

# FY 2024 JOHN R. JUSTICE (JRJ) FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



**GRANTS.GOV:**  
JULY 24, 2024

**JUSTGRANTS:**  
JULY 29, 2024

### Who May Apply:

State governments; State and U.S. territory government agencies designated by their governor to administer the JRJ Grant Program

### Why Apply:

States receive funding for student loan repayment assistance to state, local, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to extended service in those roles. The program's purpose is to offer an incentive to attract and retain qualified public defenders and prosecutors who will remain employed in that capacity for a minimum of 36 months.

### Maximum per Award:

Amount based on formula allocation

### BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- State agencies designated by the Governor to administer the JRJ program.
- States that currently do not participate in the JRJ grant program.

### Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Assist in the recruitment and retention of qualified attorneys to enhance the efficacy of the criminal justice system.
- Provide student loan repayment assistance to qualifying public defenders and local and state prosecutors.
- Encourage individuals to enter and continue employment as local and state prosecutors and defenders.
- Increase stability and confidence in the state and local criminal justice system through the retention of qualified attorneys.

### Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/john-r-justice/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/john-r-justice/overview) for more information about the program and [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172088](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172088) for full funding information.



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## Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: [sam.gov/content/home](https://sam.gov/content/home).
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation at: [bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172088.pdf](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172088.pdf) for information on who to contact.
- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](https://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
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## How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by July 24, 2024.
- (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by July 29, 2024. The application's major elements are:
  - (a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
  - (b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
  - (c) The **budget worksheet attachment** noting \$1 under the Other category when submitting the application.

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