FY 2024 Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety Solicitation Webinar

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Presenters

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Agenda

Welcome and Introduction to OJP and BJA
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SECTION 1

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
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).
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

https://bja.ojp.gov/
How BJA Supports the Field

Investments
Provide diverse funding to accomplish goals.

Sharing Knowledge
Research, develop, and deliver what works to build capacity and improve outcomes.

Engagement
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
Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety

**Goal:** To improve community safety and quality of life by identifying, implementing, and testing promising new or innovative community safety strategies that will reduce and prevent crime, address quality of life, improve community residents’ perceptions of procedural fairness, and build capacity via training and technical assistance (TTA) to sustain and translate these lessons to the field.
Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety

Objectives:

• To develop and test an effective community-based safety model to serve as an alternative to traditional enforcement processes for addressing lower-level types of crime and quality of life issues that will improve community safety.

• To increase community safety and build trust and credibility between law enforcement and residents by partnering with community-based organizations, local government agencies, and other entities to enhance the model's capacity and sustainability.

• To design and deliver TTA and funding to support project sites and build the capacity of the project sites and the field at large to reduce and prevent less serious/low-level offenses and enhance community engagement in these partnerships.
SECTION 3

GUEST SPEAKERS
BJA Grantee Insight and Experience

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School of Criminal Justice (SCJ)
Co-Executive Director, Newark Public
Safety Collaborative (NPSC)
Rutgers University-Newark

Lori Scott-Pickens
SCJ's Director of Community Outreach
NPSC’s Community Outreach Advisor
Rutgers University-Newark

Describe your experience:

- Writing and applying for the grant
- Receiving and managing the grant
- Implementing programmatic activities to reduce and prevent crime
SECTION 3

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Rerimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety Solicitation Categories

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## Category 1 Eligible Applicants

- Public- and State-controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Other: Local non-law enforcement government agencies
Category 1: Reimagining Justice Project Sites

• Develop and test new or innovative approaches for improving community safety and providing alternatives to traditional enforcement mechanisms for less serious and low-level criminal offenses in communities experiencing high rates of crime and related quality of life issues.

• Applicants are expected to design a plan that includes the following components:
  ✓ Engage residents and leaders in the target area in the development and implementation of a community-based safety model that will build capacity in community-based organizations, institutions, and service providers.
  ✓ Also involve local government agencies such as social service and community development agencies, local institutions such as schools and faith-based institutions, and those most impacted by community safety strategies.
Category 1: Reimagining Justice Project Sites (cont.)

- Applicants are expected to design a plan that includes the following components:
  - Describe the collaborative process where partners, including subawardees, will execute their community engagement strategy and develop the community safety model within the first year of the award.
  - Description of any mechanism that will be used to resolve issues or cases, including details on how these issues or cases will be referred to the community-based alternative program and any relevant referral process to facilitate the deflection of these matters entirely out of the traditional legal system.
Role and Responsibilities of Intermediary Organization

Applicants must identify a lead applicant (intermediary organization) and clearly describe a management plan for coordinating across the collaborating entities, planning and implementing the deliverables and administering the subawards.

The applicant will be expected to determine its project partners in the application or once awarded. Project partners will receive TTA from the intermediary organization throughout the length of the project and in partnership with entities that will receive subawards.

The applicant serving as the intermediary organization may be a national, regional, or more localized organization with expertise in community safety strategies and an established capacity to work with the entities outlined in the program design. The sub-awardees may use the funding to increase their capacity for community safety efforts in the chosen sites, and they should be able to sustain them once federal funding ends.
Role and Responsibilities of Intermediary Organization (cont.)

• Identify a researcher in the application who will collaborate with the site-based partners and the intermediary organization to collect data on the nature and extent of crimes in the site(s) and their residents' perceptions of law enforcement and safety, procedural fairness, and legitimacy.

• The researcher will conduct regular assessments of these data during the model’s implementation and report findings to the intermediary organization and site partners to learn whether any adjustments are needed during the implementation process.
## Category 2 Eligible Applicants

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Category 2: Reimagining Justice Training and Technical Assistance

• Support Reimagining Justice project sites, their partners, and the field by delivering a wide range of TTA services designed to support them in all stages of their projects.
  ✓ Support Reimagining Justice grantees to plan and implement data-driven, cross-sector strategies to address less serious/lower-level crimes.
  ✓ Build capacity to support grantees’ community-based strategies, assess these strategies, and develop online tools and resources for the field.
  ✓ Document lessons learned and the results of the Reimagining Justice sites’ efforts to assist other communities with improving and enhancing their community safety efforts.
What an Application Should Include

• **Abstract** – A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project, will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form.

• **Project Narrative** – A project narrative that includes the following:
  1. Description of the Issue
  2. Project Design and Implementation
  3. Capabilities and Competencies
  4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation’s Performance Measures

• **Budget and Associated Documentation**

  **Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form).** Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. The amount of the federal request should match the federal request amount on the SF-424.
## Additional Application Components

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Important Dates

Don’t wait until the deadline to apply!
Refer to the application checklist.

• Solicitation posting date: May 9, 2024
• Deadline to submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: July 1, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET
• Deadline to submit the full application in JustGrants: July 8, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET
SECTION 5

APPLICATION
RESOURCES
OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

SAM.gov Entity Validation Update

GSA implemented a new process to validate an entity’s legal business name and physical address when requesting a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and for completing a SAM.gov entity registration. Due to a high volume of requests, entity validations are taking longer than expected to process. This validation process is now taking 7-10 business days, and in some cases longer.

OJP strongly recommends starting your SAM.gov registration process as soon as possible to allow the time necessary to process entity validations well in advance of the Grants.gov due date posted in the solicitation. Read this FAQ for more information.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide (“Guide”) provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding. It addresses a variety of policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP program applicants, or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Some OJP programs may have program solicitations that expressly modify a provision of this Guide; in such cases, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in the solicitation as to any such expressly modified provision.

https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide
Learn About the Department of Justice’s Grants and Payment Management Systems

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 questions and sign up for the JusticeGrants Updates e-newsletter.

Users can also log in to JustGrants through the site.

News Flash

Feb 21: Register Now! March Dates Added for Virtual Q&A Sessions

Aug 10: Review New and Updated JustGrants FAQs

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/
Application Assistance

Grants.gov

• Provides technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL.
  • Customer Support Hotline
    ▪ 800–518–4726 or 606–545–5035
    ▪ Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
  • Web and Email
    ▪ https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html
    ▪ support@grants.gov

• Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

JustGrants Technical Support

Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ’s Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

• Customer Support Hotline:
  • 833–872–5175
  • Monday–Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. ET
  • Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

• Web and Email
  • https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support
  • JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov
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Text OJP [your email address] to 468-311 to subscribe.
(Message and data rates may apply.)

https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe
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- Use the QR code to subscribe to “Justice Matters” and “News From BJA” to receive the latest information from BJA and the field.
- For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit BJA’s website: [www.bja.ojp.gov](http://www.bja.ojp.gov).
Contact the OJP Response Center:

- Email: grants@ncjrs.gov
- Toll free: 800–851–3420
- TTY: 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday.
Reminder: Dual Deadlines

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

• **Step 1:** Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at Grants.gov by July 1, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET.

• **Step 2:** Submit the full application, with attachments, at JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov by July 8, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET.

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

Read the solicitation carefully for further guidance.
Quick Reference: Important Contacts

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

For technical assistance submitting the full application into JustGrants, call: 833–872–5175, 7–9 ET, M–F, 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, M–F, or email: grants@ncjrs.gov.
Questions?

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