



# OVC Grantee Orientation: Putting the Pieces Together

October 17, 2024

The webinar will begin shortly.

# Overview of OVC/OJP - Section I



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# Today's Goal

To inform participants and provide the **knowledge** and **resources** to successfully manage new Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) grant awards.



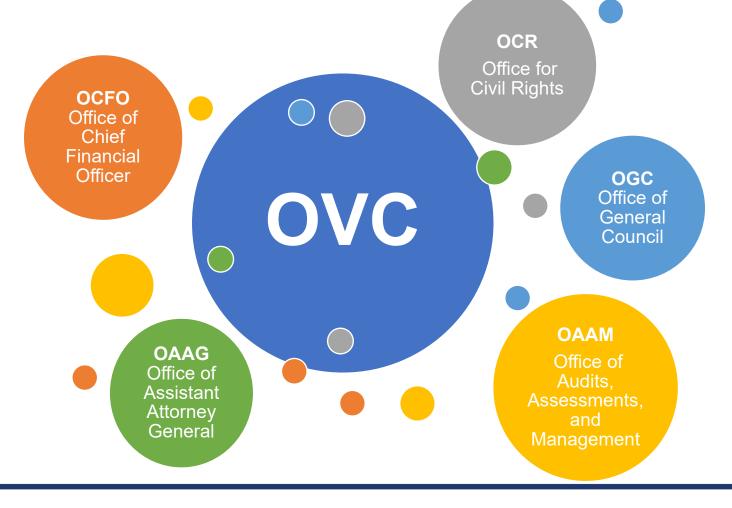
# Learning Objectives

- 1. Understand OVC's goals, requirements, and expectations for your award.
- 2. Understand OVC's Mission and OJP's role.
- 3. Know how to locate, understand and navigate DOJ systems.
- 4. Know specific elements of the OVC grant award and helpful resources and support available.



**Understanding How OJP Supports Your** 

**Grant** 









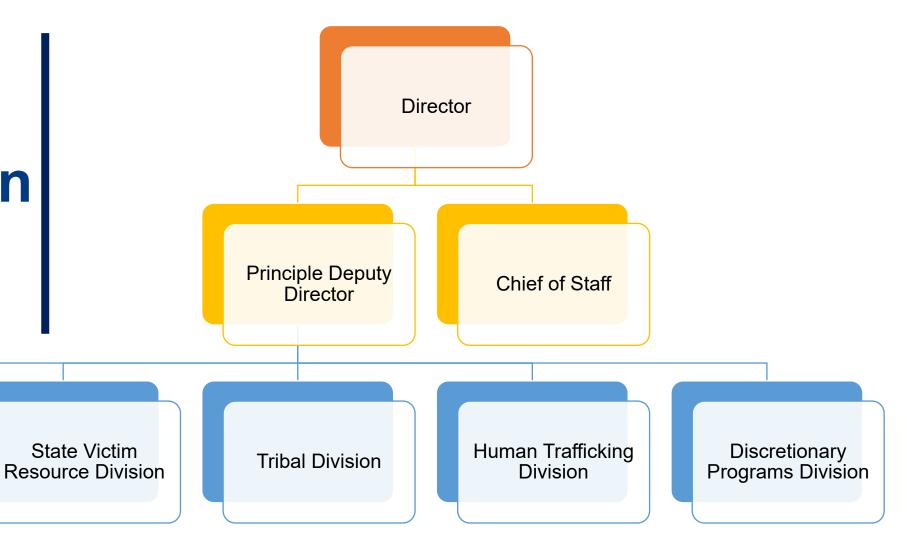
# **OVC** Organization Chart

Operations, Budget, and

Performance

Management Division

State Victim





# **OVC – Grant Types**

### Crime Victim Assistance (Formula)

- Community-based victim service programs
- Supports the delivery of direct services (e.g., counseling, shelter, advocacy, some legal services)

### Crime Victim Compensation (Formula)

- Direct payments for crime victims
- Reimbursement for crime-related expenses (e.g., medical, mental health counseling, funeral and burial, lost wages, loss of support)

### OVC Discretionary Activities

- National-scope training and technical assistance
- Demonstration and services programs
- Victim legal assistance
- Program evaluations
- Fellowships
- Services for victims of federal crimes (e.g. tribal victim assistance)

### Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA)

- Supports American Indian and Alaska Native Communities
- Noncompetitive
- Formula Grants

### Human Trafficking Discretionary Awards

- Enhances capacity to identify, assist, and provide services to all victims of human trafficking
- Leads the nation in supporting victimcentered and trauma-informed programs, policies, and resources that promote justice, access, and empowerment in the human trafficking space

# Questions?





# **Poll Question**

What did you not understand? What are you looking for from your GM?



# **Grants Management 101 – Section II**





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# **OJP Grants Life Cycle**





### Video Link



### DOJ Award Acceptance Checklist

Once notified of an award, entity users accept or decline the award in JustGrants through a two-step process:

- Entity Administrator confirms or assigns participants to the award.
- Authorized Representative(s) accepts or declines the award.

For additional guidance, visit the <u>JustGrants Award Acceptance</u> webpage.



### **Hot Tip!**

Individuals assigned to the Authorized Representative role must have the legal authority to enter into contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements.

- ➤ Confirm or Assign Award Participants
  - ➤ New Award Complete the "Confirm/Assign Participants Task."
  - ➤ Supplemental
    Award" Complete "Verified Authorized Rep. Task."
- ➤ Accept or Decline Award

If the EA has departed the entity, follow the Change Entity Administrator guidance. Once the role of EA has been transferred to someone new, the task will transfer to the new EA's worklist.

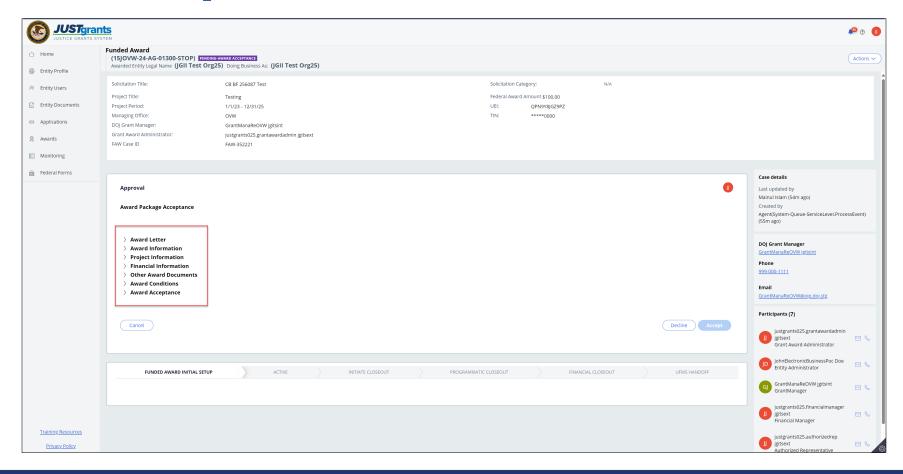


### **Award Acceptance Overview** This chart shows the process, roles, and responsibilities involved in Award Acceptance. Entity Administrator (EA) Three Entity users are notified by email of award decisions. Application Notifications are sent to the users assigned to the submitted application. Notification Authorized Representative (AR) Authorized Representative (AR) The EA must assign these critical users and roles to every award. **Grant Award** The award cannot be accepted Administrator until the EA has confirmed the (GAA) assignments. Assignment Financial Manager The AR will then follow steps to review the award document, Authorized including all award conditions, and accept or decline the award Accept or on behalf of their entity. **Decline** Grant Award Acceptance | 5 Home



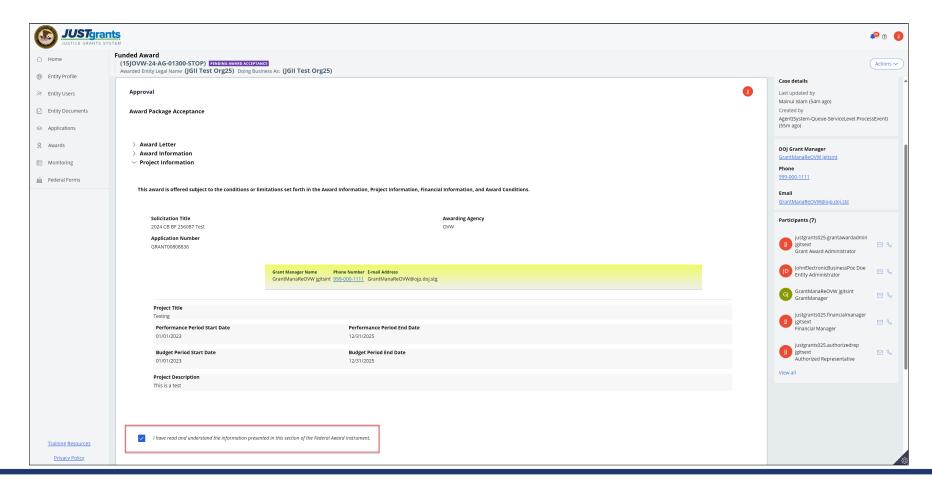


# **Award Acceptance**



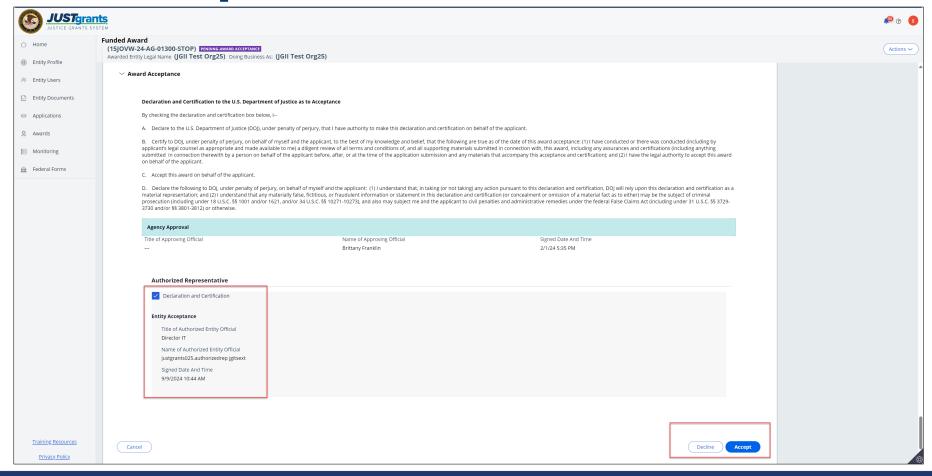


# **Award Acceptance**





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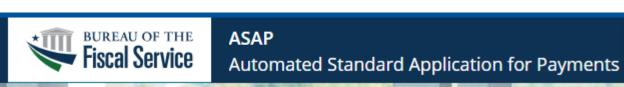




# **Accessing Funds**

Hot Tip - New To
ASAP? Avoid payment
delays by enrolling in ASAP
as soon as possible after
your SAM.gov E-Business
POC

- The Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) is a completely electronic system that federal agencies use to quickly and securely transfer federal funds to recipient organizations.
- Entities must complete the ASAP Account Enrollment in order to manage their award.
- > Steps for the enrollment process:
  - 1. POC receives the enrollment invitation in the form of two emails with credentials to login to ISIM
  - 2. POC changes the password
  - 3. POC completes security questions
  - 4. POC accepts the ASAP terms
  - 5. POC logs in to ASAP.gov and assigns all user roles





# **Accessing Funds Cont.**

The POC can fill all of the roles, assign multiple roles to one person, or assign each role to a different person.

### > ASAP User Roles:

- 1. The Head of Organization (HOO) approves the user roles.
- 2. The Financial Official (FO) enters banking data for receiving payments.
- The Authorizing Official (AO) adds the entity short name and Payment Requestor information.



\*Once the banking validation occurs, the federal agency creates the account, authorizes funding, and sends notification that the account has been created.

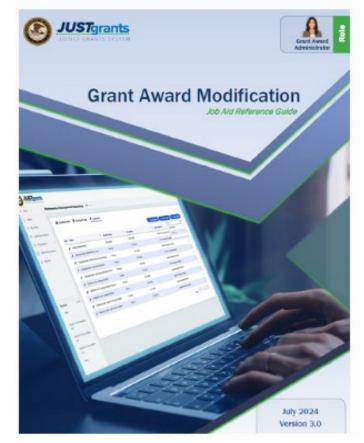


# **Grant Award Modification (GAM) -**

A Grant Award Modification (GAM) is created to update Award Details and used to modify detail(s) about the award.

- Project Period Extension
- Programmatic
  - Scope Change
  - Consultant Fees
- Financial
  - Budget Modification
  - Sole Source

\*All GAMs can be initiated in JustGrants by the grantee, each has specific fields and sub-types depending on the information needed.



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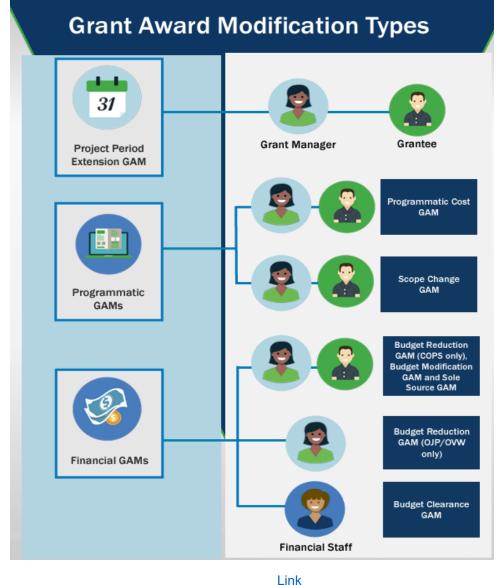


# GAMS - Cont.

- The following actions are <u>not treated</u> as JustGrants GAMs:
  - An Entity Administrator (EA) can change the Grant Award Administrator (GAA) and Authorized Representative (AR).
  - GAAs can submit deliverables for review under Performance Management.
  - Users can update the Grantee name, address and establish a new Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on SAM.gov.

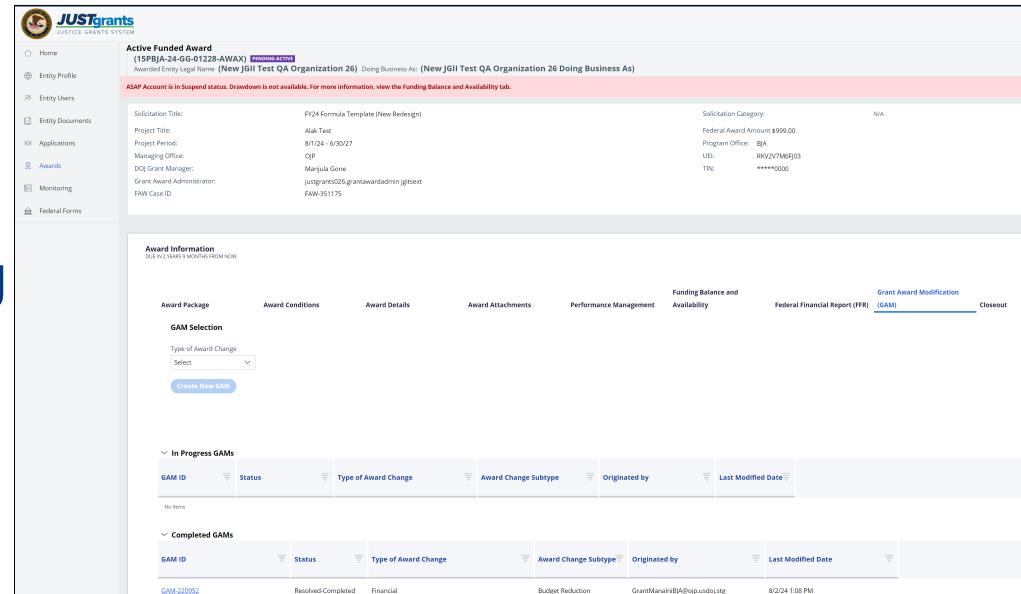


# GAMs – Cont.



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# **GAM Lifecycle**





OVC Grant Manager



M Final

Office of the Comptroller, Financial Management Division
Financial Analyst

GAM Approval

GAMs <u>are not</u> officially approved until the grantee receives final notice in JustGrants



# Required Reporting Requirements

- Performance reports (PR) —semiannual or annual depending on the program\*
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) (if applicable)
- Federal Financial Reports (FFR)—quarterly
- Performance Measurement Tool (PMT)—quarterly\*

\*Performance reporting requirements will look different across NOFOs.



# **Monitoring**

Desk reviews include a comprehensive review of materials available in the grant file to determine administrative, financial, and programmatic compliance, and grant performance. Remote monitoring
allow grant managers
the flexibility to verify
grantee activities,
validate reported
information, and
assess the status of
project implementation
for grantees who may
be difficult to reach
onsite.

Onsite monitoring
allows grant managers
to go onsite to meet
with the grantee to
discuss specific issues
related to
implementing the
program, observe
grant activities, review
relevant
materials/documents,
and assess planned
versus actual progress



# How OVC Monitors

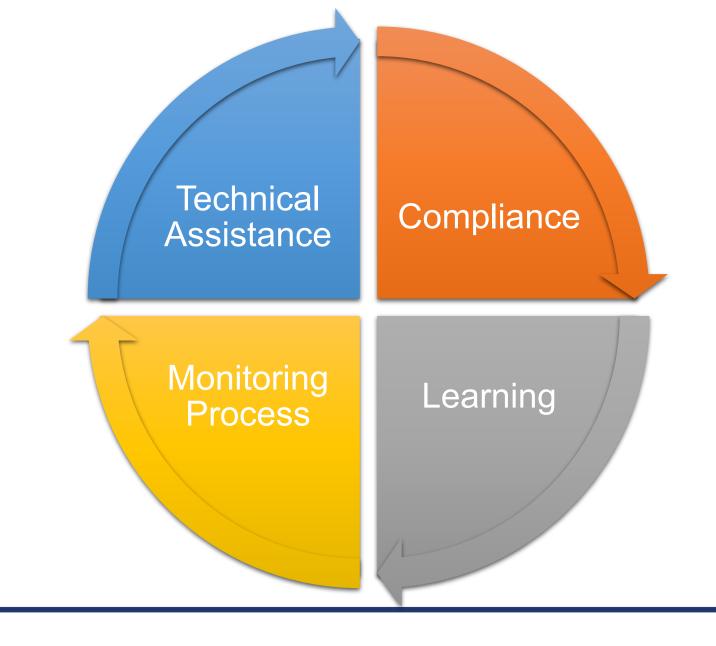
- Phone discussions
- Emails
- Participating in meetings and events
- Reviewing progress and financial reports
- Onsite or remote programmatic and/or financial site visits
- Desk reviews

\*For cooperative agreements, grant managers may provide additional direction and oversight



# **Purpose of Site Visits**

Hot Tip –
Don't forget to
monitor
subrecipients!





# **Award Closeouts**

Closeout is a process in which the awarding agency determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work of the award have been completed by the recipient and the awarding agency.

- All award recipients must submit into JustGrants, no later than 120 calendar
  days after the end date of the period of performance, <u>all</u> financial, performance,
  and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the award.
- The role of the OVC grant manager is to help the grantee navigate the closeout process if necessary and address any outstanding or open special conditions of the award.

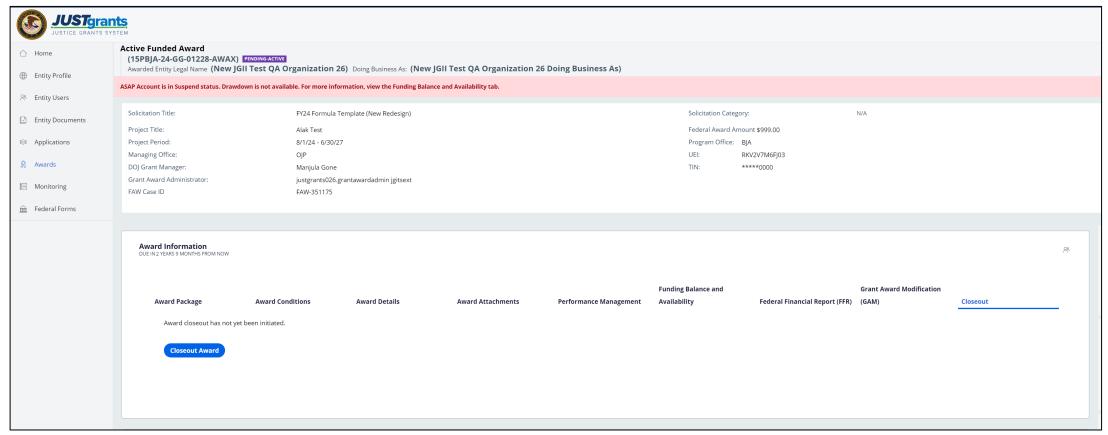


## **Award Closeouts – Cont.**

- To begin a closeout the grantee must submit the final Federal Financial Report (FFR) and Performance Report.
- Closeouts are automatically generated one day after the grant end date (e.g., 09/30/XX).
- Closeouts are automatically submitted by OVC 121 days after grant end date if the grantee fails to do so within 120 days.



# **Initiating a Closeout**



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# **Questions?**





# **Poll Question**

What are the implications of late submissions of FFRs and PRs

- A. Freezing of program funds
- B. Impact on future funding considerations
- C. A and B
- D. No implications





# Understanding JustGrants – Section III

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# What is JustGrants?

- The Justice Grants System (JustGrants) is the grant application and award management system for all Department of Justice (DOJ) grant-making agencies—the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).
- This website (<u>justicegrants.usdoj.gov</u>) includes resources to help users navigate the DOJ grant application and award management processes.



# **Understanding Role Assignments**

### **Grant Award Administrator (GAA)**

- GAAs serve as the primary POC for the grant award
- Responsible for Semi-Annual performance report and Grant Award Modification (GAM) submissions
- Should attend leadership/GAA specific trainings and TTA provider check-in's as necessary
- Required to complete the DOJ Grants Financial Management Training
- Make sure your TTA provider has the appropriate contacts information so that new staff are receiving important information
- Responsible for sharing OVC communications with program staff

### **Financial Manager**

- Financial Managers focus on training, reporting, timekeeping etc.
- Required to complete the DOJ Grants Financial Management Training
- Completes quarterly financial reporting
- Oversees timekeeping, invoicing, etc.

### **Program Staff**

- Program/direct service staff should be ready for work – know what clients are eligible, what services, what does your grant say?
- Sign-up for your TTA provider listserv to receive important information surrounding HT TTA Provider trainings, support opportunities, etc.
- Sign up for news and events on OVC's website <u>here</u>.



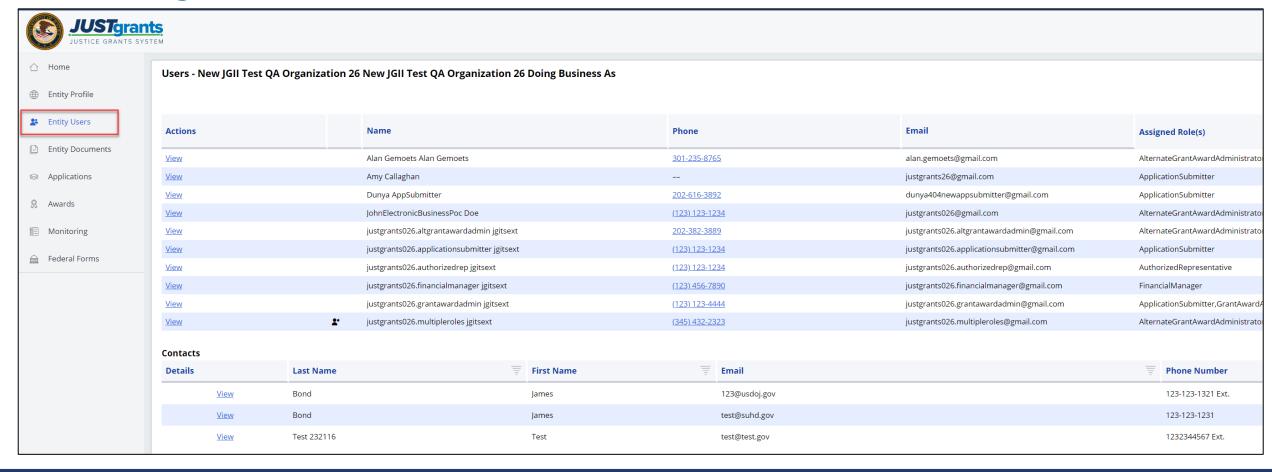
### JustGrants User Role Matrix

Entity Administrator	Contity Administrator Grant Award Administrator		Application Submitter	Authorized Representative	Financial Manager		
Confirms Entity profile information is current. Confirms Authorized Representative has proper legal authority to accept or decline an award.	Edits and submits programmatic- related award requirements, including Performance Reports, certain GAMs, and portions of the Closeout.	Supports the Grant Award Administrator. Can initiate and submit programmatic-related award requirements, including Performance Reports and GAMs.	Completes and submits applications on behalf of an Entity, including Entity Assurances and Certificates.	Accepts or declines awards on behalf of the Entity. Must have the legal authority to enter into contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements with the federal government on behalf of the Entity	Certifies and submits financial information and all Federal Financial Reports on behalf of an entity.		
Number of Roles Allowed per Entity							
One per Entity	Multiple Allowed	Multiple Allowed	Multiple Allowed	Multiple Allowed	Multiple Allowed		
One Entity Administrator per Entity. If this person cannot carry out the duties (temporarily or permanently), the role can be transferred to another user.	Assign this role to all current Grant Award Administrators, and any user that may perform this role in future.			Assign this role to any user that may be required to accept or decline an award on behalf of an Entity.	Assign this role to all current Financial Managers and any user that may perform this role in the future.		

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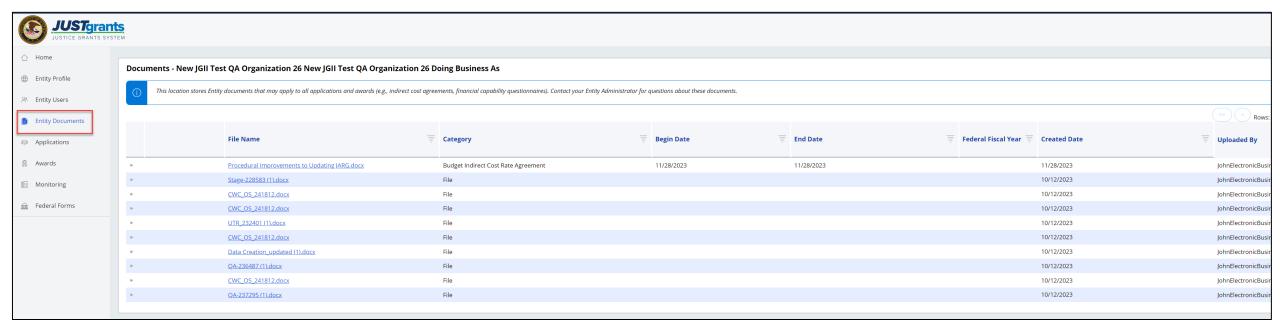


### **Entity Roles**





### **Entity Documents**



\*How-to-Video on Maintaining Entity Documents. Entity Management Job Aid.



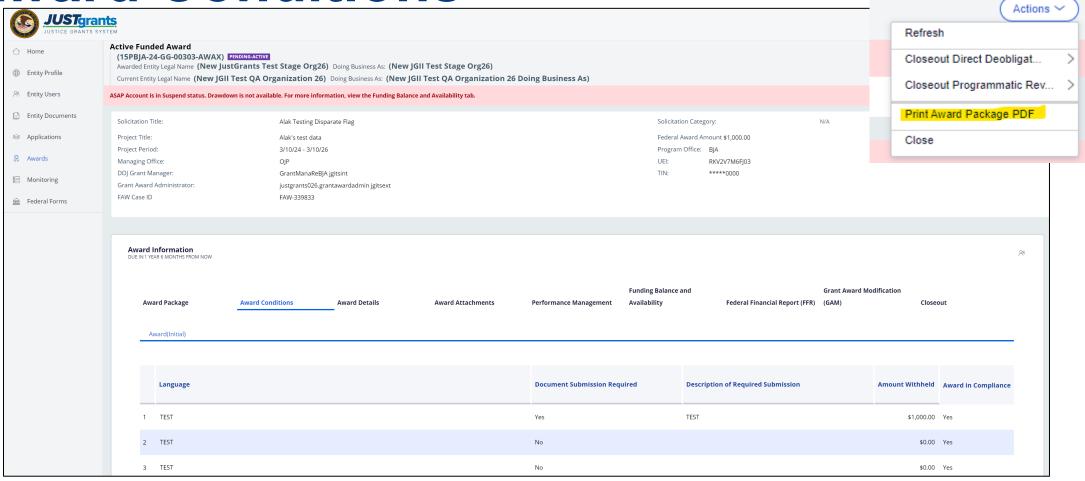
### **Active Award Screen**

Hot Tip – See
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Management
Job Aid here!

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### **Award Conditions**





### **Award Conditions**

Hot Tip – External Part
200 Uniform
Requirements training
Tuesday, October 22.
See link in chat for details

- Federal Regulations 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Uniform Requirements
- Required financial management training
- Grants vs. cooperative agreement
- Conferences and trainings pre-approval and post reporting
- Suitability Determinations
- Publications developed with grant funds
- Final budget clearances

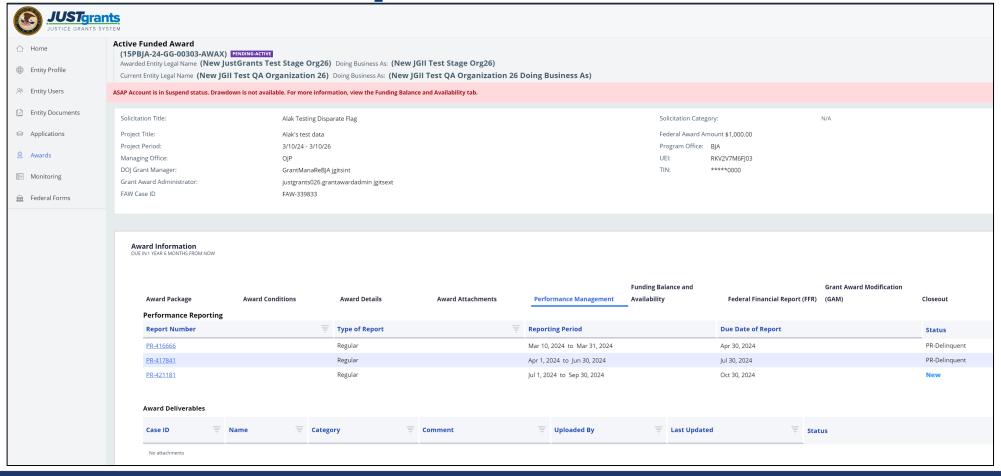


### **Award Conditions – Cont.**

- Limited English Proficiency
- Consultant Rates
- Key Personnel Clause: Personnel Changes
- Copyright and Data Rights



### **Performance Reports**





### **Performance Reports**

 Performance Reports (PR) are due semi-annual or annual depending on the specific grant requirements.

It's important to remember that PR submission is a TWO-STEP

process (finalize AND submit).

Quarterly Reporting in PMT				Annual Reporting in JustGrants			
Reporting Period	Submission Period	Content	Deadline	Reporting Period	Submission Period	Annual PMT Report	Deadlines
October 1 – December 31	January 1- February 15	Performance Measures	February 15	October 1- September 30	October 1- December 30	Performance Measures & Narrative Questions	December 30
January 1- March 31	April 1-May 15	Performance Measures	May 15				
April 1-June 30	July 1– August 15	Performance Measures	August 15				
July 1- September 30	October 1– November 15	Performance Measures & Narrative Questions	November 15				



**Hot Tip** – If your

PRs are late.

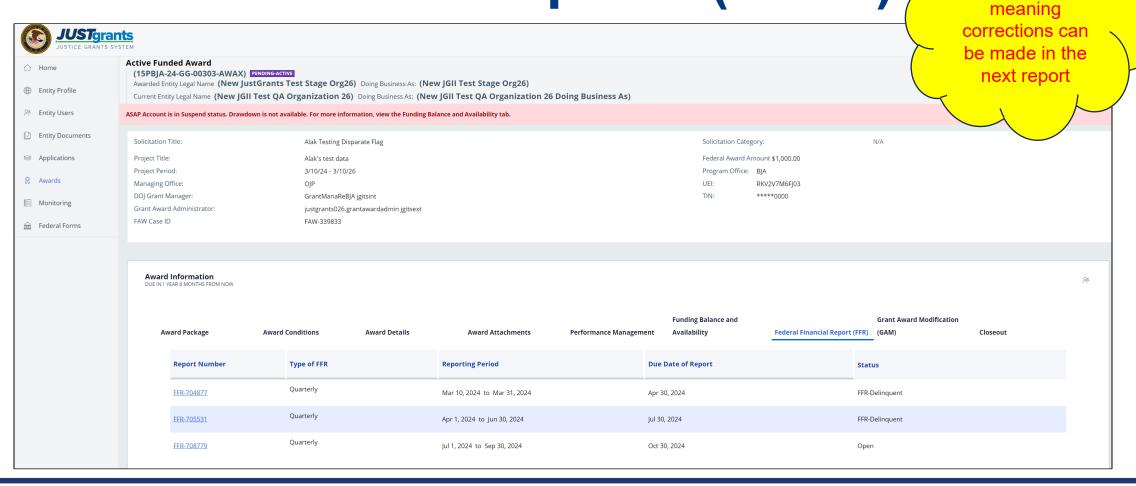
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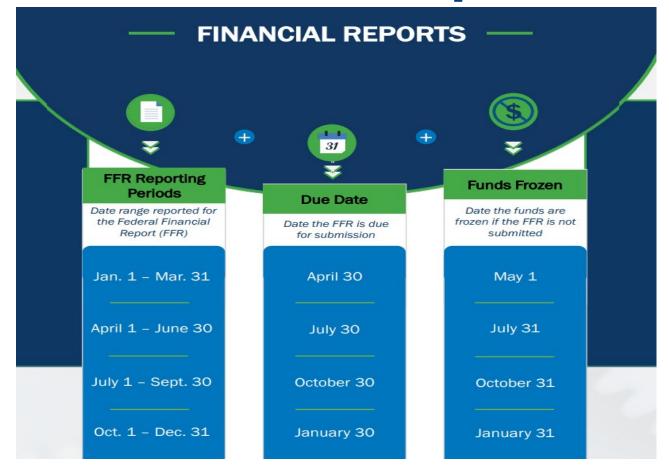
### Federal Financial Reports (FFRs)





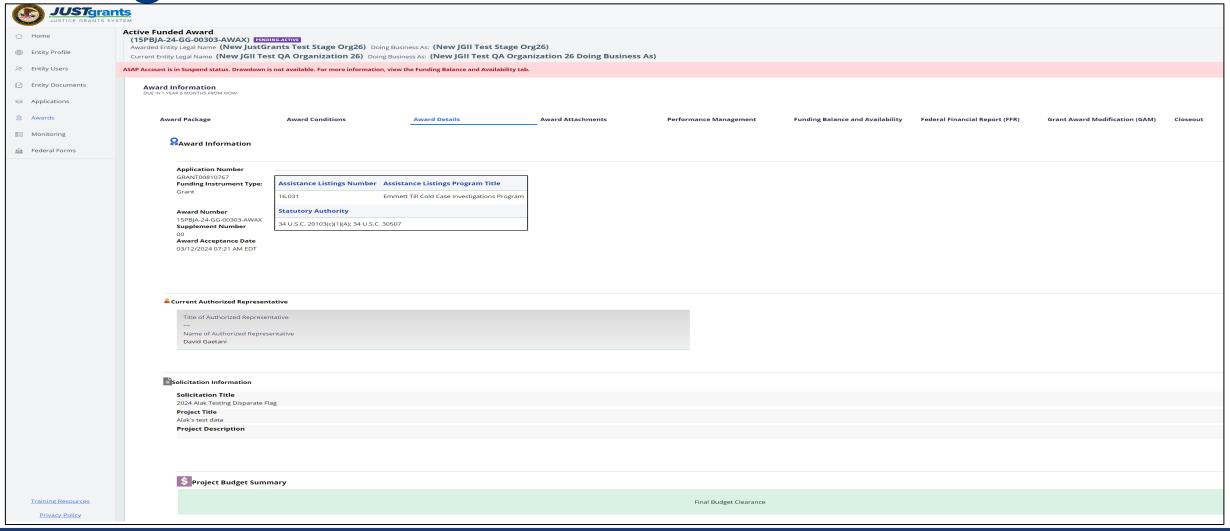
**Hot Tip** – FFRs are cumulative

### Federal Financial Reports





### **Budget Clearances**





### Budget Clearances

### Grant Award Administrator (GAA) Budget Clearance Change Request





#### **OVERVIEW**

If a budget needs revisions, the Department of Justice (DOJ) Financial Grants Management Initiator will create a Budget Clearance Grant Award Modification (GAM) and change request the GAM to the entity's Grant Award Administrator (GAA), who will access the GAM from JustGrant's *My Worklist*.

When the GAM is displayed, it will contain one of two main budget structures: one for applications with web-based budgets, or one for applications with budget attachments. The structure of each budget format can be found on pages two (2) and ten (10).

Once the GAA makes the necessary changes to the budget and submits the Budget Clearance GAM, the GAM is routed through the DOJ approval process. This guide provides step-by-step instructions for editing the budget once the Budget Clearance GAM has been change-requested.

#### IN THIS GUIDE

This guide provides step-by-step instructions for editing both a web-based budget and a budget attachment (manual budget) once the Budget Clearance GAM has been issued. Additionally, this guide provides a list of the sections found in both budget formats.

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### **JustGrants Resources**



















Click on each link for additional information and training videos from JustGrants.



### **Questions?**





### Poll Question

Where can you find your award Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)?

- A. In ASAP
- B. In JustGrants
- C. Contact OCFO
- D. In the DOJ Financial Guide





## **Understanding Your Grant – Section IV**

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# When Can Project Work Begin?

To begin project work, several steps must take place prior at any work starting:

- i. Close Withholding Special Conditions
- ii. Receive Final Budget Clearance
- iii. Take Financial Management Training.



### OJP Financial Management Training

Hot Tip –
Be mindful
of staff
transitions

The Financial Management Training Seminars are designed for individuals responsible for the financial administration of discretionary and/or formula grants awarded from Federal grant-in-aid programs administered by the Bureaus and Offices of DOJ OJP.

- This can be accomplished through Online Grants Financial Management Training or in person but must be completed within 120 calendar days from the date of the recipient's acceptance of the award.
- Grant Award Administrators and all Financial Managers are required.



### Tips for Success



## Understanding your Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is a key to your success!

Where to find the **NOFO**?





### **Types of Awards**

- OVC generally employs two types of federal funding; grants and cooperative agreements. The main difference between the two is the level of involvement from the federal government:
  - Grants -A financial award from the federal government to a recipient, such as a state or local government. The purpose of a grant is to support a public purpose, and the federal government's involvement is usually minimal.
  - Cooperative Agreement Similar to a grant, but with more involvement from the federal government. The federal government's involvement is typically described in specific terms. Cooperative agreements are legal instruments that transfer something of value from the federal government to recipients for a public purpose.





## Role of the OVC Grant Manager (1)

- Help your organization successfully navigate the onboarding process.
- Answer administrative and programmatic questions and concerns about award conditions.
- Review all Grant Award Modifications (GAMs) in JustGrants, address any concerns, and move forward for final OVC approval.
- Work with you to ensure programmatic and/or financial changes are appropriately documented.





## Role of the OVC Grant Manager (2)

- Work with your TTA provider to ensure you are receiving requested training and technical assistance.
- Inform you of OVC events and online resources to support your programmatic requirements.
- Consult with your team on any programmatic changes, such as change of scope, key personnel changes, etc.
- Refer you to helpful training, resources, guidance, and websites.
- To highlight your grant's successes and be an active support system.





### OVC Expectations for Grantees

- Understand the NOFO and specific award conditions and requirements for your award.
- Be familiar with your project's goals, objectives, activities, deliverables, and application materials.
- Work with your Grant Manager to successfully administer the grant award.
- Know how to navigate the different DOJ systems and locate existing supporting resources, guidance, and supports.



## Prior Approval Requirements

- Conference Costs Approval
   Cooperative Agreement Only
- Compensation Range for Consultant Services
- Costs Incurred Prior to the Date of the Award
- Grant Award Modifications (GAM)
  - Budget Modifications
  - Project Period Extensions(PPE)
  - Scope Change



### **Conference Cost Approvals**

Hot Tip – Conference costs approval must be submitted 120 days prior in advance to the start date

- All <u>conferences</u> (defined broadly to include meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, events, and group training activity) conducted by Cooperative Agreement recipients or contractors funded by OJP must receive written prior approval.
- To conduct or host a conference as a grant recipient of OJP funds, you must ensure that it is consistent with its approved grant budget and is reasonable and necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the grant.



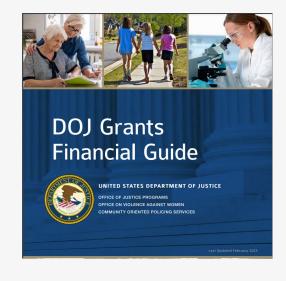
### **Conference Cost Approvals**

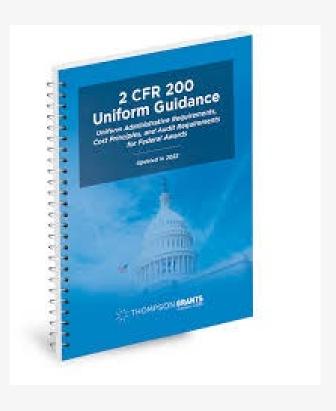
Conferences conducted by **GRANT** recipients do not require prior approval. However, grant recipients must ensure compliance with the food/beverage, meeting room/audio-visual, logistical planner, and programmatic planner limitations and cost thresholds.



### Resources









### **Questions?**





### **Poll Question**

### What is not a role of a OVC Grant Manager?

- A. Help your organization successfully navigate the onboarding process.
- B. Work with you to ensure programmatic and/or financial changes are appropriately documented.
- C. To assign entity roles in DIAMD/JustGrants.
- D. To highlight your grant's successes and be an active support system.





## Training and Technical Assistance – Section V

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### TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



# What is Training and Technical Assistance?

### **Training**

### **Technical Assistance**

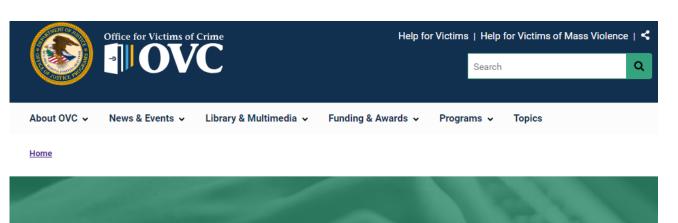
- Individualized and customized support.
- Provided as one-to-one or group consultation, coaching, or training.
- Provided in-person, via phone or email, virtually, or as a combination

OVC has 52 National TTA Partners



### Program Specific TTA

Join your division specific orientation session to learn more about specific TTA providers and partners available through the life of your award.



### Training & Technical Assistance

### Overview &

OVC facilitates training through the <u>OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center</u> (OVC TTAC), grantees, and cooperative agreements with partner organizations, to assist the field in building its collective capacity to serve crime victims. Learn more about how your organization can build is capacity to serve crime victims below.





### Training and Technical Assistance Center

- Customized TTA for victim serving organizations and allied professionals.
- Virtual or in-person.
- Utilize subject matter experts with lived experience on a variety of topics.
- Highlights Include...
  - National Victim Assistance Academy
  - Vital Subjects and Expert Q&A Webinars
  - Tools and resources for all professional developmental levels

To request TTA from OVC TTAC, visit their website and complete an online request.



#### **RESOURCES**



See All Resources



SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS



### **Financial Management TTA**





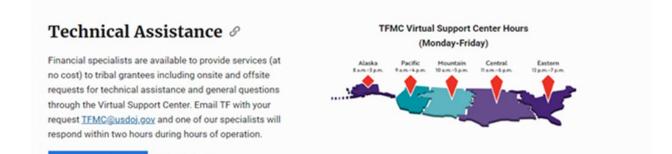
award? Financial specialists are available to provide support. To connect, call 202,572,9500 or:



### Tribal Financial Management Center

**Building Organizational Financial Management Capacity** 

703,462,6900



<u>Financial Management Resource Center (FMRC) | Office of Justice Programs (ojp.gov)</u>
<u>Tribal Financial Management Center | Office of Justice Programs (ojp.gov)</u>

To request TTA from OVC FMRC and TFMC, visit their website and complete an online request.

Request Assistance



### **Homework!**



### Bookmark these two websites.

OVC Website https://ovc.ojp.gov/traini
ng-and-technicalassistance

OVC TTAC Website – www.ovcttac.gov



Join OVC TTAC's mailing list to get notices of upcoming TTA events.



Connect with your OVC Grant Manager about your training needs so they can help guide your through the TTA process.



To submit a question, use the Q&A Box and select all presenters.



