

# FY 2024 UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW AND PREVENTING WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



**GRANTS.GOV:**  
MAY 15, 2024

**JUSTGRANTS:**  
MAY 22, 2024

### Who May Apply:

Category 1 and 2: City, township, county, state, special district, and Federally recognized tribal governments; Native American tribal organizations; nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education; public, private, and state-controlled institutions of higher education; state, county, or local public defender offices with in-house post-conviction representation programs

Category 3: Public, private, and state-controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal organizations; and nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education

### Why Apply:

Receive funding to support wrongful conviction review (WCR) entities and conviction integrity units (CIUs) that represent individuals with post-conviction claims of innocence to review individual cases and enhance criminal justice system integrity.

### Maximum per Award:

Up to \$600,000 for Category 1 and 2; up to \$1,200,000 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:

- Review post-conviction cases and appeal claims of innocence with a focus on those greatest at risk.
- Evaluate whether any systemic issues exist that may compromise the rule of law.
- Improve victim services, justice responses, prevention initiatives, reentry services, and other efforts to advance public safety.
- Collect and analyze data to support the prevention of error and enhance efforts to review and manage claims of innocence.
- Recommend practices for mitigating systemic issues and preventing wrongful convictions.
- Support partnerships that may enhance efficiency in relevant information sharing in post-conviction claims of innocence.



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## Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/urlpwc/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/urlpwc/overview) for more information about the program and [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172049](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172049) 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-2024-172049.pdf](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172049.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."
  - **Subscribe** for email notifications from BJA about funding opportunities and other news at: [bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja](https://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](https://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](https://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 May 15, 2024.
  - (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justgrants.usdoj.gov) by May 22, 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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