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FY 2024 Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety Solicitation Webinar

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SECTION 1

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION



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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
OVERVIEW**



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Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety

Goal: To improve community safety and quality of life by identifying, implementing, and testing promising new or innovative community safety strategies that will reduce and prevent crime, address quality of life, improve community residents' perceptions of procedural fairness, and build capacity via training and technical assistance (TTA) to sustain and translate these lessons to the field.

Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety

Objectives:

- To develop and test an effective community-based safety model to serve as an alternative to traditional enforcement processes for addressing lower-level types of crime and quality of life issues that will improve community safety.
- To increase community safety and build trust and credibility between law enforcement and residents by partnering with community-based organizations, local government agencies, and other entities to enhance the model's capacity and sustainability.
- To design and deliver TTA and funding to support project sites and build the capacity of the project sites and the field at large to reduce and prevent less serious/low-level offenses and enhance community engagement in these partnerships.

SECTION 3

GUEST SPEAKERS



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BJA Grantee Insight and Experience

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SCJ's Director of Community Outreach
NPSC's Community Outreach Advisor
Rutgers University-Newark

Describe your experience:



Writing and applying for the grant



Receiving and managing the grant



Implementing programmatic activities to
reduce and prevent crime

SECTION 3

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



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Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety Solicitation Categories

Category	Expected Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
Category 1: Reimagining Justice Project Sites	2	Up to \$2,000,000	October 1, 2024	36
Category 2: Reimagining Justice Training and Technical Assistance	1	\$1,000,000	October 1, 2024	36

Category 1 Eligible Applicants

Public- and State-controlled institutions of higher education

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

Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Private institutions of higher education

Other: Local non-law enforcement government agencies

Category 1: Reimagining Justice Project Sites

- Develop and test new or innovative approaches for improving community safety and providing alternatives to traditional enforcement mechanisms for less serious and low-level criminal offenses in communities experiencing high rates of crime and related quality of life issues.
- Applicants are expected to design a plan that includes the following components:
 - ✓ Engage residents and leaders in the target area in the development and implementation of a community-based safety model that will build capacity in community-based organizations, institutions, and service providers.
 - ✓ Also involve local government agencies such as social service and community development agencies, local institutions such as schools and faith-based institutions, and those most impacted by community safety strategies.

Category 1: Reimagining Justice Project Sites (cont.)

- Applicants are expected to design a plan that includes the following components:
 - ✓ Describe the collaborative process where partners, including subawardees, will execute their community engagement strategy and develop the community safety model within the first year of the award.
 - ✓ Description of any mechanism that will be used to resolve issues or cases, including details on how these issues or cases will be referred to the community-based alternative program and any relevant referral process to facilitate the deflection of these matters entirely out of the traditional legal system.

Role and Responsibilities of Intermediary Organization

Applicants must identify a lead applicant (intermediary organization) and clearly describe a management plan for coordinating across the collaborating entities, planning and implementing the deliverables and administering the subawards.

The applicant will be expected to determine its project partners in the application or once awarded. Project partners will receive TTA from the intermediary organization throughout the length of the project and in partnership with entities that will receive subawards.

The applicant serving as the intermediary organization may be a national, regional, or more localized organization with expertise in community safety strategies and an established capacity to work with the entities outlined in the program design. The sub-awardees may use the funding to increase their capacity for community safety efforts in the chosen sites, and they should be able to sustain them once federal funding ends.

Role and Responsibilities of Intermediary Organization (cont.)

- Identify a researcher in the application who will collaborate with the site-based partners and the intermediary organization to collect data on the nature and extent of crimes in the site(s) and their residents' perceptions of law enforcement and safety, procedural fairness, and legitimacy.
- The researcher will conduct regular assessments of these data during the model's implementation and report findings to the intermediary organization and site partners to learn whether any adjustments are needed during the implementation process.

Category 2 Eligible Applicants

Public- and State-controlled institutions of higher education

Private institutions of higher education

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

Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Category 2: Reimagining Justice Training and Technical Assistance

- Support Reimagining Justice project sites, their partners, and the field by delivering a wide range of TTA services designed to support them in all stages of their projects.
 - ✓ Support Reimagining Justice grantees to plan and implement data-driven, cross-sector strategies to address less serious/lower-level crimes.
 - ✓ Build capacity to support grantees' community-based strategies, assess these strategies, and develop online tools and resources for the field.
 - ✓ Document lessons learned and the results of the Reimagining Justice sites' efforts to assist other communities with improving and enhancing their community safety efforts.

What an Application Should Include

- **Abstract** – A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project, will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form.
- **Project Narrative** – A project narrative that includes the following:
 1. Description of the Issue
 2. Project Design and Implementation
 3. Capabilities and Competencies
 4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation’s Performance Measures
- Budget and Associated Documentation
Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form). Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. The amount of the federal request should match the federal request amount on the SF-424.

Additional Application Components

Timeline (36 months)

Résumés/Job Descriptions

Letters of Support and/or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity

Subaward Policies and Procedures

Request and Justification for Employee Compensation Waiver (if applicable)

Important Dates

*Don't wait until the deadline to apply!
Refer to the application checklist.*

- **Solicitation posting date: May 9, 2024**
- **Deadline to submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: July 1, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET**
- **Deadline to submit the full application in JustGrants: July 8, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET**

SECTION 5

APPLICATION RESOURCES



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OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

⚠ SAM.gov Entity Validation Update

GSA implemented a new process to validate an entity's legal business name and physical address when requesting a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and for completing a SAM.gov entity registration. Due to a high volume of requests, entity validations are taking longer than expected to process. This validation process is now taking 7-10 business days, and in some cases longer.

OJP strongly recommends starting your SAM.gov registration process as soon as possible to allow the time necessary to process entity validations well in advance of the Grants.gov due date posted in the solicitation. Read [this FAQ](#) for more information.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide ("Guide") provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding. It addresses a variety of policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP program applicants, or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Some OJP programs may have program solicitations that expressly modify a provision of this Guide; in such cases, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in the solicitation as to any such expressly modified provision.

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The Justice Grants System (JustGrants) is the Department of Justice's grants management system for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

The JustGrants Resources website is an entryway into information about JustGrants and the system itself. Through this portal both award recipients and applicants can access [training resources](#) and [user support options](#), find answers to [frequently asked questions](#) and [sign up for the JusticeGrants Update e-newsletter](#).

Users can also [log in to JustGrants](#) through the site.

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LOGIN

JustGrants Login
Select the access graphic above to log in to the Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

TRAINING

Training
Learn to navigate JustGrants effectively and complete various essential grants management tasks.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQs
Find answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) and the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP).

USER SUPPORT

User Support
Access self-service, topic-specific, and technical support options for assistance in using the JustGrants System.

RESOURCES

Resources
Links to resource guides, financial and administrative resources for grant management, funding opportunities, and ASAP training and resources.

NEWS & UPDATES

News & Updates
View the latest information and updates on DOJ's grants management and payment management systems and sign up for JusticeGrants Updates emails from the COPS Office, OJP, and OVW.

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. to 5:00 p.m. ET
 - **Web and Email**
 - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
 - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Email Updates
Text OJP [your
email address] to
468-311 to
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rates may apply.)



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs website. On the left is the official seal of the Department of Justice. To its right, the text reads "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" and "OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS". On the far right, there are links for "Contact Us", "Careers", "Subscribe", and a share icon. Below these links is a search bar with the word "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. A secondary navigation bar below the header contains links for "About Us", "News Center", "Grants/Funding", "For Congress", "NCJRS Library", "Topics", "Training", and "Data".

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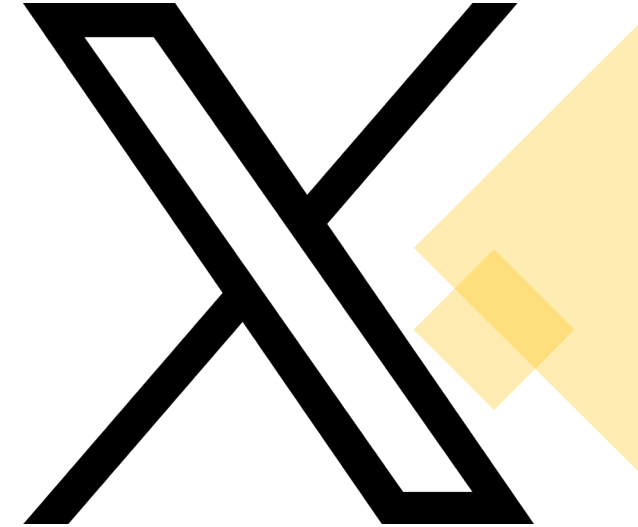
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Additional Questions?

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](https://www.Grants.gov) by July 1, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET.
- Step 2: Submit the full application, with attachments, at JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov by July 8, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET.

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?

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and send to All
Panelists.