

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

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

**The webinar will begin shortly**



**BJA**  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
U.S. Department of Justice

# What is the Office of Justice Programs (OJP)?

- OJP provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

## Office of Justice Programs

**BJA** - Bureau of Justice Assistance

**BJS** - Bureau of Justice Statistics

**NIJ** - National Institute of Justice

**OVC** - Office for Victims of Crime

**OJJDP** - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

**SMART** - Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

# The Bureau of Justice Assistance

## Leadership and Service to Achieve Safer Communities

BJA helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system. Its grants, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide state, local, and tribal governments with the cutting-edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, and combat victimization.

To learn more about BJA, visit [www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov), or follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA>) and Twitter (@DOJBJA)

# Hate Crimes

- The FBI's annual [Hate Crimes Statistics for 2020](#) revealed the highest level of hate crime incidents in nearly two decades, with a 13% increase in hate crimes reports
- [Recent research](#) found that anti-Asian hate crimes reported to police in 16 of America's largest cities and counties rose 164% in the first quarter of 2021 in comparison to the first quarter of 2020. This follows an increase of 149% in 2020 as compared to 2019
- In addition, in 2021 and 2022 there have been a number of attacks on houses of worship and threats against historically Black colleges and universities
- DOJ has prioritized its work to prevent and respond to hate crimes, establishing several working groups and funding streams
  - The Department has hosted several listening and outreach sessions with the field including a national public awareness campaign led by the FBI

# Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Program



- Launched in FY2021 – Supports state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies and their partners to conduct outreach and education to practitioners and the public; and to investigate and prosecute hate crimes committed on the basis of a victim's perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.
- In FY2021, seven sites were awarded these grants including sites in OR, FL, GA, NJ, NY, VA



# Program Objectives

- Build strong collaboration between law enforcement and prosecution and community-based organizations — including schools, colleges, and universities — to conduct outreach to and education of persons and groups at risk for hate crimes
- Build comprehensive approaches that expand and enhance strategies — including tools, policies, and procedures— to increase the reporting, identification, and charging of hate crimes, including victim reporting
- Enhance the capacity of law enforcement and prosecutors to prevent and address hate crimes through education, training, and tools for the field to investigate and prosecute hate crime cases
- Enhance collaboration between federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies in their investigation and prosecution of hate crimes. Prepare the partners to be able to fully understand and address hate crimes through leadership and assessment of their organizational cultures

# Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Program Solicitation

Released on April 1, 2022

## Deadlines:

Grants.gov (SF-424 & SF-LLL): **May 27, 2022; 8:59pm ET**

JustGrants (Full Application): **June 1, 2022; 8:59pm ET**

# The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program

- The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program supports efforts by state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies and their partners in conducting outreach, educating practitioners and the public, enhancing victim reporting tools, and investigating and prosecuting hate crimes committed on the basis of a victim's perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.



# Eligibility

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- State, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies. Tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies must be from federally recognized American Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior)
- Applicants can partner with other agencies and nonprofit organizations with expertise to support outreach, education, investigation, and prosecution of hate crimes

# Award Information

- BJA expects to make approximately **22 awards**
- Estimated maximum award amount: **\$400,000** (\*not to exceed \$100,000 per year)
- Total amount anticipated to be awarded: **\$8,700,000**
- Grant start date: **October 1, 2022**
- Period of performance: **48 months**
- BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants

# Budget Information

## **Allowable costs include**

- Staffing
- Outreach and education
- Resources to support the reporting and identification of hate crimes
- Case preparation, investigation and prosecution

**Match Requirement:** This solicitation does not require a match.

# Application Sections

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (required)
2. Program Abstract
3. Program Narrative (required)
4. Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative (required)
5. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
6. Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)
7. Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire
8. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
9. Additional Attachments (listed on next slide)

# Application Sections – con't

## Additional Attachments

- Time Task Plan
  - Outline goals and objectives
  - Summarize major activities, expected date of completion, and responsible agencies
- Resumes/Job Descriptions of Key Staff
  - For all staff to be funded under the grant
- Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients
  - Attach a list of proposed subrecipients of grant funding, if applicable, that includes their name, organizational affiliation, and location
- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation Waiver (if applicable)

# Abstract

- A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including the purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries and subrecipients (if known), will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form.
- Applicant name
- Project period
- Total funds requested
- Key partners to the project
- **The proposal abstract should clearly identify whether the proposed project focuses primarily on education and outreach, enhancing victim reporting tools, investigation of hate crimes, or prosecution of hate crimes.**

# Program Narrative

Double-spaced, using standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Number pages “1 of 20,” etc.

Should not exceed 20 pages.

## **SCORING:**

-Description of the Issue	25%
-Project Design and Implementation	30%
-Capabilities and Competencies	30%
-Plan for Collecting Data Required for Performance Measures	5%
-Budget and Budget Worksheet	10%

# Budget and Budget Narrative

- Itemized budget for each year of the grant
- There is no match required
- Prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/ training costs
- Budgets may not exceed \$100,000 per year during the performance period of the grant



# DOJ Hate Crimes Resources

For more information on the overview of the program

[Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program | Funding | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#)

For information on the FBI Hate Crimes Work

<https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/civil-rights/hate-crimes>

For other DOJ hate crimes resources

<https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes>

# Application Assistance

## Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL
  - **Customer Support Hotline** – 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035
    - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays
  - **Email**
    - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
    - [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies

# Application Assistance (cont.)

## JustGrants Technical Support

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants)
  - **Customer Support Hotline** – 833-872-5175
    - Monday – Friday between 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM ET
    - Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET
  - **Email**
    - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
    - [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)

# Application Assistance and Support (cont.)

## OJP Response Center

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance
- **email** - [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)
- **web chat** - <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- **toll free** at 800–851–3420
- **TTY** at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday

## Subscribe

- Subscribe to receive email notifications of new funding opportunities and other resources
  - Sign-up to receive the twice monthly **JUSTINFO** newsletter as well as the weekly **Funding News** email
  - Subscribe at <https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe> and be sure to select “Grants/funding” as an area of interest

# Reminder: Dual Deadlines

Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
- Step 2: Submit the full application, with attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov)

***\*NOTE: Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59pm ET, not 11:59pm ET as in past years.***

**Read the solicitations carefully for further guidance**

# Stay Connected



## Email Updates

- Text OJP [your email address] to 468-311 to subscribe.  
\*Message and data rates may apply

## Social Media

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DOJBJA>

For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit

**BJA's website** – <https://bja.ojp.gov>

# Quick Reference: Important Contacts



## Solicitation Content Assistance

1-800-851-3420

Grants@ncjrs.gov

10-6 EST, M-F



## Submit the SF-424 and SF- LLL

1-800-518-4726

Support@grants.gov

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

## Submit full application

1-833-872-5175

JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

5-9 EST, M-F

9-5 EST, Weekends, Holidays

# Questions?

Enter in the Q&A box and send to All Panelists