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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 Prevention</u> (OJJDP) seeks applications for funding under the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Family Treatment Court Program. This program furthers the DOJ's mission by supporting states and communities as they develop and implement effective and coordinated substance use intervention programs.

This solicitation incorporates the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants on how to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. 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

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Eliqible Applicants:

City or township governments, County governments, State governments, Other

Other

This solicitation is composed of two grant categories. Applicants must clearly designate the category for which they are applying.

Category 1: Establishing New Family Treatment Courts

Category 2: Enhancing Family Treatment Courts

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- · State and local courts
- · Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized) acting on behalf of a single jurisdiction drug court

Category 1: Establishing New Family Treatment Courts grants are available to jurisdictions that are ready to implement a new family treatment court. These grants are for jurisdictions where either no family treatment court currently exists or a family treatment court has been operational for less than 1 year. Jurisdictions may already have other types of drug or treatment courts (such as adult drug or mental health courts).

Category 2: Enhancing Family Treatment Courts grants are available to jurisdictions with a fully operational family treatment court. Courts applying for funding under Category 2 must be fully operational for at least 1 year, as funding is intended to enhance services of existing family treatment courts.

For purposes of this solicitation, "state" means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

OJJDP will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). For additional information on subawards, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL) in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, Grants.gov Customer Support, or support@grants.gov. 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 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. eastern time Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov. The OJP Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., eastern time Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the solicitation closing date. General information on applying for OJJDP awards can be found at https://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/funding.html.

For information related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant impacting submission, see "How to Apply" section, Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues.

A solicitation webinar will be held on May 9, 2022 at 11 A.M. ET. This call will provide a detailed overview of the solicitation and allow an opportunity for interested applicants to ask questions. Preregistration is required for all participants. Register by clicking on this link <u>Click here for registration</u>. and following the instructions. Due to the limited time, OJJDP encourages participants to review the solicitation and submit any questions they may have in advance and no later than May 2, 2022. Submit your questions to <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u> with the subject as "Questions for Family Treatment Court Solicitation Webinar."

Submission Information

Applications will be submitted to DOJ in two steps:

<u>Step 1:</u> The applicant must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) form when they register in Grants.gov at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html. To register in Grants.gov, the applicant will need to ensure that its System for Award Management (SAM) registration is current.

<u>Step 2</u>: The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u>. 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 <u>OJP Grant Application</u> Resource Guide and the <u>JustGrants website</u> for more information, resources, and training.

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Program Description

Overview

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

The OJJDP Family Treatment Court Program seeks to build the capacity of local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Tribal governments to establish new family treatment courts or enhance existing family treatment courts. These courts increase collaboration with substance use treatment and child welfare systems to ensure the provision of treatment and other services for families, and improve child, parent, and family outcomes.

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Part EE (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10611 - 10619); Additional authority for awards under this solicitation may be provided by a full-year appropriations act for FY 2022. As of the writing of this solicitation, the Department of Justice is operating under a short-term "Continuing Resolution;" no full-year appropriation for the Department has been enacted for FY 2022.

Specific Information

Parents who misuse substances or have substance use disorders are often unable to provide stable, nurturing home environments; have low likelihoods of successful reunification with their children after child welfare involvement; and have children who tend to stay longer in foster care systems than children of parents who do not use substances. Children and youth who experience foster care are more likely to present with disruptive behavior disorders and are five times more likely to receive a drug dependence diagnosis. Adverse childhood experiences related to their abuse, neglect, or dependency are also linked to an increase in delinquency and crime.

Family treatment courts offer a specialized way to serve parents who require treatment for a substance use disorder and who are involved with the child welfare system as a result of child abuse, neglect, or other parenting issues. It is the mission of family treatment courts to ensure the safety and well-being of children involved with the child welfare system while offering parents an option to reunify with their children upon completion of treatment and other court requirements. Family treatment courts provide intensive judicial monitoring and interventions using a multidisciplinary approach to treat parents' substance use and/or co-occurring mental health disorders, and address the needs of their children.

OJJDP expects family treatment court applicants to provide services that address the needs of the entire family, including direct services to children of parents served in this program. Proposals must specifically include the provision of treatment and other recovery support services that address opioid, stimulant, and other substance or polysubstance use disorders. Successful applicants must propose an evaluation plan to monitor program performance and build overall capacity. Applicants must specify plans for obtaining necessary support and continuing the proposed program following the conclusion of federal support.

OJJDP encourages applicants to follow the <u>Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards</u>. The eight standards provide communities, states, tribes, and funders with clear practice guidance to improve outcomes for children, parents, and families affected by substance misuse and co-occurring disorders who are involved in the child welfare system.

Per 34 U.S.C. 10612, any court that receives funds under this program may not permit participation by violent offenders. For the purposes of this solicitation, violent offender means a person who (1) is charged with or convicted of an offense that is punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding 1 year, during the course of which offense or conduct (a) the person carried, possessed, or used a firearm or dangerous weapon, (b) there occurred the death of or serious bodily injury to any person, or (c) there occurred the use of force against another person, without regard to whether any of the circumstances described above (at (a) or (b)) is an element of the offense or conduct of which or for which the person is charged or convicted; or a person who (2) has one or more prior convictions for a felony crime of violence involving the use or attempted use of force against a person with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm. (See 34 U.S.C. 10613(a).) Violent offender also includes a juvenile who has been convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a felony-level offense that (1) has as an element the use [of physical force], attempted use [of physical force], or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, or the possession or use of a firearm or (2) by its nature involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense. (See 34 U.S.C. 10613(b).) Funding will be immediately suspended if DOJ determines that violent offenders are participating in any program funded under this solicitation.

Family treatment courts must meet the requirements of 34 U.S.C. 10611(a). The requirements include:

- "(1) continuing judicial supervision over offenders, and other individuals under the jurisdiction of the court, with substance abuse problems, including co-occurring substance abuse and mental health problems, who are not violent offenders;
- (2) coordination with the appropriate State or local prosecutor; and
- (3) the integrated administration of other sanctions and services, which shall include--
 - (A) mandatory periodic testing for the use of controlled substances or other addictive substances during any period of supervised release or probation for each participant;
 - (B) substance abuse treatment for each participant;
 - (C) diversion, probation, or other supervised release involving the possibility of prosecution, confinement, or incarceration based on noncompliance with program requirements or failure to show satisfactory progress;
 - (D) offender management, and aftercare services such as relapse prevention, health care, education, vocational training, job placement, housing placement, and child care or other family support services for each participant who requires such services;
 - (E) payment, in whole or part, by the offender of treatment costs, to the extent practicable, such as costs for urinalysis or counseling; and
 - (F) payment, in whole or part, by the offender of restitution, to the extent practicable, to either a victim of the offender's offense or to a restitution or similar victim support fund."

Although the Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program authorizing statute requires participant payments for treatment and restitution (see above), it does not allow imposing a fee on a client at a level that would interfere with the client's rehabilitation. Applicants should include in their application provisions for determining if these costs would interfere with a client's rehabilitation or graduation.

Consistent with the authorizing statute, 34 U.S.C. 10611(c), family drug court programs must require mandatory periodic drug testing that is accurate and practicable. Each participant must be tested for every controlled substance that the participant has been known to abuse and for any that the court may require. The courts must impose graduated sanctions that increase punitive measures, therapeutic measures, or both whenever a participant fails a drug test. Such sanctions and measures may include but are not limited to one or more of the following:

- · Incarceration.
- · Detoxification treatment.
- · Residential treatment.
- Increased time in the program.
- Termination from the program.
- · Increased drug screening requirements.
- · Increased court appearances.
- · Increased counseling.
- · Increased supervision.
- Electronic monitoring.
- In-home restriction.
- · Community service.
- · Family counseling.
- · Anger management classes.

Furthermore, family treatment courts must also meet the requirements of 34 U.S.C. 10611(d). The requirements include:

- 1. Provide a long-term strategy and detailed implementation plan that shall provide for the consultation and coordination with appropriate state and local prosecutors, particularly when program participants fail to comply with program requirements.
- 2. Explain the inability to fund the program adequately without federal assistance.
- 3. Certify that the federal support provided will be used to supplement, and not supplant, state, Indian Tribal, and local sources of funding that would otherwise be available.
- 4. Identify related governmental or community initiatives that complement or will be coordinated with the proposal.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Goals

The goal of programs funded under the OJJDP FY 2022 Family Treatment Court Program is to establish new family drug courts and enhance existing family drug courts to more effectively intervene with parents, children, and families affected by a substance use and/or co-occurring mental health disorder who are involved in the child welfare system as a result of child abuse and neglect or other parenting issues.

Objectives

The objective is to provide treatment and accountability to parents with substance use disorders by offering access to treatment and recovery services that will ultimately protect children; reunite families, when safe to do so; and expedite permanency. Programs must include the provision of treatment and recovery services to specifically address opioid, stimulant, and other substance use disorders.

Deliverables

Category 1: Establishing New Family Treatment Courts. Programs funded under Category 1 are expected to implement new family drug courts to provide parental substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services, including screening, assessment, case management, recovery support services, and program coordination to family treatment court participants.

Activities applicants should consider in establishing a new family drug court include, but are not limited to:

- · Provide direct services to parents that misuse substances or have a substance use disorder.
- · Provide supportive services (as appropriate) to children and additional family members affected by substance use.
- Establish a multidisciplinary core team that includes partners from courts, child welfare, and treatment agencies.
- Focus on the child and parent-child relationship by addressing the complex needs of both children and parents to create a family-centered approach to case management.
- Create community linkages to hospitals, physicians, maternal and child health agencies, and early intervention services, as needed.
- Use evidence-based interventions focused on parenting, child and parent trauma, parent-child relationships, and parental substance use.
- İmplement relationship-based parenting programs and developmental and behavioral interventions to improve family functioning and outcomes.
- Coordinate outreach services that target family engagement and retention efforts.
- Incorporate wraparound recovery support services, particularly peer recovery support, to assist parents and families
 with recovery and wellness.
- Develop performance measures across family drug court partners for joint accountability.

Category 2: Enhancing Family Treatment Courts. Programs funded under Category 2 are expected to enhance and/or expand parental SUD treatment services to their participants in existing family drug courts.

Activities applicants should consider to enhance and/or expand a family drug court include, but are not limited to:

- Address the specific needs of children who have been prenatally exposed to drugs and/or alcohol, or have experienced post-natal exposure to substance use.
- Engage new partnerships to address the needs of infants affected by substance use or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.
- Expand partnerships with medication-assisted treatment providers and other medical professionals to provide high-quality, evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment.
- Coordinate outreach services that target family engagement and retention efforts by employing specialized engagement or outreach positions.
- Incorporate peer recovery support services to assist parents and families with recovery and wellness, including linkages to social supports and coordination among service providers.
- Develop new policy and practice procedures or revise existing policies to build the capacity of courts to provide services to children.
- Offer ongoing cross-training opportunities to assist new and existing family drug court staff and partners in providing evidence-based services, including supportive services to children, caregivers, and family members affected by parental substance use.
- Establish and/or strengthen mutually agreed upon performance measures across family drug court partners for joint accountability.
- Establish and/or strengthen data collection and reporting methods around performance measures, including datasharing agreements with relevant stakeholders and partner agencies.
- Implement recent legislation and/or legislative changes (e.g., Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018) targeting children, parents, and families affected by substance use disorders and the systems that serve them.

All Categories: Successful applicants under Categories 1 and 2 will be expected to provide a coordinated, multisystem approach that combines the oversight authority of family treatment courts with evidence-based interventions that focus on

parental SUD treatment and recovery, parenting, child and parent trauma, and parent-child relationships. Applicants must describe the population(s) for which the intervention(s) has been shown to be effective and demonstrate that the intervention(s) is appropriate for the population(s) targeted (see CrimeSolutions.gov).

Selected applicants are expected to (1) complete a needs assessment to assess state or county capacity to implement family drug court best practices and principles in wider state or county systems, as well as identify strengths and gaps in current knowledge and practices; (2) implement proposed enhancements over 3 years with a clear plan of action that also addresses any needs identified in the self-assessment; and (3) develop and/or strengthen state- and local-level information-sharing, evaluation, and performance monitoring capacity to track client progress and cost savings across systems/agencies.

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

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

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

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 OJP Grant Application Resource Guide section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

OJP Priority Areas

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

 Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government

Consistent with this Executive Order, the term "underserved community" refers to a population sharing a particular characteristic, as well as a geographic community, that has been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life or whose members have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality. Such communities include, among others, Black people, Hispanics and Latino/a/e people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans. Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

In support of Executive Order 13985, OJP will:

A. Give priority consideration to 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, when making award decisions.

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project(s) will address potential inequities and barriers to equal opportunity, and/or contribute to greater access to services for underserved and historically marginalized populations.

B. OJJDP will give priority consideration to applicants that demonstrate a commitment to ensuring fairness, equity, and access to justice for all children and families regardless of their race or ethnicity; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion.

To receive this priority consideration, applicants must include in their application a plan that describes how the applicant will incorporate these values and priorities into their program design.

C. Give priority consideration to applicants that can 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 30% of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative) identifies as a culturally specific organization. To receive this additional priority consideration, applicants must describe how being a culturally specific organization (or funding the culturally specific subrecipient organization(s)) will enhance their ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or to have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

Culturally specific organizations are defined for purposes of this solicitation as private nonprofit or Tribal organizations whose primary purpose as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to, among others, Black people, Hispanics and Latino/a/e people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders.

Note: Addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas is not a guarantee of an award.

Federal Award Information

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Awards, Amounts and Durations

Period of Performance Start Date 10/1/22 12:00 AM

Period of Performance Duration (Months)

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

Availability of Funds

This solicitation, and awards (if any are made) under this solicitation, are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this solicitation is intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Types of Awards

OJJDP expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants (and cooperative agreements).

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. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation requires a 25 percent **cash or in-kind match**. Federal funds awarded under this solicitation may not cover more than 75% of the total costs of the project being funded. An applicant must identify the source of the 25% nonfederal portion of the total project costs and how it will use match funds. If a successful applicant's proposed match exceeds the required match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit. ("Match" funds may be used only for purposes that would be allowable for the federal funds.) Recipients must satisfy this match requirement with cash or in-kind match only. The formula for calculating match is:

Federal Award Amount = Adjusted (Total) Project Costs

Federal Share Percentage

Required Recipient's Share Percentage x Adjusted Project Cost = Required Match

Example: 75%/25% match requirement: for a federal award amount of \$350,000, calculate match as follows:

\$350,000 = \$466,667 25% x \$466,667 = \$116,667 match

75%

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information on this match requirement. For step-by-step instructions for entering match amounts in the budget, see the Budget Summary Match Guide.

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 the 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 solicitation cover page.

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 2022 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 certification requirement, please visit https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Implementation Fact Sheet, and the List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see the "Federal Award Information" section.

Application and Submission Information

The following application elements **must** be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form) (The web-based form includes the budget details and the budget narrative.)

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

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

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

In Section F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information *(email address)* to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

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. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to: add ZIP Codes for areas affected by the project; confirm its Authorized Representative; and verify and confirm the organization's unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

Proposal Abstract

A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including the purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries and subrecipients (if known), will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be written in the third person and will be made publicly available on the OJP website if the project is awarded.

Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point 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 consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision.

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. 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 information, 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.

All applicants are expected to address each of the eight key components of a family drug court: (1) collaborative planning; (2) eligibility, engagement, and screening; (3) assessment, service delivery, and case management; (4) program design and duration; (5) continuing judicial supervision; (6) mandatory drug testing and monitoring; (7) staff training; and (8) management information systems and evaluation.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration for Priority 1(A), it should address in this section how the proposed project (s) will promote racial equity and/or the removal of barriers to access and opportunity, and/or contribute to greater access to services, for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration for Priority 1(B), it should address in this section how the proposed project (s) will ensure fairness, equity, and access to justice for all children and families regardless of their religion; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion not already identified under Priority 1(A).

<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" here). 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.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1(C), it should describe within this section how being a culturally specific organization (or funding a culturally specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 30% of the project budget) will enhance its ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

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.

Note: Applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" discussion. Applicants can visit OJP's performance measurement page at www.ojp.gov/performance for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at

https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/grant-performance-measurement/fy-2021-performance-measures.

OJJDP will require award recipients to submit performance measurement data and performance reports in JustGrants. OJJDP will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, 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 in the "Note on Project Evaluations" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

The applicant will submit the program's goals, objectives, deliverables, and timeline in the JustGrants web-based form.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)

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

All Categories. Applicants in each category should budget for one grantee meeting per year over the 3-year period. Grantees must plan to send a minimum of four people (including the project director, family drug court judge/judicial officer, child welfare representative, and treatment representative). For budgetary purposes, assume that the meetings will be in the Washington, DC, area. Each meeting will be for a minimum of 2.5 days. Attendance is mandatory. If meetings are held virtually due to any imposed travel restrictions, grantees will have the opportunity to reallocate budgeted funds with the assistance of OJJDP.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1(C) 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 30% of award funding.

The budget narrative must also describe how the activities that will be funded with the (minimum) 30% of award funding provided to the subrecipient **specifically relate to the priority consideration requested under Priority 1(C)** and described in the Capabilities and Competencies section of the application.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

The applicant will submit its indirect cost rate agreement by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

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

The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and submit it by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for the link to the questionnaire and additional information.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

This solicitation expressly modifies the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by not incorporating its "Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation" provisions. Applicants to this solicitation are not required to provide this disclosure.

Additional Application Components

Applicants will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Tribal Authorizing Resolution

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of Tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment. If applicable, the applicant will submit the tribal authorizing documentation by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on Tribal authorizing resolutions.

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. The applicant will submit documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

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

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

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

If applicable, submit the DOJ High-Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ high-risk grantee is an award 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 is otherwise not responsible. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

How to Apply

Step 1: The applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html.

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the full application, including attachments, in JustGrants in JustGrants.usdoj.gov

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

Submission Dates and Time

The SF-424 and the SF-LLL must be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 25, 2022.

The full application must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 8, 2022.

OJP urges applicants to submit their Grants.gov and JustGrants submissions prior to the due dates to allow sufficient time to correct errors and resubmit by the submission deadlines if a rejection notification is received. To be considered timely, the **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues

An applicant that experiences unforeseen SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent application submission by the deadline must demonstrate all efforts in requesting technical support in order to submit an application by the deadline. Technical support is available via phone and email to the applicable SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants support centers or service desks in which an applicant received a ticket number for resolution. If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical difficulties, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. Note: If an applicant does not submit all of the required Grants.gov forms by the Grants.gov deadline, the applicant will not be able to proceed to the JustGrants portion of the application process.

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties with the following systems must contact the associated support desk indicated below to report the technical issue and receive a tracking number:

- Grants.gov contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline
- SAM.gov contact the SAM Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)
- JustGrants contact the JustGrants Support Desk at <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> or 833–872–5175

Applicants requesting a waiver to submit a late application must document their request for technical assistance in an email to the OJP Response Center at grants@ncjrs.gov within 24 hours after the application deadline to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. If an applicant has technical issues with Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the Response Center within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. However, waiver requests will not be reviewed until after the JustGrants deadline to allow time for all waivers to be submitted. Waiver requests to submit after the submission deadline must:

- Describe the technical difficulties experienced.
- Include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., what date and time did the error occur, what date and time was action taken to resolve the issue and resubmit, and what date and time did support representatives respond).
- · Include an attachment(s) of the complete grant application and all required documentation and material.
- Include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier and any applicable SAM.gov tracking number(s), Grants.gov Help Desk ticket numbers, and JustGrants Support Desk ticket numbers.

OJP will review each request for late submission and required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request has been approved or denied. For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the "Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

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

- 1. Description of the Issue (10%) evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
- 2. Project Design and Implementation (45%)- evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
- 3. Capabilities and Competencies (25%) evaluate the 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 (10%) evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

Other Review Criteria/Factors

Other important considerations for OJJDP include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those mentioned above relating to priority areas), 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 review criteria listed above.

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

- 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 with 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 nonpublic 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 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 consider 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 the 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 OJP Grant Application Resource Guide 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, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

Required reports. Award recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual performance reports, final financial and performance 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 OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measure data.

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for JustGrants, see the solicitation cover page.

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 the 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.

Performance Measures

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/grant-performance-measurement/fy-2021-performance-measures.

Application Checklist

OJJDP FY 2022 Family Treatment Court Program

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. The <u>DOJ Application Submission Checklist</u> is another resource.

What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to registering in Grants.gov:

Confirm your Entity's <u>System Award Management (SAM)</u> Registration Information (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)

To register in Grants.gov.

- · Acquire an AOR and a Grants.gov username and password (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

To find the funding opportunity:

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, Assistance Listing or keyword(s)
- · Select the correct Competition ID
- · Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the 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, and reporting available at ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

• Review the "Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2022 Awards" in the OJP Funding Resource Center.

Review Scope Requirement:

The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of:

Category 1: \$740,000Category 2: \$820,000

Review Eligibility Requirement:

This solicitation is composed of two grant categories. Applicants must clearly designate the category for which they are applying.

Category 1: Establishing New Family Drug Courts

Category 2: Enhancing Family Treatment Courts

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- · State governments
- · City or township governments
- · County governments
- · State and local courts
- · Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized) acting on behalf of a single jurisdiction drug court
- Other

Category 1: Establishing New Family Treatment Courts grants are available to jurisdictions that are ready to implement a new family drug court. These grants are for jurisdictions where either no family drug court currently exists or a family drug court has been operational for less than 1 year. Jurisdictions may already have other types of drug or treatment courts (such as adult drug or mental health courts).

Category 2: Enhancing Family Treatment Courts grants are available to jurisdictions with a fully operational family drug court. Courts applying for funding under Category 2 must be fully operational for at least 1 year, as funding is intended to enhance services of existing family drug courts.

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# Prepare to submit the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL)

- Review Information to complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- Complete Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- · Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov

After the 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 Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, <u>Grants.gov customer support</u>, or <u>support@grants.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)

Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants:

· Proceed to complete application in JustGrants

## **Content of Application Submission: Critical Application Elements**

The following items are critical application elements required to pass the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the following elements, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

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

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Budget and Associated Documentation:

- 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)

Additional Application Components:

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- · Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Timeline or milestone chart
- · Résumés of all key personnel
- Job descriptions outlining roles and responsibilities for all key positions

Disclosures and Assurances:

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

Submit application in JustGrants:

· Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

If no JustGrants application submission, validation, or error notifications are received:

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties.
- If an applicant has technical issues with Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. However, waiver requests will not be reviewed until after the JustGrants deadline to allow time for all waivers to be submitted.