

FY 2024 NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE (SAKI)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
JULY 29, 2024

JUSTGRANTS:
AUGUST 5, 2024

Who May Apply:

State law enforcement agencies; Units of local government; Governmental nonlaw enforcement agencies acting as fiscal agents; Prosecutor's offices; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); Small law enforcement agencies or a consortia of small agencies; Jurisdictions that have clearly demonstrated they have addressed their downstream cases. See solicitation for more specific details.

Why Apply:

Receive funding to improve state and local jurisdictions' capacities to respond to violent crime through the investigation and prosecution of cases resulting from sexual assault kit (SAK) evidence and the collection of lawfully owed DNA from convicted offenders.

Maximum per Award:

- From \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 depending on the Purpose Area

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Provide resources to address unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs) (including partially tested kits) in custody that have not been submitted to a forensic laboratory for testing with Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)-eligible DNA methodologies.
- Establish SAK evidence tracking systems and case management systems related to sexual assault and other violent crime cold cases. Utilize other advanced DNA methodologies and investigative techniques to enhance investigation and/or prosecution capacity.
- Enhance victim services and support for past and current victims of sexual assault. This can include soft interview rooms to ensure an optimal environment for victim interviews and interactions.
- Increase capacity for trauma-informed investigations and prosecutions in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the SAK testing process, as well as other violent cold case crimes. This can include the support of personnel costs (including overtime) for investigative and prosecutorial staff, crime analysis, and/or victim advocacy, as well as the establishment of cold case investigation units.
- Provide sites with resources to collect lawfully DNA samples from qualifying individuals who should have a sample in CODIS, but from whom a sample has never been collected or submitted to a laboratory for testing, as well as developing/reforming policies for arrestee collections.

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit bja.ojp.gov/program/saki/overview for more information about the SAKI program and bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172187 for full funding information.

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.
 - For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation at: bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172187.pdf for information on who to contact.
 - Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
 - **Subscribe** for email notifications from BJA about funding opportunities and other news at: bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja.
 - To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive **JUSTINFO** at: www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo and/or the weekly **Funding News** at: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25.
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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 29, 2024.
 - (2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by August 5, 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 **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.
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