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Department of Justice Grants Program Plan

Fiscal Year 2023 DOJ Program Plan

The Department of Justice offers funding opportunities to support law enforcement and public safety activities in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions; to assist victims of crime; to provide training and technical assistance; to conduct research and collect national statistics; and to implement programs that improve the criminal, civil, and juvenile justice systems. The DOJ Program Plan is a tool to help find potential funding opportunities (solicitations) from DOJ's grant-making Components, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The Program Plan provides summary details of the funding opportunities each DOJ grant-making Component is expecting to release or has released in a particular fiscal year.

To Search, click Use Search Filters, enter the search criteria and then click Show. Click on any solicitation title for more information. From there click Results to return to your Search results or click Use Search Filters to enter new or refined search criteria. You can filter by the grant-making component or office (i.e., COPS, OJP program offices, and OVW), keywords, eligible applicant categories, and expected release date.

On the solicitation details page, the Opportunity ID will say "TBD" for any program that has not yet been published. For those that have been published, if you are interested in applying for funding, you can copy the Opportunity ID into the Search box on https://www.grants.gov/.

You can also find more details on open opportunities as they become available on these pages:

- Office of Justice Programs Current Funding Opportunities
- Office on Violence Against Women Open Solicitations (also see below)
- Office on Community Oriented Policing Services Grants

The FY23 DOJ Program Plan is under review and is anticipated to be available in the coming weeks.

Search for OVW Funding Opportunities

The OVW website includes an anticipated FY 2023 Solicitation Release Plan with information about each OVW grant program, expected solicitation opening and closing dates, and expected dates for peer review.

View all open OVW solicitations at http://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations.

OVW is looking for peer reviewers who can objectively review, evaluate, and score applications for our grant programs. Peer reviewers consist of active or recently retired practitioners with on-the-ground experience responding to the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. We prioritize recruiting peer reviewers from diverse communities and geographical regions. **Prior experience as a peer reviewer is not required and you cannot peer review for grants you are currently applying for.** For more information or to apply, email a copy of your current resume or curriculum vitae and a completed Peer Reviewer Recruitment Form to OVW.peerreview@usdoj.gov.

Applying for DOJ Funding Tip Series

Submit Grants.gov Forms SF-424 and SF-LLL
The first step in the Department of Justice (DOJ) application process requires applicants to submit an initial application in Grants.gov. Applicants will complete and submit two standard government forms in their Grants.gov Workspace:

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

Once submitted in Grants.gov, the information from these forms will be transmitted to JustGrants where applicants will complete the remaining sections of their application. Applicants will be able to update information sourced from the SF-424, such as project title and funding request, in the JustGrants application. Grants.gov offers helpful online resources, including Applicant Training Resources and Videos as well as Applicant FAQs

Completing an Application in JustGrants
The training and resources available on the JustGrants Training: Application Submission page will help you get ready to complete your application in JustGrants. Access the DOJ Application Submission Checklist, Application Submission Job Aid Reference Guide, and a new Application Mechanics eLearning video that contains step-by-step instructions on how to complete your application. These resources are available to help you through each step of the application submission process from start to finish.

New Enhancements to JustGrants
JustGrants is constantly improving its user experience for applicants. This year, JustGrants has included the following functionalities enabling users to —

- add up to three application submitters per application, and
- recall an already-submitted application prior to the deadline.

Applicants are also encouraged to attend an application mechanics training, which is held every Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. ET. These virtual sessions walk users through the application submission process, and provide demonstrations of each JustGrants application section.
Register to attend a training session here.

Onboard and Access JustGrants
Once JustGrants receives the initial application submitted in Grants.gov, prospective applicants will need to log in to JustGrants to complete and submit the full application.
For both new and returning users to JustGrants, step 3 of the DOJ Application Submission Checklist outlines what to expect when onboarding and accessing JustGrants. Every entity will have a unique JustGrants entity profile based on their SAM.gov unique entity identifier (UEI), which contains all Department of Justice (DOJ) applications and awards for that entity.

Accessing JustGrants: Existing Entities
If an entity already has a JustGrants account, the application submitter will find the draft JustGrants application waiting in their "Worklist" upon logging in. Entity users can also view applications within their entity profile.

Accessing JustGrants: New Entities
If you're new to JustGrants, your entity's System for Award Management (SAM) electronic business primary point of contact (E-Biz POC) and the individual identified in Section 8.F of the SF-424 will receive an email from DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov with instructions on how to create an account in JustGrants.
For more information on how to get started in JustGrants after submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov, review the DOJ Application Submission Checklist today. You may also review the JustGrants Entity Management Training page, which provides a collection of resources to help entities establish and maintain their entity profile and users in JustGrants

How To Complete a Budget in JustGrants
A detailed budget proposal that documents every expected cost associated with a proposal is a critical piece of your application.
For specific budget instructions related to your application, applicants should first review the solicitation for further details. If a budget detail form is required, this JustGrants training video will provide instructions on how

to complete the form, and the [Application Submission Job Aid Reference Guide](#) will show you how to add the associated costs to your proposal.

The budget summary section of the budget detail form is the space where applicants review the breakdown of total project costs across any requested federal funding, match, or program income. For support in entering match and program income, be sure to review the [Budget Summary Matching Quick Reference Guide](#).

Submit Your Application in JustGrants

The final step to applying for Department of Justice (DOJ) funding is to submit your completed application in JustGrants. Every funding opportunity has a JustGrants submission deadline, and applicants are encouraged to submit in advance to provide ample time to address potential gaps or errors.

Check for Errors Early and Often

Every funding opportunity describes unique application requirements that then translate to your JustGrants application. Those requirements are generally marked by an asterisk, and users are prompted to address those requirements within each application section (when selecting the "Continue" button on each section). Users can also check for errors in the final section of the application on the "Certify and Submit" page. Learn more about error checks and how to make corrections in the [Application Submission: Resolving Validation Errors Quick Reference Guide](#).

Successful Submission

Once your application has been successfully submitted, a confirmation message will appear at the top of the page, the application status will change to "Submitted," and users will receive an email confirming successful submission.

For more information on submitting an application, refer to the [JustGrants Application Submission Training page](#)

1. ***This is NOT a Funding Opportunity – There is a deadline to apply***
   ### Free Sign Language Interpretation Service for Victims Service Providers

   Activating Change is launching a new service that provides remote sign language interpretation services – free of charge – to victim service providers in the United States. Victim service providers must meet eligibility requirements and apply to participate.

   #### About Our New Service
   Activating Change's Sign Language Interpreting Service for Deaf Victims closes the communication gap for Deaf victims of crime by providing qualified, trauma-informed remote sign language interpretation services – using safe and secure technology – free of charge to victim service providers serving Deaf victims of crime.

   The service also provides expert guidance, tools, and resources to strengthen organization's capacity to effectively secure, prepare and work with sign language interpreters of different specializations, including Deaf Interpreters and trilingual interpreters.

   #### Who Is Eligible
   Any victim services organization in the United States is eligible to apply to participate in the service. However, priority consideration will be given to:

   •   Organizations with an immediate need for interpretation services
   •   Organizations in rural and remote communities
   •   Organizations in communities with limited to no sign language interpreters qualified to interpret in victim services
   •   Organizations that lack financial resources to pay for interpretation services

   At this time, we cannot provide sign language services in the following settings:

   •   Law enforcement including initial response and victim interview
   •   Prosecution and courts
   •   Health care including forensic exams

<u>How to Apply</u>

If your organization is interested in receiving interpretation services from Activating Change, you will need to submit an online application. **Activating Change will begin accepting applications on Tuesday, June 13 and applications are due by Friday, July 7.**

We will release the application via email and our social media, so be sure to [follow us](#) to stay up to date with our announcements.

<u>Attend Our Informational Webinar</u>
Sign Language Interpretation Service Informational Webinar

Tuesday, June 13
3:00-4:30 p.m. ET

Esther Fass and Nancy Smith will provide an overview of Activating Change's new remote sign language interpretation service for victim service providers. They will cover who is eligible to receive services, how the service works, and the technology providers need to connect with interpreters remotely. They will also provide information on how to apply and review important dates. In addition, you will be able to ask Esther and Nancy questions about participating in the service and the application process.

Register [here](#)

2. **OVW Fiscal Year 2023 Training and Technical Assistance Initiative Solicitation –**
The primary purpose of the OVW Training and Technical Assistance Initiative (TA Initiative) (CFDA 16.526) is to provide direct training and technical assistance to existing and potential OVW recipients and subrecipients to enhance their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by OVW grant funds. OVW's TA Initiative is designed to strengthen and build the capacity of civil and criminal justice system professionals and victim service providers across the nation to respond effectively to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and foster partnerships among organizations that have not traditionally worked together to address these crimes.

Grants.gov deadline: July 11, 2023 11:59 PM ET
JustGrants deadline: July 13, 2023 9:00 PM ET

To view the solicitation, visit [here](#).

3. **BJA FY 23 The Price of Justice: Rethinking the Consequences of Fines and Fees –**
With this solicitation, BJA seeks to fund a training and technical assistance provider (TTA), to work in partnership with five states, local, and/or tribal criminal justice agencies or systems ("jurisdictions") to address the use of fines and fees and ensure they are being imposed in a constitutional and nondiscriminatory way. The provider will work with sites to address common barriers to creating a more equitable justice system by addressing how sites use and apply fines and fees.

Grants.gov deadline: July 6, 2023 8:59 PM ET
JustGrants deadline: July 18, 2023 8:59 PM ET

To view the solicitation, visit [here.](#)

4. **Support for 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements –**
The purpose of these cooperative agreements is to provide resources to improve response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating in Tribal communities and/or activated by American Indians/Alaska Natives. With this program, SAMHSA aims to: (1) ensure American Indians/Alaska Natives have access to culturally competent, trained 988 crisis center support through existing and/or new 988 Lifeline centers; (2) improve integration and support of 988 crisis centers, Tribal nations, and Tribal organizations to ensure there is navigation and follow-up care; and (3) facilitate collaborations with Tribal, state and territory health providers,

Urban Indian Organizations, law enforcement, and other first responders in a manner which respects Tribal sovereignty.

Grants.gov deadline: July 18, 2023

To view the solicitation, visit here.

5. ***The Role of the DOD in Federal Indian Boarding Schools –
    The project's goal is to improve knowledge and understanding of the history of Indian boarding schools, policies, and DoD's role to lead to more informed decision-making, accountability, and consultation with American Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations. This research will be part of the background research necessary for DoD to fulfill its requirement from FY23 National Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 7900, P. 204-205) to document its role in the establishment and sustainment of Indian boarding schools in the United States from 1819 through the 1960s. Additionally, the research will support the U.S. Department of the Interior in its efforts to locate any records that may relate to the Federal Indian boarding school system.

    Grants.gov deadline: July 25, 2023

    To view the solicitation, visit here.

6. Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program – Tribal Competitive Outreach Program (TCOP) Round 2 –
    TCOP provides funding for outreach activities to increase awareness of and encourage participation in the ACP for households on Tribal Lands. This new funding opportunity for TCOP is intended to provide additional funding beyond the outreach-targeted grant awards announced by the Commission in March 2023. Additional outreach grant funding will allow targeted eligible entities to receive grant awards to conduct this necessary outreach to increase participation among those Americans most in need of affordable connectivity.

    Grants.gov deadline: July 31, 2023 11:59 PM ET

    To view the solicitation, visit here.

7. OJJDP FY 2023 Juvenile Justice Emergency Planning Demonstration Program for Juvenile Justice Residential Facilities –
    With this solicitation, OJJDP seeks to support emergency planning for state, local, and Tribal juvenile justice residential facilities. For youth that reside in residential facilities it is crucial that applicants plan for and facilitate continued meaningful engagement with family and other supportive members of their community. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that these activities and strategies are prioritized in any emergency planning effort. Examples of ways that applicants could partner with youth and families includes establishing or utilizing an existing advisory group that includes family members of and/or youth that are currently or have previously been housed in the facility. These members could be involved in the drafting and reviewing of existing and new emergency planning procedures, to include evacuation strategies, and plans to ensure ongoing notification and communication procedures.

    Grants.gov deadline: July 24, 2023 11:59 PM ET
    JustGrants deadline: August 7, 2023 8:59 PM ET

    To view the solicitation, visit here.

8. ***The Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance (TCCLA) Program
    The goals of the Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance (TCCLA) Program are (1) to build and enhance capacity and improve delivery of civil and criminal legal services to individuals and tribes, as well as develop policies that improve access to tribal justice systems and (2) provide training and technical assistance for development and enhancement of tribal justice systems.

    The TCCLA program provides legal aid and indigent defense to low-income individuals and Indian tribes and provides training and technical assistance to TCCLA and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grantees and interested Indian tribes to support the goals above.

TCCLA funding can be awarded under the following categories:

CATEGORY 1: TRIBAL CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS
Eligible applicants in Category 1 are limited to nonprofit organizations as defined by 26 U.S.C § 501(c)(3), including tribal nonprofit organizations, tribal enterprises, and educational institutions (public, private, and tribal colleges and universities) with experience providing legal assistance services to eligible individuals pursuant to federal poverty guidelines, federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), or tribal justice systems. Federal poverty guidelines are updated every year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines.

Resources may support legal assistance services for Indian tribes, members of Indian tribes, and tribal justice systems, including guardian ad-litem appointments, court-appointed special advocates pursuant to the federal poverty guidelines and development and enhancement of tribal court policies, procedures and code.

CATEGORY 2: TRIBAL CRIMINAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS
Eligible applicants in Category 2 are limited to nonprofit organizations as defined by 26 U.S.C § 501(c)(3), including tribal nonprofit organizations, tribal enterprises, and educational institutions (public, private, and tribal colleges and universities) with experience providing legal assistance services to eligible individuals pursuant to federal poverty guidelines, federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), or tribal justice systems. Federal poverty guidelines are updated every year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines.

Criminal legal assistance services may include adult criminal actions, juvenile delinquency actions, guardian ad-litem appointments arising out of criminal delinquency acts or development and enhancement of tribal court policies, procedures and code.

CATEGORY 3: TRIBAL JUSTICE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Eligible applicants in Category 3 are limited to national or regional membership organizations and associations whose membership consist of judicial system personnel within tribal justice systems.

Grants.gov deadline: August 7, 2023 8:59 PM ET
JustGrants deadline: August 14, 2023 8:59 PM ET

To view the solicitation, visit here.

9. **(deadline extended) OVW Fiscal Year 2023 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program – Solicitation**
This program is authorized by the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. § 1304(h)(2)). The OVW Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program (Tribal Jurisdiction Program) (CFDA# 16.025) supports tribes in their efforts exercise special Tribal criminal jurisdiction (STCJ) over non-Indians who commit "covered crimes" within the Tribe's jurisdictional boundaries and provides technical assistance for planning and implementing changes in their criminal justice systems necessary to exercise the jurisdiction. "Covered crimes" are limited to assault of Tribal justice personnel; child violence; dating violence; domestic violence; obstruction of justice; sexual violence; sex trafficking; stalking; and violation of a protection order. Grant recipients are committed to exercising the jurisdiction to ensure that victims find safety and justice and that non-Indians who commit covered crimes within their jurisdiction are held accountable.

New This Year
In the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA 2022), Congress recognized the inherent authority of Tribes to exercise STCJ over non-Indians who commit an expanded set of "covered crimes." In addition to domestic violence, dating violence, and violation of certain protection orders, these "covered crimes" now include: assault of tribal justice personnel (without requirement that victim be Indian), child violence, obstruction of justice (without requirement that victim be Indian or connection to covered crime), sexual violence, sex trafficking, and stalking. VAWA 2022 amended the statutory provisions governing the Tribal Jurisdiction Program to enable grantees to address all covered crimes.
Important Dates and Information

To submit an application, all applicants must register online with the System for Award Management (SAM) and with Grants.gov. To ensure sufficient time to complete the registration process, applicants should register online with SAM and with Grants.gov immediately, but no later than April 20, 2023.
Contact: OVW.TribalJurisdiction@usdoj.gov or 202-307-6026

Grants.gov deadline: August 15, 2023 11:59 PM ET
JustGrants deadline: August 17, 2023 9:00 PM ET

To view the solicitation, visit here.

10. ***BJA FY 23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation
OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to award Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds to eligible units of local government. (BJA will issue a separate solicitation for applications from states).

Grants.gov deadline: August 24, 2023 8:59 PM ET
JustGrants deadline: August 31, 2023 8:59 PM ET

To view the solicitation, visit here.

11. Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages
The primary objective of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons of low-and moderate-incomes. See the ICDBG regulations at 24 CFR 1003.2, the full text of which is available at 24 CFR part 1003.a. Single Purpose Grants. Projects funded by the ICDBG program must principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons (24 CFR 1003.208). These are competitive grants and are the subject of this NOFO.b. Imminent Threat Grants. Projects funded with Imminent Threat grant funds are to address issues that have an immediate negative impact on public health or safety of tribal residents.You do not have to apply for an Imminent Threat grant by the deadline established in this NOFO. These funds are awarded on a first-come first-serve basis until the amount set aside for this purpose is expended.

Grants.gov deadline: September 5, 2023 11:59 PM ET

To view the solicitation, visit here.

Upcoming Events

Advocate Check In Calls – Every Second Thursday of the Month - 10:00am EST
Tribal Trafficking/MMIP Work Group – Every Other Third Thursday of the Month – 1:00pm EST
For more information about any upcoming events, reach out to UTFAV Training Coordinator at vpatzwald@utfav.org