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Overview

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> (DOJ), <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), <u>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency</u> <u>Prevention (OJJDP)</u> is seeking applications for funding for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Court Appointed Special Advocates Training, Technical Assistance, and Subgrants Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by combating victimization..

This solicitation incorporates the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants on how to prepare and submit applications for funding to OJP. If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.

Solicitation Categories

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

Eligible Applicants:

Other

Other

Eligible applicants are limited to (1) national organizations that have broad membership among court appointed special advocate programs (defined by OJJDP as having a network of volunteers representing the interests of abused and neglected children operating in a minimum of 40 of the nation's 56 states and territories) and have demonstrated experience in grant administration of court appointed special advocate programs and in providing training and technical assistance to court appointed special advocate programs and (2) local public or not-for-profit agencies that have demonstrated a willingness to initiate, sustain, and expand a court appointed special advocate program.

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Attorney General determined that all state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for FY 2021 DOJ discretionary grant funding. To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency's use of force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and (2) the agency's use of force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law. The certification requirement also applies to law enforcement agencies receiving DOJ discretionary grant funding through a subaward. For detailed information on this new certification requirement, please visit https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, Implementation Fact Sheet, and List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

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Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting the **SF-424 and SF- LLL** in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at <u>Grants.gov customer support webpage</u>, or email at <u>support@grants.gov</u>. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk at <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> or at 833-872-5175. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the grants.gov within 24 hours after the application deadline to request approval to submit its application after the deadline.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the Response Center by telephone at 800–851–3420 or TTY: 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only) or by email at <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u>. Response Center hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date. General information on applying for OJJDP awards can be found at <u>https://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/funding.html</u>.

Submission Information

In FY 2021, applications will be submitted to DOJ in a NEW two-step process.

Step 1: Applicants will submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in Grants.gov at

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html. To register in Grants.gov, applicants will need to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM) registration or renewal.

Step 2: Applicants will submit the full application including attachments in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov.

To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

OJP encourages applicants to review, the "How to Apply" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

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Program Description

Overview

This solicitation provides funding to support an organization to provide training and technical assistance on the standards developed by the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association; and to release subgrants to initiate, sustain, and expand the CASA program in communities across the nation.

Statutory Authority

Any awards under this solicitation will be made under the statutory authority provided by a full-year Department of Justice appropriations act for FY 2021

Statutory Authority: Section 217 of the Victims of Child Abuse Act (34 U.S.C. § 20323).

Specific Information

This program will expand the national membership and accreditation program for state and local CASAs and make available training and technical assistance to support existing and new state and local CASA programs across the nation and CASA services in communities where representation rates are low, the numbers of abused and neglected children are high, and service systems do not meet the needs of children and families. In addition, the program will provide training and technical assistance in volunteer advocate recruitment and retention, volunteer advocate training, data collection and reporting, sustainability, and program standards.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Goals

The goals of the CASA Training, Technical Assistance, and Subgrants Program are to improve outcomes for children in the foster care system and to provide effective advocacy for abused and neglected children.

Objectives

- Increase the number of children receiving services under CASA programs.
- Increase recruitment of volunteer advocates under CASA programs.
- Increase the number of children who exit the program to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship.
- Increase the number of volunteer advocates trained in the CASA program curriculum and standards.

Deliverables

- Develop and administer a membership accreditation program to screen, train, and supervise CASA programs in accordance with the national standards developed by the National CASA Association.
- Develop and deliver technical assistance for state and local CASA programs that seek to (1) increase the number and quality of services they provide and (2) increase their recruitment of volunteers to work effectively with diverse, at-risk populations.
- Develop and administer a subgrant program to initiate, sustain, and expand local and state CASA programs with a focus on distributing grants to localities that have no existing CASA program. (See note under Federal Award Information regarding percentage of funds to be allocated to subgrants.)
- Develop and disseminate publications to increase recruitment of CASA volunteer advocates and share best practices.

Note: There are limitations on the amount that may be proposed for administrative purposes related to subgrants, as detailed under Federal Award Information

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that demonstrate the results of the work completed, as discussed under Application and Submission Information.

OJJDP Training and Technical Assistance Awardee Standards

OJJDP has developed the Core Performance Standards for Training, Technical Assistance, and Evaluation to promote among providers the consistency and quality of OJJDP-sponsored training and technical assistance and to advance common expectations of performance excellence. The standards present minimum expectations that providers must meet for effective practice in the planning, coordination, delivery, and evaluation of training.

Requirements related to coordination of activities will include, but are not limited to:

Coordination with OJJDP NTTAC. OJJDP requires all training and technical assistance projects to coordinate their activities with the OJJDP National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) by complying with all OJJDP/NTTAC protocols to ensure coordinated delivery of services among providers and the effective use of

Page 5 of 14 O-OJJDP-2021-48006 OJJDP grant funding. OJJDP reserves the right to modify these protocols at any time with reasonable notice to the grantee prior to project completion.

- **OJJDP-funded webinars.** The award recipient must comply with OJJDP's webinar guidelines, as described in the Core Performance Standards. Minimally, OJJDP training and technical assistance providers will submit information to OJJDP in advance of all events for the online calendar, record events, and provide the final files (which must be compliant with Section 508 of the Workforce Rehabilitation Act) to OJJDP or OJJDP's representative. For more information on Section 508 of the Workforce Rehabilitation Act, visit https://www.section508.gov/.
- **Training information sharing.** OJP will collect information from its program offices on OJP-funded training and technical assistance events. Award recipients must use OJJDP's standard electronic training request form, submit information to OJJDP on all training events (e.g., name of requester, description of request, dates of event) 30 days in advance of the event date, and report additional data, as OJJDP requires.

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

Federal Award Information

Awards, Amounts and Durations

Anticipated Number of Awards

1

Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards \$11,000,000.00

Period of Performance Start Date 10/1/21 12:00 AM

Period of Performance Duration (Months)

12

Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation \$11,000,000.00

Continuation Funding Intent

OJJDP may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation, through continuation awards. OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and progress of award funded work, when making continuation award decisions.

Availability of Funds

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Types of Awards

OJJDP expects to make awards under this solicitation as a cooperative agreement, which provide for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

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Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. The "Part 200 Uniform Requirements" means the DOJ regulation at 2 C.F.R. Part 2800, which adopts (with certain modifications) the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. See <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide information on Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs).

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide information on Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.

Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs.

Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on Costs Associated with Language Assistance.

Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see the title page.

Application and Submission Information

The following application elements MUST be included in the application submission for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- · Proposal Abstract,
- · Proposal Narrative,
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form),

See the "Application Elements and Formatting Instructions" section of the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements or that is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

The SF-424 will be submitted in Grants.gov. The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information on completing the SF-424.

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") **is not** subject to <u>Executive Order 12372</u>. (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting the response that the "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.")

Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency Information)

The Standard Applicant Information section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. Applicants will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, applicants will need to: add zip codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and verify the organization's legal name and address.

Proposal 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 Webbased form.

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Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be doublespaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 30 pages. Pages should be numbered and submitted as an attachment. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, OJJDP may negatively consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

The following sections must be included as part of the proposal narrative:

a. Description of the Issue

Applicants should briefly describe the nature and scope of the problem that the program will address (i.e., high rates of child abuse and neglect, absence of CASA programs). The applicant should use data to provide evidence that the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the larger community. Any data or research referenced in the narrative should include information about the source of the data and/or a citation. Applicants should describe the target population and any previous or current attempts to address the problem. Applicants should describe any research or evaluation studies that relate to the problem and contribute to their understanding of its causes and potential solutions. While OJJDP expects applicants to review the research literature for relevant studies, they should also explore whether unpublished local sources of research or evaluation data are available.

b. Project Design and Implementation

Applicants should detail how the project will operate throughout the funding period and describe the strategies that they will use to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section. Applicants should describe how they will complete the deliverables stated in the Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables section. OJJDP encourages applicants to select evidence-based practices for their programs. This section should also include details regarding any leveraged resources (cash or in-kind) from local sources to support the project and discuss plans for sustainability beyond the grant period.

<u>Timeline</u>. Applicants should submit a realistic timeline or milestone chart that indicates major tasks associated with the goals and objectives of the project, assigns responsibility for each, and plots completion of each task by month or quarter for the duration of the award, using "Year 1," "Month 1," "Quarter 1," etc., not calendar dates (see "Sample Project Timelines" <u>here</u>). Applicants should submit the timeline as a separate attachment, as stipulated in Additional Application Components. On receipt of an award, the recipient may revise the timeline, based on training and technical assistance that OJJDP will provide.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

This section should describe the experience and capability of the applicant organization and any contractors or subgrantees that the applicant will use to implement and manage this effort and its associated federal funding, highlighting any previous experience implementing projects of similar design or magnitude. Applicants should highlight their experience/capability/capacity to manage subawards, including details on their system for fiscal accountability. Management and staffing patterns should be clearly connected to the project design described in the previous section. Applicants should describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff and explain the program's organizational structure and operations. Applicants should include a copy of an organizational chart showing how the organization operates, including who manages the finances; how the organization manages subawards, if there are any; and the management of the project proposed for funding.

Letters of Support/Memoranda of Understanding. Applicants should provide signed and dated letters of support or memoranda of understanding for all key partners that include the following:

- Expression of support for the program and a statement of willingness to participate and collaborate with it.
- Description of the partner's current role and responsibilities in the planning process and expected responsibilities when the program is operational.
- Estimate of the percentage of time that the partner will devote to the planning and operation of the project.

Letters of support may be addressed to the OJJDP Administrator. Applicants should combine all letters of support into one attachment and label it as "letters of support." Only letters of support that are submitted by the due date and with the full application will be considered during the review process.

d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation's Performance Measures

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 impact of the project. Describe the process that will be used to accurately report data.

Page 8 of 14 O-OJJDP-2021-48006 **Note:** applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measures information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of the reporting requirements under an award.

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that demonstrate the results of the work carried out under the award. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified under "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables".

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at <a href="https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/grant-performance-measurement/fy-2021-performa

Applicants can also visit OJP's performance measurement page at <u>www.ojp.gov/performance</u> for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

Award recipients will be required to submit performance measurement data and performance reports in JustGrants. Further guidance on the post-award submission process will be provided, if selected for award.

Note on Project Evaluations

An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance under "Note on Project Evaluations" in the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Applicants will submit the FY 2021 Court Appointed Special Advocates Training, Technical Assistance, and Subgrants Program goals, objectives, deliverables, and timelines in the JustGrants Web-based form. See the <u>OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)

Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

Applicants will submit their indirect cost rate agreement by uploading the agreement as an attachment in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Financial Management Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)

Applicants will download the questionnaire in JustGrants and submit by uploading the completed questionnaire as an attachment in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

If applicable, applicants will submit a description of the process used to determine compensation by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. See the "Application Attachments" section of the <u>OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for information.

Additional Application Components

Applicants will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Letters of Support

Letters of support/memoranda of understanding.

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. Applicants will submit a description of their research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information regarding demonstrating research/evaluation independence and integrity, see the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.

DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Page 9 of 14 O-OJJDP-2021-48006 Applicants will review and accept the DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk grantees (if applicable)

If applicable, applicants will submit this document as an attachment in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for additional information. A DOJ high-risk grantee is a recipient that has received a DOJ high-risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible.

Disclosures and Assurances

Applicants will complete the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Applicants will complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

See the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Applicants will review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. See <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.</u>

How to Apply

Applicants will submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in Grants.gov at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html.

Applicants will submit the full application including attachments in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov.

For additional information, see the "How to Apply" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Submission Dates and Time

The **SF-424** and the **SF-LLL** will be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 pm on March 12, 2021 at 11:59 PM. OJP urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date to allow time for the applicant to receive validation messages or rejection notifications from Grants.gov and to correct in a timely fashion any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

The full application will be submitted in JustGrants on April 9, 2021 at 11:59 PM.

To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

Applications that meet basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers. Applications will be evaluated on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

- 1. Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (15%) evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
- 2. Project Design and Implementation (40%) evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
- 3. Capabilities and Competencies (30%) evaluate administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.

- 4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (10%) evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
- 5. Budget (5%) evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

b. Additional Review Criteria

Other important considerations for OJJDP include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those mentioned above relating to addressing specific challenges that rural communities face, high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties, demonstrable potential enhancement to public safety in one or more federally designated Qualified Opportunity Zones), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form) accurately explain project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet basic minimum requirements, will be evaluated for technical merit by a peer review panel(s) in accordance with OJP peer review policy and procedures using the stated review criteria above.

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements prior to conducting peer review. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all solicitations for funding under OJP programs:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within programmatic funding constraints (if applicable).
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant that has one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

Important note on FAPIIS: An applicant, may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider any such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may take into account not only peer review ratings and OJJDP recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on award notifications and instructions.

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions, and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations (including applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance).

For additional information on these legal requirements, see the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on information technology security.

General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the Program Description section, any recipient of an award under this

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<u>Required reports</u>. Recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports, final financial and progress reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measures data.

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see page 2.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see page 2.

Other Information

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a)

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Application Checklist

OJJDP FY 2021 Court Appointed Special Advocate Training, Technical Assistance, and Subgrants Program

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application.

What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to Registering in Grants.gov:

- Acquire a DUNS Number (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Acquire or renew registration with SAM (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

To Register with Grants.gov:

- Acquire AOR and Grants.gov username/password (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Biz POC (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

To Find Funding Opportunity:

- Search for the Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov
- Select the correct Competition ID [insert if applicable]
- Access Funding Opportunity and Application Package (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Read Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, reporting available at
 <u>ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm</u> (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>
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Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

• Review the "Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements -FY 2021 Awards" in the OJP Funding Resource Center.

Scope Requirement:

• The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$11,000,000.

Eligibility Requirement: See Eligibility Requirements.

• Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov

After SF-424 and SF-LLL Submission in Grants.gov, Receive Grants.gov Email Notifications That:

- · Submission has been received in Grants.gov
- Submission has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

If No Grants.gov Receipt, and Validation or Error Notifications are Received:

 Contact JustGrants Service Desk at <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> or 833–872–5175) regarding technical difficulties (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)

Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants:

• Complete Application in JustGrants

Content of Application Submission:

The following items are critical application elements required to pass Basic Minimum Requirements review. An application that OJP determines does not include the application elements hat must be included in the application submission in order for the application to meet the basic minimum requirements, will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration

- · Proposal Abstract
- Program Narrative
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative
- Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- Intergovernmental Review [insert if applicable]
- Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 info from Grants.gov)
- · Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative

Budget and Associated Documentation

- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based form)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- · Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation

Additional Application Components

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Timeline

- · Letters of support/Memorandum of Understanding
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation Waiver (if applicable) (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u>)
- Documentation of rural challenges (if applicable)
- · Documentation of high-poverty or persistent poverty counties (if applicable)
- · Documentation of enhanced public safety in federally designated Qualified Opportunity Zones (if applicable)

Disclosures and Assurances

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (Pending Applications) (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u>)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurance (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application <u>Resource Guide</u>)

Submit Application in JustGrants:

• Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

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