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Synopsis

Program Description Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) is seeking applications for funding.

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

With this solicitation, OJJDP seeks to support targeted efforts to address youth violence in a school-based setting (K–12th grade only). OJJDP seeks to increase school safety through the development and expansion of evidence-based and promising violence prevention and reduction programs and strategies to support school climate. Through this initiative, OJJDP expects applicants to utilize a collaborative approach between schools and community-based organizations (CBOs) to develop and implement these strategies. Funded sites under this initiative will operate from the following three principles:

- Relationships between schools and CBOs require open lines of communication and a shared commitment at the leadership level to accomplish the core goal of increasing school safety and improving school climate.
- Key contributors to youth violence include risk factors within the individual, family, and school/community domains. Funded strategies must address all three to be successful.
- Families are critical partners in dealing with school violence, and their engagement is a critical ingredient for success.

This program furthers DOJ's mission to uphold the rule of law, keep our country safe, and protect civil rights.

Eligibility

- State governments
- City or township governments
- Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Native American Tribal organizations (other than federally recognized Tribal governments)
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Independent school districts
- Other - units of local government (such as towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state)

Private K–12 schools, including private charter schools, should apply as “nonprofits.” Private for-profit K–12 schools, including for-profit private charter schools, should apply as “for-profit other than small businesses.” Public charter schools should apply as “independent school districts.”

OJJDP will consider applications under which two or more entities (project partners) would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant for the solicitation. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on subawards.

Agency Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center by phone at 800–851–3420 or 301–240–6310 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only) or email at grants@ncjrs.gov. The OJP Response Center operates from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. eastern time (ET) Monday–Friday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET on the solicitation closing date.

For procedures related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant that impact submission by the deadlines, see the “How To Apply” section, [Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues](#).

For assistance with submitting the [Application for Federal Assistance standard form \(SF-424\)](#) and a [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#) 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 is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833–872–5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. The JustGrants Service Desk operates from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

Pre-Application Information Session

OJJDP will hold a webinar on this solicitation on May 9, 2024, from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET. This call will provide a detailed overview of the solicitation and allow interested applicants to ask questions. Preregistration is required for all participants. Register by clicking on this [link](#) and following the instructions. To use the time most efficiently, OJJDP encourages participants to review this solicitation and submit any questions in advance and no later than May 3, 2024. If you have questions you would like to submit in advance of the webinar, please use this [link](#). The session will be recorded and available shortly after the webinar via the registration link listed above.

Application Submission Information

Registration

Before submitting an application, an applicant must have a registration in the [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#).

Submission

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants. See the [Submission Dates and Time](#) section for the Grants.gov and JustGrants application deadlines.

Step 1: The applicant must register for this opportunity in Grants.gov at <https://grants.gov/register> and submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required [Application for Federal Assistance standard form \(SF-424\)](#) and a [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#). See the [Submission Dates and Time](#) section for application deadlines.

Step 2: The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justgrants.usdoj.gov) by the JustGrants application deadline. See the [Submission Dates and Time](#) section for application deadlines.

Program Description

Program Description Overview

With this solicitation, OJJDP seeks to support targeted efforts to address youth violence through implementing evidence-based prevention and intervention efforts in a school-based setting (K–12th grade only). The goals of the program are to (1) reduce the incidence of school violence through improved school safety and climate and (2) prevent youth violence, delinquency, and victimization in the targeted community.

[OJJDP's](#) guiding philosophy is to enhance the welfare of America's youth and broaden their opportunities for a better future. To bring these goals to fruition, OJJDP is leading efforts to transform the juvenile justice system into one that will [Treat Children as Children](#); [Serve Children at Home, With Their Families, in Their Communities](#); and [Open Up Opportunities for System-Involved Youth](#). OJJDP encourages all proposed applications that work with youth to highlight how the proposed program aligns with these priorities.

OJJDP envisions a juvenile justice system centered on the strengths, needs, and voices of youth and families. Young people and family members with lived experience are vital resources for understanding and reaching persons involved or at risk of involvement with youth-serving systems. OJJDP asks stakeholders to join us in sustainably integrating bold, transformative youth and family partnership strategies into our daily work. OJJDP believes in achieving positive outcomes for youth, families, and communities through meaningful engagement and active partnerships, ensuring they play a central role in collaboratively developing solutions.

Applicants must describe how their proposed project/program will integrate and sustain meaningful youth and family partnerships into all sections of the proposal narrative – including the description of the issue, project design and implementation, capabilities and competencies, plan for collecting data — and the budget. Depending on the nature of an applicant's proposed project, youth and family partnership could consist of one or more of the following:

- Individual-level partnership in case planning and direct service delivery (before, during, and after contact with youth-serving systems).
- Agency-level partnership (e.g., in policy, practice, and program development, implementation, and evaluation; staffing; advisory bodies; budget development).
- System-level partnership (e.g., in strategic planning activities, system improvement initiatives, advocacy strategies, reform efforts).

NOTE: This solicitation is funded to support the purposes authorized under the Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 (or STOP School Violence Act). Funds may not be used for the purchase of target-hardening equipment to secure schools, such as cameras, security systems, fencing, locks, etc. In addition, these funds may not be used to pay for armed security officers or school resource officers. Applicants interested in funding for target hardening should refer to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP).

OJJDP, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and the Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office are all releasing solicitations in FY 2024 with funding supported by the STOP School Violence Act. Applicants should not submit duplicate applications with a similar project design in response to more than one of these DOJ solicitations. OJJDP, BJA, and COPS work collaboratively to ensure these programs complement efforts undertaken and to prevent duplication.

Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2024, Pub. L. No. 118-42; 138 Stat. 25, 149.

Specific Information

Violence in our communities and in our schools has a significant impact on our nation's youth. Exposure to violence can harm a child's emotional, psychological, and even physical development. Children exposed to violence are more likely to have difficulty in school, abuse drugs or alcohol, act aggressively, suffer from depression or other mental health problems, and engage in criminal behavior as adults (National Institute of Justice, "Children Exposed to Violence," September 21, 2016, nij.ojp.gov). Violence in the community can prevent children from feeling safe in their own schools and neighborhoods. Such exposure can cause them significant physical, mental, and emotional harm, with long-term effects that can last well into adulthood. Exposure to violence can limit children's potential, negatively affect their health, and increase their likelihood of becoming involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system (*Nature and Risk of Victimization: Findings From the Survey of Youth in Residential Placement*, 2013; and *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy* 6(4): 430–437, 2014).

To address violence within the school, many school administrators may already have strategies in place that are oftentimes underfunded and at times must be supported by teachers/administrators as "added duties." This includes a variety of programs and strategies to improve school climate. Creating a supportive school climate requires close attention to the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of all students. While there is evidence that many of these strategies have proven effective, schools would benefit from enhancing/expanding their partnerships with local community-based organizations that have a specific skill set in dealing with the root causes of violence.

This solicitation aims to increase school safety through the development and expansion of violence prevention and reduction programs and strategies. Through this initiative, OJJDP expects applicants to utilize a collaborative approach between schools and community-based organizations (CBOs) to develop and implement these strategies. Funded sites under this initiative will operate from the following three principles:

- Relationships between schools and CBOs require open lines of communication and a shared commitment at the leadership level to accomplish the core goal of increasing school safety.
- Key contributors to youth violence include risk factors within the individual, family, and school/community domains. Funded strategies must address all three to be successful.
- Families are critical partners in dealing with school violence, and their engagement is a critical ingredient for success.

Each funded project site will identify a service network of CBOs that have experience in operating violence prevention and early intervention programs with youth and families. This

cross-sector network will offer a bridge between families and the identified school to prevent and reduce violence. Funding from this solicitation must support the following components for project sites:

- A local coordinator to lead the project, support the development of any needed memorandums of understanding (MOUs), host regular meetings, and ensure that each involved agency and school identifies a dedicated liaison to the initiative.
- Development or expansion of violence prevention and reduction strategies to be implemented by CBOs that provide the target youth population with supportive services. These services should:
 - Be individualized to the particular student.
 - Engage the family as a critical change agent.
 - Include an intensive case management approach delivered by a CBO that connects youth and families with the existing network of services to meet the needs of the individual youth. This includes addressing access to service issues. We know that if the basic needs of the students are not met, students may exhibit behavioral issues.

In addition to the above components, funding may support prevention strategies for *all* students at target schools that help to supplement the interventions for the target youth population and build a positive school climate. For example, this program may be used to fund positions such as community resource navigators within CBOs that work with students and families who help identify needed services, and then for the provision of those direct services.

Applicants must propose and undertake their work through a multidisciplinary, multiagency team of stakeholders. This can be an existing collaborative group or one that is formed specifically for this project. At a minimum, stakeholders should include representation from the Local Education Agency (LEA) where the initiative is taking place, as well as relevant CBOs that support the identified service supports to be provided. In addition to educators, this multidisciplinary team could include mental health, child welfare and social services, youth-serving community organizations, county/local public sector leadership, courts/probation, and law enforcement. OJJDP recognizes youth and families as major stakeholders and strongly supports positive youth development and leadership opportunities for youth in its programs. As such, the collaborative group must include youth/student engagement and participation as well as family/parent/caregiver representation. Applicants should include a brief description of the team structure in the program narrative section and submit the list of team members in an attachment labeled “multidisciplinary team list.”

For the purposes of the service network, applicants should submit a draft or fully executed MOU or analogous document for all identified CBOs and schools included in the service network as part of the original application. This fully executed MOU must be signed and dated by both the LEA (i.e., board of education chairperson, superintendent, or school principal) and the CBO representative(s) who will be providing supports for the project as part of the service network. Applicants will submit the MOU by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. For those applicants unable to complete a fully executed MOU at the time of application, if awarded, they will be required to submit documentation (i.e., MOU or analogous document) that demonstrates the partnership for implementing the funded approach. A special condition will be added, if awarded, that will require the fully executed MOUs before funds will be made available.

Furthermore, an applicant could add CBOs to the service network after receiving a federal award; however, this would need to be formally communicated to OJJDP.

Applications must ensure that the initiative to be funded under the grant is:

- Protective of student privacy, as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and applicable state privacy laws, and that students are not discriminated against on the basis of race, national origin, disability, religion, sex, or gender identity.
- Limited to allow personnel in law enforcement agencies to receive student information from education records only when such disclosure is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals (e.g., necessary to prevent school violence).
- Consistent with a comprehensive approach to preventing school violence and promoting a positive school climate.
- Transparent so that students, parents/guardians, and community members know what is being done and have the data necessary to monitor its effectiveness and compliance with privacy and nondiscrimination requirements.
- Individualized to the needs of each school at which those improvements are to be made.

OJJDP has a dedicated training and technical assistance provider for this initiative, and a funded site is expected to work with the technical assistance provider during the grant award period. Funded sites need to include their community partners and stakeholders in the collaborative learning process that the training and technical assistance provider will establish.

Awards under this solicitation may not be used to address violence on the campus of an institution of higher education.

All applicants should be aware that under federal law, OJP may not award grant funds to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses “covered telecommunications equipment or services” as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. In general, with limited exceptions, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” includes telecommunications and video surveillance equipment or services produced by a foreign entity that is specifically designated by statute or designated by the federal government pursuant to statute.

Solicitation Goals and Objectives

Goals

The goal of this initiative is to support the development and expansion of strategies that increase school safety and promote a positive and supportive school climate by preventing and reducing school violence.

Objectives

OJJDP has identified the following specific program objectives:

- Improve school capacity to prevent incidents of violence and intervene early to address them.
- Enhance and expand partnerships between school systems and community-based organizations to address school violence.
- Expand opportunities for family engagement with school personnel to mutually address risk factors for violence.

- Improve communication between home and school to enhance protective factors for student success.

Deliverables

OJJDP will use information provided by applicants to compile a statutorily required annual report to Congress that details the number of applications submitted under the program each year, the number of applications funded, the types of projects funded, and work completed by the program's training and technical assistance provider.

For information about what the applicant needs to submit regarding Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables, please see the [How to Apply section on the Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline Web-Based Form.](#)

Priority Areas

In order to further OJP's mission, OJP will provide priority consideration when making award decisions to the following:

1A. Applications that propose project(s) that are designed to meaningfully advance equity and remove barriers to accessing services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization.

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project(s) will address identified inequities **and** contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization. Project activities under this consideration may include, but are not limited to, the following: improving victim services, justice responses, prevention initiatives, reentry services, and other parts of an organization's or community's efforts to advance public safety. Applicants should propose activities that address the cultural (and linguistic, if appropriate) needs of communities, outline how the proposed activities will be informed by these communities, and implement culturally responsive and inclusive outreach and engagement.

1B. Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive **at least 40 percent** of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget web-based form) are a *population-specific organization* that serves communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization.

For purposes of this solicitation, population-specific organizations are nonprofit, nongovernmental, or Tribal organizations that primarily serve members of a specific underserved population and have demonstrated experience and expertise providing targeted services to members of that specific underserved population.

To receive this additional priority consideration, applicants must describe how being a population-specific organization (or funding the population-specific subrecipient organization(s)) will enhance their ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which historically underserved populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

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 does not guarantee an award.

Federal Award Information

Awards, Amounts, and Durations

Anticipated Number of Awards: 23

Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount per Award: Awards will be up to \$1,000,000

Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/2024

Period of Performance Duration (Months): 36

Anticipated Total Amount To Be Awarded Under This Solicitation: \$23,000,000

Additional Information: While the maximum allowable funding amount is \$1,000,000, OJP encourages applicants, including those that are new or that have never before received a federal award, to submit a proposed budget that best supports their project objectives and organizational capabilities, even if the proposed budget is at a lower amount than the maximum allowable funding level.

Continuation Funding Intent

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

Availability of Funds

This funding opportunity, and awards under this funding opportunity, are subject to the availability of funding and to any changes 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.

Type of Award

OJJDP expects to make awards under this funding opportunity as cooperative agreements, 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 [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Cost Sharing or Match Requirement

This funding opportunity does not require a match.

Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, [see the Synopsis section](#).

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

For the purposes of this notice of funding opportunity, other units of local government include towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state. Private K–12 schools, including private charter schools, should apply as “nonprofits.” Private for-profit K–12 schools, including for-profit private charter schools, should apply as “for-profit other than small businesses.” Public charter schools should apply as “independent school districts.”

How To Apply

Application Resources

When preparing and submitting an application, the following resources may aid prospective applicants:

1. Grants.gov [“How to Apply for Grants”](#)
2. OJP [“How To Apply”](#) section in the [Application Resource Guide](#)
3. JustGrants [Application Submission Training](#)

This solicitation (notice of funding opportunity) incorporates guidance provided in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) (Application Resource Guide), which provides additional information for applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. **If this solicitation requires something different from any guidance provided in the [Application Resource Guide](#), the difference will be noted in this solicitation and the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation, rather than the guidance in the [Application Resource Guide](#) that is in conflict.**

How To Apply

Registration

Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). An applicant must renew their registration every 12 months. If an applicant does not renew their SAM.gov registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Applicants are encouraged to start the SAM.gov registration process at least 30 days prior to the application deadlines. Applicants who fail to begin the registration or renewal process at least 10 business days prior to the Grants.gov deadline may not be able to complete the process in time and will not be considered for late submission.

Submission

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants.

Step 1: After registering with SAM.gov, the applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://grants.gov/register> by the Grants.gov deadline. **To allow time to address any technical issues that may arise, an applicant should submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible and no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline (recommended).** If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov by the deadline, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants. Applicants can confirm Grants.gov submission by verifying their application status shows as “submitted” or “agency tracking number assigned.”

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

OJP recommends that applicants submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline. Some of the required sections of the application will be entered directly into JustGrants, and other sections will require documents to be uploaded and attached. Therefore, applicants should allow enough time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare all the requirements of the application. Applicants may save their progress in the system and add to or change the application as needed prior to hitting the “Submit” button at the end of the application in JustGrants.

An applicant will receive email notifications when successfully submitting in Grants.gov and JustGrants, and should maintain all emails and other confirmations received from the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants systems.

For additional information, see the “How To Apply” section in the [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 pm eastern time on June 10, 2024.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 pm eastern time on June 24, 2024.

To be considered timely, the **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. Failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration and application process in sufficient time (i.e., waiting until the due dates identified in this solicitation for those systems to begin the application steps) is not an acceptable reason to request a technical waiver.

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application (Technical Waivers)

OJP will only consider requests to submit an application after the deadline when the applicant can document that a technical issue with a government system prevented submission of the application on time.

If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical issues with SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. However, the waiver request will not be considered unless it includes documentation of attempts to receive technical assistance to resolve the issue prior to the application deadline. A tracking number is the most typical documentation and is generated when the applicant contacts the applicable service desks to report technical difficulties. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desks; for this reason, experiencing long wait times for phone support does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility for getting a tracking number.

An applicant experiencing technical difficulties must contact the associated service desk indicated below to report the technical issue and receive a tracking number:

- SAM.gov: contact the [SAM.gov Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#) Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET at 866–606–8220.
- Grants.gov: contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](#) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800–518–4726, 606–545–5035, or support@grants.gov.
- JustGrants: contact the JustGrants Service Desk at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833–872–5175, Monday–Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET and Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at grants@ncjrs.gov within **24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at grants@ncjrs.gov within **24 hours of the JustGrants deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

Waiver requests sent to the OJP Response Center must:

- Describe the technical difficulties experienced (provide screenshots if applicable).
- Include a timeline of the applicant’s submission efforts (e.g., date and time the error occurred, date and time of actions taken to resolve the issue and resubmit, and date and time support representatives responded).
- Include an attachment of the complete grant application and all the required documentation and materials.
- Include the applicant’s Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).
- Include any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking numbers documenting the technical issue.

OJP will review each waiver request and the required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request for late submission has been approved or denied. An applicant that does not provide documentation of a technical issue (including all information listed above), or that does not submit a waiver request within the required time period, will be denied.

For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the “Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues” section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Application and Submission Information

Content of Application Submission and Available Surveys

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:

- SF-424 and SF-LLL (in Grants.gov)
- Proposal Abstract (in JustGrants)
- Proposal Narrative (in JustGrants)
- Budget Web-Based Form, which includes the budget details and the budget narrative (in JustGrants)

If OJP determines that an application does not include these elements, it will not proceed to peer review and will not receive any further consideration.

Content of the SF-424 in Grants.gov

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

In Section 8F 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 funding opportunity **is not** subject to [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#). In completing the SF-424, an applicant should answer question 19 by selecting “Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.”

Content of the JustGrants Application Submission

Entity and User Verification (First-Time Applicant)

For first-time JustGrants applicants, once the application is received from Grants.gov, DOJ will send an email (from DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) to the individual listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. The email should arrive within 24 hours after this individual receives confirmation from Grants.gov of their SF-424 and SF-LLL submissions. Register the Entity Administrator (the person who manages and who can access JustGrants on behalf of the applicant), Application Submitter, and Authorized Representative for the applicant with JustGrants as early as possible and (recommended) not later than 48–72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive a link in an email to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. Find additional information on JustGrants Application Submission in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Standard Applicant Information

The “Standard Applicant Information” section of the JustGrants application is prepopulated 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 their 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 its purpose, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipients (if known)—must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables, written in the third person, and exclude personally identifiable information. Abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP and USASpending.gov websites if the project is awarded. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for an [example](#) of a proposal abstract.

Data Requested With Application

The following application elements should be submitted in the web-based forms in JustGrants.

[Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire \(including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status\)](#)

The Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire helps OJP assess the financial management and internal control systems, and the associated potential risks of an applicant as part of the pre-award risk assessment process. Every OJP applicant (other than an individual applying in their personal capacity, not representing an applicant organization) is required to complete the web-based Questionnaire form in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide: Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire \(including Applicant Disclosure of High Risk Status\)](#) for additional guidance on how to complete the questionnaire.

[Brief Applicant Entity Questionnaire](#)

OJP is collecting the following information to help assess its efforts to attract a broader range of applicants. These questions apply to the applicant entity and its work and scope only, and not to the specific project(s) being proposed within the application. Responses to the questions will not be considered in the application review process. The questions included in the questionnaire are available in the [Standard Forms & Instructions: Brief Applicant Entity Questionnaire](#).

[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 size font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 15 numbered pages. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, OJP may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions. Tables and charts such as project timelines and resumes may be submitted as separate attachments and will not count toward the 15-page limit.

The proposal narrative must include the following sections:

a. Description of the Issue

Applicants should briefly describe the nature and scope of the problem that the program will address (e.g., school-aged youth exposed to violence, youth delinquency, youth violence, crime prevention). 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 as well as how youth and family partnerships will help to address the need. 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, to include the age to be served and the specific community/communities to be targeted with funded interventions. This section should also discuss any previous or current attempts to address the problem as well as identify current gaps/barriers in programming/services. 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 and to address the needs identified in the Description of the Issue section. Applicants should describe how they will complete the deliverables stated in the Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables section.

Applicants should be specific when listing the proposed project activities and describe how they relate to the stated objective. Activities are the specific actions to be undertaken to fulfill the program objective and reach the program goal and should not be vague generalities. Applicants should include a detailed description of the method(s) to be used to carry out each activity and include a description of all individuals/groups involved in the project and that will be served by the project. 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. **See also** the Deliverables Expected by Successful Applicants section.

The applicant must clearly outline the different school(s)/school district(s) where the project will be implemented and include a description of why these schools were selected. The applicant should describe how grant funding will address the strategy proposed and the benefits. The applicant should include how the proposed project fits into the overall safety strategy of the school(s) or school district(s) and how the project will ensure compliance with all applicable privacy and civil rights laws.

As indicated in the **Program Description Overview** section, applicants should describe how their proposed project/program will integrate and sustain meaningful youth and family partnership into their proposed project. Applicants should address any corresponding budget implications in their application's budget detail and budget narrative, such as how youth and families who serve as experts on the project are compensated. For resources/guidance on effective youth and family partnership strategies and practices, click [here](#).

If an applicant is seeking consideration under Priority 1A, it should explain in this section how the proposed project(s) will meaningfully address identified inequities **and** contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization. The applicant should also identify how the project design and implementation will specifically incorporate the input and/or participation of these communities.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

Describe the capabilities (what the applicant brings to the project such as resources, experience, expertise) and competencies (the unique skills and abilities of the applicant) required to accomplish the goals and objectives of the project. This section should also include applicant history, capabilities, and competencies of supporting youth and family partnerships.

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.

Describe completely the capabilities and competencies of the individuals who will be assigned to the project to accomplish the goal and objective of the program. Résumés should be included as separate attachments and will not count against the 15-page limit.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1B, it should: (1) describe within this section how being a population-specific organization (or funding a population-specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 40 percent of the project budget) will enhance its capabilities and competencies to implement the proposed project; (2) specify which populations are intended or expected to be served, have their needs addressed, and/or be affected by the proposed project; and (3) include information to confirm that the population-specific organization is specifically designed to serve communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization (examples of such information include, but are not limited to, the website address, charter, mission statement, or operating principles of the population-specific organization).

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

Describe the process for measuring project performance. Identify how you will utilize youth and family voices in deciding which data will be collected, who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurements, and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the project's impact. Describe the process to accurately report data.

Note: An applicant is **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included to provide notice that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require each award recipient to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the solicitation goals and objectives identified in the "[Goals and Objectives](#)" section. Applicants can visit [OJP's performance measurement page](#) at www.ojp.gov/performance for more information on performance measurement activities.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/STOP-Measures.pdf>.)

Some measures are presented as examples, while others are the exact measures that every recipient will be expected to address.

OJJDP will require award recipients to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. OJJDP will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, if the applicant is 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 [Application Resource Guide](#).

Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline Web-Based Form

The applicant will submit the project’s goals, objectives, deliverables, and timeline in the JustGrants web-based form. This is a summary of the goals, objectives, deliverables, and timeline that relate to the proposal narrative. The applicant will also enter the projected fiscal year and quarter that each objective and deliverable will be completed. Please refer to the [Application Submission Job Aid](#) for step-by-step directions.

- **Goals:** The applicant should describe the project’s intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem noted in the proposal narrative.
- **Program Objectives and Timeline:** The applicant should include objectives to accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, measurable actions to reach the project’s desired results. The included timelines should be clearly linked to the goal.
- **Deliverables and Timeline:** Project deliverables refer to outputs—tangible (for example, a report or a website) or intangible (for example, greater feelings of safety reported by the community)—that are documented and submitted within the scope of a project. Deliverables include timelines.

Deliverables Expected by Successful Applicants

Project sites must address the following deliverables in their application as part of their project design and implementation:

- Identify a service network of CBOs that have experience in operating violence prevention and early intervention programs with youth and families. This network will offer a bridge between families and the identified school to prevent and reduce violence.
- Develop program strategies that provide the target youth population with service supports that are individualized to the particular student and engage the family as a critical change agent for the student.
- Implement prevention strategies for all students that help to supplement the interventions for the target youth population and build a positive school climate.
- Develop a school climate sustainability plan that is informed by available local data and existing plans. This sustainability plan is to be submitted within 18 months of the date of the award and should be comprehensive and updated annually as a key deliverable.

Program objectives and deliverables should be included in one timeline.

Additional Solicitation Resources

The National Institute of Justice’s [Comprehensive School Safety Initiative](#) and [CrimeSolutions.gov](#) are resources that applicants may use to obtain more information about evidence-based programs. Additional resources related to school safety best practices and threat assessments can be found at [SchoolSafety.gov](#) and the [National Threat Assessment Center](#). In addition, applicants can refer to the U.S. Department of Education’s [Laws and Guidance on School Climate and Discipline](#) for additional support in developing their projects.

The [National Center for School Safety](#) is the BJA STOP Program National Training and Technical Assistance provider and is a multidisciplinary, multi-institutional center focused on improving school safety and preventing school violence.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office on Elementary and Secondary Education has a multitude of resources on [school climate](#), including the [National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments](#) and a [Reference Manual on Making School Climate Improvements](#).

The National Center for School Safety's [Trauma-Informed, Resilience-Oriented Schools Toolkit](#) outlines a framework for implementing trauma-informed, resilience-oriented approaches in any school or school district. The primary audience for this toolkit includes school administrators, school board members, teachers, student support staff, parents and families, and community partners.

The National Institute of Justice report titled [Creating and Sustaining a Positive and Communal School Climate: Contemporary Research, Present Obstacles, and Future Directions](#).

The [OJJDP Model Programs Guide](#) contains information about evidence-based juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and reentry programs. It is a resource for practitioners and communities about what works, what is promising, and what does not work in juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and child protection and safety.

[Youth.gov](#) provides interactive tools and other resources to help youth-serving organizations and community partnerships plan, implement, and participate in effective programs for youth. This website includes information on the [National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention](#), which was created to build the capacity of localities across the country to more effectively address youth violence through multidisciplinary partnerships, balanced approaches, data-driven strategies, comprehensive planning, and sharing common challenges and promising strategies. The Forum is a strategy for federal and local collaboration that encourages its member jurisdictions to review and improve internal decision-making structures, policies, and practices; increase communication; and implement strategic, coordinated action to change the way they do business.

The [National Mentoring Resource Center](#) supports a multitude of prevention and intervention goals in a wide variety of areas of policy interest, including the prevention of juvenile crime and recidivism, fostering academic achievement, encouragement of positive peer relationships and healthy behaviors, and supporting youth with specific severe needs, such as those struggling with mental health challenges.

Family engagement in juvenile justice involves establishing a collaborative relationship in which families are partners in both their children's treatment and in developing the policies, programs, and practices of the system. An [Executive Summary](#) from a series of OJJDP Family Engagement Listening Sessions, as well as a [literature review](#) on Family Engagement in Juvenile Justice, are some existing resources.

The [National Gang Center](#) disseminates information, knowledge, and outcome-driven practices that engage and empower those in local communities with chronic and emerging gang problems to create comprehensive solutions to prevent gang violence, reduce gang involvement, and suppress gang-related crime. The website includes information on OJJDP's [Comprehensive Gang Model](#), which is an evidence-based framework for the coordination of multiple strategies to address serious, violent, and entrenched youth street gang problems. The

model combines prevention, intervention, and deterrence tactics to address the root causes of criminal gang activity within a community.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Applicants should budget travel/lodging expenses for one visit to the Washington, DC, area during the full performance period of the project to meet with federal officials and/or take part in an OJJDP-sponsored grantee meeting as directed. It is expected that this meeting would be for a minimum of 2 days and 1 night and for at least one representative from the project. Additional attendees may attend, with a maximum of three.

Funding Restrictions

OJJDP STOP funds may not be used to address violence on the campus of an institution of higher education. OJJDP STOP funds may not be used for items considered “deterrent measures” or “target hardening,” which include but are not limited to metal detectors, weapon detectors, security cameras, ballistic glass, gates, and/or fencing. Applicants interested in these types of items should see the [Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\) School Violence Prevention Program \(SVPP\)](#).

Request to Use Incentives, Stipends, or Food

Given the nature of activities under this solicitation, applicants should be aware of allowable costs and reference the DOJ Grants Financial Guide for more information. Trinkets (items such as hats, mugs, portfolios, T-shirts, coins, and gift bags, regardless of whether they include the project name or OJP office logo) must not be purchased with DOJ funds as giveaways. Basic supplies that are necessary for use during an event (e.g., folders, name tags) may be purchased. Generally, stipends are considered unallowable costs for OJJDP grants; however, given the nature of the grantees under this program, for the purpose of the use of stipends in lieu of overtime for staff personnel, stipends could be permissible for allowable activities. Justification related to the hourly rate and time commitment must be provided and should be classified as personnel costs. Additionally, food is considered an unallowable cost for OJJDP grants; however, given the nature of the grantees under this program, for the purpose of the inclusion of food for allowable activities, justification related to the inclusion of food and prior approval will be required before grant funds are used for such purposes.

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

Subawards and Procurement Contracts

Grantees must determine whether pass-through funds are considered subawards or procurement contracts. Per the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), the substance of the activity that has been contracted or subawarded will be the major factor considered. If program activities are delegated to another entity, that delegation will generally be considered a subaward. If goods or services are purchased or procured from another entity for the nonfederal entity’s own use, that activity will generally be considered a contract. For additional information on this topic, please refer to 2 CFR 200.330. In addition, OJP guidance documents (<https://www.ojp.gov/training/subawards-and-procurement>) will help clarify the differences between subawards and procurement contracts.

The requirements for pass-through entities related to making and managing subawards are found in [2 CFR 200.332](#). See also [DOJ Grants Financial Guide Section 3.14](#). Requirements include but are not limited to:

- Conducting a risk assessment of all subrecipients.
- Passing on all award conditions to the subrecipient.
- Monitoring each subrecipient.

Pass-through entities must maintain policies and procedures on making and monitoring subawards consistent with and inclusive of all federal requirements.

All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner that provides, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition. **Recipients must request and receive written approval from OJP, via a Grant Award Modification, prior to purchasing, obligating funding, or entering a contract with award funds related to noncompetitive (“sole source”) procurements in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000).** Receiving a grant from the Department does not automatically approve contracts for sole source. **Prior approval after award is required.**

Recipients may conduct noncompetitive (“sole source”) procurement when one or more of the following circumstances apply, and they **must justify** this in their submitted request to the Department after award:

- The item/service is available only from one source.
- The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation.

Competition is determined inadequate after solicitation of a number of sources.

Program Income

Program income means gross income earned by the nonfederal entity that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the federal award during the period of performance. See 2 C.F.R. § 200.80 (definition of “Program Income”). Program Income is not allowable per this solicitation.

[Budget Detail and Narrative Web-Based Form](#)

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form, which includes both detailed calculations and budget narrative sections.

For additional information about how to prepare a budget for federal funding, see the [“Application Resource Guide”](#) section on [Budget Preparation and Submission Information](#) and the technical steps to complete the budget form in JustGrants in the [Complete the Application in JustGrants: Budget](#) training.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1A and has proposed activities to incorporate the input and participation of communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization, financial support for the identified activities and participation must be reflected in the web-based budget form.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1B based on the identification of a proposed subrecipient as a population-specific organization, the proposed funding for the subrecipient must **reflect a minimum of 40 percent of the total award funding** within the web-based budget form. The budget narrative must also describe how the **activities that will**

be funded with the (minimum) 40 percent of award funding provided to the subrecipient **specifically relate to the proposed project** that will meaningfully address identified inequities and contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization.

The budget narrative **must clearly describe how the project is fiscally supporting youth and family partnerships**. This could include compensating them for their expertise, providing transportation, etc.

[Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs](#)

OJP strongly encourages every applicant that proposes to use award funds for any conference-, meeting-, or training-related activity (or similar event) to review carefully—before submitting an application—the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/training costs.

[Costs Associated With Language Assistance \(if applicable\)](#)

If an applicant proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to individuals, the costs of taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to those services or benefits for individuals with limited English proficiency may be allowable. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on costs associated with language assistance.

[Budget/Financial Attachments](#)

[Pre-Agreement \(Pre-Award\) Costs \(if applicable\)](#)

Pre-agreement costs are defined as costs requiring approval incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award. OJP does not typically approve pre-agreement costs. If a successful applicant, in anticipation of the federal award but before the start date of the period of performance, incurs costs that are necessary for efficient and timely performance of the funded project, those costs may not be charged to the award. See the “Costs Requiring Prior Approval” section in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide Post-Award Requirements](#) for more information.

[Indirect Cost Rate Agreement \(if applicable\)](#)

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project, but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. Examples of costs usually treated as indirect include those incurred for facility operation and maintenance, depreciation, and administrative salaries. The requirements for the development and submission of indirect cost proposals and cost allocation plans are listed in Appendices III–VII of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. A nonfederal applicant should follow the guidelines applicable to its type of organization. If applicable, an applicant with a current federally approved indirect cost rate agreement will upload it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) for additional information on [Indirect Cost Rate Agreement](#).

[Consultant Rate \(if applicable\)](#)

Costs for consultant services require prior approval from OJP. If the proposed project expects to fund consultant services, compensation for individual consultant services is to be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. See the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for information on the consultant rates, which require prior approval from OJP.

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable)

If an applicant proposes to hire employees with federal award funds, for any award of more than \$250,000 made under a funding opportunity, an award recipient may not use federal funds to pay total cash compensation (salary plus cash bonuses) to any employee of the recipient at a rate that exceeds 110 percent of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the "Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver."

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)

An applicant that is a nonprofit organization may be required to make certain disclosures relating to the processes it uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. If applicable, the applicant will upload a description of the process used to determine executive compensation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the "Application Attachments" section of the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

Additional Application Components

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes

Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project.

Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of Tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment. If applicable, the applicant will upload the Tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Tribal authorizing resolutions.

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents

Applicants should include for each named partner, a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or subcontract that confirms the partner's agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs. For applications submitted from two or more entities, applicants are encouraged to develop and submit signed MOUs or signed letters of intent that provide a detailed description of how the agencies will work together to meet project requirements.

Each MOU should include the following: (1) names of the organizations involved in the agreement, (2) what service(s) and other work will be performed under the agreement by what organization, and (3) duration of the agreement.

The MOU should include representatives from the multidisciplinary team supporting elements of the project design, as they will be involved in planning and guiding the proposed project. Specifically, the MOU should be signed and dated by both the local education agency leadership (i.e., board of education chairperson, superintendent, or school principal) and the community-based organization representative(s) who will be providing service supports for the project. Understanding that the completion of an MOU may take longer than the application period, a draft MOU may be submitted that includes the names and titles of all parties that will be signing the document. A special condition will be added if an award is

made that will require the signed document before funds will be made available. Applicants will submit the MOU by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants.

Subcontracts, MOUs, or letters of intent should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

[Letters of Support \(if applicable\)](#)

Applicants may include optional letters of support between key partners to the project to reflect their support, roles, and agreements about collaboration. Letters of support should be signed and then submitted as one separate attachment to the application in JustGrants.

[Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement \(if applicable\)](#)

Research and/or evaluation activities are not supported under this program. Any costs associated with such activities will be disallowed. Project evaluations that are intended only to generate internal improvements to a program or service or are conducted only to meet OJP's performance measure data reporting requirements likely do not constitute "research." For additional information, see the [Application Resource Guide](#).

[Position Descriptions](#)

Provide position descriptions of key personnel supporting the proposed project design under this application.

[Logic Model](#)

Applicants may include, as a separate attachment, a logic model that graphically illustrates how the performance measures are related to the project's problems, goals, objectives, and design.

[Disclosures and Assurances](#)

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

[Disclosure of Lobbying Activities](#)

The SF-LLL attachment that was completed and submitted in Grants.gov is attached to this section.

[Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items](#)

To ensure funding coordination across grant-making agencies, and to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate duplication among grant awards, the applicant will disclose if it has any pending applications for federal funding, including pending applications for subawards of federal funds. Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

[DOJ Certified Standard Assurances](#)

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

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

Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees

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, noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or is otherwise not responsible. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

Basic Minimum Review Criteria

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 requirements for all OJP solicitations:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within any stated programmatic funding limits or boundaries.
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

Merit Review Criteria

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

- Description of the Issue (20%): evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
- Project Design and Implementation (35%): evaluate the strength of the proposal, including information provided in the goals, objectives, timelines, and deliverables web-based form.
- Capabilities and Competencies (30%): evaluate the applicant's administrative and technical capacity to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
- Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%): evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
- 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 OJP include geographic diversity, strategic priorities, available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the budget web-based form accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles. Costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the federal award, and when they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements (to include the conditions of the

award), including the cost principles set out in the [Uniform Requirements 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#).

Risk Criteria/Factors

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 of performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM.gov 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.gov.

Important note on Responsibility/Qualification Data (formerly FAPIIS): An applicant may review and comment on any information about its organization that currently appears in SAM.gov and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in SAM.gov, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet the 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. 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

Generally, award notifications are made by the end of the current federal fiscal year, September 30. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

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 (programs or practices that have been evaluated as effective), see the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the projects and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information on what should be included in the application, see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section entitled “Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities.”

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 [Application Resource Guide](#).

Civil Rights Compliance

If a successful applicant accepts funding from OJP—as a recipient of OJP funding—that award recipient must comply with certain federal civil rights laws that prohibit it from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in how the recipient delivers its program’s services or benefits and in its employment practices. The civil rights laws that may be applicable to the award include Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), the nondiscrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Safe Streets Act), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These and other federal civil rights laws are discussed in greater detail here: [“Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2024 Awards”](#) under the “Civil Rights Requirements” section, and additional resources are available from the [OJP Office for Civil Rights](#).

Part of complying with civil rights laws that prohibit national origin discrimination includes recipients taking reasonable steps to ensure that people who are limited in their English proficiency (LEP) because of their national origin have meaningful access to a recipient’s program and activity. An LEP person is one whose first language is not English and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. To help recipients meet this obligation to serve LEP persons, DOJ has published a number of resources, including a language access assessment and planning tool, which are available at <https://www.lep.gov/language-access-planning>. Additional resources are available at <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/limited-english-proficient-lep>. If the award recipient proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to LEP individuals, the recipient may use grant funds to support the costs of taking reasonable steps (e.g., interpretation or translation services) to provide meaningful access. Similarly, recipients are responsible for ensuring that their programs and activities are readily accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities. Applicants for OJP funding must allocate grant funds or explain how other available resources will be used to ensure meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals or the purchase of adaptive equipment for individuals with mobility or cognitive disabilities. For resources, see <https://www.ada.gov/> or contact OJP.

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 [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Information Technology Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

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 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.

See the [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), contact information for Grants.gov, and contact information for JustGrants, see the solicitation Synopsis.

Other Information

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

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Performance Measures

<https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/STOP-Measures.pdf>

Progress Reporting Questions

<https://ojdp.ojp.gov/funding/grant-performance-measurement/performance-measures#progress-reporting-questions>

Application Checklist

OJJDP FY24 Enhancing School Capacity To Address Youth Violence

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, refer to [the OJP Application Submission Steps in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

Pre-Application

Before Registering in Grants.gov

- Confirm your entity's registration in the [System Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#) is active through the solicitation period; submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov if needed (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Register in Grants.gov

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Find the Funding Opportunity

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s).
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#) (about [browser compatibility and special characters in file names](#)).
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8> (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Review the Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2024 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

Review the Scope Requirement

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$1,000,000.

Review Eligibility Requirement

- Review the "Eligibility" section on the in the Synopsis and "Eligibility Information" section in the solicitation.

Application Step 1

After registering with SAM.gov, submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov.

- In Section 8F of the SF-424, include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants and the SF-LLL in Grants.gov.**

Within 48 hours after the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive four Grants.gov email notifications:

- A submission receipt.
- A validation receipt.
- A grantor agency retrieval receipt.
- An agency tracking number assignment.

If no Grants.gov receipt and validation email is received, or if error notifications are received:

- Contact Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800–518–4726, 606–545–5035, [Grants.gov customer support](#), or support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see [“Application Resource Guide” section on Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues](#)).

Within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual in Section 8F of the SF-424 will receive an email from JustGrants with login instructions.

- Proceed to Application Step 2 and complete application in JustGrants.

Application Step 2

Submit the following information in JustGrants:

Application Components

- Entity and User Verification (First-Time Applicant)
- Standard Applicant information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Proposal Abstract*
- Proposal Narrative*
- Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline web-based form

Budget and Associated Documentation

- Budget Detail Narrative and Web-Based Form*
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (see [Application Resource Guide](#))

Additional Application Components

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Letters of Support (if applicable)
- Resumes of key personnel

- Position descriptions
- Logic model
- List of procurement contracts (if applicable)
- Organizational chart

Disclosures and Assurances

- [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))

****Note: Items designated with an asterisk must be submitted for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the designated items, it will neither proceed to peer review nor receive further consideration.***

Review, Certify, and Submit Application in JustGrants

- Any validation errors will immediately display on screen after submission.
- Correct validation errors, if necessary, and then return to the “Certify and Submit” screen to submit the application. Access the [Application Submission Validation Errors Quick Reference Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions to resolve errors prior to submission.
- Once the application is submitted and validated, a confirmation message will appear at the top of the page. Users will also receive a notification in the “bell” alerts confirming submission.

If no JustGrants application submission confirmation email or validation is received, or if error notification is received —

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833–872–5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov regarding technical difficulties. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Standard Solicitation Resources

[Application Resource Guide](#) provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding.

[DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) serves as the primary reference manual to assist award recipients in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to safeguard grant funds and to ensure funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded. It compiles a variety of laws, rules, and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of DOJ awards. This guide serves as a starting point for all award recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards.

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

[JustGrants Application Submission Training page](#) offers helpful information and resources on the application process. This training page includes e-learning videos, reference guides, checklists, and other resources to help applicants complete an application.

[Virtual Q&A Sessions](#) are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance, and support on JustGrants system functionality.

[Weekly Training Webinars](#) are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance, and support on JustGrants system functionality.