

# FY 2024 MATTHEW SHEPARD AND JAMES BYRD, JR. HATE CRIMES PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:  
JULY 18, 2024

JUSTGRANTS:  
JULY 25, 2024

### Who May Apply:

State, local, and tribal enforcement and prosecutions agencies

### Why Apply:

Receive funding to support conducting outreach, educating practitioners and the public, enhancing victim reporting tools, and investigating and prosecuting hate crimes.

### Maximum per Award:

- Up to \$725,000 for Category 1
- Up to \$2,000,000 for Category 2
- Up to \$150,000 for Category 3

### 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:

- Build strong collaboration between law enforcement, prosecution, and community-based organizations.
- Enhance the capacity of law enforcement and prosecutors to prevent and address hate crimes.
- Establish state and regionwide coordinated efforts to prevent, identify, and investigate hate crimes.
- Increase trust and confidence in state, local, and tribal justice partners to be able to identify, investigate, and prosecute hate crimes.
- Create comprehensive approaches that expand strategies to increase the reporting, identification, and charging of hate crimes.
- Implement an action plan resulting in the prosecution and resolution of cases.

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

Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/shepard-byrd-hate-crimes-program/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/shepard-byrd-hate-crimes-program/overview) for more information about the program and [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172097](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172097) 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-2024-172097.pdf](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172097.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 18, 2024.
- (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by July 25, 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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