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BJA FY 2025 Second Chance Act Grant Programs

Notice of Funding Opportunities

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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

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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.

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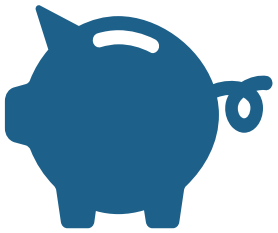
How BJA Supports the Field



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.

Program Overview

FY 2025 SCA Grant Programs

- Community-based Reentry Program
- Family-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program
- Improving Reentry Education and Employment Program
- Pay for Success Initiative
- Smart Reentry Demonstration Program
- Strengthening Community Supervision Operations Program

Eligibility

	Community-based Reentry Program	Improving Reentry Education & Employment Outcomes Program	Family-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program	Pay for Success Initiative	Smart Reentry Demonstration Program	Strengthening Community Supervision Operations Program
Nonprofit organizations	✓	✓	✓			
State, local, governments		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tribal governments	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
For profit and small businesses		✓				
Public and tribal housing authorities				✓		
Organizing bodies or associations						✓

FY 2025 SCA Technical Support Program

One SCA program funds a technical expert to primarily support Smart Reentry grantees and grantees working on three highly technical activities.

SCA Training and Technical Assistance

- Community-based Reentry Program
- Family-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program
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New in FY 2025

If applying to more than one SCA NOFO, applicants may **reuse all or portions of the proposal Narrative**, where applicable.

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

NOFO Information

NOFO Details

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Purpose

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Eligibility

Award amount

Award duration

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Activities

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SCA Community-based Reentry Program

Goal: Create safer communities by improving reentry outcomes and reducing recidivism for people who have been incarcerated.

- **Objective 1:** Provide mentoring and other transitional services.
- **Objective 2:** Prioritize service to people at moderate to high risk of recidivism.

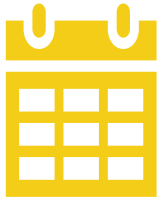
SCA Community-based Reentry Program

Eligible applicants

- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- Nonprofit organizations

Anticipated amount of funding & dollar amount per award

- Up to $12.5 million total
- Up to $1 million per award
- Approximately 13 awards



Period of performance

- 36 months

SCA Community-based Reentry Program

- Partner with a correctional agency to provide:
  - Mentoring
  - Transitional jobs strategy
  - Behavioral health treatment and services
  - Vocational, literacy, and educational services
  - Family reunification and restoration
  - Housing and other service referrals
- Deliverable: Final report detailing types of programmatic activities, clients served, and overall lessons learned, including milestones and outcomes.

SCA Community-based Reentry Program

As articulated in the Second Chance Act, **priority consideration** will be given to applications that:

1. Include a plan to implement activities that have been demonstrated effective in supporting successful reentry; and
2. Provide for an independent evaluation that includes, to the maximum extent feasible, random assignment of program participants to program delivery and control groups.

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SCA Family-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

Goal: Address underlying SUDs to reduce crime and recidivism by justice-involved parents of minor children.

Objective 1: Implement or enhance prison-based SUD treatment and recovery support services to parents and their minor children and families.

Objective 2: Develop, implement, or expand family-based SUD treatment as an alternative to incarceration program for parents with nonviolent drug or drug-related offenses and their children and families.

SCA Family-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

Eligible applicants

- Category 1: Local, state, and Native American tribal governments
- Category 2: Nonprofits other than higher education

Anticipated amount of funding & dollar amount per award

- Up to $10 million total
- Up to $1 million per award
- Approximately 10 awards

Period of performance

- 36 months

SCA Family-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

- All applicants must propose to:
  - Offer family-focused treatment
  - Use validated tools to assess strengths and needs
  - Offer wide range of services to meet needs
  - Include system of incentives and sanctions
  - Track program completion
  - Conduct a process and outcome evaluation
- Deliverables
  - Assess the effectiveness of the funded program
  - Final report

SCA Family-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

Priority consideration will be given under this NOFO to applicants in states and units of local government that actively meet the below criteria, to the maximum extent permitted by law:

(i) enforce prohibitions on open illicit drug use;

(ii) enforce prohibitions on urban camping and loitering;

(iii) enforce prohibitions on urban squatting;

(iv) enforce, and where necessary, adopt, standards that address individuals who are a danger to themselves or others and suffer from serious mental illness or substance use disorder, or who are living on the streets and cannot care for themselves, through assisted outpatient treatment or by moving them into treatment centers or other appropriate facilities via civil commitment or other available means, to the maximum extent permitted by law; or

(v) for state applicants, substantially implement and comply with, to the extent required, the registration and notification obligations of the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act, particularly in the case of registered sex offenders with no fixed address, including by mapping and checking the location of homeless sex offenders.

Applicants seeking this additional priority consideration, should complete the Agency Funding Priorities Inventory – Ending Crime and Disorder in JustGrants to indicate which criteria they are actively meeting.

SCA Family-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

All applicants must include	Applicants proposing a program **in correctional settings** must:	Applicants proposing a program **in an alternative to incarceration setting** must:
• A signed Mandatory Treatment Service Provider Certification (see Appendix A)	• Operate the program in an area separate from the general population • Provide continued care if a participant transfers to a different facility	• Serve people charged with nonviolent drug offenses • Provide treatment in a residential setting • Ensure all providers are licensed by the relevant State or Tribe • Ensure that those who do not complete the program serve an appropriate sentence of imprisonment

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SCA Improving Reentry Education & Employment Outcomes Program

Goal 1: Improve education attainment and employment outcomes for people in reentry to reduce recidivism.

Objective 1: Implement strategies to increase educational or employment success for individuals currently incarcerated with 2 years or less before release into the community.

Objective 2: Create a career pathway system or a workforce development network that will implement opportunities for currently incarcerated people with 2 years or less before release into the community.

SCA Improving Reentry Education & Employment Outcomes Program

Eligible applicants

- Local, state, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- Nonprofits other than higher education
- For-profit organizations and small businesses

Anticipated amount of funding & dollar amount per award

- Up to $19.8 million total
- Up to $900,000 per award
- Approximately 22 awards

Period of performance

- 36 months

SCA Improving Reentry Education & Employment Outcomes Program

Applicants may propose to increase employability through education (Category 1) and/or workforce training and support (Category 2), including:

- Attain diplomas, certifications, and credentials, including vocational education
- Assess local demand for employees and skills
- Align workforce and training with demand
- Develop a network of prospective employers
- Use job readiness assessments, individualized case plans, and responsive services to improve employment readiness, attainment, and retention

SCA Improving Reentry Education & Employment Outcomes Program

OJP will provide priority consideration to:

- Category 1 applicants that propose to focus on **vocational/trade** education and training.
- Category 2 applicants that
  - Provide an **assessment of local demand** for employees in the geographic areas to which incarcerated individuals are likely to return, as well as provide job-training that look at the local labor/job markets in communities where individuals leaving incarceration are returning;
  - Conduct **individualized reentry career planning** upon the start of incarceration or post-release employment planning for each individual served under the grant;
  - Demonstrate **connections to employers** within the local community; and
  - Track and monitor employment **outcomes**.

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SCA Pay for Success Initiative

This NOFO supports the use of performance-based and outcomes-based contracting to implement or enhance programs and services to reduce recidivism, including to address housing needs of individuals leaving incarceration.

Contracts may be newly created, expanded, or transitioned from direct payment to performance-based and outcomes-based and must serve individuals leaving incarceration with the goal of reducing recidivism and supporting long-term reentry success.

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SCA Pay for Success Initiative

Eligible applicants

- Local, state, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments

Anticipated amount of funding & dollar amount per award

- Approximately 1 award for up to $1.25 million for reentry services
- Approximately 5 awards for up to $1 million per award for housing services
- Up to $6.25 million total

Period of performance

- 54 months

SCA Pay for Success Initiative

Category 1: Performance-based and Outcomes-based Contracting for Reentry Services

Goal: Enhance public safety by reducing recidivism and supporting long-term success of individuals leaving incarceration through individualized case planning and comprehensive transitional outcomes-based contracts for reentry support services.

Objective 1: Tie payment for reentry services to service provider performance and recipient outcomes.

Objective 2: Address needs of individuals in reentry to reduce the likelihood of reoffending.

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SCA Pay for Success Initiative

Category 2: Performance-based and Outcomes-based Contracting for Reentry Housing

Goal: Enhance public safety and reducing recidivism by increasing housing and supportive services for individuals leaving incarceration.

Objective 1: Tie payment for service provider performance and service recipient outcomes.

Objective 2: Improve housing outcomes post-release during the reintegration process and deliver evidence-based services.

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SCA Pay for Success Initiative

- Establish or enhance performance-based and outcomes-based contracts focused on Reentry (Category 1) or Housing-specific services (Category 2) to include:
  - Regular reviews and validation
  - On- and off-site monitoring
  - Outcomes reviews and validation
  - Incentivizing payment approvals and results
- Deliverables
  - Executed contract between government entity and service provider
  - Final report

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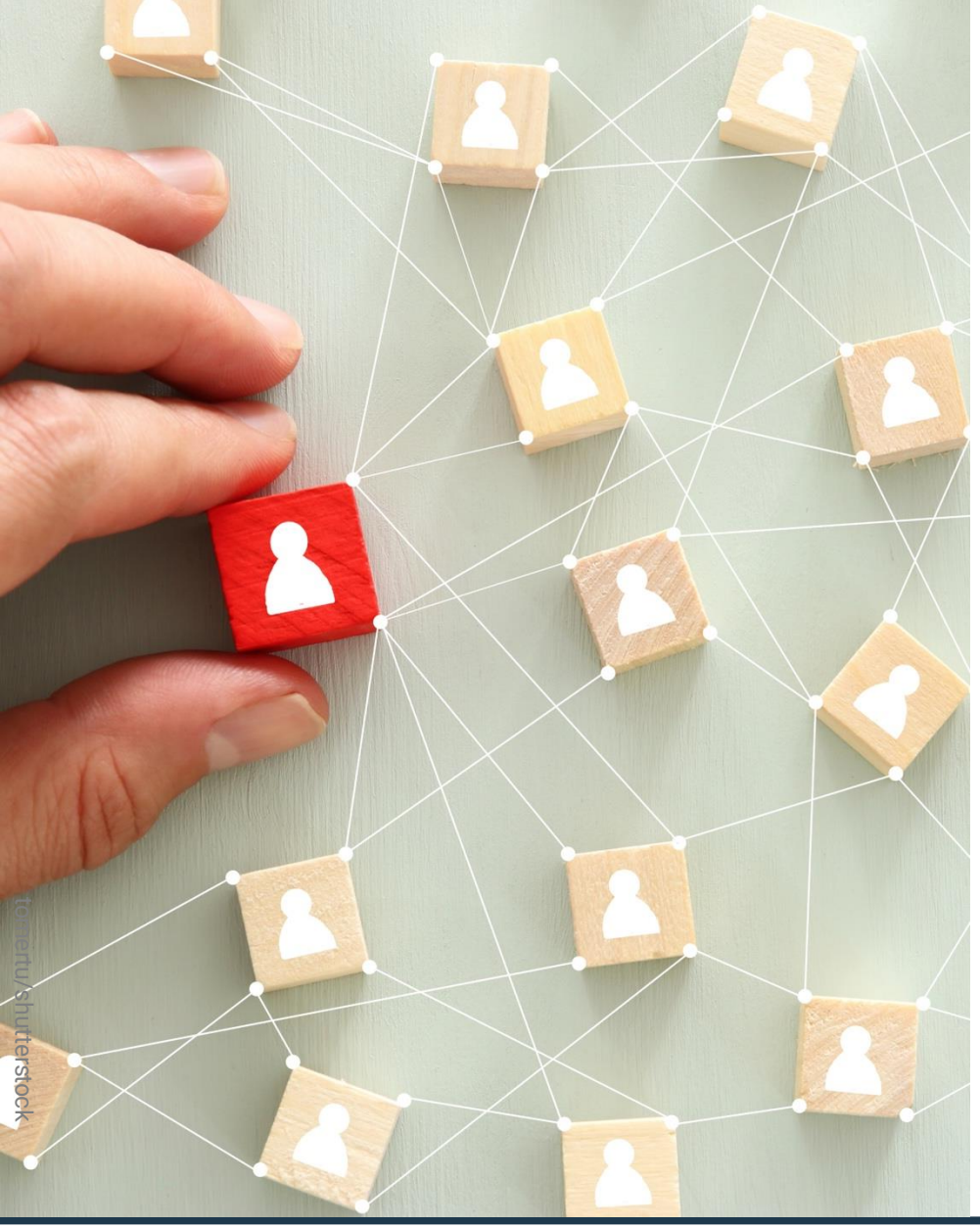

SCA Smart Reentry Demonstration Program

Goal: Implement a plan for comprehensive approaches to reentry that reduce recidivism and enhance public safety.

- **Objective 1:** Identify a target population of people preparing to re-enter society after incarceration or supervision that drives recidivism rates.
- **Objective 2:** Implement a reentry program that promotes successful reentry in collaboration with state or local government agencies, non-profit organizations, or other stakeholders.
- **Objective 3:** Assess the impact of the reentry program by tracking outcomes for those in the target population and identify patterns in the factors driving success or failure.

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SCA Reentry Demonstration Program

Eligible applicants

- Local, state, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments

Anticipated amount of funding & dollar amount per award

- Up to $4 million total
- Up to $1 million per award
- Approximately 4 awards

Period of performance

- 36 months

SCA Smart Reentry Demonstration Program

Deliverables

- A comprehensive strategic plan for adult reentry.
- A plan to establish or expand an intervention to address reentry needs of a subpopulation that drives recidivism rates.
- A final report that assesses inmate reentry needs and measurable annual and 3-year performance outcomes to determine effectiveness.

SCA Smart Reentry Demonstration Program

- Awardees must financially match at least 50% of the Federal award amount.
  - Half of this match can be in 'in-kind' services.
  - Applicants may seek a waiver for the match requirement.
- Per statute, priority consideration will be given to applicants that propose to:
  - Partner with a local evaluator
  - Serve communities with a high number of people returning from incarceration
  - Review supervision violation responses and sanctions
  - Target individuals (A) assessed at moderate and high recidivism risk, and (B) with histories of homelessness, substance use, or mental illness

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- **Strengthening Community Supervision Operations Program**

SCA Strengthening Community Supervision Operations Program

This NOFO will support state, local, and tribal community supervision agencies to develop more effective probation and parole programs and improve supervision outcomes by strengthening operations to prevent recidivism and reduce violent crime. This NOFO includes two categories:

Category 1: Smart Supervision will support the development, implementation, and/or testing of strategies to reduce recidivism among probation and/or parole populations.

Category 2: Implementing Swift, Certain, and Fair Principles will support replication of the Hawaii Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE) model of responding to behavior of individuals on supervision with swift, certain, and fair consequences (SCF).

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SCA Strengthening Community Supervision Operations Program

Eligible applicants

- Local, state, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- Organizing body or association of supervision agencies

Anticipated amount of funding & dollar amount per award

- Up to $10.7 million total
- Up to $1 million per award
- Approximately 11 awards

Period of performance

- 36 months

SCA Strengthening Community Supervision Operations Program
Category 1: Smart Supervision

- **Goal:** Strengthen supervision agencies' capacity to reduce recidivism by enhancing both external partnership collaboration and internal workforce capabilities.
- **Objective 1:** Increase collaboration with justice, health, and non-profit organizations to address needs of people on supervision to reduce crime committed by and improve outcomes for people under supervision.
- **Objective 2:** Support the recruitment, training, retention, and wellness of supervision agency staff to perform critical public safety functions.
- Deliverable: Final report

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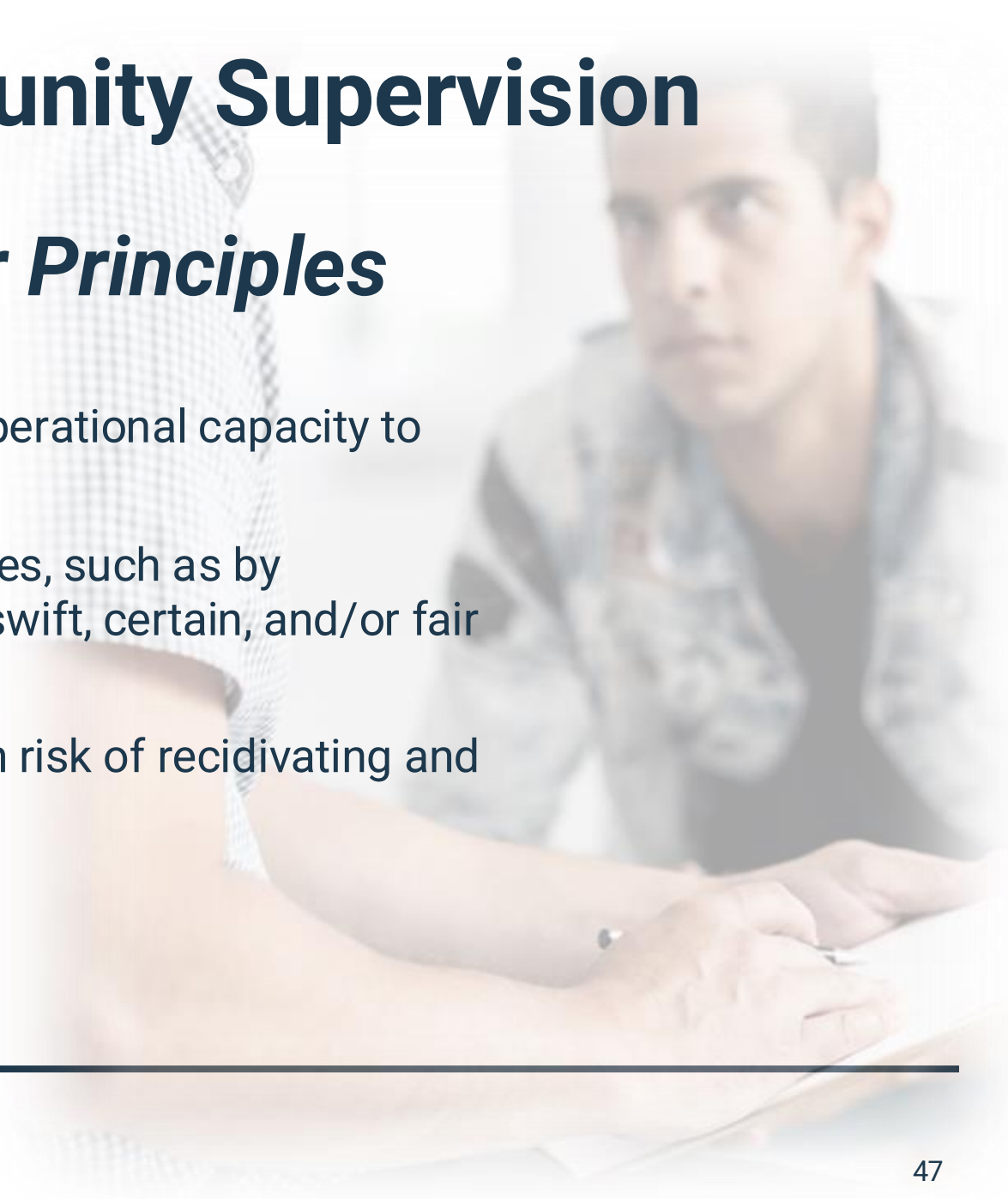
SCA Strengthening Community Supervision Operations Program
Category 2: Swift, Certain, Fair Principles



- **Goal:** Improve community supervision agencies' operational capacity to reduce recidivism and violent crime.
- **Objective 1:** Improve effective supervision strategies, such as by implementing best practices that incorporate key swift, certain, and/or fair principles.
- **Objective 2:** Focus resources on individuals at high risk of recidivating and at higher risk of committing violence.
- Deliverable: Final report

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SCA Training and Technical Assistance Program

Goal 1: Improve grantees' capacity to implement effective reentry programs that improve outcomes.

- **Objective 1:** Support adoption and/or enhancement of technology/technical solutions (e.g. data collection and storage solutions/electronic health records; data integration; data mapping and visualization; case management; telehealth; mobile supervision applications; risk assessment software; compliance monitoring and reporting databases) that supports individuals reentering and the professionals supporting them.
- **Objective 2:** Provide technical guidance on methodologies and analytics to support validation studies, assessing impact, and linking and matching across large administrative datasets that requires advanced statistical and modeling skills.
- **Objective 3:** To execute formal agreements to ensure direct service delivery is not unnecessarily delayed and to support required program evaluations.

SCA Training and Technical Assistance Program

Eligible applicants

- Public and private educational organizations
- For-profit organizations, other than small businesses
- Nonprofit organizations

Anticipated amount of funding & dollar amount per award

- Up to $605,000 budget for Year 1
- 1 awards

Period of performance

- 36 months

SCA Training and Technical Assistance Program

Deliverable

Establish a strategy to respond to Smart Reentry and other SCA grantee requests for specialized assistance that includes:

- Communication protocols
- Prioritization processes
- Timelines for delivery of specialized expertise

Allowable Uses of Funds

- Salary and Benefits
- Workforce development
- Procurements
- Direct service provision
- Data collection or measuring performance indicators
- Data sharing

Unallowable Uses of Funds

NOFO

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.

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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.

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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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Basic Minimum Requirements

- SF-424
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget detail form
- Mandatory Chief Executive Assurance to Collect and Report on Recidivism Indicator Data
- Applicant Documentation of Proposed Subrecipients and Procurement Contracts

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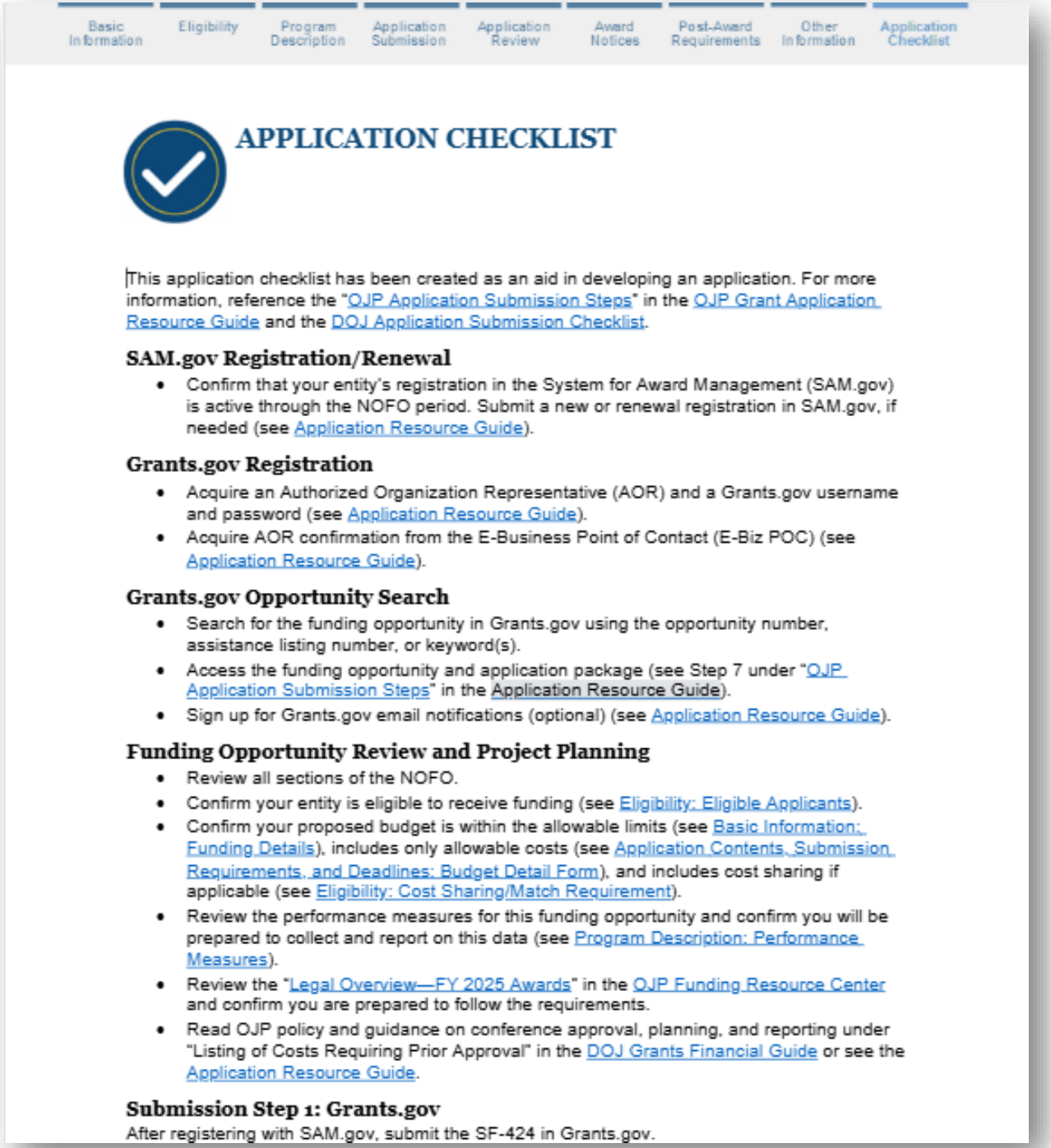
Merit Review Criteria

- Statement of the Problem (10%)
- Project Goals and Objectives (15%)
- Project Design and Implementation (30%)
- Capabilities and Competencies (15%)
- Plan for Collecting the Required Data and Information (10%)
- Budget (10%)
- Sustainability (10%)

Application Checklist



Basic Information | Eligibility | Program Description | Application Submission | Application Review | Award Notices | Post-Award Requirements | Other Information | Application Checklist

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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).
- 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 Requirement).
- 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.

Submission Step 1: Grants.gov

After registering with SAM.gov, submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov.

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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
- Additional Application Components
- Disclosures and Assurances

Apply For OJP Funding: Step 2

Step 2: JustGrants
Additional Application Components

- Required for all Program Applicants
  - Mandatory Chief Executive Assistance to Collect and Report Recidivism Indicator Data Form
- Required for Applicants, as applicable
  - Memorandum of Understanding with Correctional Agencies
  - Mandatory Treatment Provider Certification

What Happens Next?

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

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

Basic Minimum Requirements

- ✓ Eligibility
- ✓ Requested award amount is within award ceiling
- ✓ Responsive to scope of NOFO
- ✓ All application elements are included

Award Notices

Visit the OJP Grant Awards public website:
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

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OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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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

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Want to apply for Department of Justice (DOJ) funding? This video offers a quick look at the systems you'll use to complete your grant application—SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants—and shows you where to find assistance with any step in the grant application process.

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    - Preparing for Submission
    - Data Requested With Application
    - Proposal Narrative/Project Description
    - Budget Preparation and Submission and Associated Documentation
    - Additional Application Components
    - Disclosures and Assurances
    - Submission Dates and Times
  - Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues
- Application Review Information
  - Basic Minimum Requirements
  - Peer Review
  - Programmatic and Financial Review Criteria
  - Risk Review
  - Selection Process
- Federal Award Notices
  - Award Acceptance
- Post-Award Requirements and Administration
  - General Information About Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements
  - Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements
  - Financial Management and System of Internal Controls
  - Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses
- Other Information
  - Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities
  - Note on Project Evaluations
  - Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552 and § 552a)
  - Provide Feedback to OJP
  - OJP Peer Reviewers

https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide

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.

See the YouTube Terms of Service and Google Privacy Policy

Video: DOJ Grant Application Process Overview

Want to apply for Department of Justice (DOJ) funding? This video offers a quick look at the systems you'll use to complete your grant application—SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants—and shows you where to find assistance with any step in the grant application process.

Watch the Video

JustGrants Login

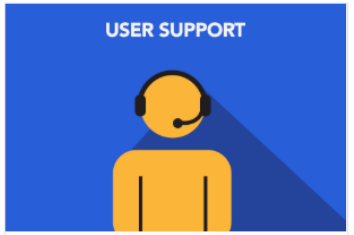
Select the access graphic above to log in to the Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

Training

Learn to navigate JustGrants effectively and complete various essential grants management tasks.

FAQs

Find answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) and the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP).



User Support

Access self-service, topic-specific, and technical support options for assistance in using the JustGrants System.

Resources

Links to resource guides, financial and administrative resources for grant management, funding opportunities, and ASAP training and resources.

News & Updates

View the latest information and updates on DOJ's grants management and payment management systems and sign up for JusticeGrants Updates emails from the COPS Office, OJP, and OVW.

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/

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

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

Additional Questions?

OJP Response Center

10am to 6pm ET, Monday - Friday

Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov

Toll free: 800–851–3420

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

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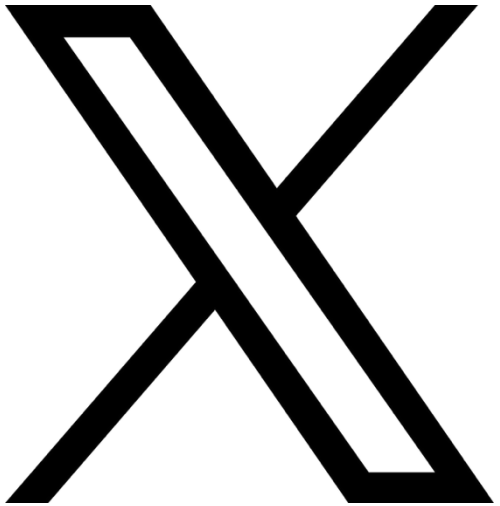
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- Use the QR code to subscribe to **"Justice Matters"** and **"News From BJA"** to receive the latest information from BJA and the field.
- For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit **BJA's website:** www.bja.ojp.gov .
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