

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

**FY 25 Tribal Justice
Infrastructure: Physical Plant
and Corrections Operations
Support Program
Notice of Funding Opportunity**

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- Program Overview
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- Application Resources
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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

The logo for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) features the letters "BJA" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving them a three-dimensional appearance as if they are floating above a dark blue background.

BJS – Bureau of Justice Statistics

The logo for the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) consists of the letters "BJS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. To the right of "BJS" is the text "Bureau of Justice Statistics" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A yellow arc is positioned above the letters "BJS".

NIJ – National Institute of Justice

The logo for the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) features the letters "NIJ" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. To the right of "NIJ" is the text "NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, with "NATIONAL" and "INSTITUTE OF" stacked above "JUSTICE". Below "NIJ" is the tagline "ADVANCING JUSTICE THROUGH SCIENCE" in a very small, white, sans-serif font.

OVC – Office for Victims of Crime

The logo for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) includes the text "Office for Victims of Crime" in a small, white, sans-serif font at the top. Below this is the acronym "OVC" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font.

OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

The logo for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) features the acronym "OJJDP" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. To the right of "OJJDP" is the text "Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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

The logo for the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) features the acronym "SMART" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Below "SMART" is the full name of the office in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.The logo for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), featuring the letters "BJA" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a white underline.

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.



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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.





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Program Overview

Tribal Justice Infrastructure Program (TJIP)

- Supports jurisdictions implementing the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (TJSIP)
- Provides technical services and training to strengthen tribal justice system capacity to keep communities safe and hold people accountable for crimes on tribal lands by:
 - addressing operations and physical infrastructure needs, including renovating, expanding, or replacing existing tribal justice-related facilities
 - building new permanent tribal justice-related facilities



Categories



1: Physical Plant

Supports operational planning technical expertise for tribal jurisdictions seeking to renovate, expand, or replace existing tribal justice-related facilities or build new permanent tribal justice-related facilities.



2: Corrections Operations

Supports statistical analysis and facilitates technology expansion and adoption for tribal jurisdictions seeking to identify gaps/needs for tribal corrections facilities and/or leverage changes in federal law and recent court decisions to expand their jurisdiction, thereby responding to more crime, and help additional victims.



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NOFO Information

Eligibility

- Government entities
Native American Tribal Organizations
(other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Educational organizations
- Nonprofit organizations
- For-profit organizations
 - Small businesses
 - Organizations other than small businesses



Federal Award Information

Anticipated amount of funding

- \$1,850,000

Anticipated number of awards to be funded

- Category 1, Physical Plant: 1
- Category 2, Corrections Operations: 1

Period of performance start date

- October 1, 2025

Period of performance duration

- 36 months

Anticipated maximum dollar amount per award

- Category 1, Physical Plant: Up to \$500,000
- Category 2, Corrections Operations: Up to \$1,350,000





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Category 1: Physical Plant

Goal and Objectives



Goal 1: Facilitate project planning, pre-construction, transition, and/or facility activation of tribal infrastructure improvement or enhancement projects.

- **Objective 1.1:** Improve tribal construction planning capacity, including feasibility and proposed usage of the facility for impacts on the tribal justice system.
- **Objective 1.2:** Provide preliminary architectural design services, as needed.
- **Objective 1.3:** Develop plans for staffing and operations of proposed tribal justice facility.
- **Objective 1.4:** Enhance facility activation/transition planning to ensure transition from a construction project to a fully operational justice facility.



Activities



Providing in-person and virtual support for active CTAS TJSIP grant recipients that will assist with maximizing available resources and seeking additional resources to effectively operate, maintain, and sustain BJA-funded physical infrastructure projects.



Establishing and maintaining a technical approach for monitoring cost-effective implementation status of the CTAS TJSIP recipients to build and operate BJA-funded physical infrastructure projects.



Participating in annual CTAS New Grantee Orientation training sessions.



Delivering monthly progress reports, including TJSIP site visit updates.



Maintaining a dedicated website with materials to assist grantees in the planning process for renovating, expanding, building and operating tribal justice facilities.





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Category 2: Corrections Operations

Goal and Objectives



Goal 2: Conduct comprehensive assessments of factors driving violent crime challenges, corrections population trends, and resource consumption within tribal justice systems, including the driver(s) of violent crime, detention capacity, and recidivism.

- **Objective 2.1:** Increase tribal justice system capacity to prevent, investigate, and respond to violent crime.
- **Objective 2.2:** Improve tribal criminal justice data infrastructure capacity, including technology adoption, as well as practices and protocols for collecting, storing, integrating, governing, monitoring, and analyzing relevant information.
- **Objective 2.3:** Enhance tribal correctional data and forecasting analysis and improve data sharing across justice system stakeholders.
- **Objective 2.4:** Assess confinement resources to address serious, chronic, or violent offenders and ensure that bed space availability supports the jurisdiction's violent crime reduction goals.



Activities



Provide ad hoc support to tribal leaders.



Provide intensive services and support to two tribal jurisdictions.

- Conduct data collection, analysis, and forecasting to understand who is involved in tribal justice the offenses, needs of the victims and offenders, and systems' ability to meet them.
- Determine feasibility for technological enhancements and adoption to improve tribal criminal justice data and accurately project correctional populations.
- Inform strategic planning and priority setting that contemplates corrections spending and detention capacity.
- Strengthen operational and coordinated law enforcement interventions to reduce violent crime.
- Build operational capacity to collect and track violent crime, correctional population, and related data.



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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



Unallowable Uses of Funds

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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 solicitation.
- Must include all items necessary to meet the **basic minimum requirements**.



Basic Minimum Requirements

- SF-424
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget detail form
- Applicant Documentation of Proposed Subrecipients and Procurement Contracts
- CV or resumes of key personnel
- Timeline
- Work product examples



Merit Review Criteria

- Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (15%)
- Project Design and Implementation (45%)
- Capabilities and Competencies (20%)
- Plan for Collecting Required Data (5%)
- Budget (15%)



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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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

Successful applicants notified by JustGrants:

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





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Application Resources

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.

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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

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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JustGrants Resources Website

Share Your Feedback

⚠ 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](#).



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LOGIN



JustGrants Login

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

TRAINING



Training

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



FAQs

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

USER SUPPORT



User Support

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

RESOURCES



Resources

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

NEWS & UPDATES



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.

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



OJP Response Center

10am to 6pm ET, Monday - Friday

**Additional
Questions?**



Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov



Toll free: 800-851-3420



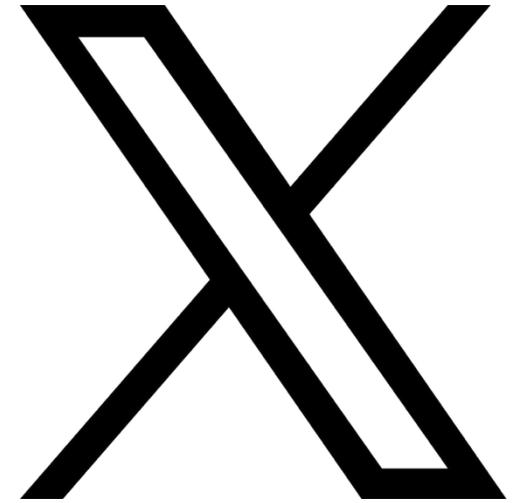
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- Subscribe to **Justice Programs News & Funding** <https://www.ojp.gov/news/justice-programs-news-funding>.



Q&A



[insert instructions for asking questions, e.g., raise your hand to be recognized to verbally ask, use Q&A, submit via chat, etc.]

