

NEWS AND UPDATES



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JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

On October 15, 2020, the Department of Justice grant making components—the [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS Office\)](#), the [Office of Justice Programs \(OJP\)](#), and the [Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\)](#)—transitioned to one grants management system (JustGrants) for all three grant components and a new payment management system (ASAP).

This e-newsletter provides updates and shares information to assist everyone with the transition to these new systems.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue to resolve issues that may prevent the submission of reporting and closeout requirements, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is providing the following extensions:

Closeouts for Awards that Ended 9/30/2020 or 10/31/2020 are Extended Until 2/28/2021

For awards that ended September 30, 2020, or October 31, 2020, the submission of final reports, deliverables, closeout packages, and final drawdowns has been extended until February 28, 2021. This deadline extension does **NOT** extend the award period of performance (i.e., grantees cannot continue to obligate funds outside of the project period stated on the award document). Award funding will be withheld as part of the closeout process once the closeout is submitted in JustGrants. Otherwise, funding will be withheld beginning on March 1, 2021.

Important reminders:

- **The only role within JustGrants that can submit a Closeout is the Grant Award Administrator.**
- All DOJ-related ASAP accounts will be suspended the last 3 business days of the month to carry out required account reconciliation activities. Grantees will not be able to request or receive drawdowns during this period.

Performance Reports Due Through 1/31/2021 are Extended Until 2/28/2021

For awards for which Performance Reports were due between October 1, 2020, and January 31, 2021, DOJ has extended the reporting deadline until February 28, 2021.

On January 16, 2021, Grant Award Administrators for some OJP awards were notified by JustGrants Support that we were experiencing issues with their ability to access and submit their required Performance Reports, and were asked to not submit Performance Reports at that time. Those issues have since been resolved and those Grant Award Administrators should submit their Performance Reports at their earliest convenience. Subsequent notification will be sent to those impacted, with further information and guidance.

Important reminder:

- **The only role within JustGrants that can submit a Performance Report is the Grant Award Administrator.**

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Federal Financial Reports Are Due 1/30/2021

Federal Financial Reports (FFR) for the period ending December 31, 2020, are due on January 30, 2021. DOJ will **NOT** suspend funds if the FFR for the period ending December 31, 2020, is not submitted by January 30, 2021. Award recipients will be able to submit FFRs after the deadline, without consequence, as we continue to resolve system issues that may prevent you from submitting your FFR. (Please note that JustGrants has received more than 26,000 FFR submissions to-date. Possible issues preventing submission are minimal and impact a small number of submissions.)

Grantees who have not yet submitted an FFR for the period ending September 30, 2020, should do so at their earliest convenience, or continue to work with JustGrants Support if they are still experiencing issues related to FFR submission. Funds will not be frozen for delinquent September 30, 2020, FFRs until all system issues related to FFR submission have been resolved.

Important reminder:

- **The only role within JustGrants that can submit an FFR is the Financial Manager.** Individuals with that role in JustGrants should review this [JustGrants News Flash Tip Sheet](#), which contains helpful guidance on how to complete and submit FFRs in JustGrants. DOJ strongly encourages all award recipients to submit their FFR(s) for the reporting period ending September 30, 2020, as soon as possible.

Assigning Roles in JustGrants

As part of the successful JustGrants onboarding and enrollment process, the Entity Administrator is responsible for [assigning appropriate roles](#) to all users from your organization in JustGrants.

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