BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

HATE CRIMES PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction to OJP and BJA
- Program Overviews
- Eligibility and Application Requirements
- Application Resources
- Q&A

SECTION 1

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

BJA
Bureau of Justice Assistance
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What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)** and the **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**.

BJA – Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS – Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ – National Institute of Justice

OVC – Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART – Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

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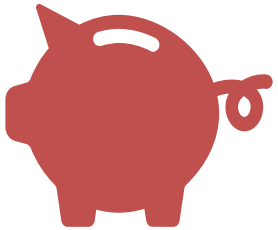
How BJA Supports the Field



Investments

Provide diverse funding to accomplish goals.

Sharing Knowledge

Research, develop, and deliver what works to build capacity and improve outcomes.

Engagement

Consult, connect, and convene.

Poll Question

Has your organization been awarded federal grants in the past?

- Yes, my organization has extensive experience with federal grants.
- Yes, though my organization does not currently have any federal grants.
- My organization has limited experience with federal grants.
- My organization is new to federal grants and looking to learn more!

SECTION 2

PROGRAM OVERVIEWS

Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program

- The Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program supports state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies to investigate and prosecute unsolved homicide cold case murders suspected of having been racially motivated. It also includes support for victims' families and stakeholders impacted by these cases.
- Funds are limited to violations of civil rights statutes resulting in death that occurred no later than December 31, 1979.

Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Prosecutions Program

FY2024 Solicitation was released on March 6, 2024

Grants.gov Deadline: June 25, 2024

Application JustGrants Deadline: July 2, 2024 8:59 pm Eastern

Award Information – Emmett Till

- BJA expects to make approximately 3 awards.
- Estimated maximum award amounts: $750,000.
- Total amount anticipated to be awarded: $2,250,000.
- Grant start date: October 1, 2024.
- Period of performance: 36 months.
- BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants.

Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program

- The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program(Shepard Byrd) supports efforts by state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies and their partners in conducting outreach, educating practitioners and the public, enhancing victim reporting tools, and investigating and prosecuting hate crimes committed on the basis of a victim's perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Programs

FY2024 Solicitation was released on April 25, 2024

Grants.gov Deadline: July 18, 2024

Application JustGrants Deadline: July 25, 2024 8:59 pm Eastern

Award Information – Shepard Byrd

- BJA expects to make approximately 15 awards.
- Estimated maximum award amounts: $725,000 for Category One; $2,000,000 for Category Two; and $125,000 for Category Three.
- Total amount anticipated to be awarded: $11,100,000.
- Grant start date: October 1, 2023.
- Period of performance: 48 months for Categories One and Two and 24 months for Category Three.
- BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants.

Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes

- The Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes program supports comprehensive community-based approaches to addressing hate crimes that promote community awareness and preparedness, increase victim reporting, and improve responses to hate crimes.
- The program is also designed to develop community-informed models for preventing and responding to hate speech and incidents, as well as facilitating reconciliation and community healing.

Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes

FY2024 Solicitation was released on March 11, 2024

Grants.gov Deadline: June 25, 2024

Application JustGrants Deadline: July 2, 2024 8:59 pm Eastern

Award Information – Community-based Approaches To Prevent and Address Hate Crimes

- BJA expects to make approximately 13 awards.
- Estimated maximum award amounts: $400,000 for Category One and $2,000,000 for Category Two.
- Total amount anticipated to be awarded: $8,400,000.
- Grant start date: October 1, 2024.
- Period of performance: 36 months.
- BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants.

SECTION 4

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligible Applicants – Emmett Till

State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, including prosecutors' offices.

- An applicant entity may submit more than one application if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application.
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Eligible Applicants – Community-based Approaches

- 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
- Other:
  - This includes community-based organizations and civil rights organizations that are tribal, non-profit, for profit, and academic .

Application Sections

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (required)
- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative (required)
- Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative (required)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
- Additional Attachments

Application Sections

Additional Attachments

- Time Task Plan
  - Outline goals and objectives.
  - Summarize major activities, expected dates of completion, and responsible agencies.
- Resumes/Job Descriptions of Key Staff
  - For all staff to be funded under the grant.
- Letters of support and/or MOUs for key partners
- Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients
  - Attach a list of proposed subrecipients of grant funding, if applicable, that includes their name, organizational affiliation, and location.
- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation Waiver (if applicable)

Proposal Abstract

Proposal abstracts should include:

- Name of applicant.
- Project's focus area (location, types of cases).
- Summary of project's scope and activities.
- Estimated number of cases to be investigated and prosecuted.
- List of key partners.
- A preliminary description of how community stakeholders will be engaged in the program.
- If the applicant is seeking priority consideration.

Proposal Narrative

Double-spaced, using standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Number pages "1 of 15," etc.

Should not exceed 15 pages.

SCORING:

-Description of the Issue	25%
-Project Design and Implementation	30%
-Capabilities and Competencies	30%
-Plan for Collecting Data Required for Performance Measures	5%
-Budget and Budget Worksheet	10%

Budget and Budget Narrative

- Itemized budget for each year of the grant.
- There is no match required.
- Prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/training costs.

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 40% of award funding.

The budget narrative must also describe how the activities that will be funded with the (minimum) 40% 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.

DOJ Hate Crimes Resources

For more information on the program's overview, visit:

- https://bja.ojp.gov/program/shepard-byrd-hate-crimes-program/funding

For information on the FBI's Hate Crimes Work, visit:

- https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/civil-rights/hate-crimes

For more information on the Community Relations Service, visit:

- https://www.justice.gov/crs

For other DOJ hate crimes resources, visit:

- https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes

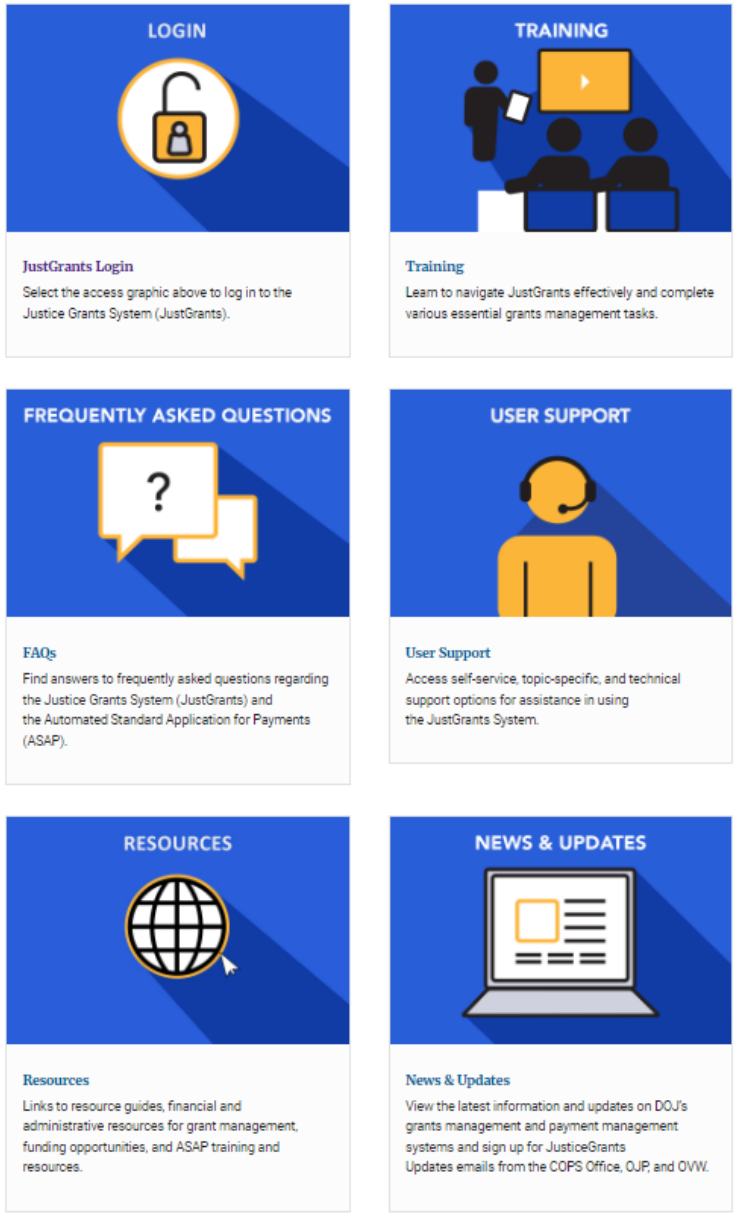
SECTION 5

APPLICATION RESOURCES

Contents

- How To Apply
- Application Elements and Formatting Instructions
  - Complete the Application for Federal Assistance(Standard Form (SF)-424)
  - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
    - Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)
  - Proposal Abstract
  - Budget Preparation and Submission Information
    - Detailed Computations and Allowable Costs
    - Narrative Justification for Every Cost
    - Consolidated Budget Summary
    - Information on Proposed Subawards (if any) and Proposed Procurement Contracts (if any)
    - Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
  - Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)
- Application Attachments
  - Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications (Duplication in Cost Items)
  - Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees
  - Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity
  - Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation
- Financial Information
  - Financial Management and System of Internal Controls
  - Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)
  - Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement
  - Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)
  - Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver
  - Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs
  - Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)
- Application Review Information
- Federal Award Administration Information
  - Federal Award Notices
  - Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements
  - Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses
  - General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements
- Programmatic Information
  - Evidence-Based Programs or Practices
  - Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities
  - Note on Project Evaluations
- Other Information
  - Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552 and 5 U.S.C. § 552a)
  - Provide Feedback to OJP
  - To Become an OJP Peer Reviewer

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



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Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL.**
  - **Customer Support Hotline**
    - 800–518–4726 or 606–545–5035
    - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
  - **Web and Email**
    - https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html
    - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

JustGrants Technical Support

Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

- **Customer Support Hotline:**
  - 833–872–5175
  - Monday – Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. ET
  - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET
- **Web and Email**
  - https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support
  - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

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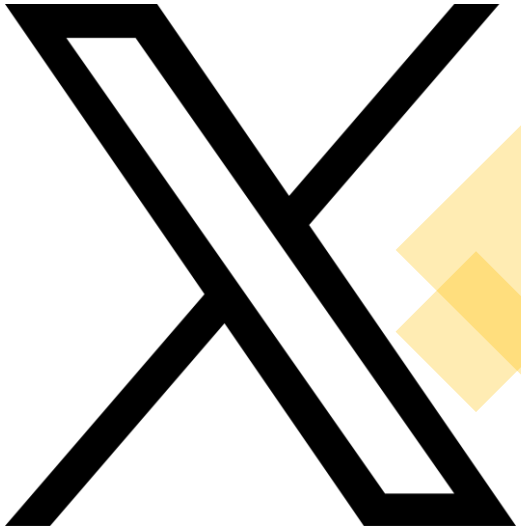

Additional Questions?

Contact the **OJP Response Center**:

- Email: grants@ncjrs.gov
- Toll free: 800–851–3420
- TTY: 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday.

Reminder: Dual Deadlines

Applications must be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at Grants.gov.
- Step 2: Submit the full application, with attachments, at JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov.

NOTE: Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59 p.m. ET, not 11:59 p.m. ET as in past years.

Read the solicitation carefully for further guidance.

Quick Reference: Important Contacts

For technical assistance submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into Grants.Gov, **call:** 800–518–4726 or 606–545–5035, 24 hours a day, or **email:** support@grants.gov.

For technical assistance submitting the **full application** into JustGrants, **call:** 833–872–5175, 7–9 ET, M–F, and 9–5 ET, weekends and holidays, or **email:** JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov.

For technical assistance with the programmatic requirements, **call the OJP Response Center**: 800–851–3420, 10–6 ET, M–F, or **email:** grants@ncjrs.gov.

Questions?

Enter in the **Q&A** box and send to **All Panelists.**