

# FY25 NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE (SAKI)

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



**GRANTS.GOV:**  
OCTOBER 27, 2025

**JUSTGRANTS:**  
NOVEMBER 3, 2025

### 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; state, county, city or township governments; special district governments; Native American Tribal governments (federally and other than federally recognized); jurisdictions that have addressed their unsubmitted and partially tested sexual assault kits (SAKs) and have addressed downstream case activities. See NOFO 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, other violent cold case crime 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 Category.

### 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 SAKs (including partially tested kits) that have not been submitted to a forensic laboratory for testing with Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)-eligible DNA methodologies.
- 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.
- Provide sites with resources to collect lawfully DNA samples from qualifying individuals who should have a sample in CODIS.
- Establish SAK evidence tracking and case management systems related to sexual assault and other violent cold case crimes. Utilize advanced DNA methodologies and investigative techniques to enhance investigation or prosecution capacity.

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

Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/saki/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/saki/overview) for more information about the SAKI program and [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2025-172462](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2025-172462) 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](https://sam.gov/content/home).
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full Notice of Funding Opportunity at [www.ojp.gov/funding/docs/bja-2025-172462.pdf](https://www.ojp.gov/funding/docs/bja-2025-172462.pdf).
- Visit the **BJA Funding Webinars** page at [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](https://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) for applicant and grantee trainings.
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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 the SF-424 form by October 27, 2025.
2. Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by November 3, 2025. 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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