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Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office for Victims of Crime](#) (OVC) seeks applications for funding to support the FY 2022 Preventing Trafficking of Girls program. This program aligns with the DOJ's priorities to combat victimization, including human trafficking.

This solicitation incorporates the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. **If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.**

Solicitation Categories

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

Eligible Applicants:

City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, State governments

For purposes of this solicitation, "state" means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Attorney General determined that all state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for FY 2022 DOJ discretionary grant funding. To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency's use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and (2) the agency's use-of-force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law. The certification requirement also applies to law enforcement agencies receiving DOJ discretionary grant funding through a subaward. For detailed information on this certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO> to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Implementation Fact Sheet, and the List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

OVC will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). For additional information on subawards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Nonprofit organizations that hold money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax described in 26 U.S.C. § 511(a) are not eligible to apply.

OVC may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2022 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and on the availability of appropriations.

Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424) and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL) in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, [Grants.gov Customer Support](#), or support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. eastern time Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov. The OJP Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., eastern time Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the solicitation closing date.

Submission Information

Applications will be submitted to DOJ in two steps:

Step 1: The applicant must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424) and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) form when they register in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. To register in Grants.gov, the applicant will need to ensure that its System for Award Management (SAM) registration is current.

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. OJP encourages applicants to review the “How to Apply” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [JustGrants website](#) for more information, resources, and training.

Pre-Application Webinar

OVC will conduct one pre-application webinar during which OVC staff will review the solicitation requirements and conduct a question and answer session with interested potential applicants. Participation is optional. When the webinar has been scheduled, the details and registration information will be available at: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars>.

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Program Description

Overview

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. Under this solicitation, experienced organizations will work with OVC's existing training and technical assistance provider to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking.

To enhance capacity to identify, assist, and provide services to all victims of human trafficking, the OVC Human Trafficking Division leads the Nation in supporting victim-centered and trauma-informed programs, policies, and resources that promote justice, access, and empowerment.

Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2022, Pub. L. No. 117-103, 136 Stat. 49, 128 with funding authorized by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974

Specific Information

Per the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. § 7102) and subsequent revisions, the term "severe forms of trafficking in persons" includes the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act which is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age. A minor under the age of 18 cannot legally consent to a commercial sex act so force, fraud, or coercion are not necessary elements of sex trafficking under this federal definition. **Therefore, any minor who is induced to perform a commercial sex act is a victim of crime.** This understanding is critical in both identifying human trafficking victims and ensuring they are connected to the services they need.

While there is no single profile of minor victims of sex trafficking, there are certain factors that may make a child or youth more vulnerable to trafficking. These risk factors include having a history of childhood sexual and/or physical abuse, witnessing domestic violence, involvement in the child welfare system, involvement in the juvenile justice system, runaway and homeless youth, LGBTQ youth, and children lacking strong support networks (family, peers, community ties, etc.).

Girls are often arrested for prostitution or other offenses that are the direct result of their victimization. In a two-year review of all suspected human trafficking incidents across the country, 94 percent of sex trafficking victims were female, 40 percent were Black, and 24 percent were Latinx (Banks and Kyckelhahn, 2011; and National Center for Victims of Crime, 2013). A 2017 study to gain greater understanding of the scope of the problem for minor victims of sex trafficking who became involved with the juvenile or criminal justice system found that "a significant number of adjudicated female youth are engaged in sex trafficking, often to obtain drugs, and that a significant number feel forced to perform sex acts in exchange for drugs and/or for a place to sleep, which also highly correlates with sexual abuse" (Perkins and Ruiz, 2017).

Under this initiative, experienced organizations will work with OVC's existing training and technical assistance provider to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking. OVC expects successful applicants to implement prevention and early intervention programs based upon best practices for girls vulnerable to becoming victims of sex trafficking; to provide direct support services and mentoring services to girls at risk of becoming victims of sex trafficking; and to develop or enhance strategies to help vulnerable girls on a path toward success, stability, and healing. To support prevention efforts, this should include a detailed community outreach and education strategy.

The community outreach and education strategy should include targeted engagement with and training for cross-system stakeholders, including experts in the human trafficking and youth justice fields, professionals and youth

with lived experience, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, the judiciary, researchers, and individuals who work in community-based programs. Applications submitted by nongovernment organizations should consider the importance of an established partnership with public juvenile justice agencies at the local or state level. This partnership will ensure close collaboration around referrals from the juvenile justice agency for those girls involved in the juvenile justice system and who are eligible for services provided by the proposed project. Evidence of this formal relationship must be a fully executed memorandum of understanding (or analogous document) between the agencies that addresses the objectives of this funding opportunity and the commitment of each agency to the project.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Goals

The goal of this program is to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services for girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking.

Objectives

The objectives of this program are to:

- Replicate and scale-up prevention and early intervention programs for girls who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex trafficking that have been shown to be effective or promising and/or have a documented track record of producing successful outcomes for participants (see “Evidence-Based Programs or Practices” section for more information).
- Implement or enhance efforts to identify and provide services to girls who are at risk of, or are victims of, sexual exploitation or sex trafficking. This may include street outreach efforts, partnerships with organizations that serve youth, partnerships with juvenile justice systems, and/or collaboration with key stakeholders in the community.

Grantees will be expected to participate in an annual peer-to-peer learning (cluster meeting) opportunity hosted by the OVC-funded training and technical assistance provider (see “Budget Information and Associated Documentation”).

Deliverables

The deliverables to be provided include:

- Services, measured quarterly by service hour or units delivered, type of service, and other key data points. Award recipients will be required to submit performance measure data and a quarterly performance report in JustGrants. Further guidance on the post-award submission process will be provided, if selected for award. Program models should include a plan to develop services and interventions for high-risk girls, including those with a history of trauma caused by physical and/or sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation, and domestic minor sex trafficking.
- A strategy for implementing a training and technical assistance plan developed in collaboration with the OVC training and technical assistance provider.
- Semi-annual program narrative reports.
- Prevention and outreach materials for community awareness and education efforts.
- A client voluntary self-administered satisfaction survey.
- An assessment report based on client voluntary self-administered satisfaction surveys.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that show the completed work's results, as discussed in the “Application and Submission Information” section.

Mandatory Program Requirements

Applicants that receive funding under this program will be required to:

1. Submit the policies, procedures, and rules governing the provision of services for review and approval (post-award).
2. Ensure their policies and procedures follow applicable federal and state laws protecting the civil rights of program participants and staff (post-award).

3. Ensure that any staff, partner staff, or service providers working with trafficking victims are adequately licensed and trained to work with such victims, including by accessing OVC-supported training and technical assistance.
4. Send the project coordinator or program director and one other key staff member to a virtual or in-person OVC grantee orientation and have relevant staff participate in OVC-sponsored training and technical assistance.
5. Provide all grant-funded staff at least one session of training (to be delivered by individuals or organizations with demonstrable expertise) related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and/or accessibility and tied to program goals and objectives annually.

Ensuring Civil Rights

Federal laws prohibit recipients of funding administered by OJP from discriminating in the delivery of services on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, religion, or disability. Applicable federal laws also prohibit recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in their employment practices, and from discriminating against employees and beneficiaries on the basis of sex in funded education or training programs. Recipients are also obligated under federal civil rights laws to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with [limited English proficiency](#). Under certain circumstances, it might be permissible to limit services based upon age. Please note that other federal, state, or local laws prohibiting discrimination may apply.

Enhancing Access to Services and Promoting Survivor Autonomy

OVC is committed to an approach to human trafficking that is trauma-informed, victim-centered, survivor-informed, culturally responsive, and evidence-based. Definitions of these concepts are available in the glossary of OVC's [Model Standards for Serving Victims and Survivors of Crime](#).

In line with these concepts and to enhance survivors' access to victim services, programs funded under this solicitation will engage in practices that remove barriers to receiving services and support survivor autonomy. Such practices will reduce requirements to engage in services, promote survivors' choice within service delivery, and protect victim privacy and confidentiality.

Funded programs will demonstrate their commitment to this approach by maintaining the following. (Note: many of these requirements are mandated by federal civil rights laws, while others reflect OVC's policy direction to recipients to enhance access to services and promote survivor autonomy.)

- Procedures or policies that provide all survivors access to safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance without exclusions based on actual or perceived sex, age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, involvement in commercial sex, income or lack of income, or the age and/or sex of their children. For those programs that by their design target a particular population (e.g., youth, gender specific) there should be procedures or policies in place to ensure access to comparable, qualified services for other survivors seeking support.
- Procedures or policies that protect the confidentiality of information and/or privacy of persons receiving services.
- Procedures or policies that do not require victims to take certain actions (e.g., receive counseling, report to law enforcement, commit to sobriety) to be eligible for or to receive services. For youth-serving programs with justifiable mandatory requirements, a [shared decisionmaking model should be used to provide minors with agency in determining a course of action](#).
- Project designs, products, services, and/or budgets that consider the unique needs of individuals with disabilities, with limited English proficiency, or who are Deaf or hard of hearing, including accessibility for such individuals.

Unallowable Costs

The following activities cannot be supported with grant funds:

- **Holding Beds.** Grantees may not "hold beds" in a housing facility by charging their cost to the grant and keeping them empty until a victim needs the bed, when other victims need access to the beds, as this would be considered an unallowable contingency payment (see C.F.R. 200.433 (c)).
- **Stipends/Incentives to Participate in Services.** Neither cash nor non-cash stipends or incentives may be paid to victims to encourage their participation in services. Nominal cash or non-cash stipends (e.g., taxi or ride share vouchers, public transportation tickets or tokens, money to pay for childcare, or gift cards for meals that are necessary when participants receive services) are allowable.

Information on Managing Human Trafficking Awards

For more information on implementation of OVC Human Trafficking awards, please consult the [OVC Human Trafficking Program FAQs](#).

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

OJP Priority Areas

The Department of Justice 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.

1. Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, [Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government](#)

Consistent with this Executive Order, the term "underserved community" refers to a population sharing a particular characteristic, as well as a geographic community, that has been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life or whose members have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality. Such communities include, among others, Black people, Hispanics and Latino/a/e people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

In support of Executive Order 13985, OJP will:

A. Give priority consideration to applications that include project(s) that will promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, when making award decisions.

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project(s) will address potential inequities and barriers to equal opportunity, and/or contribute to greater access to services for underserved and historically marginalized populations.

B. Give priority consideration to applicants that can demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because the applicant (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 30% of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative) identifies as a culturally specific organization.

To receive this additional priority consideration, applicants must describe how being a culturally specific organization (or funding the culturally specific subrecipient organization(s)) will enhance their ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or to have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

Culturally specific organizations are defined for purposes of this solicitation as private nonprofit or tribal organizations whose primary purpose as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to, among others, Black people, Hispanics and Latino/a/e people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders.

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

Federal Award Information

Solicitation Categories

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

Awards, Amounts and Durations

Anticipated Number of Awards

8

Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards

\$500,000.00

Period of Performance Start Date

10/1/22 12:00 AM

Period of Performance Duration (Months)

36

Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation

\$4,000,000.00

Additional Information

OVC anticipates making up to 8 awards for a total amount under this solicitation of \$4,000,000.

Continuation Funding Intent

OVC may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation through continuation awards. OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and the award-funded work's progress, when making continuation award decisions.

Availability of Funds

This solicitation, and awards (if any are made) under this solicitation, are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this solicitation is intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Types of Awards

OVC expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) information on Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs).

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.

Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs.

Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Costs Associated with Language Assistance.

Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see the solicitation cover page.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see the "Federal Award Information" section.

Application and Submission Information

The following application elements **must** be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form) (The web-based form includes the budget details and the budget narrative.)

See the "Application Elements and Formatting Instructions" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements or is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

The SF-424 must be submitted in Grants.gov. It is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

In Section 8F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information (*email address*) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") **is not** subject to [Executive Order 12372](#). (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.")

Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency Information)

The Standard Applicant Information section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to: add zip codes for areas affected by the project; confirm its Authorized Representative; and verify and confirm the organization's unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

Proposal Abstract

A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including the purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the state and geographical service area, intended beneficiaries and subrecipients (if known), will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be written in the third person and will be made publicly available on the OJP website if the project is awarded. If you are requesting priority consideration, please indicate the priority area (1A and/or 1B) you are applying under.

Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 20 pages. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, OVC may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

The following sections must be included as part of the proposal narrative:

a. Statement of the Problem

This section must:

1. Identify the nature and scope of the problem that the program will address. Applicants must demonstrate the problem of human trafficking within the targeted geographic area. Applicants should cite the source(s) of these data, which could include local, state, and federal data regarding investigations, prosecutions, and the number of individuals identified as victims of human trafficking in the proposed geographic area and data from victim service providers or other local stakeholders. Data should come from multiple sources and extend beyond national hotline data.
2. Describe previous or current attempts to address the problem, including documentation of the number of trafficking victims served each year during 2020 and 2021 within the targeted geographic area. At a minimum, applicants must identify the total number of victims they previously served within the targeted geographic area and the types of victims they have served (sex and/or labor trafficking victims). Applicants must cite the source(s) of these data.
3. Describe the communities to be served, including the geographic area, populations in the service area, and any groups that are vulnerable to human trafficking. Applicants should identify any relevant underserved communities in their geographic area using data to support (e.g., community data, Census data, client data).
4. Describe current efforts to address the service needs of trafficking survivors in the geographic area, including programs funded through OVC, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office on Violence Against Women, or with Victims of Crime Act state victim assistance funds. Explain how the proposed project is not duplicative and targets identified gaps.

b. Project Design and Implementation

The application must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the "Statement of the Problem" section above. This section must:

1. Clearly state the goals and objectives of this project. Goals and objectives must be in alignment with those stated in the Goals, Objectives, Deliverables section of this solicitation.
2. Provide a detailed description of the proposed activities necessary to implement this project and meet the stated goals and objectives.
3. Identify which underserved communities, if any, will be targeted through the proposed project.
4. Identify specific services that will be provided with grant funds (see Appendix A) and describe how and where the services will be provided.
5. Include a timeline that identifies a timeframe for all the tasks and activities to be completed.
6. Link project activities to the requirements of this solicitation and justify the logic of the proposed approach.
7. List project partners, as appropriate, to make the project activities effective and sustainable.
8. Describe how the applicant plans to ensure project activities are trauma informed and protect the safety and confidentiality needs of victims.
9. Describe how the applicant will meet the individualized service needs of victims and support victim-informed decisions and autonomy within the delivery of services.
10. Describe how the applicant will coordinate with other OVC and federally and state-funded anti-trafficking programs to meet the comprehensive needs of trafficking victims.

11. If the applicant is seeking priority consideration for Priority 1(A), it should address in this section how the proposed project(s) will promote racial equity and/or the removal of barriers to access and opportunity, and/or contribute to greater access to services, for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

This section must:

1. Demonstrate the institutional experience and expertise (or submit formal agreements with partners with experience and expertise with the application) to effectively implement the requirements of this solicitation.
2. Identify the key individuals and organizations involved in the proposed project.
3. Demonstrate that the individuals and organizations identified have the capacity to address the stated need, including the expertise necessary to provide services to human trafficking victims, and can successfully implement the proposed project activities.
4. Describe specific roles and responsibilities of all project partners and key staff.
5. Demonstrate that project staff have appropriate training and experience to implement project activities as described in the proposal, including the knowledge and expertise necessary to implement culturally responsive projects with the identified underserved communities, and document plans and position descriptions for staff to be hired.
6. Demonstrate the capacity and expertise of the lead applicant and all project partners to serve victims of human trafficking.
7. Clearly describe who will implement activities as described in the Project Design and Implementation section.
8. Describe their experience managing federal grants that support services to crime victims and document their administrative and financial capacity to manage federal grants. If the applicant has other grants for providing services to victims of human trafficking, the applicant must describe the scope of each of these grants and describe how activities and data collection on these projects will be tracked separately to avoid duplication.
9. If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1(B), it should describe within this section how being a culturally specific organization (or funding a culturally specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 30% of the project budget) will enhance its ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures

This section must include the following information:

1. A plan for collecting all of the performance measures data required by this solicitation.
2. A description of the qualifications of key staff who will be responsible for collecting data and reporting performance measures in JustGrants.

Note: Applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" discussion. Applicants can visit OJP's performance measurement page at www.ojp.gov/performance for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

To determine performance measure requirements for this solicitation, use the "Human Trafficking Performance Measures Map with Question Sets by Solicitation" document at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/human-trafficking>. Locate the solicitation title and fiscal year to see assigned performance measure question sets. Examples of the performance measures questionnaires and related question sets, along with other reporting resources, can be found in the drop-down menu for victim service provider, task force, or training and technical assistance grantees.

OVC will require award recipients to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants.

OVC will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, if selected for award.

Note on Project Evaluations

An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance in the “Note on Project Evaluations” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

The applicant will submit the program’s goals, objectives, deliverables, and timelines in the JustGrants web-based form.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional](#) information.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1(B) based on the identification of at least one proposed subrecipient as a culturally specific organization, the proposed funding for the subrecipient in the web-based budget form **must be a minimum of 30% of award funding**.

The budget narrative must also describe how the activities that will be funded with the (minimum) 30% of award funding provided to the subrecipient **specifically relate to the priority consideration requested under Priority 1(B)** and described in the Capabilities and Competencies section of the application.

Successful applicants are expected to participate in a 2-day peer learning collaborative meeting annually, which they should include in their budget. Applicants should budget approximately \$2,000 per person (up to 3 people) to attend the meetings and record this as part of the travel line item in the budget. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer requires cost calculations for all line items in your budget, including this required travel. The cost breakdown should include airfare, per diem rate, lodging, number of travelers, number of days, etc. (for example, 3 people x airline ticket (\$500) = \$1,500, 3 people x 2 days per diem (\$76/day) = \$456, 2 people x lodging (\$251) x 2 nights = \$1,506). Use U.S. General Services Administration per diem rates.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

The applicant will submit its indirect cost rate agreement by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Financial Management Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)

The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and submit it by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for the link to the questionnaire and additional information.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

If applicable, the applicant will submit a description of the process used to determine executive compensation by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. See the “Application Attachments” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

Training Plan

Applicants must submit a training plan that describes the number and type of training events planned to ensure that program partners are prepared to identify, refer, and provide services to human trafficking victims. Applicants

should describe how they will leverage existing training, including OVC's foundational online training [Understanding Human Trafficking](#), for staff and partners. Grantees will consult with OVC's training and technical assistance providers, including the OVC Human Trafficking Collective, regarding available content to inform training funded under this solicitation.

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents

For services that will be provided by project partners, the applicant must name the project partner that will provide the specific service in the program narrative and include, as an attachment to the application, a subcontract/subgrant, Letter of Intent, or MOU describing the commitment from that organization to perform a specific service, and a description of the fee for the service or cost to the grant for each service. If services are to be provided as in-kind match, pro bono, or at no cost to the grant, this must be clearly stated in the MOU, Letter of Intent, or subcontract/subgrant. MOUs, Letters of Intent, and subcontracts/subgrants must include the following: (1) names of the organizations involved in the agreement; (2) scope of the specialized service(s) and other work to be performed under the agreement; (3) duration of the agreement; (4) estimated cost per victim or cost of actual services provided describing whether it is a fee for service, in-kind match, or no cost; (5) whether or not there is a cap on the total amount of the agreement; and (6) whether or not there is a maximum number of victims who may be served under the agreement. If any of the required services above are to be provided pro bono or accessed through other government-subsidized or otherwise funded programs, applicants must describe how services will be provided to victims without the use of grant funds. MOUs and Letters of Intent should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

Additional Application Components

Applicants will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes

Position Descriptions and Resumes

Position descriptions and resumes for key positions should be tailored to the applicant to demonstrate the qualifications of staff involved in the project.

Tribal Authorizing Resolution

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment. If applicable, the applicant will submit the tribal authorizing documentation by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. The applicant will submit documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)

If applicable, submit the DOJ High Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ High Risk Grantee is an award recipient that has received a DOJ High Risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

How to Apply

Step 1: The applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justgrants.usdoj.gov).

For additional information, see the “How to Apply” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

Submission Dates and Time

The **SF-424** and the **SF-LLL** must be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on June 28, 2022.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 p.m. eastern time on July 5, 2022.

OJP urges applicants to submit their Grants.gov and JustGrants submissions prior to the due dates to allow sufficient time to correct errors and resubmit by the submission deadlines if a rejection notification is received. To be considered timely, the **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues

An applicant that experiences unforeseen SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent application submission by the deadline, must demonstrate all efforts in requesting technical support in order to submit an application by the deadline. Technical support is available via phone and email to the applicable SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants support centers or service desks in which an applicant received a ticket number for resolution. If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical difficulties, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. *Note: If an applicant does not submit all the required Grants.gov forms by the Grants.gov deadline, the applicant will not be able to proceed to the JustGrants portion of the application process.*

An applicant experiencing technical difficulties with the following systems must contact the associated support desk indicated below to report the technical issue and receive a tracking number:

- Grants.gov - contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](#)
- SAM.gov - contact the [SAM Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#)

- JustGrants - contact the JustGrants Support Desk at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833-872-5175

An applicant requesting a waiver to submit a late application must document their request for technical assistance in an email to the OJP Response Center at grants@ncjrs.gov **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. If an applicant has technical issues with Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. Waiver requests to submit after the submission deadline must:

- Describe the technical difficulties experienced;
- Include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., what date and time did the error occur, what date and time was action taken to resolve the issue and resubmit, and what date and time did support representatives respond);
- Include an attachment(s) of the complete grant application and all required documentation and material; and
- Include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), any applicable SAM.gov tracking number(s), Grants.gov Help Desk, and JustGrants Support Desk Ticket Numbers.

OJP will review each request for late submission and required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request has been approved or denied. For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the "Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

Merit Review Criteria

Applications that meet the basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

1. Statement of the Problem (15%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
2. Project Design and Implementation (40%) - evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
3. Capabilities and Competencies (30%) – evaluate the administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
5. Budget (10%) - evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

Other Review Criteria/Factors

Other important considerations for OVC include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form) accurately explain project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet the basic minimum requirements, will be evaluated for technical merit by a peer review panel(s) in accordance with OJP peer review policy and procedures using the review criteria listed above.

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements prior to conducting the peer review. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all OJP solicitations:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.

- The application must request funding within programmatic funding constraints (if applicable).
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

Important note on FAPIIS: An applicant may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may consider not only peer review ratings and OVC recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations, including the applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance. For additional information on these legal requirements, see the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on information technology security.

General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the “Program Description” section, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

Required reports. Award recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual performance reports, final financial and performance reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measure data.

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for JustGrants, see the solicitation cover page.

Other Information

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Performance Measures

To determine performance measure requirements for this solicitation, use the “Human Trafficking Performance Measures Map with Question Sets by Solicitation” document at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/human-trafficking>. Locate the solicitation title and fiscal year to see assigned performance measure question sets. Examples of the performance measures questionnaires and related question sets, along with other reporting resources, can be found in the drop-down menu for victim service provider, task force, or training and technical assistance grantees.

Appendix A: Types of Victim Services That OVC Funds

Type of Service	Service Provision Terms
Information and Referral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Information about the criminal justice process■ Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.■ Referral to other victim service programs■ Referral to other services, supports, and resources■ Information about substance abuse treatment and support■ Referral to substance abuse treatment and support
Personal Advocacy/Accompaniment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care or forensic exam■ Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment■ Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits or other low-cost alternatives)■ Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview, or medical evidence collection■ Advocacy for immigration assistance■ Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution■ Child or dependent care assistance■ Transportation assistance■ Interpreter services■ Family reunification

Emotional support, Safety, and Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Crisis Intervention ■ Hotline/Crisis line counseling ■ On-scene crisis response ■ Individual therapy/mental health services ■ Support groups ■ Other therapy (e.g., traditional, cultural, or alternative healing) ■ Emergency financial assistance ■ Provision of emergency medical care ■ Provision of long-term, non-therapeutic medical care ■ Substance abuse services ■ Protection/Safety planning ■ Case management
Shelter/Housing Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Emergency shelter or placement ■ Transitional housing ■ Relocation assistance ■ Rapid rehousing ■ Rental assistance ■ Host homes ■ Other shelter/housing
Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Notification of criminal justice events ■ Victim impact statement assistance ■ Assistance with restitution ■ Civil legal assistance ■ Legal support with immigration assistance ■ Law enforcement or Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment ■ Repatriation ■ Public benefits law ■ Criminal record relief ■ Victim's rights representation
Education/Employment/Life skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Education ■ Job/Vocational training ■ Job readiness/employment services ■ Life skills ■ Supported employment

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Application Checklist

OVC FY 2022 Preventing Trafficking of Girls

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. The [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#) is another resource.

What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to registering in Grants.gov:

- Confirm your Entity's [System Award Management \(SAM\) Registration Information](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

To register in Grants.gov:

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

To find the funding opportunity:

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, Assistance Listing or keyword(s)
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#)
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at [ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2022 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

Review Scope Requirement:

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$500,000.

Review Eligibility Requirement:

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- State governments
- City or township governments
- County governments
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

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#### **Prepare to submit the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424) and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL)**

- Review information to complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- Complete Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov

After SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive Grants.gov email notifications that:

- Submission has been received in Grants.gov
- Submission has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

If no Grants.gov receipt, validation, or error notifications are received:

- Contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, [Grants.gov customer support](#), or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov) regarding technical difficulties (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants

- Proceed to complete application in JustGrants

#### **Content of Application Submission: Critical Application Elements**

The following items are critical application elements required to pass the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the following elements, it will neither proceed to peer review nor receive further consideration.

- **Proposal Abstract**
- **Program Narrative**
- **Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form)**

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Budget and Associated Documentation:

- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Additional Application Components:

- Service Partner Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), Letters of Intent, and Subcontracts/Subgrants
- Training Plan
- Position Descriptions and Resumes
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Disclosures and Assurances:

- [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Submit application in JustGrants:

- Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

If no JustGrants application submission, validation, or error notifications are received:

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov regarding technical difficulties.