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# **FY25 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Notice of Funding Opportunity**

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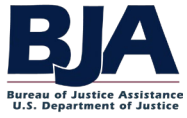
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# Agenda

- OJP Overview
- Program Overview
- NOFO Information
- OJP Funding Process Overview
- Application Resources





# OJP Overview

# 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)**.

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



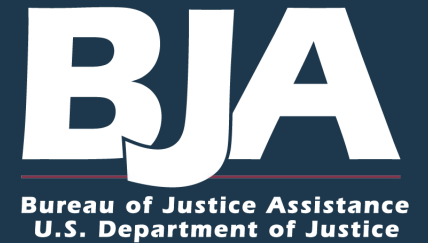
SMART – Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking



# Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA strengthens the Nation's criminal justice system and helps America's state, local, and tribal jurisdictions reduce and prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and promote a fair and safe criminal justice system.

**Tammie M. Gregg**  
**Acting Director**



<https://bja.ojp.gov/>

# How BJA Supports the Field



## Investments

Provide funding to accomplish goals.



## Sharing Knowledge

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



## Engagement

Connect with the field.





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# Program Overview



# Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)

Supports law enforcement efforts to reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations through a range of cross-sector enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies that leverage active collaboration with communities through sustained partnerships and engagement.



# OJP Partnership

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ)



# Funding Purpose

- **Use data-driven, cross-sector strategies** combining enforcement, prevention and intervention.
- **Build crucial partnerships** between law enforcement and community organizations to foster trust and develop sustainable solutions.
- **Increase local capacity** for comprehensive crime reduction through improved coordination, communication, and data analysis.
- **Strategically engage individuals** at highest risk of violence involvement, exposure, and victimization.



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# Key Activities



Hiring sworn officers and crime analysts



Purchasing equipment for violence prevention



Implementing focused deterrence strategies



Supporting youth violence intervention programs



Constructing community centers for engagement



# CVIPI Goals and Objectives

**Goal:** Reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations by funding a range of cross-sector enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies.

- **Objective 1:** Support law enforcement and local government efforts to reduce violent crime and increase trust between law enforcement and the community.
- **Objective 2:** Engage residents and stakeholders in the coordinated enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies implemented.





# NOFO Information

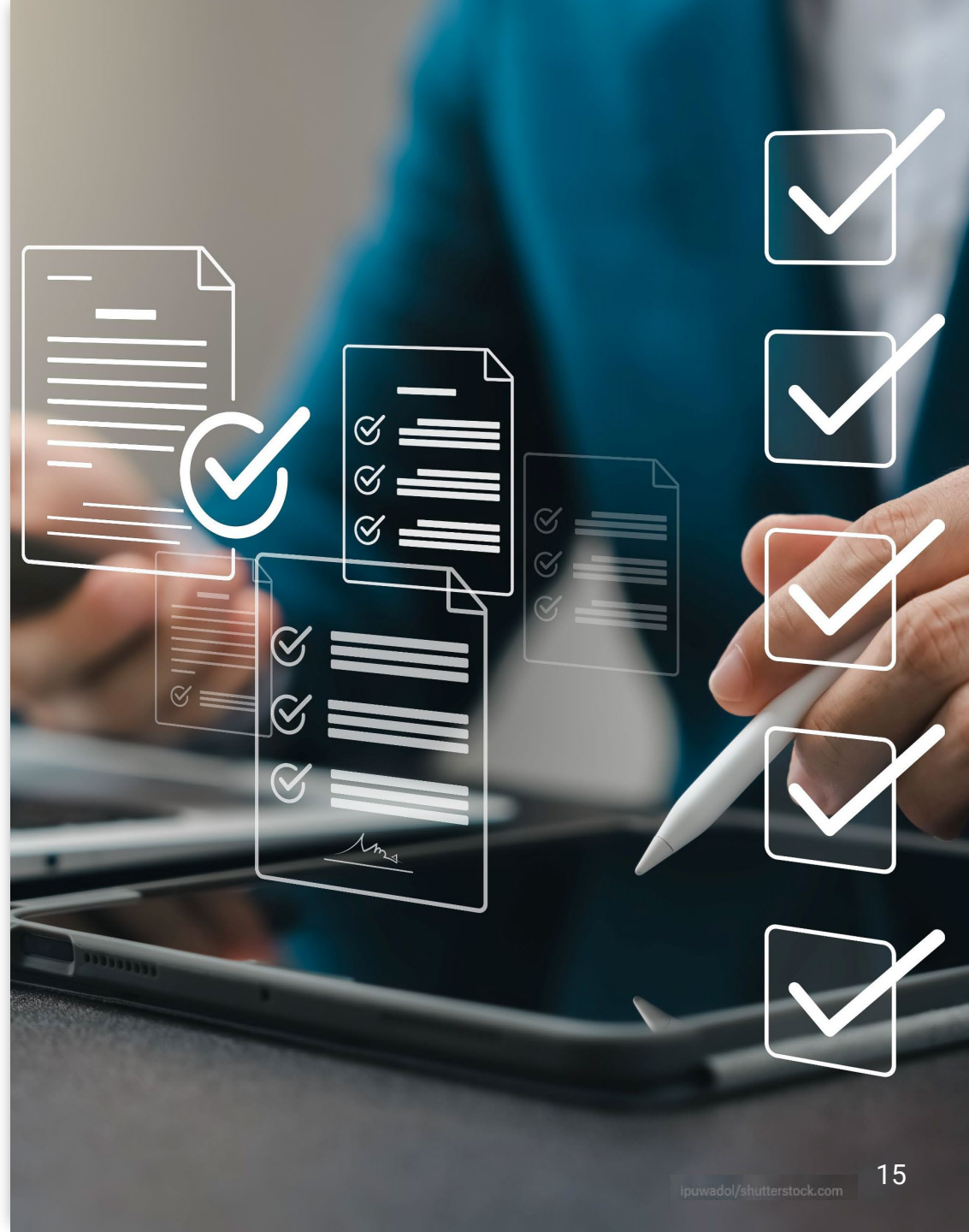
# Eligible Applicants

## Government Entities

- County governments
- City or township governments
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American Tribal governments (other than federally recognized)

## Other

- Other units of local government
- Native American tribal organizations





# Planning Phase (48 Month Project Period)

- **Initial 12 months**

Engage in comprehensive planning process

- Assess key drivers of violent crime using local data
- Design or refine targeted violence reduction approaches
- Engage essential partners (law enforcement and community residents)

- **Deliverable**

Complete violence reduction strategic plan

- Addresses community-specific needs based on local data
- Builds upon any existing strategic plans
- Establishes foundation for implementation activities





# Mandatory Certification by the Chief Executive Officer (or senior official)

## Required for State and Local Government Applicants

- All state and local government applicants **must** submit the Mandatory Certification using the **Appendix 1** template.
- This certification is in the Additional Application Components section under Disclosures and Assurances.
- Applications missing this certification will not proceed to peer review.

## What Is the Certification

- The applicant entity — including its officials and personnel — certifies compliance with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644 in any “*program or activity*” receiving federal financial assistance under any award made by OJP pursuant to this application.
- Subrecipients must also comply with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644.

| Basic Information   | Eligibility | Program Description | Application Submission | Application Review | Award Notices | Post-Award Requirements | Other Information | Application Checklist |
|---|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appendix 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Certification by the Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government</u></p> <p>On behalf of the applicant named below, and in support of its application, I certify under penalty of perjury to the Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), U.S. Department of Justice (“USDJ”), that all of the following are true and correct:</p> <p>(1) I am the chief executive officer of the State or local government (“the jurisdiction”) of which the applicant entity named below is a part (or a senior official of the jurisdiction, with the legal authority to bind the same). I have received appropriate legal advice as to this certification, and I have the authority to make this certification on my own behalf as chief executive officer (or senior official) and on behalf of the jurisdiction and the applicant entity. I understand that OJP will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision to make an award to the applicant entity.</p> <p>(2) I have carefully reviewed (or have received pertinent legal advice concerning) 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373(a) &amp; (b) and 1644, including the prohibitions on certain actions by State and local government entities, agencies, and officials regarding information on citizenship and immigration status.</p> <p>(3) I (and the applicant entity) understand that, for purposes of this certification, the term “program or activity” means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (see 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-4a), and that terms used in this certification that are defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101 mean what they mean under that section 1101, except that the term “State” also shall include American Samoa (cf. 42 U.S.C. § 901(a)(2)).</p> <p>(4) I (and the applicant entity) assure that the applicant entity (and its officials and other personnel) will comply with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644 in any “program or activity” receiving federal financial assistance under any award made by OJP pursuant to this application. I further certify that any subrecipient (at any tier) of such federal financial assistance (and its officials and other personnel) will also comply with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644.</p> <p>I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 34 U.S.C. § 10271 or under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 or 1621, and may subject me and the applicant entity to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729–3730 and §§ 3801–3812). I also acknowledge that OJP awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by USDJ, including by OJP and by the USDJ Office of the Inspector General.</p> <p>_____<br/>Signature of Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government      Date of Certification</p> <p>_____<br/>Printed Name of Chief Executive Officer (or senior official)      Title of Chief Executive Officer (or senior official)</p> <p>_____<br/>Name of Applicant Government Entity</p> |             |                     |                        |                    |               |                         |                   |                       |



# Proposal Abstract Requirements

## Must Be Completed in JustGrants Web-Based Form

- No more than 2,000 characters
- Written in paragraph form — no bullets or tables
- Use third person language (*e.g.*, they, the community, their)
- Do not include personally identifiable information (*e.g.*, project director's name)
- Abstracts will be publicly posted on OJP.gov and USASpending.gov if awarded — ensure clarity and professionalism

## What to Include

- Name of the proposed project
- Purpose — what the project will do and why it's needed
- Location — service area, if applicable
- Target population — who will be served
- Key activities to be carried out
- Partner organizations or subrecipients, if known
- Expected outcomes and deliverables



# CVIPI

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# Basic Minimum Requirements

Proposal Narrative

Budget Detailed Form

Timeline

## Important Note

Applications that do not contain ALL elements designated by BJA as critical in the NOFO will not move forward to peer review.



# Federal Award Information

Anticipated amount of funding

- \$34,621,469

Anticipated number of awards to be funded

- 17

Period of performance start date

- October 1, 2025

Period of performance duration

- 48 months

Anticipated maximum dollar amount per award

- Up to \$2,000,000



# Agency Funding Priorities

- (a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations)
- (b) Combatting violent crime
- (c) Supporting services to American citizens
- (d) Protecting American children
- (e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault
- (f) Coordinating state/local with federal law enforcement



# Unallowable Uses of Funds

## NOFO

**Note:** Addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas does not guarantee a funding award.

### Unallowable Uses of Funds

The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
2. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that— (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.
3. As specified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), in Chapter 3.13 “Unallowable Costs” (“Legal Services for Aliens”), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply— (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

### Program Goals and Objectives

## DOJ Grants Financial Guide

### Legal Services for Aliens

Except as indicated in the following sentence, costs of providing legal services (that is, professional services of the kind lawfully provided only by individuals licensed to practice law) to any removable alien (see 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(e)(2)) or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States are disallowed and may not be charged against the award.

Costs for legal services disallowed under the preceding sentence do not include costs for legal services— (1) to obtain protection orders for victims of crime (including associated or related orders (e.g., custody orders), arising from the victimization); (2) that are associated with or relate to actions under 18 U.S.C. ch. 77 (peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons); (3) to obtain T-visas, U-visas, or “continued presence” immigration status (see, e.g., 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(T) & (U); 22 U.S.C. § 7105(c)(3)(A)); or (4) as to which such disallowance would contravene any express requirement of any law, or of any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoij>



# Deliverables

- **Violent Crime Assessment**

- Due within 12 months of award date
- Must thoroughly describe nature and patterns of violent crime in areas targeted for intervention
- Required to identify violent crime hotspots
- Should build on existing efforts and address resource gaps

- **Final Report**

- Due within 90 days of program end
- Must include:
  - Summary of activities and successes
  - Key lessons learned
  - Sustainability plans
  - Documentation of intervention/prevention strategies
  - Research findings (if applicable)





# Application Review Process

- Must be submitted by an **eligible type of applicant**.
- Must request funding within programmatic funding constraints
- Must be **responsive to the scope of the NOFO**.
- Must include all items necessary to meet the **basic minimum requirements**.



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# Merit Review Criteria

- Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (10%)
- Project Goals and Objectives: (15%)
- Project Design and Implementation (40%)
- Capabilities and Competencies (15%)
- Budget (20%)



# Important Application Attachments



## Curriculum Vitae or Resumes

Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project or a description of their experience and skills.



## Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)

Upload tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment in JustGrants if your application requires tribal authorization.



## Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable)

Upload documentation demonstrating research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, if your application proposes research or evaluation.



## Human Subjects Protection

Comply with human subjects and privacy certificate requirements if your proposed research involves human subjects and is intended to provide generalizable knowledge.



# Important Application Attachments



- **Request To Use Incentives or Stipends**  
Provide strong justification for using incentives or stipends:
  - how amounts were determined
  - who would benefit and why
  - why such costs are beneficial and necessary for the project.
- **Timeline**  
Provide a timeline listing key activities and milestones, and the months during which they will take place. Ensure that it covers the entire 48-month project period.

# Application Checklist



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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### Bureau of Justice Assistance FY25 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Site-Based

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, reference the "[OJP Application Submission Steps](#)" in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

#### SAM.gov Registration/Renewal

- Confirm that your entity's registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) is active through the NOFO period. Submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov, if needed (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

#### Grants.gov Registration

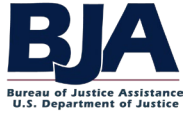
- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

#### Grants.gov Opportunity Search

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s).
- Select the correct Competition ID.
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 under "[OJP Application Submission Steps](#)" in the [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

#### Funding Opportunity Review and Project Planning

- Review all sections of the NOFO.
- Confirm your entity is eligible to receive funding (see [Eligibility: Eligible Applicants](#)).
- Confirm your proposed budget is within the allowable limits (see [Basic Information: Funding Details](#)), includes only allowable costs (see [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Detail Form](#)), and includes cost sharing if applicable (see [Eligibility: Cost Sharing/Match Requirements](#)).
- Review the performance measures for this funding opportunity and confirm you will be prepared to collect and report on this data (see [Program Description: Performance Measures](#)).
- Review the "[Legal Overview—FY 2025 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#) and confirm you are prepared to follow the requirements.
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting under "Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval" in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) or see the [Application Resource Guide](#).



# OJP Funding Process Overview

# Before You Apply For Funding

**SAM.gov Registration** – recommend beginning at least 30 days before the first application deadline

- Register/confirm “active” registration status
  - First-time registration – may take several weeks
  - Existing registration – annual renewal required
- Obtain/confirm **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**
- Identify current SAM.gov points of contact



# Apply For OJP Funding: Overview

**Step 1: Grants.gov** – complete *at least* 48 hours before deadline in NOFO

- Register/confirm registration
- Submit Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

**Step 2: JustGrants** – complete *at least* 48 hours before deadline in NOFO

- Register/confirm access
- Submit full application, including required attachments



# Apply For OJP Funding: Step 1

## Step 1: Grants.gov

- Register/confirm registration
- Add/confirm users and their roles
- Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

You can complete the first two actions at any time. Check the [Grants.gov Quick Start Guide](#) for more tips.





# Apply For OJP Funding: Step 2

## Step 2: JustGrants

### Complete the full application in JustGrants

- Standard Applicant Information
- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget and Associated Documentation
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Other Supportive Documents
- Additional Application Components
- Disclosures and Assurances



# What Happens Next?

After the JustGrants application deadline, OJP starts its review process:

- Basic Minimum Requirements
- Peer Review
- Programmatic and Financial Review
- Risk Review



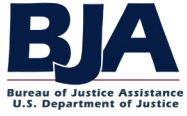
# Award Notices

Visit the OJP Grant Awards public website: [ojp.gov/funding/ojpgrantawards](https://ojp.gov/funding/ojpgrantawards)

## Successful applicants notified by JustGrants:

- Accept or decline award within 45 days
- Follow steps in [DOJ Award Acceptance Checklist](#)





# Application Resources

# OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

February 6, 2025

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in applying for OJP funding. It complements notices of funding opportunities (NOFOs) by providing more detail about policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP funding applicants or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2025. For detailed instructions on using the JustGrants system to submit applications, review the [Application Submission Resources](#). Some OJP NOFOs expressly modify a provision of this guide; in such cases, the applicant should follow the guidelines in the NOFO.

## DOJ Grant Application Process Overview

See the [YouTube Terms of Service](#)<sup>11</sup> and [Google Privacy Policy](#)<sup>12</sup>



**Initiate an application**

Initiate an application in Grants.gov and submit required documents

**Note: Complete and submit the required documents in Grants.gov at least 48–72 hours prior to the Grants.gov deadline.**

Watch on  YouTube

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### **SAM.gov Entity Registration and Renewal Requirement**

All entities seeking Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding must have an “active” registration in [SAM.gov](#). **Begin the SAM.gov registration or renewal process 30 days prior to any deadlines** to allow time to complete the full process.

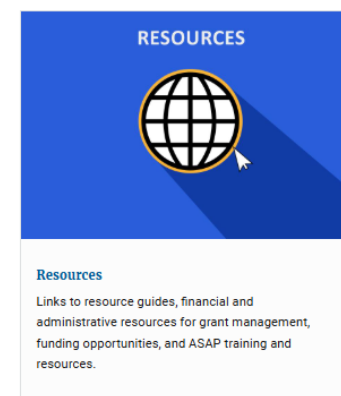
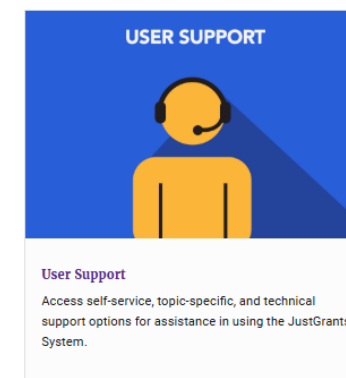
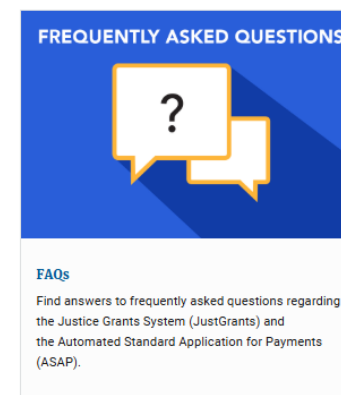
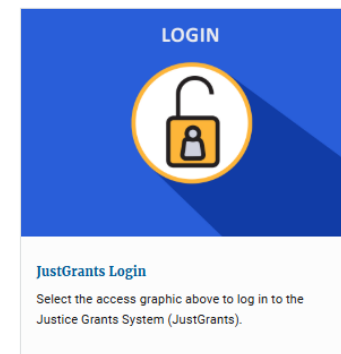
For additional support, visit [SAM.gov Help](#).



### **Video: DOJ Grant Application Process Overview**

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[Watch the Video](#)



# Application Assistance

## Grants.gov

Assistance with submitting the SF-424.

- **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/support>
  - [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

## JustGrants

Assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

- **Customer Support Hotline**
  - 833-872-5175
  - Monday – Friday between 7am and 9pm ET
  - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9am – 5pm ET
- **Web and Email**
  - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
  - [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)

Additional  
Questions?

# OJP Response Center

9am to 5pm ET, Monday - Friday



Email: [OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov](mailto:OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov)



Toll free: 800-851-3420



TTY: 202-353-5556  
(hearing impaired only)





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- For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit BJA’s website: [www.bja.ojp.gov](http://www.bja.ojp.gov).
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