BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FY 2023 BYRNE DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM: NEW GRANTEE ORIENTATION

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

SECTION 1





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Agenda

Welcome and Introduction to OJP and BJA

Program and JustGrants Overview

Grants Management Overview

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What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (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).



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





U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

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How BJA Supports the Field







Fund

Educate

Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.

Research, develop, and deliver what works.

Equip

Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes.



Partner

Consult, connect, and convene.



Poll Question: Has your organization been awarded federal grants in the past?

Yes, my organization has extensive experience with federal grants.

Yes, though my organization does not currently have any federal grants.

My organization has limited experience with federal grants.

My organization is new to federal grants and looking to learn more!

PROGRAM AND JUSTGRANTS OVERVIEW

SECTION 2





FY23 Byrne Discretionary Grants - Overview

OJP is authorized to distribute funds to support **projects designated for funding in the** <u>Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023</u> (Public Law 117-328) to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to prevent or combat juvenile delinquency, and to assist victims of crime (other than compensation).

The <u>explanatory statement</u> regarding the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) lists the designated projects, which the Act incorporates by reference, as stated in relevant part, below—

\$229,551,000 is for discretionary grants to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to prevent or combat juvenile delinquency, and to assist victims of crime (other than compensation), which shall be used for the projects, and in the amounts, specified under the heading, "Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants", in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act)[.]

Pub. L. No. 117-328, div. B, title II (2022), 136 Stat 4459, 4535.



FY23 Byrne Discretionary Grants - Overview

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City of Charlotte	Alternatives To Violence: Cure Violence Implementation	\$1,000,000				
Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Service: Department	Data and Dashboards: Research and Enhancements to En- sure Mecklenburg County's Criminal Justice System is a Leader in Data-Informed Decision Making	1,000,000				
Elko County Sheriff's Office	Rapid DNA Testing Instrument	486,000				
Douglas County	Douglas County Youth Legal Services and Violence Reduc- tion Initiative	1,000,000				
Urban Peace Institute	LA Peacemakers Coalition	7,400,000				
OhioHealth Corporation	Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio Outreach and Education	400,000				
City of Alexandria	Full Deployment of Body-Worn Cameras in Alexandria Police Department	1,000,000				
City of Portland	Community Safety Plan Design and Programming	2,000,000				
Justice Innovation Inc.	New Rochelle Community Youth Violence Intervention Initia- tive	1,125,000				
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BYRNE DISCRETIONARY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS/ BYRNE DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

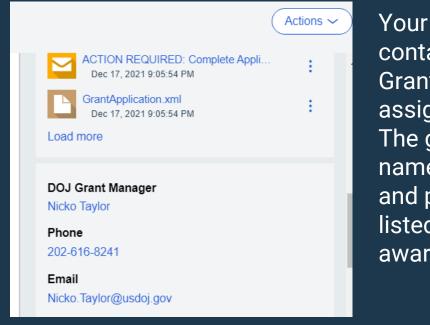


Role of the BJA Programs Office Team

The BJA Programs Office is responsible for providing timely and accurate grants administration information and assistance across the broad array of BJA grant programs to ensure project success and compliance.

BJA Grant Managers are responsible for assisting with:

- Accepting the award
- Accessing funds
- Compliance with award conditions
- Reviewing and approving performance reports
- Grant award modifications
- Training and technical assistance
- Grant closeout procedures



Your primary point of contact is the BJA Grant Manager assigned to your award. The grant manager's name, email address, and phone number is listed in the funded award in JustGrants.



Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO)

The OJP's **OCFO** provides fiscal policy guidance as well as accounting, budget, financial, and grants management. OCFO will contribute to your award management in the following ways:

- Clearing (approving) the project budget
- Reviewing budget modifications or extension requests
- Grantee customer service on financial matters
- Grantee financial monitoring, site visits, and compliance review
- Grants financial management training and technical assistance
- Grants financial closeout

OCFO Customer Service



1-800-458-0786



Ask.OCFO@usdoj.gov



JustGrants Post-Award User Roles

Entity Administrator

Confirms Entity profile information is current. Manages users and user assignments. Confirms Authorized Representative has proper legal authority to accept or decline an award.

Grant Award Administrator

Submits programmatic-related award requirements, including Performance Reports, Grant Award Modifications (GAMs), and Closeouts.

If appropriate, an individual can have multiple roles in JustGrants.

Resources: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/trainingentity-user-experience



Authorized Representative

Accepts or declines awards on behalf of an Entity. Must have legal authority to enter into contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with the federal government on behalf of the Entity.



Financial Manager

Certifies and submits financial information and all Federal Financial Reports on behalf of an Entity.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

SECTION 3





Grant Management Award Cycle



Award Acceptance

The grant award agreement is a legally binding contract with the federal government.

- The Authorized Representative accepts the award electronically in JustGrants.
- Applicants have 45 days to accept the award through JustGrants from the date of award notification, but if you need more time contact your BJA Grant Manager.
- Training resources for award acceptance are available

here: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/traini ng-grant-award-acceptance.

NOTE: If your agency is contemplating declining the award agreement, please first contact BJA to discuss the situation.



Award Acceptance





The Entity Administrator (EA) assigns the following roles in JustGrants: Grant Award Administrator and Financial Manager. The EA will also confirm the Authorized Representative that was assigned to the application. Instructions begin on page 11: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov /sites/g/files/xyckuh296/files/ media/document/jarg-granteeaccept.pdf



If the Authorized Representative needs to be changed prior to the award acceptance, the EA can register the correct person in DIAMD/JustGrants and change the role assignment. See entity management guidance beginning on page 16: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/ training/jarg-entitymanagement.pdf



After the role assignments have been made and the Authorized Representative has been confirmed or reassigned, the award agreement will be in the Authorized Representative's worklist to be reviewed and accepted. See page 17: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/ sites/g/files/xyckuh296/files/m edia/document/jarg-granteeaccept.pdf



After the award has been accepted the award status in JustGrants will be either PENDING-ACTIVE or PENDING-ASAPNOTIFICATIONSENT . Award management resource: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/trai ning/training-award-management

PENDING-EXTERNAL ASSIGNEE

PENDING-AWARD ACCEPTANCE





Accessing Funds

In order to access funds, the following actions must be completed:

- Award accepted in JustGrants.
- Entity registration in the U.S. Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system (<u>https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/asap/</u>).
- Addressing holds on funds related to withholding award conditions, if applicable.
- Addressing suspension of ASAP account (SAM registration expired or delinquent reports), if applicable



Accessing Funds: ASAP

If you are a current or former OJP grant recipient with an active ASAP account: You do not need to take any additional action in ASAP unless another user must be added.

If you are a new OJP grant recipient: After the award is accepted in JustGrants, your agency's EA will receive two emails from ASAP (DoNotReply.asap@mail.twai.gov) to begin the registration process. To have the ASAP registration email resent and/or for assistance registering in ASAP, contact OCFO Customer Service at ask.ocfo@ojp.usdoj.gov or 800-458-0786. ASAP resources available here: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/resources/asap

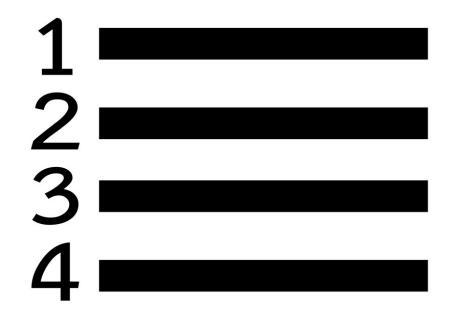




Award Conditions: Overview

Grantees are responsible for adhering to all applicable award conditions.

- The award conditions numbered 1 through 30 are applied to all OJP awards.
 Resource: <u>https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/l</u> egaloverview2023/mandatorytermsconditions.
- Award conditions #31+ are specific to the program and your award itself.
- There may be one or more withholding award conditions, which prevent expenditure and draw down of funds until the condition is met.





Award Conditions: Withholding

Withholding award conditions prohibit expenditure or draw down of funds until:

- Specified action or document is approved by BJA
- Award Condition Modification (ACM) approved

Most common withholding conditions:

- Budget not cleared/approved or questioned costs
- Missing or insufficient application information (for example, missing proposal narrative)
- Additional approvals needed based on type of project (for example, projects with environmental impact)

Your BJA Grant Manager will provide guidance on how to address active withholding conditions.



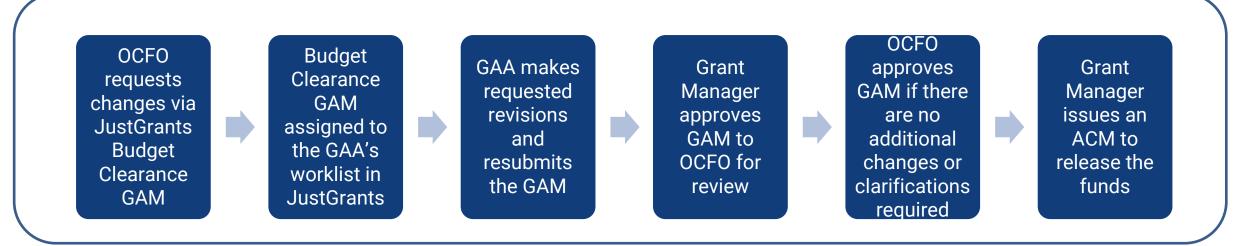


Budget/Financial: Budget Clearance

If OJP/BJA was unable to clear/approve the budget prior to award notification, changes will be required to the budget in JustGrants, and OJP/BJA must approve it before you have access to funds.

Most common reasons a budget could not be cleared:

- Misclassification costs
- Insufficient detail on calculation and/or narrative
- Unallowable or questioned costs





Budget/Financial: Allowable Costs

All costs must be allowable, reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project per of **DOJ Grants Financial Guide** and **2 C.F.R. 200**. **Examples of unallowable costs include but may not be limited to:**

Costs that do not support approved project

Security enhancements or equipment to any nongovernmental entity that is not engaged in criminal justice or public safety

Lobbying or Fundraising

Unmanned aerial vehicles/systems (UAVs/UASs)

NEW! Prohibited and controlled equipment, consistent with Executive Order (EO) 14074, per OJP policy

Food and beverages

Gift cards, prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets, or any monetary incentive

Supplanting state or local funds



Prohibited Equipment (Executive Order 14074)

OJP has **prohibited** the use of OJP grant funds for the purchase or transfer of the following equipment:

- Firearms and ammunition .50+ caliber.
- Firearm silencers, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(24).
- Bayonets.
- Grenades and launchers (including stun and flashbang).
- Explosives (except for explosives and percussion actuated non-electric disruptors used for accredited bomb squads and explosive detection canine training).
- Any vehicles that do not have a commercial application, including all tracked and armored vehicles, unless the law enforcement agency certifies that the vehicle will be used exclusively for disaster-related emergencies; active shooter scenarios; hostage or other search and rescue operations; or anti-terrorism preparedness, protection, prevention, response, recovery, or relief.

- Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), Unmanned Aircraft (UA) and/or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)*
- Weapons systems covered by DOD Directive as amended (Autonomy in Weapon Systems).
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, and vehicles of any kind.
- Aircraft that are combat-configured or combat-coded, have no established commercial flight application, or have no application for disaster-related emergencies; active shooter scenarios; hostage or other search and rescue operations; or anti-terrorism preparedness, protection, prevention, response, recovery, or relief
 Long-range acoustic devices without a commercial application.
- Camouflage-patterned uniforms intended for law enforcement use in urban or populous areas.
 *Prohibited by OJP policy

Complete guidance: <u>https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/prohibited-and-controlled-equipment</u>



Controlled Equipment (EO 14074)

OJP has **<u>controlled</u>** the use of OJP grant funds for the purchase or transfer of the following equipment. Recipients may request prior written approval to purchase these items.

- Command and/or Control Vehicles (Any wheeled vehicle either purpose-built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units responding to an incident).
- Tactical Vehicles, wheeled (excludes nontactical patrol vehicles)
- Manned aircraft, fixed and/or rotary wing
- Specialized firearms and ammunition under .50 caliber. This excludes service-issued handguns, rifles, or shotguns that are issued or approved by the agency to be used during the course of regularly assigned duties.
- Explosives and pyrotechnics



Administrative: Grants Financial Management Training

The Grant Award Administrator and Financial Manager assigned to your award must complete training within 120 days of grant acceptance (if it was not previously completed on/after 10/15/2020).

- If the Grant Award Administrator and/or Financial Manager change, they will have 120 days to complete their training from the day they are added within the JustGrants system.
- For certain recipients, funds will be withheld until completed.
- Must be completed every three years.
- Available online at <u>https://onlinegfmt.training.ojp.gov/</u>.
- Submit Grants Financial Management Training certificates to your BJA Grant Manager.



Administrative: Subawards and Procurement Contracts

Grant recipients may propose to make **subawards** and/or enter into **procurement contracts** with other non-federal parties under the award. Different administrative requirements apply so it is important to properly classify. **The substance of the relationship should be given greater consideration than the form of agreement.**

Resources: <u>https://www.ojp.gov/training/subawards-and-procurement</u>

A <u>subaward</u> is for the purpose of carrying out a portion of a Federal award and creates a Federal assistance relationship with the subrecipient. Characteristics which support the classification of a subrecipient include when the non- Federal entity:	A [procurement] contract is for the purpose of obtaining goods and services for the non-Federal entity's own use and creates a procurement relationship with the contractor. Characteristics indicative of a procurement relationship are when the contractor:
Determines who is eligible to receive what Federal assistance	Provides the goods and services within normal business operations
Has its performance measured in relation to whether objectives of a Federal program were met;	Provides similar goods or services to many different purchasers
Has responsibility for programmatic decision-making	Normally operates in a competitive environment
Is responsible for adherence to applicable Federal program requirements specified in the Federal award	Provides goods or services that are ancillary to the operation of the Federal program
In accordance with its agreement, uses the Federal funds to carry out a program for a public purpose specified in authorizing statute, as opposed to providing goods or services for the benefit of the pass- through entity.	Is not subject to compliance requirements of the Federal program as a result of the agreement, though similar requirements may apply for other reasons. 28



Poll Question: Does your project budget include these costs?

Subaward(s)

Procurement contract(s)

Both subaward(s) and procurement contract(s)

Neither/not sure



Administrative: Subawards

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All subawards under a federal award require prior approval by the funding agency. If a specific subaward was in your application budget, issuance of the award is approval of that subaward. Subawards not included or specified in the application must be approved via grant award modification (GAM).

The grant recipient serves as the Pass Through Entity and **must have policies and procedures in place for managing and monitoring subawards** consistent with federal requirements.

Pass Through Entity requirements included but are not limited to:

- Assessing risk of each subrecipient
- Passing on award conditions via subaward agreement
- Monitoring each subrecipient's performance and compliance

Chapter 3.14 of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide



Administrative: FFATA Reporting on Subawards

- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires prime recipients of awards >\$30,000 to report subaward and executive compensation data on first-tier subawards >\$30,000.
- Recipients must submit the FFATA report in FSRS (<u>www.fsrs.gov</u>) by the end of the following month in which the subaward was issued.
- User guides, FAQs, helpdesk and online demos are available at <u>www.fsrs.gov/resources</u>.



Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS)

OUSA.gov



Administrative: Procurement Contracts

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All procurement transactions **must be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition.**

Prior written approval must be requested before executing a noncompetitive (sole source) procurement over \$250,000. This does not apply to states or territories. Budget clearance is not approval.

States must follow the same policies and procedures they use for procurements from their nonfederal funds. See <u>2 C.F.R. § 200.317</u>.

All other nonfederal entities, including subrecipients of a state, must follow <u>2 C.F.R. § 200.318</u> through <u>§ 200.326</u>.

For more information, see <u>Chapter 3.8 of the DOJ Grants Financial</u> <u>Guide</u> and the <u>DOJ Guide to Procurement Procedures</u>.

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Administrative: NEPA

NEPA is a law that requires federal agencies to consider the environmental impacts of their actions and decisions before they act. NEPA applies to federal actions when a federal agency has the discretion to choose among one or more alternatives.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) What are the NEPA Award Conditions to satisfy?

There will be two different types of NEPA Award Conditions in your agreement, if applicable: 1. Environmental Assessment (EA) is or may be required 2. Withholding condition until EA or Categorical Exclusion provided

Note: Please reference your award agreement for the applicable specific NEPA Award Condition language

What is NEPA?

What is required to satisfy the award condition?

To satisfy the NEPA Award Condition, BJA's NEPA contractor representative will contact your agency with assistance.



NEPA

What activities typically require NEPA documentation?



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If a project involves any of the circumstances listed below, it is likely that NEPA documentation will be required:

- Building renovation and/or expansion activities
- New construction (such as standard construction, modular/prefabricated structures, new paved areas, and fences)
- Use of chemicals (such as for testing, evaluation, research, or training purposes)
- Miscellaneous outdoor/exterior activities (such as firing range pads and installing outdoor security cameras)
- Purchase of non-standard equipment that presents the potential for impacts or requires permitting (such as incinerators)
- Exhumation activities
- Drug disposal

What activities typically do not "trigger" the need for NEPA documentation?

- Indoor classroom training activities that do not involve the use of chemicals or firearms
- Purchase of standard equipment (such as office furniture and supplies, lab supplies, and law enforcement equipment)
- Administrative activities/services (such as counseling, mentoring, vocational rehab services, salaries, fringe benefits, travel, technical assistance, and statistical analysis)

Note: Even if documentation is not typically required, the activities are still subject to NEPA and only BJA can make the determination as to what level of compliance and documentation is needed.

<u>**Resource</u>** <u>https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/nepa-guidance</u></u>



Administrative: DNA

DNA Testing of Evidentiary Materials – CODIS use

If funds are to be used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials, other than Rapid DNA used for crime scene samples, any resulting eligible DNA profiles must be uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), by a government DNA lab with access to CODIS.

Forensic Genetic Genealogy

Award recipients utilizing funds for forensic genealogy testing must adhere to the DOJ Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching (https://www.justice.gov/olp/page/file/1204386/download)

Rapid DNA – Non-CODIS use

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- The FBI has not authorized results of Rapid DNA testing of crime scene samples for upload to CODIS. If funds are proposed for purchase and use of a Rapid DNA instrument to test crime scene samples, <u>the recipient may not obligate, expend, or draw down funds until it submits to</u> <u>BJA a certification</u> that the agency has established policies and procedures that adhere to all practices outlined in both the FBI's "Non-CODIS Rapid DNA Considerations and Best Practices for Law Enforcement Use" document and the "Rapid DNA Testing for Non-CODIS Uses: Considerations for Court" document (<u>https://le.fbi.gov/science-and-lab-resources/biometricsand-fingerprints/codis/rapid-dna</u>), to include having consulted with the chief local prosecutor and employing an "A-swab/B- swab" strategy when collecting all crime scene DNA samples intended for use on a rapid DNA instrument.
- Recipient will be required to participate in ongoing meetings with BJA's DNA training and technical assistance provider.



Administrative: Body-Worn Camera Policy

A recipient that proposes to use funds to purchase body-worn camera (BWC) equipment or implement or enhance BWC programs must have policies and procedures in place related to BWC equipment usage, data storage and access, privacy considerations, and training.



BWC Podcast Series

For more about these topics, please check out the **BWC Podcast Series.**



Resources

A repository of information related to the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Toolkit Program.



The <u>BJA BWC Toolkit</u> (<u>https://bja.ojp.gov/program/bwc</u>) provides model BWC policies and best practices to assist departments in implementing BWC programs.



Administrative: Other

Other Administrative requirements include but not limited to:

- Reporting any waste, fraud, and abuse, or similar misconduct to the OIG. See the <u>DOJ</u> <u>Grants Financial Guide Section 3.20</u>.
- Determination of suitability to interact with participating minors. See: <u>https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm</u>
- Requirements to include a disclaimer statement on websites or publications

<u>Reminder:</u> Thoroughly read the award conditions!





Administrative: Payments

- Payment (draw down) requests are submitted in ASAP. Funds are deposited within one business day. ASAP accounts are suspended the last 3 business days each month, except September when it will be suspended 5 days.
- Draw down requests should be timed to ensure that Federal cash on hand is the minimum needed for disbursements/reimbursements to be made immediately or within 10 days. If not spent or disbursed within 10 days, funds must be returned to OJP.
- Recipients should have written procedures for cash management of funds to ensure that Federal cash on hand is kept at or near zero. DOJ periodically conducts financial reviews to ensure that this requirement is met.

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Chapter 3.1 Payments:

https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iiipostaward-requirements#pkson1

ASAP Resources:

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/resources/asap



Administrative: Financial Management Systems

All recipients are required to:

- Establish and maintain auditable accounting records
- Accurately accounts for on the receipt, obligation, and expenditure of grant funds.
- Funds for each award must be accounted for separately from other grants and other funding sources.

2.3 Standards for Financial Management Systems	-
Accounting System	+
Project Cost Budgeting and Accounting	+
Preventing Commingling of Funds	+
Supplanting	+
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Resource:

https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/ ii-preaward-requirements#cr381



Administrative: Financial Management Systems

Features of an adequate accounting system:

- Meets requirements for periodic reporting.
- Provides financial data for planning, control, measurement, and evaluation of direct and indirect costs.
- Provides cost and property control to ensure optimal use of funds.
- Controls funds/resources to assure conformance with general or special conditions.
- Must be able to accommodate a fund and account structure to separately track receipts, expenditures, assets, and liabilities for awards, programs, and subrecipients.

DOJ will review the accounting system if an award is selected for monitoring





Administrative: Financial Management Systems

Recipients and subrecipients are **prohibited from** <u>commingling</u> funds on either a programby-program or project-by-project basis.

- Although Federal regulations do not require physical segregation of cash deposits, the accounting systems must ensure that agency funds are not commingled with funds from other Federal or private agencies.
- Funds specifically budgeted/received for one project/award may not be used to support another.
- If the recipient's automated general ledger accounting system cannot comply with this requirement, a system should be established to adequately track funds according to each budget category.

Federal funds <u>must not supplant</u> (i.e., replace) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-federal sources.



Reporting: Overview

Report Type	Reporting Period	Due	JustGrants Role / Resource
Federal Financial Report (SF-425) – Submitted in	• Jan 1 – Mar 31 • Apr 1 – Jun 30	• April 30 • July 30	Financial Manager
JustGrants	• Jul 1 – Sep 30 • Oct 1 – Dec 31	October 30January 30	https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/traini ng-financial-reporting
Semi-Annual	• Jan 1 – Jun 30	• July 30	Grant Award Administrator (Alternate GAA can edit but not submit)
Performance Report - Submitted in JustGrants	• Jul 1 – Dec 31	• January 30	https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/traini ng-performance-reporting

The Final FFR and Final Performance Reports are due 120-days from the project end date



Important Reporting Tips

Federal Financial Reports (SF-425)	Performance Reports
 Report funds obligated and/or expended, NOT draw-down amounts. Ensure funds that have been obligated 	 Answer performance measure questions directly in JustGrants. Attach optional supporting documents.
 align with approved budget. Report for every quarter regardless of 	 Provide BJA Grants Manager an accurate summary of progress to date.
 whether or not expenses were incurred. Report CUMULATIVE amounts each quarter. 	 Report must be submitted even if no activities occurred in report period. 14-day grace period after due date of regular reports before access to funds is suspended

The ASAP account will be **suspended** automatically if a report is delinquent, and funds will not be available until it has been submitted. Late reports also influence how your award risk is assessed by OJP and may affect subsequent applications. 43



Grant Award Modifications (GAM) Overview

- A GAM is used to request changes that require prior approval.
- The assigned GAA must submit GAMs in JustGrants.
- No changes to the purpose of the project or project title will be approved.

Programmatic

- Programmatic Costs GAM (costs requiring prior approval)
- Scope Change GAMs (alter programmatic activities, add subaward, change the project site, or change key staff)

Financial

- Budget Clearance GAM
- Budget Modification GAM (moving more than 10% of funds, or adding \$ into category previously \$0)
- Sole Source GAM for any sole source procurement in excess of simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000)

BEST PRACTICE: Contact your BJA Grant Manager if you have questions prior to submitting a GAM.

Resource: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-grant-award-modifications



GAM: Project Period Extension

- Must be requested through JustGrants at least 30 days prior to the current end date.
- Must include narrative justification and a revised timeline. Extensions should not be requested solely to expend remaining funds.
- Generally, no more than one extension not to exceed 12-months is approved. OJP will consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

See the DOJ Grants Financial Guide for all requirements and contact your Grant Manager with any questions.





- OJP conducts formal in-depth monitoring on at least 10% of active grants each fiscal year.
- Recipients are required to participate.
- Conducted remotely or onsite.

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- Full review of grant award documents and interviews of key project staff.
- Letter issued with results, to include issues for resolution and technical assistance to address them.



Common Areas of Noncompliance

Grant Award Administrator and Financial Manager: Financial Management and Grant Administration Training not completed

FFATA Reporting not submitted

Unauthorized obligation of funds in violation of grant withholding special conditions and/or prior to budget clearance.

Unauthorized costs or changes: Costs incurred that were not in the approved budget; making changes to the budget or project that required prior written approval

Accounting policies and procedures are not documented or need improvement; lack of tracking award expenditures by approved budget category.



Common Areas of Noncompliance

Inadequate Subaward Management and Monitoring policies and procedures.

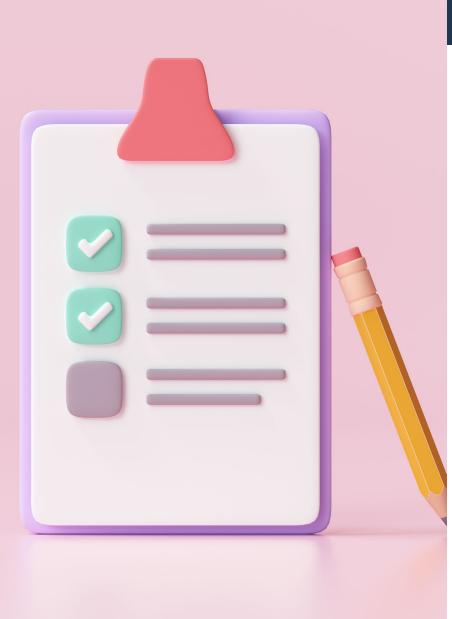
Misclassification of Subaward as a Procurement Contract, or vice versa

Procurement transactions and policies – not conducted using open and free competition; policies inconsistent with federal requirements

Indirect cost rate charged improperly and/or rate expired; lack of budget modification GAM submission to reflect current rate agreement.

Use of funds for **consultant rates in excess of \$650 per day** (or \$81.25 per hour) without explicit prior approval from BJA via GAM.





Closeout

- All obligations must be incurred on or before the last day of the period of performance.
- Liquidation period of up to 120-days after to make any remaining payments.
- After submitting the Final Performance Report, Final FFR, and last drawdown in ASAP, the GAA submits the closeout.
- <u>Note:</u> the ASAP account will be suspended automatically upon submission of the closeout or 120days after the project end date.

Resource: <u>https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-closeout</u>

JUSTGRANTS DEMOS

SECTION 4



JUSTGRANTS FY23 Byrne Discretionary Grant Program August 29, 2023



Agenda

- Award Acceptance
- Onboarding
- ASAP Enrollment
- Federal Financial Reports (FFR)
- Grant Award Modifications (GAMs)
- Resources



Award Acceptance



Award Acceptance Overview

When an award is ready to be accepted:

Application Submitter	Entity Administrator (EA)	Authorized Representative
 Receives notice that an award has been made. 	 Receives notice that an award has been made. 	 Receives notice that an award has been made.
	 Must act on the award, as they will be the first entity user to see the award in My Worklist. 	

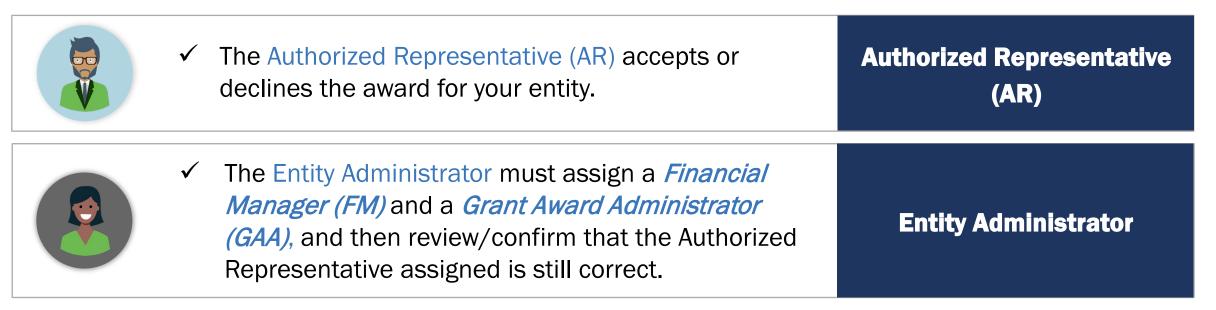






Roles and Responsibilities

What roles are involved in award acceptance?



The person assigned as the AR must have the authority to accept awards on behalf of its entity. This includes binding the organization to the terms and conditions of the award.

Statuses

Required entity user actions depend upon the award acceptance status

Pending-Award External Assignee	Indicates EA needs to assign FM, GAA, and review/confirm/change AR.
Pending-Award Acceptance	EA made all needed assignments. FAW is now routed to the assigned AR to accept the award.
Pending-Account Creation	AR accepted award; triggers a notice to ASAP for award account creation where grant funds are deposited so grantee can make payment requests.
Pending-ASAP Enrollment	Indicates your entity is a new user with ASAP as a recipient of DOJ funds and your entity must enroll in ASAP.
Pending-Active	Indicates technical aspects are completed. <i>This doesn't mean that activities can begin.</i>



Award Acceptance

Demonstration

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Award Acceptance Demo

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Assigning to Users to Award

Assign Roles

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Important Notes

Previous DOJ grant management systems allowed a file upload to accept an award— *JustGrants does NOT.*

Changes to the award acceptance process in JustGrants:

- File uploads cannot be used to accept an award
- Award Acceptance is a **fully digital** process in JustGrants
- The Authorized Representative's electronic signature is used to accept an award

Authorized

Representative FAQs

Award Acceptance FAQs

What happens if an AR does not see an application in their worklist?

This means they are not assigned as the AR on the award, or the award acceptance is not assigned to them. The EA must assign the application by completing the GAA/FM assignments.

What happens if the AR changes between the time of application submission and award receipt?

The EA will need to update the AR in JustGrants. They need to either invite the new AR to the system or add the role to an existing profile.

ASAP Enrollment



Enrolling An Entity in ASAP

The **Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service—ISIM PP** will send two emails to the entity's System for Award Management (SAM) Electronic Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC)—one contains a username and the other contains a temporary password and a link to create a new password.

After receiving both emails, the user must complete the following steps:

- 1. Use the provided username and temporary password to log in to the ISIM system to change your password and complete the security questions.
- 2. Log in to ASAP using your username and new password.
- 3. Accept the ASAP terms.
- 4. Select "1 notification awaiting review."
- 5. Select "Unread" from the Notification Status drop-down menu, then select "Continue."
- 6. Select the magnifying glass on the right side of the screen to view the Enrollment Notifications.

To learn more about the ASAP registration process, please see the

ASAP Registration Checklist.

Financial Reports

Demonstration Access from My Worklist



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FFR-672669	Quarterly		Oct 1, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020		Jan 30, 2021	1	FR-Delinquent	
FFR-672672	Quarterly		Jan 1, 2021 to Mar 31, 2021		Apr 30, 2021	;	FR-Delinquent	
FFR-672690	Quarterly		Apr 1, 2021 to Jun 30, 2021		Jul 30, 2021	F	FR-Delinquent	
FFR-672691	Quarterly		Jul 1, 2021 to Sep 30, 2021		Oct 30, 2021	c	Open	
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Grant Award Modification



A GAM is completed and submitted by the GAA and must be approved by DOJ personnel

Grant Award Modification (GAM)

What types of GAMs can be submitted in JustGrants??

There are three GAM categories: Programmatic, Financial, and Project Period Extension.

Programmatic GAMs are Scope Change and Programmatic Cost. Financial GAMs are Budget Modification and Sole Source.

How can I initiate and submit a GAM in JustGrants?

GAMs are initiated and submitted by the GAA. Navigate to the Grant Award Modification section of the funded award and select the type of GAM you would like to submit.

In some cases, DOJ personnel can initiate GAMs on behalf of a grantee.

Initiate a Grant Award Modification

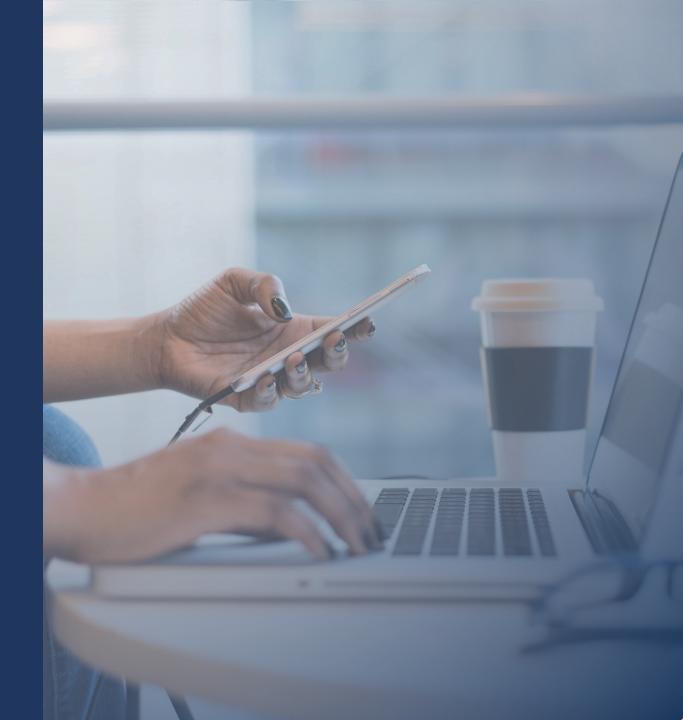
Demonstration Initiating a GAM



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Submit a Grant Award Modification

Submitting a Budget Clearance GAM



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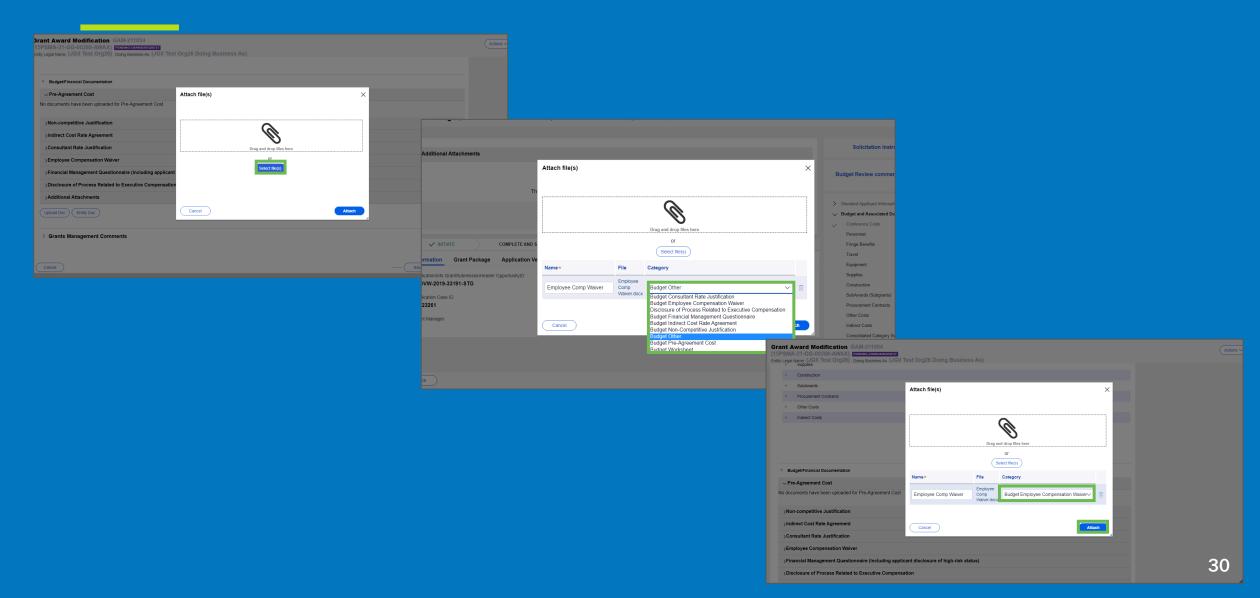
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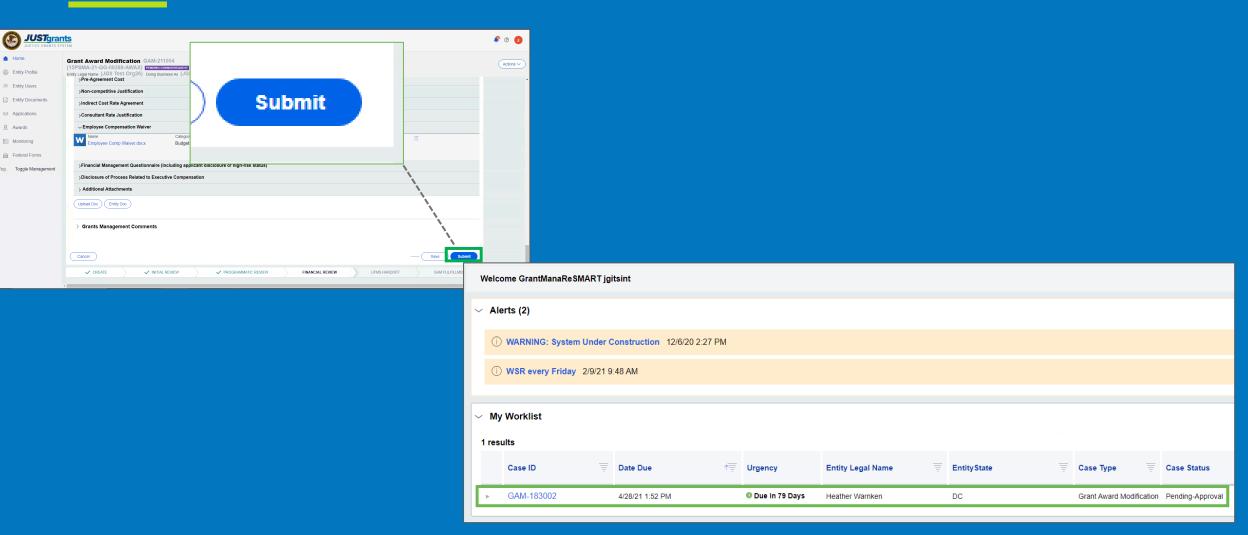
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Revising a Web-Based Budget



Resources



Resources

- Justice Grants Website: Find more information about JustGrants, including training, resources, and news and updates.
- Entity User Experience Training and <u>Reference Materials</u>
- <u>Entity Management Training and</u>
 <u>Reference Materials</u>
- JustGrants User Roles Guide



JustGrants Technical Support

If you need support beyond what is available at the self-service portion of the Justice Grants website, please reach out to the appropriate Technical Support desk.

Technical Support	
OVW applicants and award recipients	<u>OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov</u> <i>Or</i> (866) 655–4482
All other applicants and award recipients	<i>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</i> <i>Or</i> (833) 872–5175 Monday – Friday from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM EST Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST

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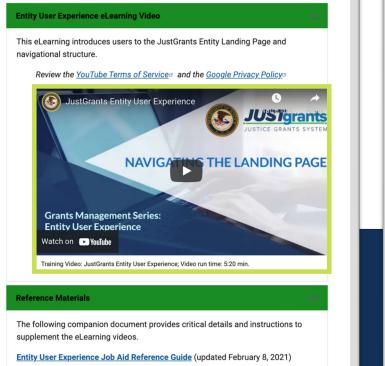
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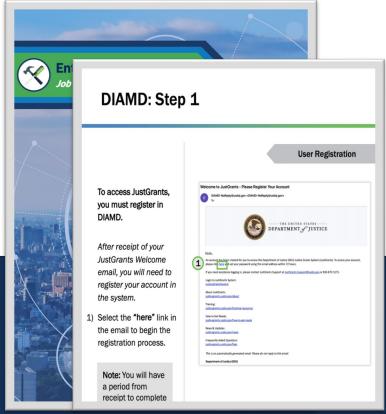


JustGrants Training Resources



The Department of Justice (DOJ) grant making components—th Office), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Office on to serve as a resource hub for their grants management system of which launched on October 15, 2020.





Job Aid Reference Guides

Organized by Topics

Micro-learning videos

Upcoming Sessions

JUSTICEGRANTS.USDOJ.GOV/Training/training-virtual-sessions

Post-Award Management: MONDAYS from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

GEARED TOWARDS: Grant Award Administrators, Entity Administrators, Financial Managers

Entity Management: TUESDAYS from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

GEARED TOWARDS: Entity Administrators

Application Mechanics: WEDNESDAYS from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

GEARED TOWARDS: Entity Administrators, Application Submitters, Authorized Representatives

Award Acceptance: THURSDAYS from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

GEARED TOWARDS: Entity Administrators, Authorized Representatives



RESOURCES

SECTION 5







About -Training v Resources v User Support v Library v News & Updates

Learn About the Department of Justice's Grants and Payment **Management Systems**

JustGrants Login

The Justice Grants System (JustGrants) is the Department of Justice's grants management system for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

The JustGrants Resources website is an entryway into information about JustGrants and the system itself. Through this portal both award recipients and applicants can access training resources and user support options, find answers to frequently asked guestions and sign up for the JusticeGrants Update e-newsletter#

Users can also log in to JustGrants through the site.

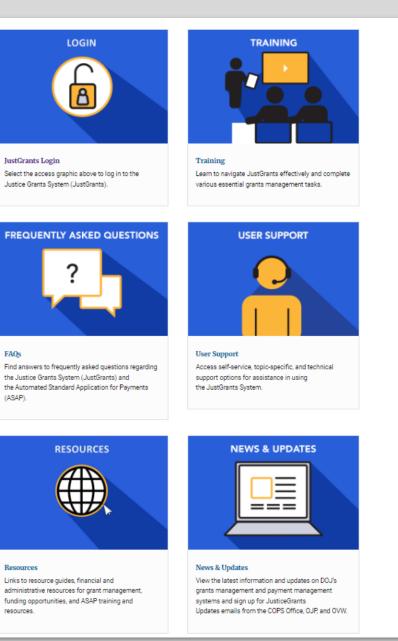
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FAQs

DOJ Grants Financial Guide 2022

Last Updated June 2023

Welcome to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide 🔗

Foreword *S*

We hope you find this guide useful and informative. If you have any questions or comments, please contact your appropriate DOJ Funding Source.

TOP 10 TOPICS	
1. Financial Management Systems	6. Audit Requirements
2. <u>Allowable Costs</u>	7. <u>Conference Costs</u>
3. <u>Unallowable Costs</u>	8. Adjustments to Awards
4. Federal Financial Reports	9. Accounting by Approved Budget Category
5. <u>Performance Reports</u>	10. Subrecipient Monitoring

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has three primary grant-making components, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office). The mission of OJP is to provide innovative leadership to federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems by disseminating state-of-the-art knowledge and practices across America, and providing grants for the implementation of these crime fighting strategies. The mission of OVW is to provide federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women, and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assaults, and stalking. The mission of the COPS Office is to advance the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territory, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and resources.

Welcome to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide

I. General Information

II. Preaward requirements

III. Postaward Requirements

IV. Organization Structure

V. Appendices

DOJ Grants Financial Guide 🖉

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 - Funding News , a weekly notice of new grant opportunities and application tips
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