Office for Victims of Crime

Helping Crime Survivors Find Their Justice

OVC FY 2023 Peer-to-Peer Support for Survivors of Crime

The webinar will begin shortly

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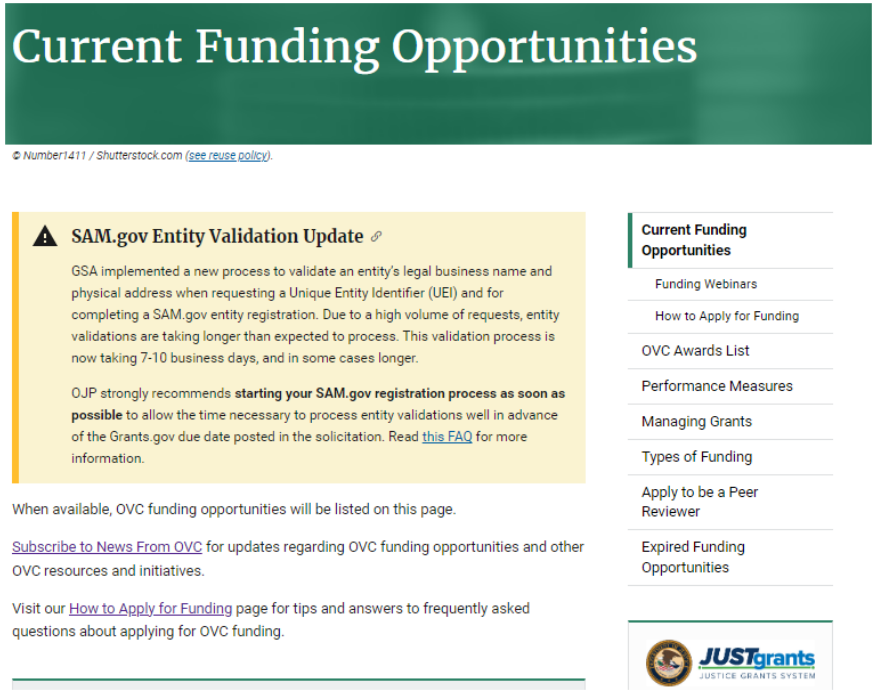
Webinar Outline

- OVC Overview and Mission
- Solicitation Overview
  - Funding opportunity focus
  - Eligibility
  - Required documents
- Application Process & Tools
- Questions and Answers



Find funding opportunities at https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/current-funding-opportunities.

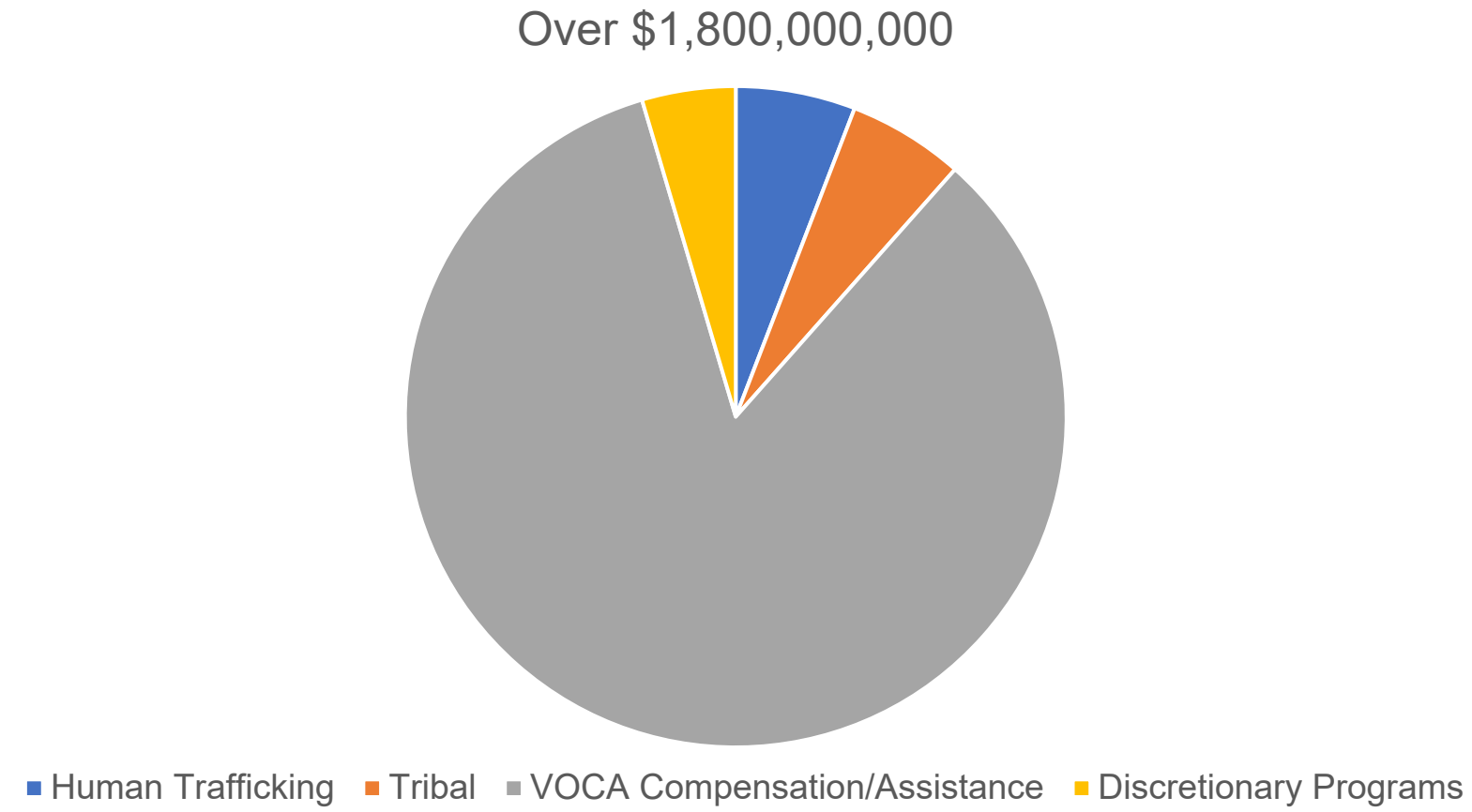
OVC Overview

Mission: OVC is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

OVC funding supports:

- victims in tribal communities;
- state victim compensation and assistance programs;
- training and technical assistance and information resources;
- victims of international terrorism and mass violence;
- federal agencies' provision of victim services;
- survivors of human trafficking; and
- demonstration and service projects.

Anticipated OVC FY 2023 Funding



This OVC Funding Opportunity

OVC 2023 Solicitation

Eligibility

Documents to Apply

Application Process & Resources

Eligibility

- 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
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

For additional information on eligibility, please review each solicitation's cover page.

Program Description

OVC seeks proposals to fund a pass-through model in which a trauma-informed, survivor-connected technical assistance (TA) provider will provide TA, training, and subgrant funding for at least 10 subgrant sites.

The sites will be identified through a request for proposals issued by the TA provider selected under this solicitation and funded at $50,000–$100,000 each. The selected TA provider will assist and support communities across the country with establishing peer-to-peer support for crime survivors and provide capacity building technical assistance for subgrantees.

Peer Support

The concept of peer support is based on the belief that people who have faced, endured, and overcome adversity can offer useful support, encouragement, hope, and mentorship to others facing similar situations.

- Research on peer-led group-based sexual assault interventions revealed that they have a positive impact on participants' psychological, physical, and interpersonal well-being.
- Peer support can be independent peer-run programs, self-help and mutual support groups, or services delivered by peers working within issue-based organizations.
- Peer support has a deep historical foundation in communities of color and other marginalized communities—communities, which had to help themselves because of the barriers they faced to accessing systems or receiving adequate attention or care.

Program Details

The selected TA provider will:

- undertake the development of a competitive program to provide “subgrants” to 10 communities.
- assist and support communities across the country with establishing or expanding peer-to-peer support for crime survivors.
  - Pass-through funds may be used to support new or existing support groups for survivors of all types of crime and to pilot test innovative or demonstrated support mechanisms for victims and survivors of specific types of crime (e.g., homicide, robbery, gun violence, mass violence, carjacking, hate crimes, etc.).
- include technical assistance and capacity-building support.
- demonstrate that they are prepared and able to partner with other organizations.
- conduct evaluation activities.

Goals

The purpose of this grant program is to create or expand peer support programs that are culturally and linguistically tailored to meet the unique needs of the target survivor populations, especially for survivors of those crimes for which existing support does not currently meet their needs. Specific goals include:

- Identifying innovative, or non-traditional programs specifically designed for the communities or populations to be served, which may lead to replicable models in other communities.
- Building the knowledge about, and community capacity to provide, peer-to-peer support options for victims of all types of crime.

Objectives

- Provide technical assistance, training, and capacity building to support a minimum of 10 community sites that will create or expand peer-to-peer support programs to meet the individual needs of victims and survivors of crimes.
- Conduct program evaluation activities to improve implementation and understand the potential impact of peer-to-peer support for victims and survivors of crime.

Deliverables

The successful applicants will produce the following deliverables:

- A competitive subgrant program to include a minimum of 10 community sites via widely available Request for Proposals.
- Technical assistance and training to subgrantee entities to build capacity in using federal funds and aid in establishing/expanding trauma-informed peer-to-peer survivor support programs to provide greater access to or enhance the quality of assistance and services to more victims of crime.
- A contractual agreement with an individual or an entity to provide program evaluation activities.
- A final report that documents the development strategy, the implementation process, and the impact/results/outcome of the program.

OJP Priority Areas

- Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*
    - 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.
    - Applicants that 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 40% of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Web-Based Form) identifies as a culturally specific organization.
- Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas does not guarantee an award.
- For additional information, please see the solicitation.

Federal Award Information

Maximum number of awards OVC expects to make:	1 Award
Maximum dollar amount for each award:	$2 million
Total amount to be awarded under solicitation:	$2 million
Period of Performance start date:	10/01/2023
Period of Performance duration:	36 Months

Types of Awards

The awards will be made as a **Cooperative Agreement**:

- **Substantial involvement between awarding agency and recipient** during the performance period
- Awarding agency **closely participates** in the performance of the program

  - See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for more information.

Application and Submission Information

Timeline

- ❑ Grants.gov deadline: **April 18 2023, 11:59 PM ET**
- ❑ JustGrants deadline: **April 25 2023, 8:59 PM ET**
- ❑ DOJ expects to award grants no later than **September 30, 2023**
- ❑ All project **START** dates should be on or after **October 1, 2023***

***Please Note: Successful applicants MAY NOT begin work until the budget has been reviewed and officially approved by OJP. Additional information and or restrictions may be outlined in the award package.**

Applications MUST Include

To meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding your application MUST have:

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
  - Description of the Issue/Statement of the Problem
  - Project Design and Implementation
  - Capabilities and Competencies
  - Plan for Collecting the Data for this Solicitation's Performance Measures
- Budget Web-Based Form (including budget details and budget narrative)

Remember, if you fail to submit ANY of required documents, your application will not be considered for funding!

Proposal Abstract

An abstract is a clear and simple summary statement about your proposal.

This statement should be no more than 400 words and should include:

- purpose of the project,
- primary activities,
- expected outcomes,
- the service area, and
- intended beneficiaries and subrecipients.

This will be completed in the JustGrants Web-based form.

Proposal Narrative Format

The proposal narrative must:

- be double-spaced
- use a standard 12-point font
- have no less than 1-inch margins
- NOT exceed 25 numbered pages
- be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants

Proposal Narrative Format

The following sections are part of the proposal narrative:

- Statement of the problem/Description of the issue
- Project design and implementation
- Capabilities and competencies
- Plan for collecting the data required for this solicitation's performance measures

Outline ALL the grant requirements and make a plan to fulfill each and EVERY REQUIREMENT.

Proposal Narrative: Description of the Issue/Statement of the Problem

- Describe why this project/these proposed activities are necessary and/or address a need and include supporting information.
- Define the nature and scope of the problem to be addressed, including relevant equity considerations for underserved communities. This description should include any available data (can use community data, Census data, client data to support) that is verifiable and/or contained in official records and use demographic data to describe and identify the populations that will be served. It should also identify gaps in available data that it intends to address through the needs assessment process.
- Identify relevant underserved communities in their geographic area (if any) can use community data, Census data, client data to support.

Proposal Narrative: Project Design and Implementation

- This section should include goals, objectives and activities that are aligned with the solicitation.
- Be brief, concise, and clear.
- Make sure the information is consistent throughout your proposal.
- Create solid goals and measurable objectives
    - Objectives should be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound
- Focus on the future and set a realistic timeline to complete the project.
- Address Priority 1A considerations in this section.

Proposal Narrative: Capabilities and Competencies

- Describe the capabilities and competencies to accomplish the project's goals and objectives.
- Submit resumes for any key personnel and an organizational chart.
- Describe the qualifications, roles, and responsibilities of any new positions that will be created to staff the proposed project.
- If the project includes subawards to project partners, include the name of the individual responsible for monitoring that subaward and the qualifications of the proposed partner(s) to carry out proposed activities.

Proposal Narrative: Capabilities and Competencies (cont.)

- Describe the staffing plan for the project, including the primary point of contact.
- Describe previous or current experience providing services to survivors and/or assessing the service needs of a population. Applicants may specialize in one area of victimization or several as long as they can demonstrate that they have the necessary subject matter expertise, which may require having additional partners, consultants, or subrecipients.
- Describe organization experience and capacity related to managing federal grants.
- Address Priority 1B considerations in this section.

Proposal Narrative: Plan for Collecting Data

This section must include the following information:

- Describe the process for measuring project performance.
- Identify who will collect the data; who is responsible for performance measurements; and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the project's impact.
- Describe the process to accurately report data.

Budget Web-Based Form (Worksheet and Budget Narrative)

- Use the JustGrants web-based form.
- Personnel costs should relate to the key personnel for the project.
- The budget should include adequate funding to fully implement the project, broken out by year, reflecting 36 months.
- The budget should be mathematically sound and correspond with information described in the Proposal Narrative and aligned with the project design.
- Address Priority 1B considerations, if applicable.

Create a SMART Budget

- Be SPECIFIC when listing all your expenses
- Under the computation column of the budget, make sure your costs are MEASURABLE
- Ensure that your budget items are ATTAINABLE
- If you put your timeline next to your budget, make sure each item is accounted for, then your budget should be RELEVANT.
- Make sure your budget is TIME-BOUND and broken down year by year or month by month.

Additional Documents to Apply

DOJ Application Submission Checklist

Submitting an application to DOJ is a two-part process. An applicant first submits an abbreviated application in Grants.gov. The full application is then completed in JustGrants, DOJ's grants management system. The following steps and tips will assist potential applicants in completing DOJ applications.

Step 1: Confirm your Entity's System for Award Management (SAM) registration information:

- Register with SAM or confirm that your SAM registration is active and up-to-date. You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.**
- On April 4, 2022, the federal government will stop using Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers and start using the new SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).
- Entities new to JustGrants: Confirm that the contact information (email address) for your Entity's Electronic Business Point-of-Contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM is accurate and up-to-date. The E-Biz POC is onboarded in JustGrants as the Entity's first Entity Administrator and will receive notifications from JustGrants. The Entity Administrator is responsible for completing Entity User onboarding in JustGrants. Once the Entity Administrator is onboarded, that role can be reassigned to another Entity User.
- Technical issues with SAM registration or renewal must be reported to the SAM Help Desk (Federal Service Desk).

Step 2: Apply in Grants.gov:

- Effective February 21, 2022, all Grants.gov users and applicants will need to use Login.gov credentials.
- Search for an open DOJ funding opportunity in Grants.gov or on the agency website and review the solicitation requirements.
- Complete and submit the required documents in Grants.gov at least 48–72 hours prior to the Grants.gov deadline to allow for time to correct any problems or errors. The Grants.gov portion of your application includes the SF-424 and SF-LLL. (Note: The user and email identified in Section 8.F of the SF-424 will be identified as the Application Submitter in JustGrants and will receive future notifications from JustGrants.)

JUSTgrants JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

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Application Attachments

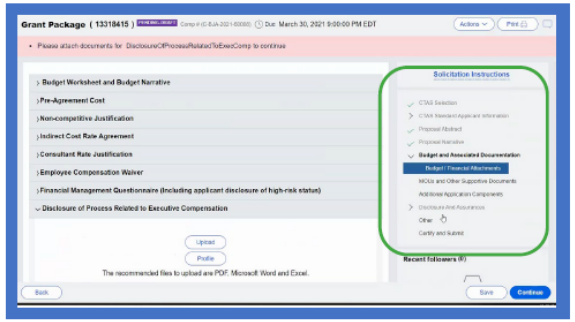
Applicants

JUSTgrants JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

Attachment Tips

Log in to JustGrants using either Chrome or Microsoft Edge as your browser. Internet Explorer is not a compatible browser for JustGrants.

Open the application and use the menu options on the right to navigate. File attachments associated with a section are displayed in the section.



JUSTgrants JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

Role: Entity Users

Application Submission

Job Aid Reference Guide

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Version 3.0

Award Attachments

Entity Administrators and Authorized Representatives can attach these items to awards

Attach the following items as required to award deliverables for DOJ review.

Attachments	
Additional Application Components Other	Additional Project Title Information
Application Attachments	Areas Affect by Project
Bibliography/References	Budget Consultant Rate Justification
Budget Financial Management Questionnaire	Budget Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
Budget Non-competitive Justification	Budget Other
Budget Pre-Agreement Cost	Budget Sole Source Justification
Budget Worksheet	Confidentiality Notice Forms
Correspondence	Curriculum Vitae or Resumes
Delinquent Debt Explanation	Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation
Disclosures and Assurances	File
Human Subjects Protection	Letter of Non-supplanting
Letters of Support	List of individuals in the Application
Lobbying Activities Disclosure	MOU Document
Opportunity Zone	Other Attachment
Other Project Period GAM Attachment	Privacy Certificate
Program/Project Congressional Districts	Project Timeline
Proof 501 (C) Status (Nonprofits only)	Proposal Narrative
Request to Use Incentives or Stipends	Tool, Instruments, Questionnaires, Tables, Maps
Tribal Authorizing Resolution	

Hallmarks of an Outstanding Application

- Use simple and concise language.
- Ensure information is presentable and organized!
- Add tables, graphs, staff photos, and other images when possible while being mindful of grant guidelines.
- Be realistic about how you will achieve goals.
- Get feedback from those who may run the project!
- Make sure the proposal is consistent with the solicitation.
- Check, recheck, and check again—budget, grant requirements, references, and other grant details.

Common Reasons Cited for a Weak Application

- Too ambitious or lacks focus
- Applicant lacks appropriate expertise to carry out the proposed project
- No evidence of feasibility (do not assume reviewers are as familiar with the project as you)
- Poor writing and a lot of errors

Application Process

Application Submission Overview

Applicants have two application submission deadlines:

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

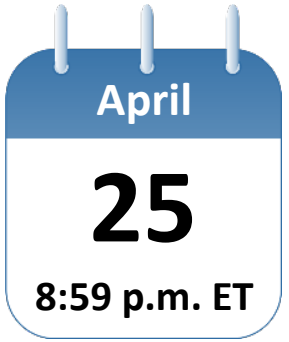
It's OK to enter preliminary budget or programmatic data in Grants. gov and update later in JustGrants.

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

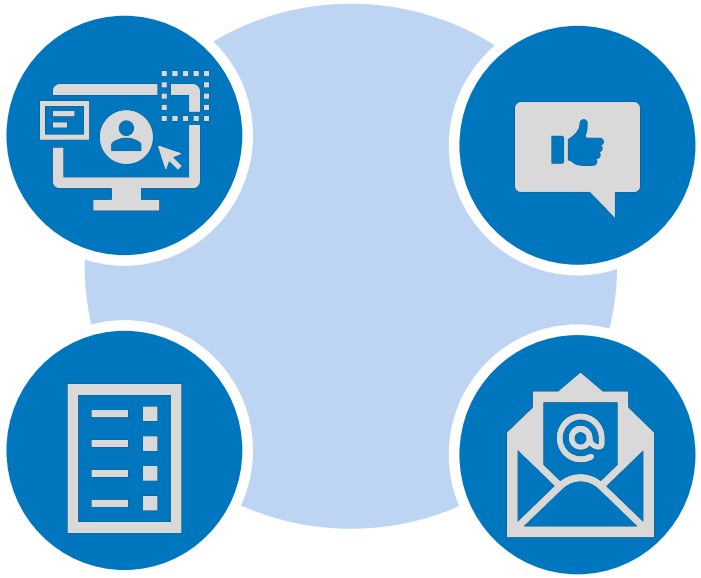
Important Dates

Part 1: **Submit SF-424 & SF-LLL** in Grants.gov by

Part 2: **Submit Full Application** in JustGrants.gov by



Web-Based Forms for Submission in JustGrants



There are certain web-based forms that must be submitted directly into the system.

- Proposal Abstract
- Solicitation-Specific Data submitted with the Application
- Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timelines
- Budget Web-Based Form
- Application Disclosure of Duplication Cost Items

Pay attention to required sections. If a section is required and presents you with web-based entries, you cannot upload a document instead. You must use the format required in the application.

What to Expect After Submitting an Application

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

The system will notify:

- The Entity Administrator and Authorized Representative when the deadline for applications has changed.
- The Application Submitter, Entity Administrator, and Authorized Representative when the application is received in JustGrants from Grants.gov.
- The Entity Administrator when the award notification has been sent.

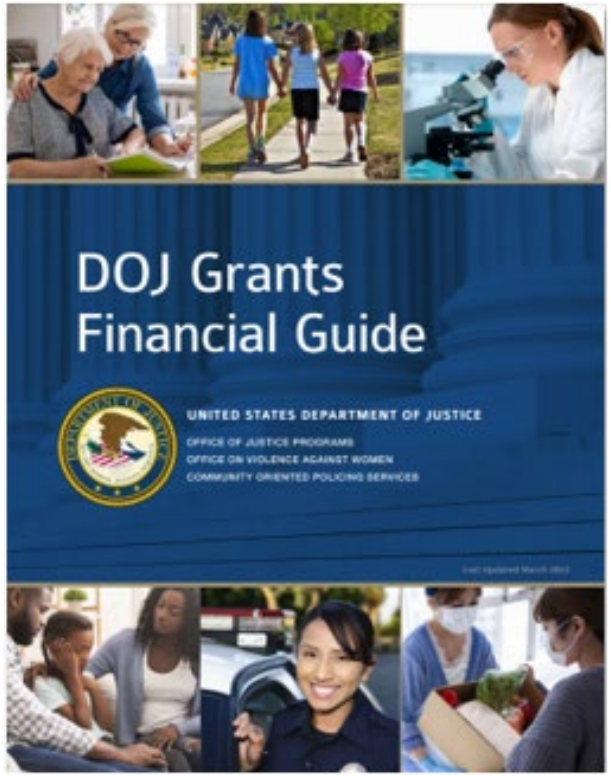
The entity should check the system regularly so that any upcoming deadlines for submitting applications and documentation are addressed in a timely manner.

Once the application deadline passes in JustGrants, you may see a banner that says it is past due. If your status is "Submitted," your application has been received by DOJ and you can ignore the past due banner.

Information About OVC

Consult the OVC website.

DOJ Grants Financial Guide



As a starting point for all recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards consult the DOJ Grants Financial Guide: https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm.

TOP 10 TOPICS	
1. Financial Management Systems	6. Audit Requirements
2. Allowable Costs	7. Conference Costs
3. Unallowable Costs	8. Adjustments to Awards
4. Federal Financial Reports	9. Accounting by Approved Budget Category
5. Performance Reports	10. Subrecipient Monitoring

The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

Find it at: https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide

Information on Grant Measurement Reporting

Overview of performance measurement activities at OJP: https://ojp.gov/performance/.

Information on SAM.gov

Visit SAM.gov:

This is your first stop BEFORE applying.

Information on Grants.gov

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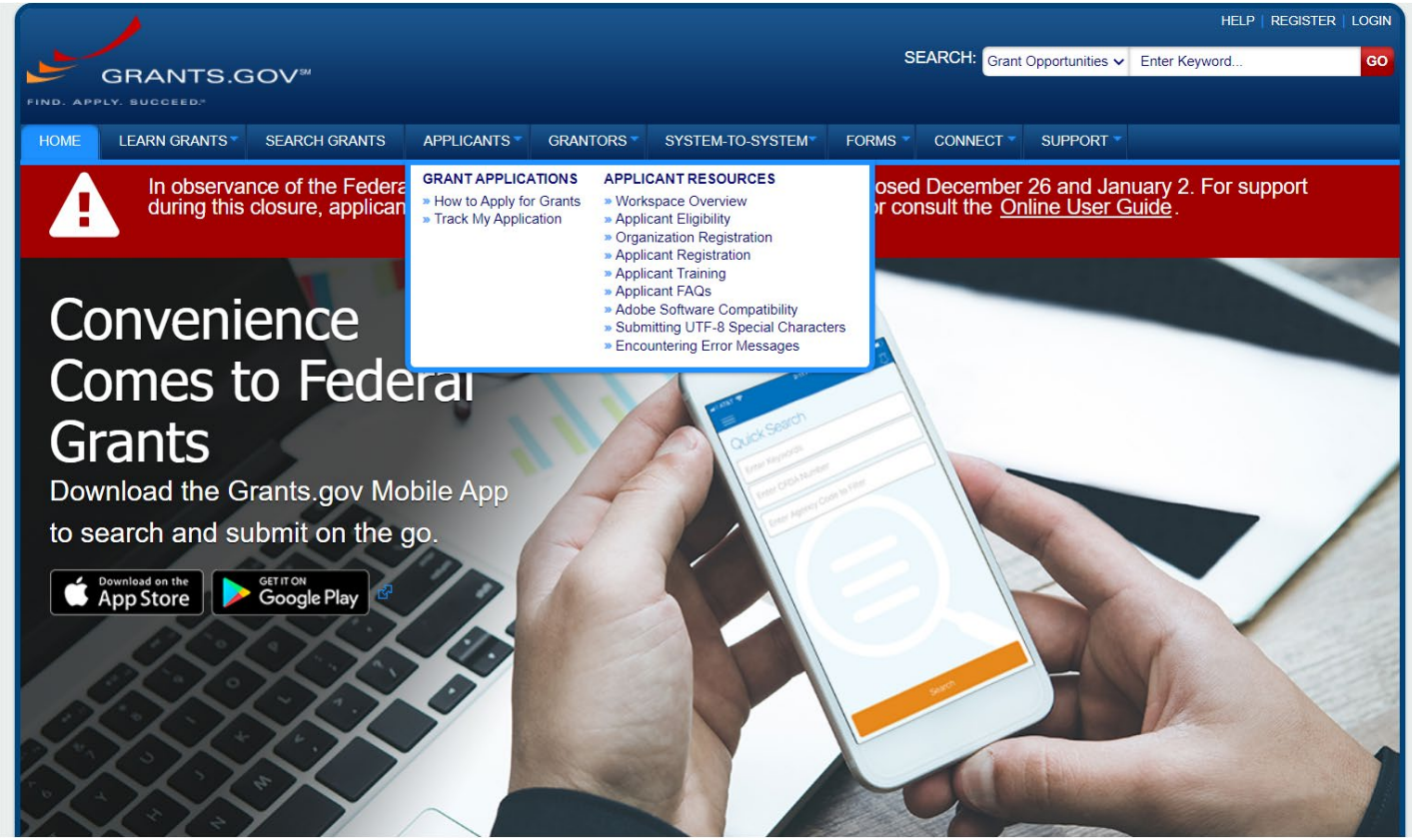
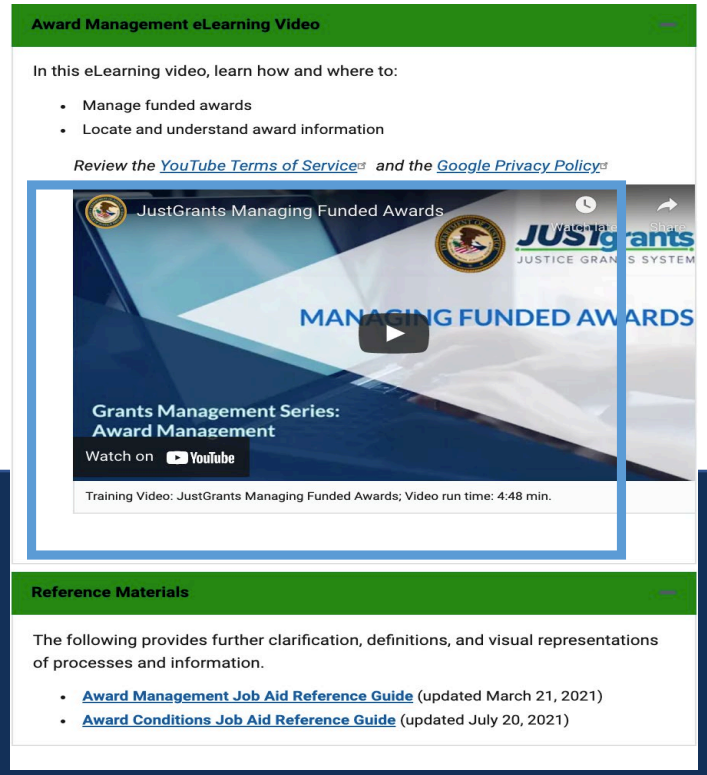
This is your first stop in applying.



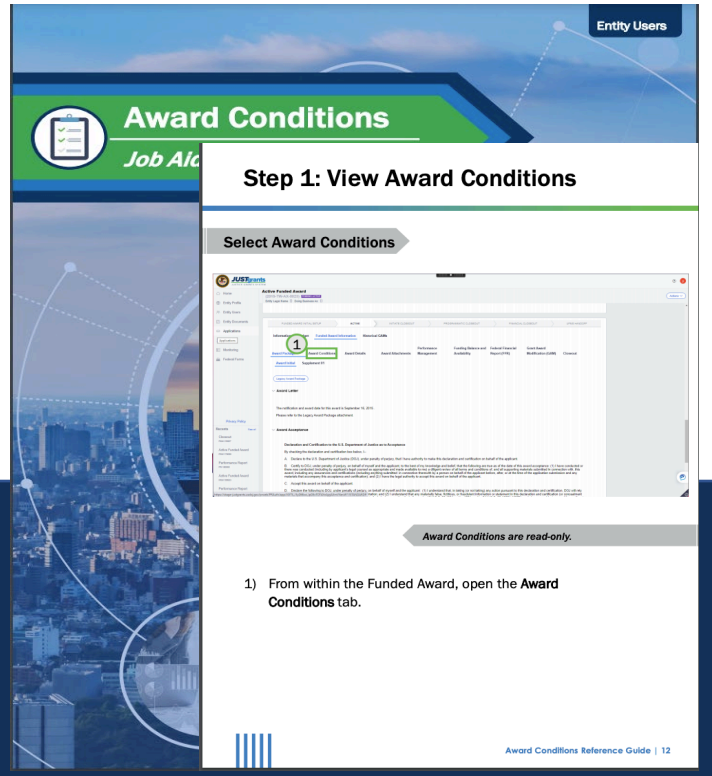
JustGrants Training Resources

Visit: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov

Organized by Topics



Micro-learning videos



Job Aid Reference Guides

JustGrants Office Hours: Application Mechanics

Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application Training ***Key Audience:*** *Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, Authorized Representative*	• Preparing to apply • Completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov • Entity onboarding and JustGrants access • JustGrants roles and responsibilities • Assigning users' roles to applications • Completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting a JustGrants application • Attendee questions about application submission	**Every Wednesday** from 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET Click the link to register for the session you wish to attend: March 15, 2023 March 22, 2023 March 29, 2023

Check website for updates: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-virtual-sessions

Free Training and Technical Assistance

Explore training tools at the OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center: www.ovcttac.gov.

Multiple victim services topics are covered, including human trafficking, so that you have the skills to reach out to victims of every type of crime, from every background, in every place, and offer them what they need to rebuild their lives.

Information on OJP Resources

Obtain justice and drug-related information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide at OJP Response Center: https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/new-ojp-resources. Subscribe and find funding opportunities, recent publications, online resources, and upcoming events.

How to Prepare for Solicitation Season

- Review OVC's previously held webinars:
  - Part 1: Getting Ready to Apply
  - Part 2: Considerations When Building Your OVC Budget
  - Part 3: Preparing Your Proposal and What to Expect Next
- Find OVC's current funding opportunities.
- Sign up for News From OVC to stay up-to-date with the webinars schedule.
- Visit the DOJ Program Plan for other funding opportunities.

Important Contact Information

Technical Assistance registering or renewing your entity registration in the System for Award Management (SAM): 866-606-8220 | SAM Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)

Technical Assistance submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into Grants.Gov: 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035 | support@grants.gov

Important Contact Information

Technical Assistance submitting the FULL APPLICATION into JustGrants: 833-872-5175 | JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

OJP Response Center

Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements and to report a technical issue that prevented application submission, contact the OJP Response Center: 800-851-3420 | grants@ncjrs.gov

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