Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
State and Local Funding Opportunities

Learning Session
June 24, 2021
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Submitting Questions

- Questions related to JustGrants, roles in the system, and processes related to submitting applications

- Questions related to application content, your specific application, or Grants.gov
Key Points for JAG Application Submissions

This session will provide guidance and information to those applying for the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) State and Local funding opportunities.

- Introduction of JAG Team
- Administration priorities
- JAG Areas of Emphasis
- Other allowable costs
Discussion Topics and Agenda

- Review entity onboarding: Management of roles
- Finding and applying for DOJ funding opportunities
- Start the application in Grants.gov
- Submitting application in JustGrants
- Resources for Support
Onboarding
Onboarding: From Grants.gov to *JustGrants*

**START**

- Obtain DUNS number and confirmation
- Register with SAM.gov and confirm

- Search Grants.gov
- Select correct Competition ID

- Acquire confirmation for AOR from E-Biz POC

**FINISH**

- Access Funding Opportunity and Application Package from Grants.gov
- Application Submitter completes and submits the SF-424 and SF-LLL
- System creates the Entity Administrator and Application Submitter in *JustGrants*

**Note:** You will need to acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password.

E-Biz POC = Entity Administrator (for onboarding)
Onboarding: From *JustGrants* Onwards

**Entity Administrator** invites users in DIAMD

Assigns *JustGrants* roles to each user in DIAMD

- Register in DIAMD
- Logs in to *JustGrants*

**Application Submitter** completes and submits SF-424 and SF-LLL via Grants.gov

- Submitter assigned by system to the application upon receiving it in *JustGrants* from Grants.gov
- Completes all sections of the application in *JustGrants*
- Selects the Authorized Representative in the application

**Note:** Users will **not be visible** in *JustGrants* until they have successfully logged into *JustGrants*.

**E-Biz POC = Entity Administrator (for onboarding)**
The **Entity Administrator** is the only user that can manage other users. They will:

- Invite new members
- Remove inactive members
- Assign specific users to specific awards and applications

**Entity Administrators** should verify that all users are onboarded and assigned the appropriate roles.
All users must complete the steps found in the registration email. Each user’s email address will become their username.

Invited users register by opening a link in the registration email and following steps to set up their user account.

New users are asked to select or create a security question and provide the answer.

Users will create and confirm a password.

Each user can select the form of Multi-factor authentication they want to use to validate login information. Multi-factor authentication is used every time a user logs in.

Every user must log in to JustGrants to complete the registration process.
Roles & Responsibilities
Six foundational roles have been created to ensure Entity Users have the authority and ability to carry out specific requirements and tasks.

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<td>Confirms information in the Entity Profile is current. Manages entity users, including user role assignments in DIAMD, and specific application and award-level assignments in JustGrants.</td>
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<td><strong>Application Submitter</strong></td>
<td>Completes and submits applications on behalf of an entity, including Entity Assurances and Certifications.</td>
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<td><strong>Authorized Representative</strong></td>
<td>Must possess legal authority within an entity to accept awards. This action binds the entity to the award terms and conditions.</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Award Administrator</strong></td>
<td>Submits programmatic-related award requirements, including Performance Reports, certain GAMs, and portions of the Closeout.</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Award Administrator (Alternate)</strong></td>
<td>Provides support to the Grant Award Administrator. Can initiate, but not submit, programmatic-related award requirements including GAMs.</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Manager</strong></td>
<td>Certifies and submits financial information and all Federal Financial Reports on behalf of an entity.</td>
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For more information on roles in JustGrants, please see the “Entity Management” page on the Justice Grants website: [https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training-resources/justgrants-training/entity-management](https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training-resources/justgrants-training/entity-management)
Roles Required for Application Submission

JustGrants has **six** foundational roles; application submission has **three** key roles: Application Submitter, Authorized Representative, and Entity Administrator.

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<td>• Identify application submission forms in JustGrants</td>
<td>An Authorized Representative must be onboarded before an application can be submitted. They need to be selected from an existing user list in the application.</td>
<td>• Onboard and complete entity profile before application submission</td>
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<td>• Complete a web-based budget form</td>
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<td>• Onboard the Authorized Representative</td>
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<td>• Complete an application on behalf of an entity—certifies information</td>
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<td>• Change Application Submitter assignments—if needed</td>
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<td>• <em>For APPLICATIONS, only the Application Submitter can take actions (edit/submit).</em></td>
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COPS awards **may** require two Authorized Representatives: A law enforcement **AND** a government executive.
Entity Management

Grants Management Series: Entity Management
Questions & Answers
Application Submission
Applicants have two application submission deadlines:

1. Grants.gov (submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL)
2. JustGrants

Deadline's timelines range:
Check the solicitation for details.

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

The application in JustGrants is customized per the requirements of the solicitation. Your application will have specific requests.
Applying for JAG Funding Opportunities

In FY 2021, applications will be submitted in a NEW two-step process:

• **Step 1:** submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). To register in Grants.gov, applicants will need to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM) registration or renewal.

• **Step 2:** After submitting the SF-424 and an SF-LLL in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), the application information and SF-424 and the SF-LLL forms will be transferred to [JustGrants](https://www.justgrants.gov) where the full application, including attachments, must be submitted.
Key Points for JAG Application Submissions Cont...

1. Prior to submitting an application in grants.gov verify the following:
   
   • The DUNS number associated with an entity is eligible to apply in order to receive an award.
   • The entity is eligible for a JAG award on the JAG webpage: FY 2021 JAG State and Local Allocations (Eligibility Information)

2. If multiple applications are submitted, BJA will reach out to clarify which applicant should be the fiscal agent or if there is a duplicate application.

3. Unlike previous years, BJA cannot allow late application submission once the Justgrants deadline has passed due to system constraints in JustGrants. BJA may find the need to extend the Grants.Gov or Justgrants deadlines, however once those deadlines pass there will not be an ability to accept late applications.
Application Submission: Grants.gov
Grants.gov

DOJ applications require you to complete two things:

1. The Application Package in Grants.gov
   1) Select **Apply for Grants** under the Applicants column.
   2) Enter your email address to be notified of any changes to the opportunity package before the closing date.
   3) Click the Workspace icon to use Grants.gov.

2. The SF-424 and SF-LLL on Grants.gov
   Within 48 hours of SF-424 and SF-LLL submission, you should receive four (4) notifications from Grants.gov.
   1) Application Received
   2) Validated
   3) Agency Retrieved
   4) Agency Tracking Number Assigned
Grants.gov: Funding opportunities

To locate a funding opportunity with DOJ, start at the Search Grants tab.

Then use filters to narrow your search:

- Opportunity Status
- Funding Instrument Type
- Eligibility
- Category
- Agency
The **person** and **email** listed in **SECTION (F)** of the SF-424 will automatically become the Application Submitter for your entity’s application.

The **Application Submitter** is the **ONLY** user able to complete the application in JustGrants unless the EA reassigns it **AFTER** submission in Grants.gov.
Track and check the status of your submitted applications

To track Grants.gov submissions, enter up to five Grants.gov tracking numbers, one per line and click the “Track” button. (Example format: GRANT99999999)

Please note, this only confirms that an application was successfully retrieved by the awarding agency. Thereafter in the process, the awarding agency reviews and processes the applications independent of Grants.gov, and they do not report the status to Grants.gov.
It is possible to first receive an email from Grants.gov indicating that your application has been received, but then later receive a rejection notice.

Submitting your SF-424 and SF-LLL well ahead of the Grants.gov deadline provides time to correct any problem(s) that cause rejection.

Grants.gov will assign a tracking number that will connect to your JustGrants Application number.
Questions & Answers
Application Submission: 

JUSTgrants
JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM
Key Points for JAG Application Submissions: JustGrants

This data will need to be submitted directly into JustGrants:

• Applicant disclosure of duplication in cost items

Program Specific attachments to be uploaded into JustGrants:

• Budget worksheet and narrative (critical element)
• Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (critical element)
• Program Narrative
• Chief Executive Certification
• Strategic Plan (States Only)
Locating an Application
Submitting an Application

Grants Management Series: Application Submission
Questions & Answers
What to Expect After Submitting an Application

The entity will be notified that they have received an award when all applications for the solicitation have been reviewed before September 30.

All entity users should check the system regularly so that any upcoming deadlines for submitting applications and documentation are addressed in a timely manner.
Application Case Status Codes

- Pending - DIAMD Onboarding
- New
- Pending - Draft
- Application Submitted

Resolved-Cancelled
Resolved- Deadline Passed
Resolved-Duplicate
Resolved-Withdrawn
Key Points for JAG Application Notifications

The system will notify:

- The Application Submitter, Entity Administrator, and Authorized Representative when the application is received in JustGrants from Grants.gov.

- The Entity Administrator when the award notification has been sent.

- The Entity Administrator and Authorized Representative when the deadline for applications has changed.
Where to Find Help
Tools to help you get ready:

- Check your emails for updates.
- If you are not receiving update emails visit the JustGrants website for previous communications. You will also find:
  - Checklists
  - Training Videos
  - FAQs
  - User Support
  - Additional Resources

For more information on dates and required actions, please see the “Getting Started” page on https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov.
Experiencing Technical Issues

An applicant that experiences technical issues beyond their control must contact the appropriate customer support to report the issue and to receive a tracking number.

Self-Service Support

Applicants experiencing difficulties with Grants.gov or SAM.gov must contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](https://grants.gov) or the [SAM Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)](https://wwwFedgovernment).  

Applicants experiencing difficulties with JustGrants must contact JustGrants Support at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833–872–5175 Monday through Friday between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time (ET) and Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.
Help us Help You

Contacting JustGrants Support

• Provide detailed information about the task you are trying to accomplish.

• Provide specific issue details and include as much of the following as possible:
  ✓ A clear statement of the issue
  ✓ DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System)
  ✓ Application Number
  ✓ A screen shot of your entity profile that contains your entity information
  ✓ The roles used in JustGrants
  ✓ A screen shot of the issue you are facing that captures the entire browser and where you are in the application
  ✓ The steps you took to get there
  ✓ Date and time when the issue occurred
  ✓ Operator ID (your email address)
  ✓ Browser Version
JAG Specific Resource Links

• JAG Webpage
• JAG FAQs
• FY 2021 JAG State and Local Solicitations (Application Guidance)
• FY 2021 JAG State and Local Allocations (Eligibility Information)
• Contact list for state and local JAG grants with award amounts of $25,000 or more.
• Contact list for local JAG grants with award amounts of less than $25,000
• National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center (Response Center) at grants@ncjrs.gov or 800–851–3420
Questions & Answers
Wrap-Up

Additional Resources for Help

- FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)
- Application Submission Resources
- Grants.gov
- Sam.gov
- Justgrantstrainingsupport@usdoj.gov

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Additional Resources for Help

- Roles Matrix
- Entity Management
- Grants.gov Resources
- Grants.gov Video
- Application Submission Checklist
- JustGrants User Support
- Applicant Technical Issues
- Grants.gov Customer Support
- SAM.gov Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)
- Applicant Mechanics Webinar Recording
Thank You!