique needs of rural, small, and tribal communities.

C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: School-based Violence Prevention and Intervention Training and Technical Assistance

- Provide evidence of extensive experience in successfully providing complex, national-level training and technical assistance related to school safety and CVI.
- Demonstrate experience in, and sufficient resources to provide for, the successful delivery of TTA throughout the country and online to a variety of public safety and education professionals.

C-BJA-2025-00038-PROD Category 3: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab

- Provide evidence of extensive experience in successfully providing complex, national-level training and technical assistance related to policing operations, research, and the implementation of evidence-based policing strategies.
- Demonstrate access to in-house and external expertise related to fair and impartial policing practices, community trust building, and state of the art violence reduction approaches.
- Illustrate ability to form excellent working relationships with law enforcement agencies as both consumers of TTA and providers of peer learning and mentoring opportunities to the policing field.
- Demonstrate the organization's staffing resources in place to support the Lab's diverse and complex mission, and how such resources will support the timely production of high-quality deliverables related to TTA provision, accessible and practical tools for public safety professionals, and sophisticated dissemination and marketing strategies for the Lab's initiatives.

C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance

- Describe the applicant, its partners, and each organization's role.
- Demonstrate the capability of the lead organization and any collaborative partners (subrecipients) to implement each component of the project.
- Provide examples of the organization's experience in using TTA strategies that include developing grantee tools and resources, using distance learning, peer-topeer consultations, and onsite and offsite technical assistance.

C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance

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- Clearly articulate the applicant institution's history of involvement with implementation and technical assistance coordination at a national scope.
 Illustrate its ability to effectively manage complex training, technical assistance, and national programs and projects.
- Describe the management structure, staffing, and in-house or contracted capacity to complete the objectives and associated deliverables.
- Describe the representation, experience, and expertise of the applicant and proposed contractors/consultants/subrecipients/partners in the following areas: law enforcement, disability service provider delivery systems, advocacy groups, individuals with lived experience, caregivers, and family members.
- Ensure the applicant agency has on staff, or under contract, experienced individuals to organize and facilitate training and technical assistance with the skills, expertise, and capacity to develop and implement collaborative response strategies between first responders, service providers, and stakeholders for both the dementia and developmental disability communities.

C-BJA-2025-00041-PROD Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy and C-BJA-2025-00042-PROD Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance / Program Infrastructure Support

- Describe the applicant's expertise and experience in managing training and technical assistance for evidence-based law enforcement programs that are national in scope.
- Describe the applicant's experience working with federal law enforcement organizations.
- Describe the applicant's experience working with local law enforcement agencies to implement evidence-based practices.

C-BJA-2025-00043-PROD Category 8: National Case Closed Project

- Describe the applicant's expertise and experience in managing training and technical assistance for evidence-based programs, including the development of tools and resources and customized technical assistance to the field.
- Describe the applicant's expertise and experience working with local law enforcement to implement evidence-based solutions to improve fatal and nonfatal shooting clearance rates.

Project Evaluations: An applicant that proposes to use award funds to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance in the "<u>Note on Project Evaluations</u>" section in the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

Budget and Associated Documentation: Budget Detail Form

The applicant will complete the JustGrants budget detail form. The form collects the individual costs under each cost category needed to implement the proposed project. Applicants should ensure that the name/description of each cost is clear and provide the detailed calculation (e.g., cost per unit and number of units) for the total cost. Applicants should enter additional narrative, as needed, to fully describe the cost calculations and connection to the project goals and objectives.

Budget proposals should include the funding needed to implement the proposed activities. In preparing their budget proposals, applicants should consider what types of costs are allowable, if awarded funding. Costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the project funded under the federal award and when they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements, including the conditions of the award and the cost principles set out in <u>2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E</u> and the <u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide</u>.

Costs Associated With a Conference/Meeting/Training: An applicant that proposes to use award funds for activities related to a conference, meeting, training, or similar event should review the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for information on prior approval, planning, and reporting costs for a conference/meeting/training.

Costs Associated With Language Assistance and Access: 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 in specific grant programs. Costs to provide reasonable accommodation and facilitate language access for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may also be allowable in specific grant programs. See the Application Resource Guide for information on costs associated with language assistance.

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 JustGrants:</u> <u>Budget</u> training.

Budget and Associated Documentation: Budget/Financial Attachments Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable): An applicant with a current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement should upload it as an attachment in JustGrants.

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary for the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. Examples of costs usually treated as indirect include those incurred for operation and maintenance of offices or workspaces and salaries of administrative or support staff. 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. See the DOJ Grants Financial Guide and the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information on indirect cost rate agreements.

Consultant Rate (if applicable): OJP has established maximum rates for consultants; see the "Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval" section of the <u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide</u> for more information. If an applicant proposes a rate for a consultant on their project that is higher than the established maximum rate and receives an award, then the award recipient must submit a document requesting approval for the rate and cannot incur costs at the higher rate without prior OJP approval. The award recipient must provide justification for why the proposed rate is higher than the established maximum rate, such as why the rate is reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace.

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, the 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. Applicants may request a waiver from this requirement by submitting the appropriate form. See the Application Resource Guide 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): An applicant that is a nonprofit organization may be required to make certain disclosures relating to the processes it uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. If applicable, the applicant will upload a description of the process used to determine executive compensation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the Application Resource Guide for information.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (if applicable)

For each named partner, applicants should include a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a letter of intent that confirms the partner's agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs. MOUs or letters of intent demonstrate the commitment of partner organizations to participate in the project. An MOU is a formalized commitment of staff and/or resources that is signed by authorized representatives of both partner organizations. A letter of intent indicates the organizations' intention to partner, but the details of the commitment have not been fully worked out and officially agreed to.

Each MOU should include the following:

- Names of the organizations involved in the agreement.
- What service(s) and other work will be performed under the agreement by what organization.
- Duration of the agreement.

MOUs should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

Unsigned draft MOUs may be submitted with the application, but the applicant should describe in a cover page to the attachment why it is unsigned.

Additional Application Components

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes: Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project or a description of the experience and skills of key personnel necessary to implement the project.

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable): 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 Application Resource Guide.

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Timeline: Provide a timeline listing key activities and milestones, and the quarters during which they will take place.

Work Product Examples: Applicants should include deliverables or completed products that demonstrate their ability to meet the goals, objectives, and deliverables sought in this NOFO. Examples of work product that demonstrates the applicant has the experience to successfully complete the TTA being requested. This may include:

- Policy papers
- Fact sheets or briefs
- Toolkits
- Websites
- Final TTA reports that include recommendations

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities: JustGrants will prompt each applicant to indicate if it is required to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure under 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

The applicant is required by law to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure form (Standard Form/SF-LLL) if it has paid or will pay any person to lobby in connection with the award for which it is applying AND this application is for an award in excess of \$100,000. This disclosure requirement is not applicable to such payments by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or any other Indian organization that are permitted by other federal law.

Lobbying means (for this requirement) influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress. See 31 U.S.C. 1352; 28 C.F.R. part 69. Note: Most applicants do not engage in activities that trigger this disclosure requirement.

An applicant that is not required by law (31 U.S.C. 1352) to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure, should enter "No." By doing so, the applicant is affirmatively asserting (under applicable penalties) that it has nothing to disclose under 31 U.S.C. § 1352 with regard to the application for the award at issue.

Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items: To ensure funding coordination across grantmaking agencies, and to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate duplication of grant funding, the applicant must disclose if it has any pending applications for federal funding, including pending applications for subawards of federal funds, for the same project and the same budget items included in this proposal. Complete the JustGrants Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the Application Resource Guide for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances: Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the Application Resource Guide for additional information.

DOJ Certifications: Review the DOJ document <u>Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Coordination with Affected Agencies.</u> An applicant must review and sign the certification document in JustGrants. See the Application Resource Guide for more information.

Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable): If applicable, submit the DOJ High-Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ high-risk recipient 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 that is otherwise not responsible. See the Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Submission Dates & Times

Refer to Basic Information: Key Dates for the submission dates and times.

Applicants should submit their applications as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the deadlines. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. Applicants will use the Certify and Submit feature in JustGrants to confirm that all required application components have been entered, which includes identifying the Authorized Representative for the applicant. Once the application is submitted, the Application Submitter, Authorized Representative, and Entity Administrator receive a confirmation email.

An applicant will receive emails after successfully submitting application components in Grants.gov and JustGrants and should retain all emails and other confirmations received from the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants systems.

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

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. OJP will only consider requests to submit an application via alternative methods or after the deadline when the applicant can document that there is a technical issue with a government system that was beyond their control and that prevents submission of the application via the standard process prior to the deadlines. Issues resulting from circumstances within the applicant's control, such as failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration and application process in sufficient time, will not be considered.

Requests and documentation must be sent to the OJP Response Center at grants@ncjrs.gov. Applicants should follow these steps if they experience a technical issue:

1. Contact the relevant help desk to report the issue and receive a tracking number.

See <u>Basic Information</u>: <u>Contact Information</u> for the phone numbers, email addresses, and operating hours of the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants help desks. Reports of technical issues to the help desk must occur **before** the application deadline.

If an applicant calls the help desk and experiences a long wait time, they can also email the help desk to obtain a tracking number. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desk, and for this reason, long call wait times for support do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of getting a tracking number.

- 2. If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at grants@ncjrs.gov within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. The applicant's request will need to include:
 - A description of the technical difficulties experienced (provide screenshots if applicable).
 - 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).
 - An attachment of the complete grant application and all the required documentation and materials (this serves as a "manual" submission of the application).
 - The applicant's unique entity identifier (UEI).
 - Any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking/ticket numbers documenting the technical issue.
- 3. 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 within 24 hours of the JustGrants deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. See step 2 for the list of information the applicant must provide as part of its request.

As a reminder: 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. 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 previously listed), 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 Technical Issues" section in the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.



APPLICATION REVIEW

Responsiveness (Basic Minimum Requirements) Review

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) prior to conducting the merit review. Following are the basic minimum requirements for this funding opportunity. If OJP determines that an application does not include these elements, it will not proceed to merit review and will not receive any further consideration.

- The application is submitted by an eligible applicant.
- The requested award amount does not exceed the award ceiling.
- The application is responsive to the scope of the NOFO.
- The following application elements are included:
 - SF-424 (Grants.gov)
 - Proposal Narrative (JustGrants)
 - Budget detail form, which includes the budget items, their calculations, and explanation (JustGrants)

Applicants whose application fails to meet the BMR are provided notice (including an appropriate point of contact for questions) within a few weeks after the submission due date.

Merit Review Criteria

Peer Review Criteria

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

- **Description of the Need (20%):** What critical issue or problem the applicant is proposing to address with this project.
- Project Goals and Objectives (30%): How the proposed project will address the identified need and the purpose of the funding opportunity.
- Project Design and Implementation (15%): The strength of how the applicant
 will implement activities, including the soundness of the project design and how
 the activities align to the stated goals and objectives.
- Capabilities and Competencies (15%): The applicant's administrative and technical capacity to successfully complete this project.
- Budget (20%): Completeness and cost effectiveness.

Programmatic and Financial Review Criteria

After the peer review, applications undergo additional programmatic and financial reviews. OJP staff may reach out to applicants during the programmatic or financial review if a submitted form is incomplete or needs to be updated. Note that OJP staff are not authorized to provide information on peer review scores or comment on programmatic, risk, or budget/financial reviews while the merit review is in progress.

In addition to BMR and peer review criteria, other important considerations for OJP include geographic diversity (including, but not limited to, remote and geographically isolated communities, such as Alaska Native villages), strategic priorities (including, but not limited to, the priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), available funding, past performance, and the

extent to which the budget detail form accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles. If cost sharing/match is not required for this opportunity, applicants will not receive higher consideration by proposing a voluntary match contribution in their budget.

Risk Review

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to applicant risk. OJP assesses whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record of performance, integrity, and business ethics, including by (among other things) checking whether the applicant is listed in SAM.gov as excluded from receiving a federal award.

Depending on the severity and nature of the risk factors, the risk assessment may result in the removal of an applicant from consideration or selection for award, or it may result in additional post-award conditions and oversight for an awarded applicant.

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 Data (formerly FAPIIS): An applicant may review and comment on any information about its organization that currently appears in SAM.gov 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.

Selection Process

All final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, unless a statute explicitly authorizes award decisions by another official or there is written delegation of authority to another official. This official may consider not only peer review ratings and program office recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in the "Application Review" section to make final award decisions. For additional information on the application review process, see the Application Resource Guide.

AWARD NOTICES

Federal Award Notices

Award notifications are usually sent by September 30 (the end of the current federal fiscal year). For successful applicants, JustGrants will send a system-generated email to the Application Submitter, Authorized Representative, and Entity Administrator with information on accessing their official award package in JustGrants. The award package will include key information (such as funding amount and period of performance) as well as award conditions that must be followed. The Authorized Representative for the entity should accept or decline the award within 45 days of the notification. See the Application Resource Guide for information on award notifications and instructions.

Applicants not selected for award will receive notification after all award recipients have been notified. OJP also provides unsuccessful applicants with a summary of peer reviewer comments.

Future Funding Opportunities

OJP may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this funding opportunity through continuation awards. When making continuation award decisions, OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and the progress of the work funded under the award.

Applications submitted under this FY 2025 funding opportunity may be funded in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.



POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Reporting

All award recipients under this funding opportunity will be required to submit the following reports and data:

- Quarterly financial reports.
- Semi-annual performance reports.
- Final financial and performance reports.
- If applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions.

See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measure data and the method for submitting reports in OJP's online systems. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent, and in appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.

Performance Measure Reporting

Award recipients are required to submit performance measure data in the TTA Reporting Portal and separately submit a semi-annual performance report in JustGrants. Applicants selected for an award will receive further guidance on post-award reporting processes.

Program- and Award-Specific Award Conditions

OJP includes various conditions on its awards. These may include program-specific conditions, which typically apply to all recipients of a funding opportunity, and award-specific conditions, which are included to address recipient-specific issues (e.g., programmatic or financial risk). Recipients may view all conditions, and actions required to satisfy those conditions, in the award package in JustGrants.

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 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 the award recipient from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in how it delivers its program's services or benefits and in its employment practices. The civil rights laws that may be applicable to the award include, but are not limited to, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the nondiscrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These and other federal civil rights laws are discussed in greater detail on OJP's Legal Overview—FY 2025 Awards webpage under the

"Civil Rights Requirements" section. Additional resources are available from the OJP Office for Civil Rights.

Complying with civil rights laws that prohibit national origin discrimination includes the requirement that recipients and subrecipients take reasonable steps to ensure that people with limited English proficiency (LEP) have meaningful access to a recipient's programs and activities. An individual with LEP is one whose first language is not English and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. DOJ offers resources to help recipients meet this requirement, including <u>Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons</u>; a <u>language access assessment and planning tool</u> with <u>commonly asked questions</u>; and additional resources on <u>the Office of Justice Programs' Office for Civil Rights website</u>.

Faith-based organizations may apply for this award on the same basis as any other organization subject to the protections and requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 and any applicable constitutional and statutory requirements, including 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq. The Department of Justice will not, in the selection of recipients, discriminate for or against an organization on the basis of the organization's religious character, motives, or affiliation, or lack thereof, or on the basis of conduct that would not be considered grounds to favor or disfavor a similarly situated secular organization. A faith-based organization that participates in this funded program will retain its independence from the Government and may continue to carry out its mission consistent with religious freedom and conscience protections in Federal law. An organization may not use direct Federal financial assistance from the Department of Justice to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities except when consistent with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and any other applicable requirements. An organization receiving Federal financial assistance also may not, in providing services funded by the Department of Justice, or in their outreach activities related to such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.

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 set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Information Technology Security Clauses

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

Other Reporting Requirements

Applicants and recipients are required to notify OJP if you know that you or any of your organization's principals for the award transaction are presently excluded or disqualified (i.e., debarred or suspended) or otherwise meet any of the criteria in 2 C.F.R. 180.335. Recipients must comply with requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, as implemented by DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2867, which, among other things, require recipients to check certain information sources and, in

some cases, notify the federal awarding agency prior to the agency awarding federal funds via contracts or subawards.

If a recipient's award includes a federal share of more than \$500,000 over the period of performance of the award, then the award (per 2 C.F.R. 200.113) will include a condition that may require the recipient to report and maintain certain information (relating to certain criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings) in SAM.gov. See https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/legaloverview2025/otherrequirements for more information.



OTHER INFORMATION

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the projects and activities funded under this NOFO. For additional information on what should be included in the application, see the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> section "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

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

Applicants are advised not to include any unnecessary personally identifiable information, sensitive law enforcement information, or confidential financial information with the application.

Provide Feedback to OJP

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



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BJA FY25 National Initiatives: Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance

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

SAM.gov Registration/Renewal

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

Grants.gov Registration

- 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>).

Grants.gov Opportunity Search

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s).
- Select the correct Competition ID O-BJA-2025-172346
 - C-BJA-2025-00036-PROD Category 1: Rural, Small, and Tribal Department Violent Crime Reduction Initiative
 - C-BJA-2025-00037-PROD Category 2: STOP School Violence: Schoolbased Violence Prevention and Intervention Training and Technical Assistance
 - C-BJA-2025-00038-PROD Category 3: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab
 - C-BJA-2025-00039-PROD Category 4: Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance
 - C-BJA-2025-00040-PROD Category 5: The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Training and Technical Assistance
 - C-BJA-2025-00041-PROD Category 6: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy
 - C-BJA-2025-00042-PROD Category 7: National Public Safety Partnership Training and Technical Assistance/Program Infrastructure Support
 - C-BJA-2025-00043-PROD Category 8: National Case Closed Project
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 under "OJP Application Submission Steps" in the Application Resource Guide).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see <u>Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u>).

Funding Opportunity Review and Project Planning

- Review all sections of the NOFO.
- Confirm your entity is eligible to receive funding (see <u>Eligibility: Eligible</u> <u>Applicants</u>).
- Confirm your proposed budget is within the allowable limits (see <u>Basic Information: Funding Details</u>), includes only allowable costs (see <u>Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Detail Form</u>), and includes cost sharing if applicable (see <u>Program Description: Cost Sharing/Match Requirements</u>).
- Review the performance measures for this funding opportunity and confirm you
 will be prepared to collect and report on this data (see <u>Program Description:</u>
 <u>Performance Measures</u>).
- Review the "<u>Legal Overview—FY 2025 Awards</u>" in the <u>OJP Funding Resource</u>
 <u>Center</u> and confirm you are prepared to follow the requirements.
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting under "Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval" in the <u>DOJ Grants Financial</u> <u>Guide</u> or see the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

Submission Step 1: Grants.gov

After registering with SAM.gov, submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov.

- Complete and submit the SF-424 by the deadline.
- Confirm Section 8F of the SF-424 lists the name and contact information of the individual who will complete the application in JustGrants.
- Confirm that, within 48 hours of your submission in Grants.gov, you 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 the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see the Application Resource Guide section on "Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues").

 Confirm that, within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 receives an email from JustGrants with login instructions.

Submission Step 2: JustGrants

- Complete the following information:
 - Entity and User Verification (first-time applicants)
 - Standard Applicant Information
 - Proposal Abstract
 - Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Upload the Proposal Narrative.*
- Complete the budget detail form.*
- Upload other budget/financial attachments, as applicable.

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- Upload additional application components, as applicable:
 - MOUs
 - Resumes
 - Sample work products
- Complete the required disclosures and assurances:
 - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities and submission of SF-LLL, if prompted by the system
 - o Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items
 - DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
 - Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High-Risk Grantees
- Complete the required DOJ Certification on Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Coordination with Affected Agencies.

*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.

JustGrants Review, Certification, and Application Submission

- Address any validation errors displayed on screen after attempted submission, then return to the "Certify and Submit" screen to submit the application.
- Note the confirmation message 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 an 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 Application Resource Guide for additional information.