

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FY 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM - LOCAL SOLICITATION WEBINAR

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SECTION 1

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION







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Agenda

Welcome and Introduction to OJP and BJA

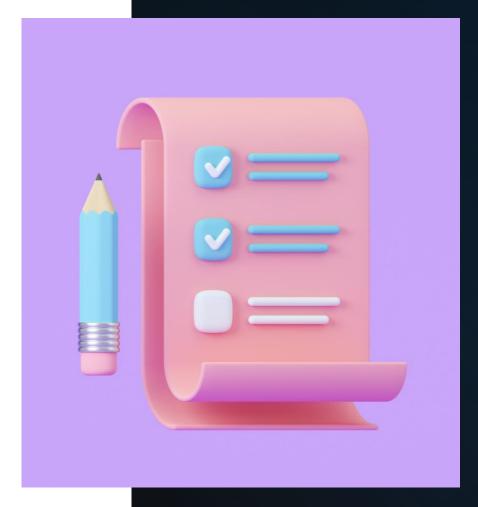
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What is the Office of Justice Programs?

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

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





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.

Karhlton F. Moore, BJA Director



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How BJA Supports the Field









Fund

Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.

Educate

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!



SECTION 2

PROGRAM OVERVIEW







General Solicitation Information

FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation

- Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2023-171790
- Posting Date: June 29, 2023
- Grants.gov Deadline: August 24, 2023, 8:59 p.m. eastern time
- Application JustGrants Deadline: August 31, 2023, 8:59 p.m. eastern time
- Total amount to be awarded under solicitation: 1,296 eligible applications totaling \$102,778,619.
- Applicants with eligible allocation amounts of less than \$25,000 will apply to Category 1 (Competition ID ##C-BJA-2023-00104-PROD), and applicants with eligible allocation amounts of \$25,000 or more will apply to Category 2 (Competition ID #C-BJA-2023-00105-PROD).

The <u>JAG web page</u> contains important information, including the JAG <u>Allocations List</u>, <u>Fact Sheet</u>, <u>FAQs</u> and <u>Technical Report</u>.



What is the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program?

- Named after <u>Edward "Eddie" R. Byrne</u>, an officer in the New York City Police Department who was murdered while protecting a witness in a drug case.
- The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas.
- Eligibility changes from year to year and allocations are determined based on a unit of local government's proportion of the state's 3-year violent crime average.
- The JAG Program <u>Fact Sheet</u> provides background information and other details about the JAG program.







JAG Program Overview

JAG is BJA's flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions.

Nine broad <u>statutory</u> program areas are included in this solicitation:

- 1) Law enforcement programs
- 2) Prosecution and court programs
- 3) Prevention and education programs
- 4) Corrections and community corrections
- 5) Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- 6) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
- 7) Crime victim and witness programs (non-compensation)
- 8) Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams
- 9) Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.



BJA Areas of Emphasis





Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities



Preventing and Combating Hate Crimes



Crime and Violence Reduction Strategies



Community Based Violence Intervention (CVI) Approaches



Statutory Program Areas vs. Areas of Emphasis

Statutory Program Areas
Outlined in the JAG
statute—required

Areas of Emphasis
Determined by BJA each
year based on
Administration and
Department priorities

Additional Uses of JAG Funds

- Support reentry projects with the goal of improving outcomes for incarcerated individuals returning to the community from prison or jail.
- Support projects related to preventing, detecting, seizing, and/or stopping the presence and use of contraband cellphones within correctional facilities. This includes the purchasing of managed access systems and other mitigation technologies (as permitted by applicable law).
- Purchase fentanyl and methamphetamine detection equipment, including handheld instruments and training for law enforcement safety, as well as opioid reversal agents.
- Purchase drug-detection canines to combat the rise of drug trafficking, including that of methamphetamines.
- Support efforts to seal and expunge criminal history information in accordance with state laws and policies.
- Support efforts to attract and retain an all-inclusive, diverse, expert, and accountable law enforcement workforce, with a focus on gender and racial diversity.
- Support virtual reality de-escalation training.
- Purchase humane remote restraint devices that enable law enforcement to restrain an uncooperative subject without inflicting pain.
- Purchase gunfire detection technology.
- Promote data sharing and sex offender monitoring.
- Any purpose indicated here: <u>Purposes for Which Funds Awarded under the</u>
 <u>JAG Program May Be Used.</u>



SECTION 3

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS







Poll Question:

Does your organization know how to determine JAG eligibility and allocations?

Yes, my organization has received emails and/or phone calls from BJA each year, and it checks the JAG web page each spring for eligibility information and allocations.

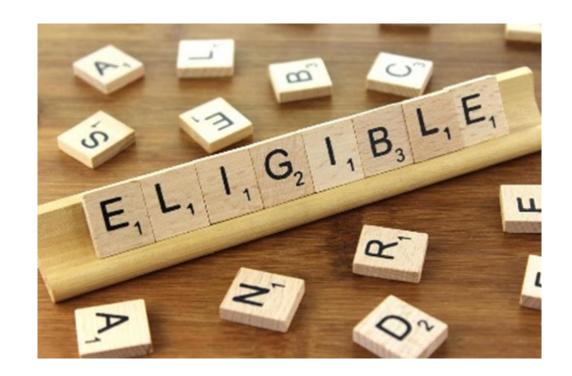
Yes, my organization knows to check the JAG web page each spring for eligibility information and allocations; however, my organization has not received any emails and/or phone calls from BJA regarding JAG eligibility or allocations.

No, my organization is unsure where and when JAG eligibility and allocation information is posted.



Eligible Applicants

- Only units of local government listed on the JAG Allocations List are eligible to apply under the Local JAG solicitation.
- Units of local government include towns, townships, villages, cities, counties, boroughs, and federally recognized Indian tribal government.
- The applicant must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) associated with the unit of local government that is eligible to apply.





Examples of Eligible and Ineligible Applicants

The legal name of the applicant **must** be associated with a UEI in SAM that is eligible to apply to receive an award.

Eligible Scenarios Ineligible Scenarios

- Example 1: City of X applies based on the formula allocation for City of X, and their UEI number is registered in SAM with the legal name of City of X.
- Example 2: City of X applies based on the formula allocation for City of X, and their UEI number is registered in SAM with the legal name City of X, but their SAM registration also includes a Doing Business As (DBA) for City of X Police Department.
- Example 1: City of X Police Department applies based on the formula allocation for City of X, and their UEI number is registered in SAM for City of X Police Department. City of X Police Department is not a law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district established under applicable state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes.
- Example 2: County of X Sheriff's Office applies based on the formula allocation for County of X, their UEI is registered in SAM with the legal name for County of X Sherriff's Office, and County of X Sheriff's Office is NOT established under applicable state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes.



Disparate Jurisdictions

According to the JAG statute, a "disparity" may exist between the funding eligibility of a county and its associated municipalities. The "disparate allocation" provision creates a mechanism by which counties and cities that are part of the same geographic area may more equitably **SHARE** their Byrne JAG funds.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) that identifies the fiscal agent and the distribution of funds must be signed by the authorized representative for each disparate jurisdiction and submitted to BJA before funds can be accessed. If one cannot be submitted at the time of application, a withholding special condition will be placed on the award. A <u>sample MOU</u> is available.

Three types of disparity might exist. Each type is explained in detail in the <u>JAG Technical</u> Report.

Disparate units of local government are listed in shaded groups, in alphabetic order by county, as listed in the <u>JAG</u>
Allocations List.

A disparate applicant must select a fiscal agent that will be the applicant on behalf of the group. The fiscal agent makes subawards to units of local government receiving funds as part of the MOU.



Local Allocations Example: Maryland

Disparate Jurisdictions

Direct Allocations

tate	Jurisdiction Name	Government Type	Direct Allocation	Joint Allocation	
MD	ALLEGANY COUNTY	County			
MD	CUMBERLAND CITY	Municipal	\$14,138	\$14,138	
MD	CECIL COUNTY	County	•		
MD	ELKTON CITY	Municipal	\$16,204	\$16,2 4	
MD	DORCHESTER COUNTY	County	•		
MD	CAMBRIDGE CITY	Municipal	\$14,170	\$14,1 0	
MD	FREDERICK COUNTY	County	\$16,559		
MD	FREDERICK CITY	Municipal	\$26,856	\$43,415	
MD	WICOMICO COUNTY	County	•		
MD	SALISBURY CITY	Municipal	\$28,148	\$28,148	
MD	WORCESTER COUNTY	County	•		
MD	OCEAN CITY CITY	Municipal	\$10,975	\$10,975	
MD	ABERDEEN CITY	Municipal	\$11,071		
MD	ANNAPOLIS CITY	Municipal	\$23,209		
MD	ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	County	\$160,297		
MD	BALTIMORE CITY	Municipal	\$1,019,982		
MD	BALTIMORE COUNTY	County	\$389,413		
MD	CARROLL COUNTY	County	\$10,620		
MD	CHARLES COUNTY	County	\$53,067		
MD	GREENBELT CITY	Municipal	\$11,879		
MD	HAGERSTOWN CITY	Municipal	\$23,757		
MD	HARFORD COUNTY	County \$27,598			
MD.	HOWARD COUNTY	County	\$49,709		
MD	LAUREL CITY	Municipal	\$11,104		
MD.	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	County	\$148,548		
MD	PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY	County	\$227,179		
MD	ST MARYS COUNTY	County	\$21,369		
MD	WASHINGTON COUNTY	County	\$21,982		

Individual
Disparate
Allocations

Joint
Disparate
Allocation



Information for Units of Local Government NOT Appearing on the JAG Allocations List

JAG awards are based on a statutory formula that is fully described in the <u>JAG Technical</u> Report.

BJA makes direct awards only to units of local government that are eligible to receive an award of \$10,000 or more based on the statutory formula.

Funds for jurisdictions that are not eligible for direct awards of \$10,000 or more are added to the amount that is awarded to the state under the State JAG Solicitation.

Local jurisdictions not appearing on the <u>JAG</u>
<u>Allocations List</u> can contact their JAG State
Administering Agency (SAA) to discuss funding opportunities for local jurisdictions under State
JAG: https://www.ojp.gov/funding/state-administering-agencies/overview.

Application Requirements







Lobbying Disclosure (SF LLL) and SF 424



Proposal Abstract



Proposal Narrative



Budget Worksheet and Narrative



Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire



Chief Executive Certification



Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable)



Body-Worn Camera Policy Certification (if applicable)

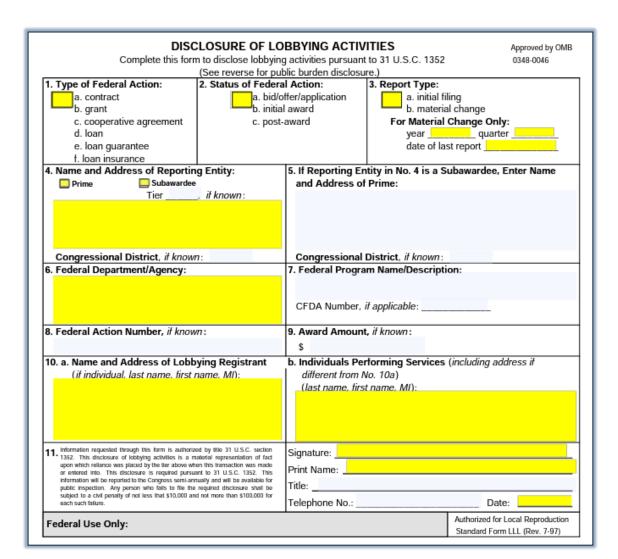


Body Armor Certification (if applicable)

Submitted in JustGrants



Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

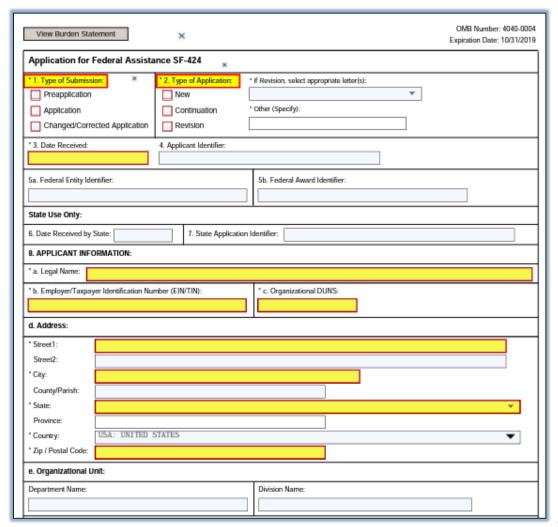


- Complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov.
- Once the applicant submits in Grants.gov, this information will prepend into JustGrants.
- Note: An applicant that does not expend any funds for such lobbying activities is to enter "N/A" in the text boxes for item 10 ("a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant" and "b. Individuals Performing Services").
- See <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u>
 Guide.



Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

- Complete and submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov.
- It is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of preapplications, applications, and related information.
- In Section 8F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual who will complete the application in JustGrants. JustGrants will use this information (email address) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.
- See <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> Guide.





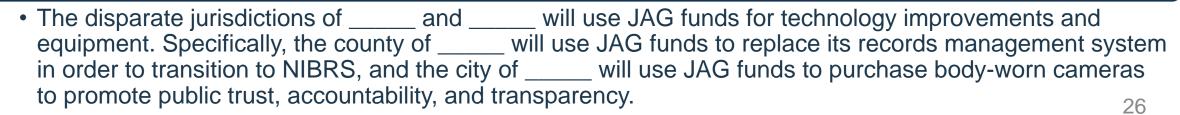
Proposal Abstract

- Completed in JustGrants web-based form.
- Briefly describes the intended use of JAG funds.
- No more than 100 words.
- Written in paragraph form without bullets or tables, in third person, and excluding personally identifiable information.

JAG Abstract Example

- The city of _____ will use JAG funds for overtime for increased patrols to bolster the security of at-risk nonprofit organizations such as synagogues, churches, mosques, and other places of worship.
- The county of _____ will use JAG funds to hire credible messengers as part of a community-based violence intervention initiative.

Disparate JAG Abstract Example







Proposal Narrative

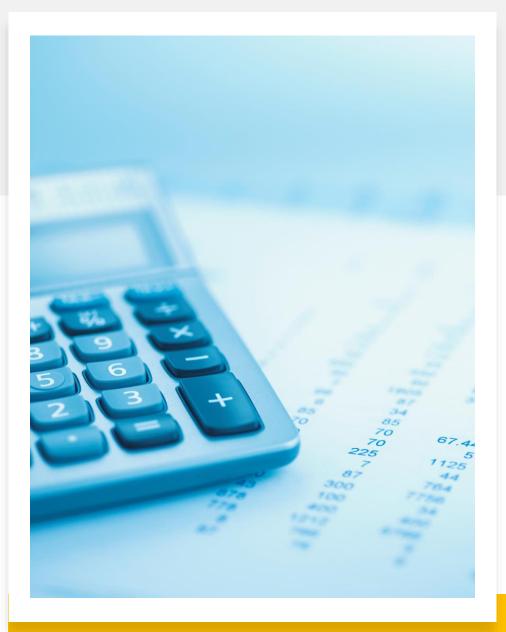
- Double-spaced
- Use a standard 12-point font and have no less than 1-inch margins
- Not exceed 10 numbered pages

Category 1

 The proposal narrative for Category 1 applications must include a description of the project(s), including subawards if applicable, to be funded with JAG funds over the 2year grant period.

Category 2

- Description of the Issue
- Project Design and Implementation
- Capabilities and Competencies
- Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation's Performance Measures



Budget Worksheet and Narrative

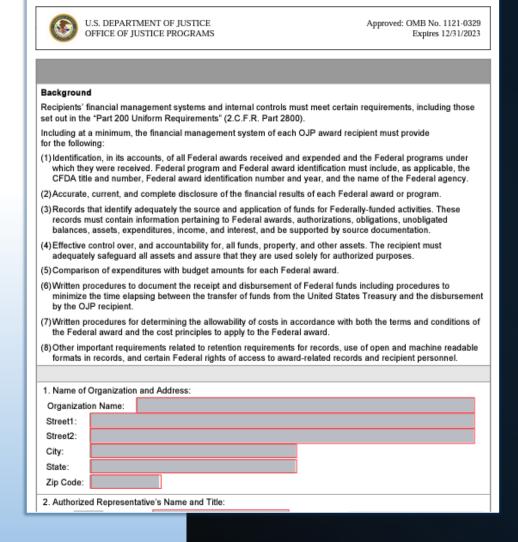
- Complete the budget worksheet attachment and submit it by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants.
- Standard format for the budget attachment is available at: https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/forms/ojp-budget-detail-worksheet.
- The budget narrative and budget worksheet (attachment) is a critical element, and applicants will be unable to successfully apply in JustGrants unless an attachment is uploaded in this section.
- If an applicant does not have a budget to submit at the time of application, an attachment must be uploaded noting as such, and BJA will add the appropriate special condition withholding funds for budget documentation.
- See <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.





Financial Management Questionnaire

- The applicant must download the <u>Financial</u>
 <u>Management and System of Internal Controls</u>
 <u>Questionnaire</u>, complete it, and upload it as an attachment in JustGrants.
- The questionnaire helps OJP assess the financial management and internal control systems, as well as the associated potential risks of an applicant as part of the pre-award risk assessment process.
- This is a critical element. Applicants will be unable to successfully apply in JustGrants unless the questionnaire is completed and attached.
- See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2023 Local Solicitation

Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government

On behalf of the applicant unit of local government named below, in support of that locality's application for an award under the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") Program, and further to 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a), I certify to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), that all of the following are true and correct:

- 1. I am the chief executive of the applicant unit of local government named below, and I have the authority to make the following representations on my own behalf as chief executive and on behalf of the applicant unit of local government. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any OJP decision to make an award, under the application described above, to the applicant unit of local government.
- I certify that no federal funds made available by the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above will be used to supplant local funds, but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities.
- 3. I assure that the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was submitted for review to the governing body of the unit of local government (e.g., city council or county commission), or to an organization designated by that governing body, not less than 30 days before the date of this certification.
- 4. I assure that, before the date of this certification— (a) the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was made public; and (b) an opportunity to comment on that application (or amendment) was provided to citizens and to neighborhood or community-based organizations, to the extent applicable law or established procedure made such an opportunity available.
- I assure that, for each fiscal year of the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above, the applicant unit of local government will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial), as OJP may reasonably require.
- I have carefully reviewed 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a)(5), and, with respect to the programs to be funded by the award (if any), I hereby make the certification required by section 10153(a)(5), as to each of the items specified therein.

Signature of Chief Executive of the Applicant Unit of Local Government	Date of Certification	
Printed Name of Chief Executive	Title of Chief Executive	
Name of Applicant Unit of Local Government		



Chief Executive Certification

- A JAG application is not complete, and a unit of local government may not access award funds, unless the chief executive of the applicant unit of local government properly executes, and submits, the <u>Certifications and Assurances by the</u> Chief Executive of the Applicant Government.
- Typically, the chief executive is the highest elected official of the jurisdiction (e.g., governor, mayor, or county board chair). This chief executive may not delegate signature authority to another person under any circumstances.
- This certification includes the governing body and public comment requirements.
- For disparate groups, the certification must be submitted by the applicant/fiscal agent.
- If the applicant is unable to submit this at the time of application, a locality can still apply for JAG funding. The award will be made with a withholding special condition for the <u>Certifications and</u> <u>Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government</u> form.



Governing Body and Public Comment Requirements

Governing Body Requirement

A JAG application must be made available for review by the governing body of the applicant jurisdiction, or to an organization designated by that governing body, at least 30 days prior to that application being submitted.

Public Comment Requirement

A JAG application must be made available for public comment by citizens and neighborhood- and community-based organizations to the extent applicable law or established procedures make such opportunity available.

- Grantees will attest to these facts via the submission of a properly completed <u>Certifications and Assurances</u>
 <u>by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government</u>.
- A locality can still apply for JAG funding even if the governing body review and public comment requirements
 have not yet been satisfied; however, it will not be able to submit a properly completed certification with its
 application.
- The award will be made with a withholding special condition for the certification, which a grantee must submit to BJA post-award when all the requirements attested to in this form are met.





Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable)



- For disparate jurisdictions, an MOU that identifies which jurisdiction will serve
 as the applicant or fiscal agent for joint funds must be completed and signed
 by the authorized representative for each eligible jurisdiction.
- OJP will not deny an application for an FY 2023 award if the recipient does not submit a properly executed MOU by the application deadline, but the award recipient will not be able to access award funds (and its award will include a condition that withholds funds) until it submits the properly executed MOU.
- A <u>sample MOU</u> is available.



Body-Worn Camera Policy Certification (if applicable)

- A JAG award recipient that proposes to use funds to purchase bodyworn camera (BWC) equipment or implement or enhance BWC programs must certify that policies and procedures in place related to BWC equipment usage, data storage and access, privacy considerations, and training: Body-Worn Camera Policy Certification.
- Funds will be withheld until the required certification is submitted, and an award condition modification is processed to remove the withholding of funds.
- Subrecipients submit certifications to the prime recipient, who must maintain the subrecipient certifications and make the certifications available to BJA upon request.
- Note: JAG funds may not be used to satisfy any portion of the cost sharing/match requirement under the BJA Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program competitive grant program.



The BJA BWC Toolkit provides model BWC policies and best practices to assist departments in implementing BWC programs.

Fiscal Year of JAG Award: Signature of Certifying Official Printed Name of Certifying Official Title of Certifying Official Full Name of Applicant Entity	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program				
On behalf of the applicant entity named below, I certify the following to the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice: I have personally read and reviewed the section entitled "Body-Worn Camera (BWC) purchases" in the program announcement for the grant program identified above. I certify that our agency has developed or reviewed and updated our agency BWC policy. BWC Policy and practices at minimum must reinforce appropriate agency Us of Force policies and training and address technology usage, evidence acquisition, data storage and retention, as well as privacy issues, accountability and discipline. I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under U.S.C. § 1001. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Programs (OIP) grants, including certifications provide in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the OJP and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General. I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant entity (that is, the entity applying directly to the OJP). Fiscal Year of JAG Award: Signature of Certifying Official Title of Certifying Official Title of Certifying Official					
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Body Armor Mandatory Wear Policy Certification (if applicable)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program **Body Armor Mandatory Wear Policy Certification** On behalf of the applicant entity named below, I certify the following to the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. I have personally read and reviewed the section entitled "Body Armor Certification" in the program announcement for the grant program identified above. I certify that our agency currently has a written "mandatory wear" policy in I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Program grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs, and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant entity (that is, the entity applying directly to the Office of Justice Programs) Fiscal Year of JAG Award: Signature of Certifying Official Printed Name of Certifying Official Title of Certifying Official Full Name of Applicant Entity

- JAG recipients that propose to use FY 2023 award funds to purchase body armor, including carriers and body armor plates, must provide a <u>Body Armor</u> <u>Mandatory Wear Policy Certification</u>. This requirement mirrors BJA's Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Program requirements.
- There are no requirements regarding the nature of the mandatory policy other than it specify when mandatory wear is required for uniformed officers on duty.
- Subrecipients submit certifications to the prime recipient, who must maintain the subrecipient certifications and make the certifications available to BJA upon request.
- Additional guidance regarding the mandatory wear requirement can be found in the <u>BVP FAQs</u> and the <u>BVP Mandatory Wear FAQs</u>.
- Law enforcement agency administrators and jurisdiction CEOs can obtain a Body Armor Model Policy and Issues Paper (developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police) by contacting the BVP Help Desk at 1–877–758–3787 or by email at vests@usdoj.gov.
- Note: JAG funds may not be used to satisfy any portion of the cost sharing/match requirement under the BVP program, and pursuant to the BVP Program statute, receipt of JAG funding by a unit of local government may impact its eligibility for funding under the BVP program in the same fiscal year, unless it is a qualifying unit of local government with fewer than 100,000 residents.



Other Requirements

- Trust Fund: Funds can be drawn down in advance; however, in order to do so, a trust fund must be established in which to deposit the funds. The trust fund account must be interest-bearing unless a <u>2 CFR 200</u> <u>exception</u> applies.
- Entry of Records into State Repositories: Recipients that use JAG funds for activities that generate court dispositions or other records relevant to the National Instant Background Check System (NICS) must have a system in place to ensure that all such NICS-relevant dispositions or records are made available in a timely fashion.





Other Requirements - Emergency Risk Protection Order Programs

JAG funded Emergency Risk Protection Order programs must include the following, at a minimum:

- 1. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation due process rights that prevent any violation or infringement of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Bill of Rights, and the substantive or procedural due process rights guaranteed under the fifth and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the States, and as interpreted by State courts and United States courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States). Such programs must include, at the appropriate phase to prevent any violation of constitutional rights, at minimum, notice, the right to an in-person hearing, an unbiased adjudicator, the right to know opposing evidence, the right to present evidence, and the right to confront adverse witnesses;
- 2. The right to be represented by counsel at no expense to the government.
- 3. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation heightened evidentiary standards and proof which mean not less than the protections afforded to a similarly situated litigant in Federal court or promulgated by the State's evidentiary body, and sufficient to ensure the full protections of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Bill of Rights, and the substantive and procedural due process rights guaranteed under the 5th and 14th amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the States, and as interpreted by State courts and United States courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States). The heightened evidentiary standards and proof under such programs must, at all appropriate phases to prevent any violation of any constitutional right, at minimum prevent reliance upon evidence that is unsworn or unaffirmed, irrelevant, based on inadmissible hearsay, unreliable, vague, speculative, and lacking a foundation.
- 4. Penalties for abuse of the program.





Other Requirements - DNA

- DNA Testing of Evidentiary Materials and Uploading DNA Profiles to a Database
 - If JAG Program funds are to be used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials, any resulting eligible DNA profiles must be uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), the national DNA database operated by the FBI, by a government DNA lab with access to CODIS.
 - No profiles generated with JAG funding may be entered into any other nongovernmental DNA database without prior written approval from BJA (exceptions include forensic genealogy).

Forensic Genetic Genealogy

 Award recipients utilizing JAG funds for forensic genealogy testing must adhere to the <u>DOJ Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis</u> and <u>Searching</u>.

Rapid DNA

- JAG funds may be used to support Rapid DNA projects that meet the requirements for participation in Rapid DNA, including those involving the purchase of Rapid DNA instruments that have been approved for use by the FBI for use in the booking environment (see the <u>National Rapid DNA</u> <u>Booking Operational Procedures Manual</u>).
 - <u>JAG funds may not be used for Rapid DNA testing of evidentiary</u>
 <u>material</u> (e.g., crime scene samples, sexual assault kits) because the FBI
 has not authorized results of this testing for upload to CODIS.



Limitations on the Use of JAG Funds

Administrative Costs: Administrative costs, including any indirect costs, are limited to 10 percent of the total award amount per statute. These costs must be tracked and reported separately for each JAG award.

Supplanting: JAG funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds, but they must be used to increase the amount of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available.

Matching Funds: Absent specific federal statutory authority to do so, JAG award funds may not be used as a match for other federal awards.

Prohibited and Controlled Equipment Requirements

The <u>JAG Prohibited and Controlled Equipment Guidance for Awards Made During or After (Federal) Fiscal Year 2023</u> provides lists, details, definitions, and procedures for prohibited and controlled expenditures and equipment under the BJA JAG Program for awards made during or after FY 2023, consistent with both <u>Executive Order 14074</u> and <u>34 U.S.C. § 10152</u>.

Note: The use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV remains unallowable.







JAG Prohibited and Controlled Equipment Categories

Not eligible for waiver/prior approval.



Category A – Strictly Prohibited

Eligible for waiver/prior approval.

Requests must be submitted postaward via Grant Award Modification (GAM).

Equipment cannot be purchased/transferred absent specific prior approval via GAM.

Category B – Statutorily Prohibited without Waiver

Category C – Statutorily Prohibited without Waiver and Controlled Consistent with E.O. 14074

Category D – Controlled Consistent with E.O. 14074



Strictly Prohibited Equipment (Category A)

- Any direct or indirect use of Byrne JAG award funds to provide any security enhancements or any equipment to any nongovernmental entity that is not engaged in criminal justice or public safety.
- Firearms of .50 or greater caliber.
- Ammunition of .50 or greater caliber.
- Firearm silencers, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(24).
- Bayonets.
- Grenades (including stun and flash-bang).
- Grenade launchers (including launchers for stun and flash-bang).
- 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 3000.09 of November 21, 2012, 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 that do not have a commercial application.
- Camouflage Uniforms (digital pattern). Woodland and desert patterns are allowable based on operational needs. Camouflage may not be worn in urban or populous areas.









Category B – Statutorily Prohibited without Waiver

Prohibited without waiver. Must demonstrate that extraordinary and exigent circumstances exist that make the use of JAG award funds to provide such matters essential to the maintenance of public safety and good order.

- Vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (excluding police helicopters).* (See Category C.)
- Luxury items
- Real estate
- Construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions)
- Any similar matter

^{*}Police cruisers, police boats, and police helicopters are defined in the <u>JAG Prohibited and Controlled</u> <u>Equipment Guidance for Awards Made During or After (Federal) Fiscal Year 2023.</u>



Category C – Statutorily Prohibited without Waiver and Controlled Consistent with E.O. 14074

- 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). Command and
 control vehicles are similar to recreational vehicles and can accommodate multiple people at multiple
 workstations in the command center. This category is not intended for other types of vehicles that
 could serve as a command and control center, including sport utility vehicles (SUVs).
- Tactical Vehicles, wheeled (a vehicle purpose-built to operate on- and off-road in support of military operations, such as a HMMWV ("Humvee"), 2.5-ton truck, 5-ton truck, or a vehicle with a breaching or entry apparatus attached). This excludes commercially available vehicles not tactical in nature, such as pickup trucks or SUVs being used in the ordinary course by police forces in the United States for patrol activities.
- Wheeled armored vehicles.
- Manned aircraft, fixed and/or rotary wing. This excludes police helicopters; however, police helicopters are subject to the requirements of Category D.



Category D – Controlled consistent with E.O. 14074

- Police helicopters.
- 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.



Reporting

The performance measures for JAG can be found at https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/help/jagdocs.html.

MEASURE	REPORTING PERIOD	DUE DATE
Performance Measurement Tool (PMT)	10/1–12/31 1/1–3/31 4/1–6/30 7/1–9/30	Due 30 days after the end of the reporting period
JustGrants – SF425 Federal Financial Report (FFR)	10/1–12/31 1/1–3/31 4/1–6/30 7/1–9/30	Due 30 days after the end of the reporting period
JustGrants Progress Reports (PMT upload to JG)	Category 1 – Annual (1/1–12/31) Category 2 – Semi-annual (1/1–6/30 and 7/1–12/31)	Due 30 days after the end of the reporting period *Report #1 typically covers 15 months (10/1–12/31)

PMT Performance Reporting



Step 1: Grantee logs in to the PMT system.

Note: The PMT system is a separate and independent system from the JustGrants system



Step 2: Grantee completes the JAG PMT Report on a <u>quarterly basis</u> in the PMT.

Step 3: On a <u>semi-annual basis or annual basis</u>, grantee reports on the goals and objectives and generates a PDF of the PMT report for submission into the <u>JustGrants</u> system.

Step 5: BJA Programs reviews the PMT report and requests revisions if necessary.



Step 4: Grantee uploads and submits a PMT report (via PDF) in the <u>JustGrants system</u>.



Grantees should ensure the correct PMT report is submitted for the appropriate reporting period.



JAG Resources

JAG Web Page

JAG Statute

FY 2023 JAG Allocations List

JAG Frequently Asked Questions

JAG Prohibited and Controlled Equipment Guidance

FY 2023 Chief Executive Certification

JustGrants and Training

JAG Technical Report

JAG Fact Sheet

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

BJA Staff Contact list for local JAG grants with award amounts of less than \$25,000.

BJA Staff Contact List for state and local JAG grants with award amounts of \$25,000 or more.



Before You Apply

Registration

- Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM).
- You must renew and validate your registration every 12
 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire.
 An expired registration can delay or prevent application
 submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Registration and
 renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.



Two-Step Application Process

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

- Step 1 (Grants.gov)
 - After registering with SAM, the applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html. Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.
 - Grants.gov deadline: August 23, 2023 (8:59 p.m. ET)
- Step 2 (JustGrants)
 - Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/.
 - JustGrants deadline: August 30, 2023 (8:59 p.m. ET)



Additional Information for How to Apply

- OJP Grant Application Resource Guide: https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide#apply
- The DOJ Application Submission Checklist: <u>appln-submission-checklist.pdf (usdoj.gov)</u>
- JustGrants Support:
 <u>Training and "Application Mechanics: Submitting An Application Video"</u>



SECTION 4

APPLICATION RESOURCES







Quick Reference: Important Contacts



For technical assistance submitting the <u>SF-424</u> and <u>SF-LLL</u> into Grants.Gov, **call**: 800–518–4726 or 606–545–5035, 24 hours a day, or **email**: <u>support@grants.gov</u>.



For technical assistance submitting the **full application** into JustGrants, **call**: 833–872–5175, 7–9 ET, Monday–Friday, and 9–5 ET, weekends and holidays, or **email**: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov.



For technical assistance with the programmatic requirements, call the OJP Response Center: 800–851–3420, 10–6 ET, Monday–Friday, or email: grants@ncjrs.gov.

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Agenda

Onboarding and Entity Roles

SAM.gov and UEI

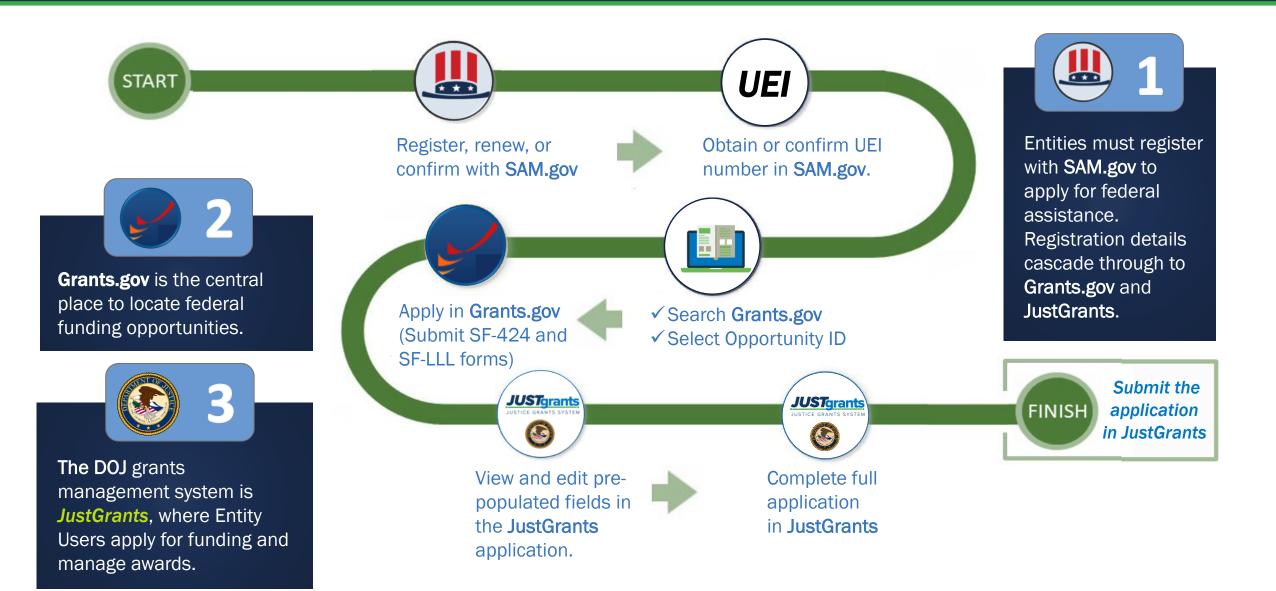
Pre-Application Submission

Questions

JustGrants Resources



Onboarding: SAM.gov to Grants.gov to JustGrants



Section: Onboarding

Entity Roles



What is an Entity?



The term **entity** refers to applicants and award recipients. An entity has unique identifiers such as: legal name, doing business as (DBA) name, and one or more numeric or alphanumeric identifiers. In JustGrants, there are two distinct types of entities: **Organizations** and **Individuals**.



Most entities in JustGrants are considered **organizational entities.** There are many types of organizational entities, including but not limited to: nonprofits, American Indian tribes, state or local governments, and institutions of higher education.

Organizational entities must register and maintain an **active** registration status in SAM.gov in order to access federal funding. The SAM.gov **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** is considered the primary alphanumeric identifier for organizational entities in JustGrants.



An **individual entity** is a person, not an organization, applying for grant funding. Typically, an individual entity applies for a **fellowship grant program**.

Individual entities do **not** need to register in SAM.gov. Instead, individual entities should use their **Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Federal Tax ID EIN/Tax Identifier Number (TIN)** as their unique alphanumeric identifier.

For security purposes, JustGrants recommends not using a Social Security number (SSN) as the unique identifier.

JustGrants Roles

There are six roles for applicants and awardees

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.

APPLICATION SUBMITTER



Completes and submits applications on behalf of an Entity, including Entity Assurances and Certifications.

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.



Edits/submits programmatic related award requirements, including Performance Reports, certain Grant Award Modifications (GAMs), and portions of the Closeout.



Supports the Grant Award Administrator (GAA). Can initiate and submit programmatic related award requirements, including GAMs and deliverables.



FINANCIAL MANAGER

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

Multiple roles can be assigned to a single user.



Roles Required for Application Submission

Application Submission requires three key roles:

Application Submitter

- Identify application submission forms in JustGrants
- Complete a web-based budget form
- Complete an application on behalf of an entity-- certifies information
- For APPLICATIONS, only the Application Submitter can take actions (edit/submit).



Authorized Representative

- An Authorized
 Representative must be
 onboarded before an
 application can be
 submitted.
- The Authorized
 Representative must be
 selected from an existing
 user list in the application.



Entity Administrator

- Onboard and complete entity profile before application submission
- Onboard the Authorized Representative
- Change Application
 Submitter assignments, if needed







Entity Management: SAM.gov, DIAMD, JustGrants



SAM.gov



- ✓ SAM.gov is the federal government's source of truth for entity identifiers.
- Organizational entities must maintain an active registration and ensure entity information is current.
- Other federal systems use entity data from SAM.gov.



Grants.gov



- Grants.gov is the federal government's central source to locate funding opportunities for all federal agencies
- ✓ To apply for funding, a grants.gov account must be associated to a UEI from SAM.gov
- All applications begin in Grants.gov with preliminary information
- Grants.gov applications are transferred to JustGrants upon validation.



DIAMD

DIAMD

- ✓ The Digital Identity and Access Management Directory (DIAMD) is the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) secure user management system.
- ✓ The Entity Administrator (EA) determines who should have access to their entity data and then invites those individuals to be entity users.
- The EA keeps entity users and their roles up to date and reassigns the EA role as needed.



JustGrants

JustGrants

- ✓ JustGrants is DOJ's grants management system.
- The EA assigns and reassigns entity users to specific applications and awards.
- ✓ The EA uploads entitylevel documents into the system

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)



Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) replaces DUNS



UEI is a **12-character** *alpha*-numeric value



Now search using UEI



Simplifies entity registration process

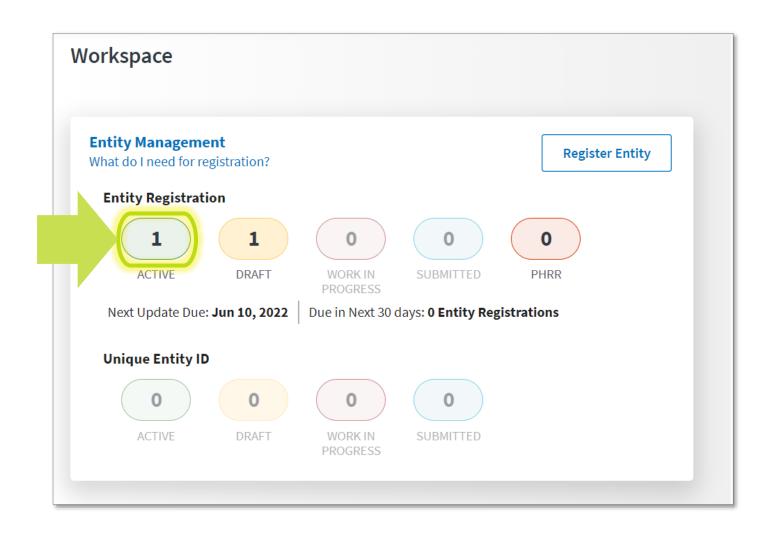


UEI (Continued)

- Each UEI in SAM.gov creates a separate account in JustGrants.
- The UEI is a unique identifier for each legal entity.
- Organizations using multiple UEIs to manage awards
 WILL HAVE multiple JustGrants accounts
 - Each account must have its own users.
 - Each user must have a unique email address for each account.
 - Users logging in to one JustGrants account WILL NOT see awards that are managed in another JustGrants account.

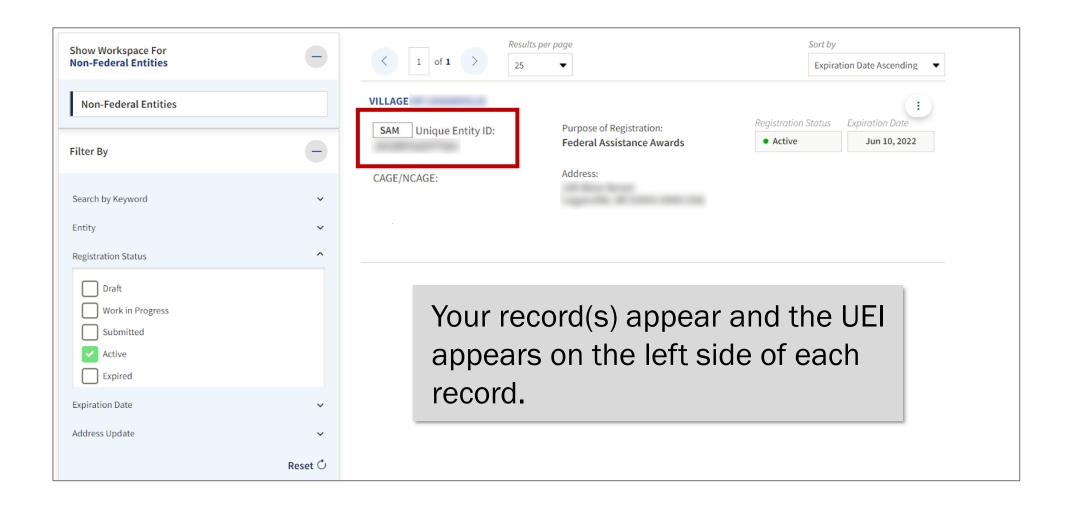


Locate Your UEI in SAM.gov

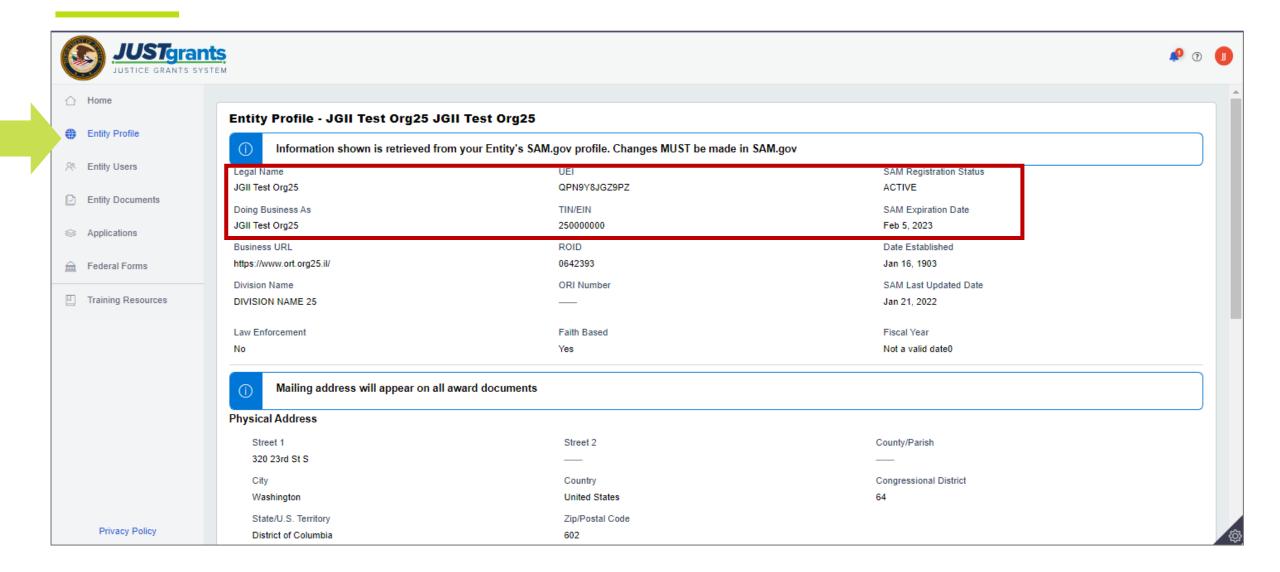


- 1) Log in to SAM.gov.
- 2) In your Workspace, select the numbered bubble above Active in the Entity Management widget.

Locate Your UEI in SAM.gov (continued)



Locate Your UEI in JustGrants







Application Submission Overview



Applicants have two application submission deadlines. **First:** Grants.gov (submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL). **Second:** JustGrants.



It's okay to enter preliminary budget or programmatic data in Grants, gov and then provide updates later in JustGrants.



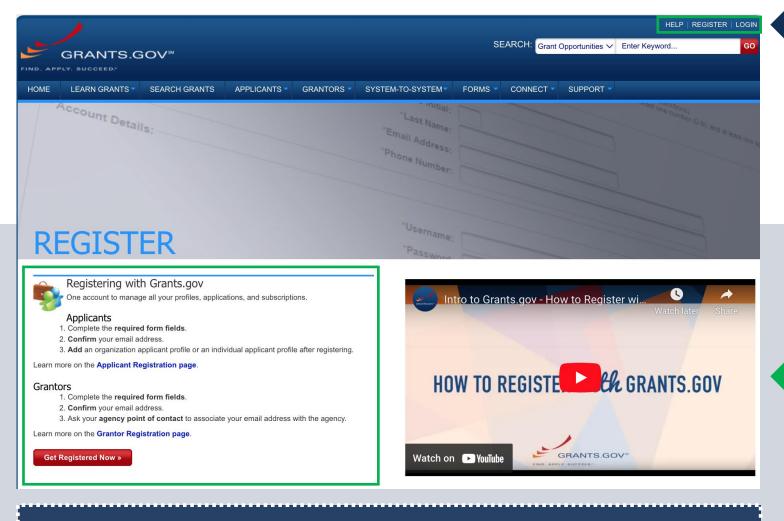
A JustGrants submission should include all items as defined in the solicitation.



The application in JustGrants is customized per the requirements of the solicitation. Your application will have specific requests.

Section: Application Submission Grants.gov Process

Grants.gov Sign-in



https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html

Grants.gov

There are several parts to the Grants.gov process and two important reminders:

Funding Opportunity & Application

- Select Apply for Grants under the Applicants column.
- Enter your email address to be notified of any changes to the opportunity package before the closing date.
- Click the Workspace icon to use Grants.gov.

The SF-424 and SF-LLL

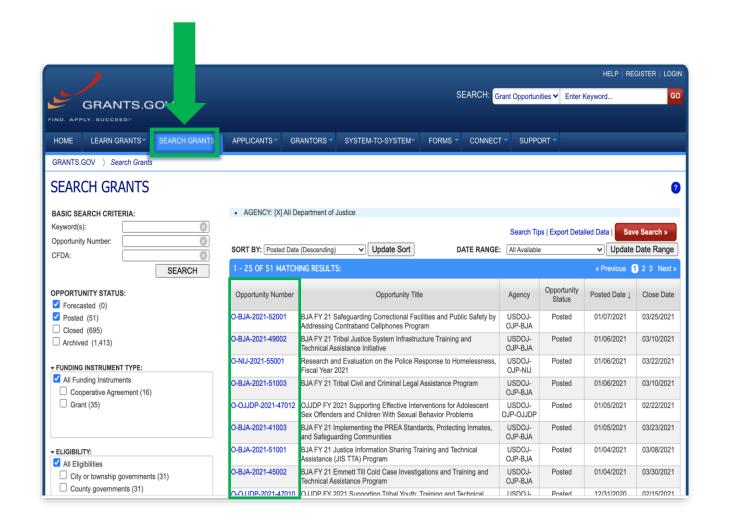
Within 48 hours of submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL, Grants.gov should send:

- Confirmation of receipt of the SF-424 and SF-LLL.
- Indication of whether the SF-424 and SF-LLL were successfully validated and submitted or were rejected due to error, with explanation.

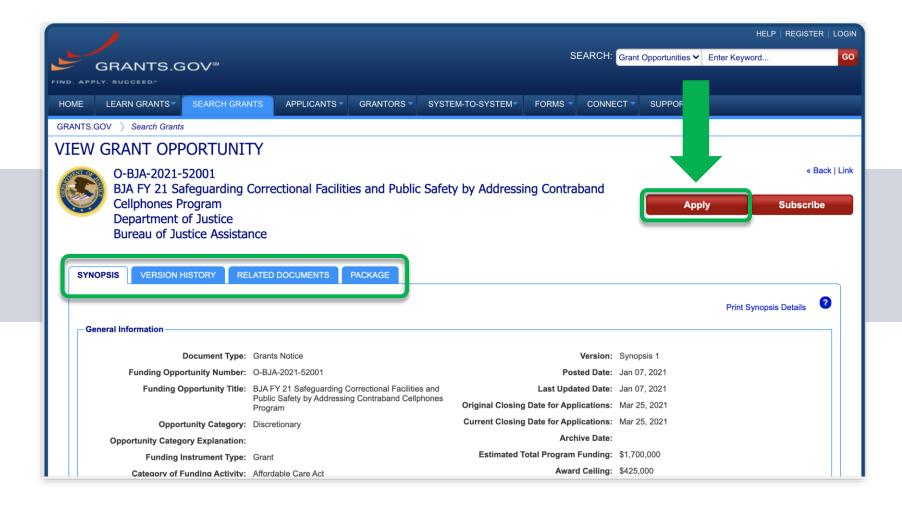
Grants.gov: Funding Opportunities

To locate a funding opportunity with DOJ, start at the **Search Grants** tab. Use filters to narrow your search:

- Opportunity Status
- Funding Instrument Type
- Eligibility
- Category
- Agency



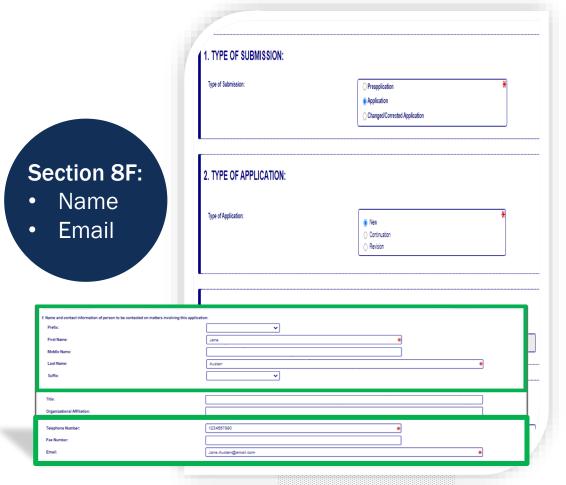
Grants.gov: Applying



Grants.gov: SF-424

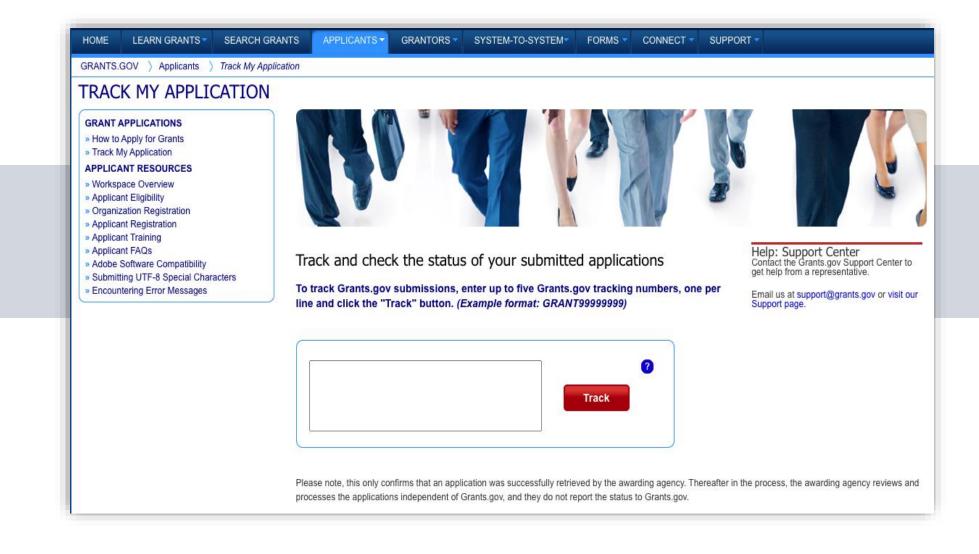
The **person** and **email** listed in **SECTION (8F)** of SF-424 will automatically become the Application Submitter for your entity's application.

The Application Submitter is the ONLY user able to complete the application in JustGrants unless the Entity Administrator reassigns it AFTER submission in Grants.gov.



Form SF-424

Grants.gov: Track My Application

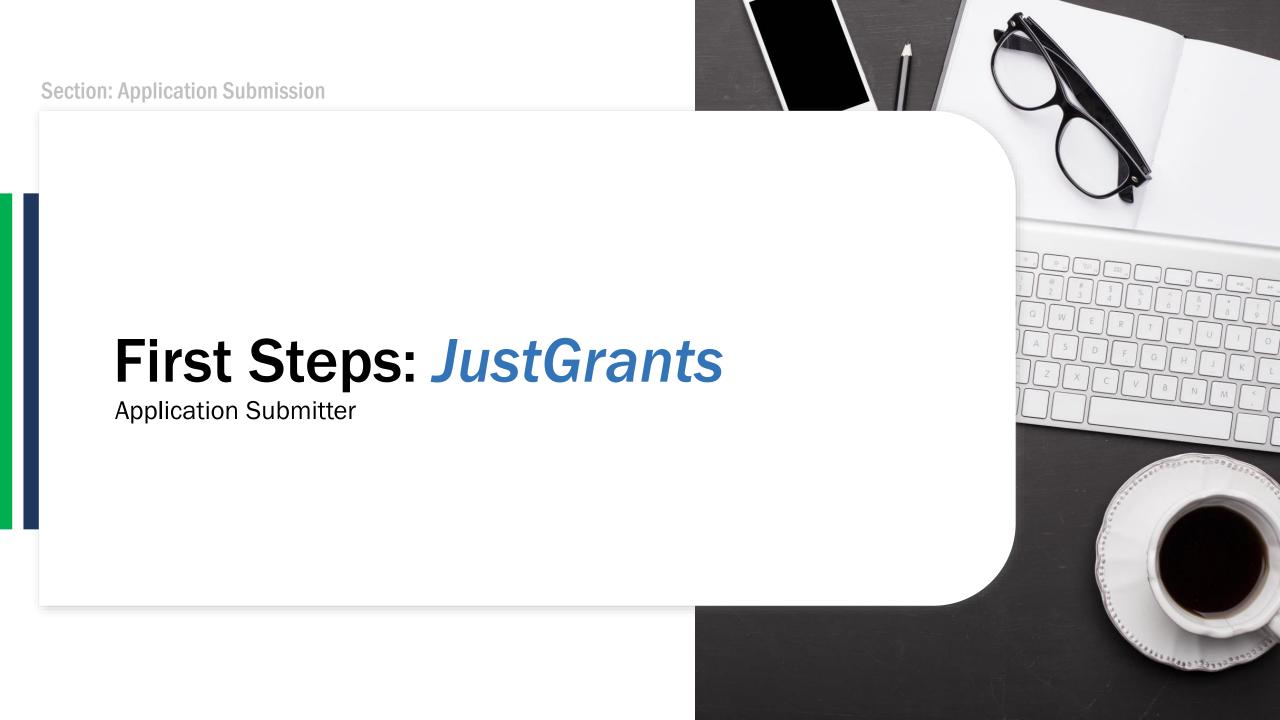


Grants.gov: What's Next

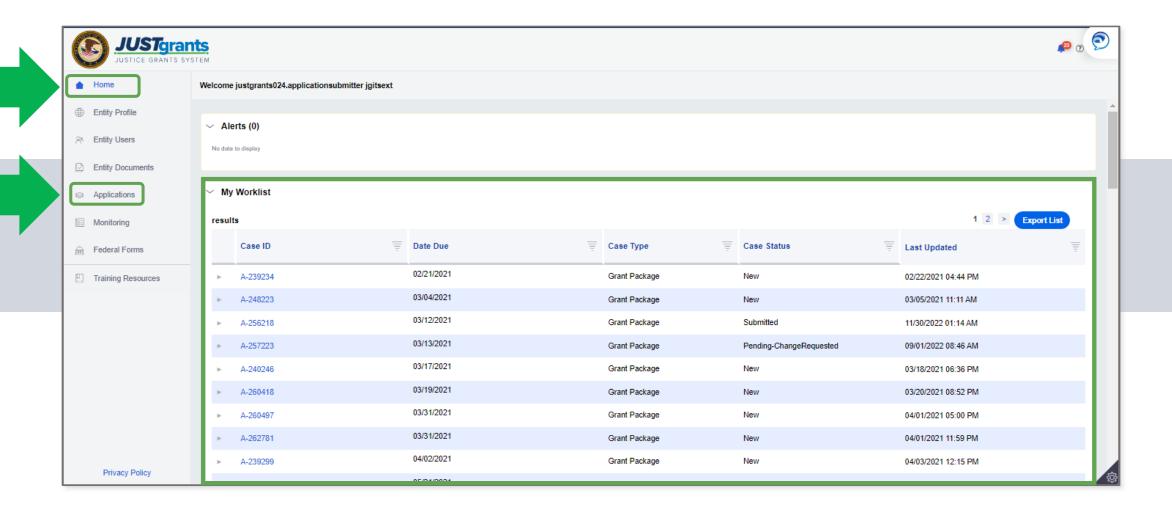
Grants.gov: Received vs. Rejected

Try to submit your SF-424 and SF-LLL ahead of Grants.gov deadline

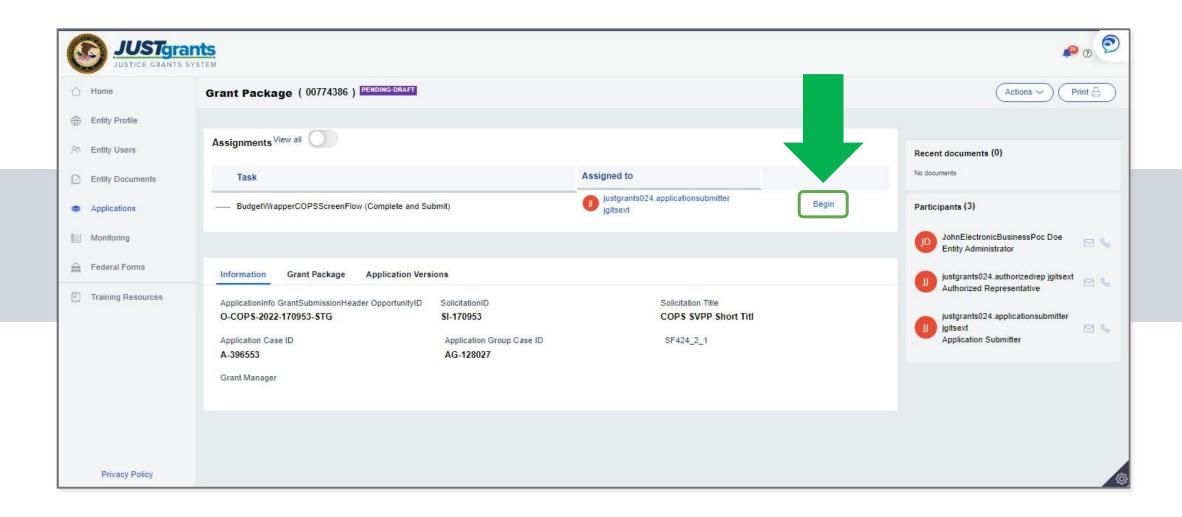
Grants.gov tracking number is connected to your JustGrants Application



Locate Application: My Worklist



Editing: Multiple Submitters





Application Notifications

There are two types of application notifications:



Email

Email Notifications are sent to all Application Submitters when:

- An Application Submitter has been assigned or removed from an application
- Deadline approaching (5 days prior)
- The application has been submitted or has been recalled



Bell

Bell Notifications are in the upper right corner of every JustGrants screen. The number indicates the unread notifications. These notifications occur when:

- One Application Submitter is editing, assigned, or removed from an application
- The application has been submitted

Justice Grants

The Justice
Grants Website
has much more
information
about
JustGrants

- Printing an Application in JustGrants
- Application Submissions Training and Reference Materials
- JustGrants User Roles Guide
- OJP Grant Application Resource Guide
- OJP/OVW/COPS Funding Opportunities
- DOJ Application Submitter Checklist
- SAM.gov Resource links
- Grants.gov grant support links

https://JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov

Upcoming Sessions

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

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

KEY AUDIENCE: Grant Award Administrators, Entity Administrators, Financial Managers

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

KEY AUDIENCE: Entity Administrators

Application Mechanics: WEDNESDAYS from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

KEY AUDIENCE: Entity Administrators, Application Submitters, Authorized Representatives

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

KEY AUDIENCE: Entity Administrators, Authorized Representatives

Thank you! Please complete the survey that opens in a new browser window.





Questions?

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