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Synopsis

Program Description Overview

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> (DOJ), <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), <u>Office of Juvenile</u> <u>Justice and Delinquency Prevention</u> (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.

OJJDP seeks to provide funding for the development and implementation of comprehensive and culturally relevant training and technical assistance designed to support Tribal efforts to create, enhance, and/or sustain programs, services, and supports for youth in Tribal communities. This program provides funding for three categories—Category 1: Tribal Youth Resource Center, Category 2: Tribal Youth Leadership and Partnership Initiative, and Category 3: State, Local, and Tribal Partnerships To Support Justice-Involved Tribal Youth.

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

Competition ID	Competition Title (Category Name)	Expected Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-OJJDP- 2024-00031- PROD	Category 1: Tribal Youth Resource Center	1	\$11,500,000	10/1/2024	48
C-OJJDP- 2024-00032- PROD	Category 2: Tribal Youth Leadership and Partnerships Initiative	1	\$600,000	10/1/2024	36
C-OJJDP- 2024-00033- PROD	Category 3: State, Local, and Tribal Partnerships To Support Justice-Involved Youth	1	\$600,000	10/1/2024	36

Funding Category

Eligibility (All Categories)

- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American Tribal organizations (other than federally recognized Tribal governments)
- 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

An applicant may submit more than one application, if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u>. 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, <u>Experiencing Unforeseen</u> <u>Technical Issues</u>.

For assistance with submitting the <u>Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424)</u> and a <u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)</u> in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800–518–4726, 606–545–5035, <u>Grants.gov Customer Support</u>, or <u>support@grants.gov</u>. 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 <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>. 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.

Application Submission Information

Registration

Before submitting an application, an applicant must have a registration in the <u>System for Award</u> <u>Management (SAM.gov)</u>.

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 <u>Submission Dates and Time</u> 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 <u>Application for</u> Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424) and a <u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)</u>. See the <u>Submission Dates and Time</u> section for application deadlines.

Step 2: The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u> by the JustGrants application deadline. See the <u>Submission Dates and</u> <u>Time</u> section for application deadlines.

Program Description

Program Description Overview

OJJDP seeks to provide funding for the development and implementation of comprehensive and culturally relevant training and technical assistance (TTA) designed to support Tribal efforts to create, enhance, and/or expand effective and sustainable approaches for reducing and preventing youth delinquency, and increasing positive outcomes for youth potential in Tribal communities. This program provides funding for three categories—Category 1: Tribal Youth Resource Center, Category 2: Tribal Youth Leadership and Partnership Initiative, and Category 3: State, Local, and Tribal Partnerships To Support Justice-Involved Tribal Youth.

<u>OJJDP's</u> 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 <u>Treat Children as Children</u>; <u>Serve Children at Home, With Their Families, in Their Communities</u>; and <u>Open Up Opportunities for System-Involved Youth</u>. 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).

Statutory Authority

Category 1 of this program is authorized pursuant to 34 USC 11171-11172; 34 USC 10611-10619; 28 USC 530C; and the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2024, P.L. 118-42, 138 Stat. 25, 150. Categories 2 and 3 of this program are authorized pursuant to 34 USC 11171-11172; 28 USC 530C; and the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2024, P.L. 118-42, 138 Stat. 25, 150.

Specific Information

Tribal youth play a crucial role in our communities, and addressing their needs within the justice system is essential. This program provides funding for three categories—Category 1: Tribal Youth Resource Center, Category 2: Tribal Youth Leadership and Partnership Initiative, and Category 3: State, Local, and Tribal Partnerships To Support Justice-Involved Tribal Youth.

Category 1: Tribal Youth Resource Center

OJJDP seeks proposals to develop and operate a comprehensive, culturally relevant TTA center to support and enhance Tribal efforts to prevent and reduce youth delinquency and strengthen a fair and beneficial juvenile justice system response for American Indian/Alaskan Native youth. The successful applicant will deliver TTA across a variety of topics that are integral to the establishment and sustainability of prevention, intervention, and treatment programs that promote positive outcomes for Tribal youth.

The TTA provider will also establish and administer a Tribal Youth Fellowship Program. The provider will select and manage two Tribal Youth Justice Fellows with lived experience in the Tribal youth justice system to actively participate in all aspects of the TTA provider's efforts to ensure that they are grounded in and centered on young people's lived experienced within Tribal juvenile justice systems.

Category 2: Tribal Youth Leadership and Partnership Initiative

This category will support American Indian/Alaskan Native youth and youth-serving programs in efforts to promote leadership development in order to enhance protective factors and reduce risk factors for youth delinquency.

Category 3: State, Local, and Tribal Partnerships To Support Justice-Involved Tribal Youth

The majority of Tribal youth reside outside of Indian country; therefore, delinquency proceedings or criminal charges will likely involve state or local juvenile justice systems. The Indian Child Welfare Act does not require Tribal notification when a Tribal youth is involved in a state or local juvenile justice system. For this reason, Tribes may be unaware of Tribal youth involvement in a state or local juvenile justice system.

This category will provide states and local jurisdictions with support to develop and implement notification strategies to better connect Tribal youth with their culture and to programs and services available while the youth is involved in the state or local juvenile justice system.

All Categories

OJJDP will expect successful applicants to provide TTA in a culturally sensitive manner that respects Tribal sovereignty, understands and appreciates Indigenous knowledge and Tribal histories, recognizes the importance and complexity of Indigenous justice systems, and understands youth justice issues, including jurisdictional challenges that impact Tribal youth, families, and communities.

Successful applicants will be expected to collaborate with and across other OJJDP efforts to strategically expand the reach and enhance the program activities under OJJDP-funded grant awards whose goals impact Tribal youth and juvenile justice systems.

Solicitation Goals and Objectives

Goals

Category 1: Tribal Youth Resource Center

The goal of this category is to support and enhance Tribal efforts through TTA to prevent, reduce, and respond to youth delinquency and to strengthen fair and beneficial responses for American Indian/Alaskan Native youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

Category 2: Tribal Youth Leadership and Partnership Initiative

The goal of this category is to engage American Indian/Alaskan Native youth and youth-serving programs in efforts to promote leadership development in order to enhance protective factors and reduce risk factors for youth delinquency. This program is also expected to prepare Tribal youth for future opportunities to partner with OJJDP as young adults.

Category 3: State, Local, and Tribal Partnerships To Support Justice-Involved Tribal Youth

The goal of this category is to assist states in fostering and strengthening respectful, effective, collaborative partnerships between state and local juvenile justice systems and Tribes to improve system responses for justice-involved Tribal youth and their families.

Objectives

Category 1: Tribal Youth Resource Center

The objectives of this category include the development and implementation of TTA for OJJDP grantees funded under the Tribal Youth Program and the Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Courts Program, and for Tribes not currently receiving OJJDP funding; supporting a Tribal Youth Justice Fellowship program; and the delivery of TTA at the request of OJJDP with a focus on providing support for OJJDP initiatives and OJJDP-funded TTA efforts that will impact Tribal youth and juvenile justice systems.

Category 2: Tribal Youth Leadership and Partnerships Initiative

The objective of this category is to coordinate and implement a peer-led initiative that focuses on Tribal youth leadership development, to include peer-led trainings that build leadership skills focused on reducing risk factors for juvenile crime and enhancing protective factors for youth accountability.

Category 3: State, Local, and Tribal Partnerships To Support Justice-Involved Tribal Youth

The objective of this category is to enhance state, local, and Tribal partnerships to create Tribal youth notification processes; enhance coordination to improve access to culturally responsive services to justice-involved Tribal youth; and include youth voice in policy development as it relates to this effort.

For information about what the applicant needs to submit regarding Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables, please see the <u>How to Apply section on the Application Goals, Objectives,</u> <u>Deliverables, and Timeline Web-Based Form.</u>

Federal Award Information

Awards, Amounts, and Duration

Anticipated Number of Awards: 3

Category 1: 1 Category 2: 1 Category 3: 1

Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount per Award:

Category 1 anticipated maximum amount of \$11,500,000 Category 2 anticipated maximum amount of \$600,000 Category 3 anticipated maximum amount of \$600,000

Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2024

Period of Performance Duration (Months): Category 1: 48 months; Category 2 and 3: 36 months Anticipated Total Amount To Be Awarded Under This Solicitation: \$12.7 million

Additional Information: While the maximum allowable funding amount under Category 1 is \$11,500,000 and \$600,000 under Categories 2 and 3, 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 the awards under this funding opportunity as cooperative agreements, which provide for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the "<u>Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements</u>" section of the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> 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.

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 <u>"How To Apply</u>" section in the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>
- 3. JustGrants Application Submission Training

This solicitation (notice of funding opportunity) incorporates guidance provided in the <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u> (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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>, 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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>https://grants.gov/register</u> 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 <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> and the <u>DOJ Application Submission Checklist</u>.

Submission Dates and Time

The **SF-424 and the SF-LLL** must be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 pm eastern time on July 1, 2024.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 pm eastern time on July 15, 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 <u>SAM.gov Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)</u> Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET at 866–606–8220.
- Grants.gov: contact the <u>Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline</u> 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800–518–4726, 606–545–5035, or <u>support@grants.gov</u>.
- JustGrants: contact the JustGrants Service Desk at <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> 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 <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u> 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 <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Executive Order (E.O.)</u> <u>12372</u>. 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for an <u>example</u> 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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide: Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire</u> (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 <u>Standard Forms & Instructions: Brief Applicant Entity Questionnaire</u>.

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 30 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, charts, and graphs included in the program narrative can be created in a legible font smaller than 12-point, and those items will not count toward the page limit. Tables, charts, and graphs should not be smaller than 10-point font.

The proposal narrative must include the following sections:

a. Description of the Issue

Describe why this project/these proposed activities are necessary (significance/value) or address a need. Include supporting information, such as data to provide evidence that the need 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 and any previous or current attempts to address the problem. Applicants should describe any research or evaluation studies that relate to the problem and contribute to their understanding of its causes and potential solutions. While OJJDP expects applicants to review the research literature for relevant studies, they should also explore whether unpublished local sources of research or evaluation data are available.

b. Project Design and Implementation

Describe the strategy to address the problem or needs identified in the Description of the Issue. List the activities and describe how they relate to the goals, objectives, deliverables, and timeline outlined in the web-based form (completed separately from the proposal narrative attachment). Activities are the specific actions that will be completed to fulfill the program's objectives and reach the program's goal(s). Provide a detailed description of the method(s) to be used to carry out each activity (e.g., training, community events, direct services to target population). 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.

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.

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 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, particularly in relation to expertise in working with programs for Tribal youth and 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 This section should also include applicant history, capabilities, and competencies of supporting youth and family partnerships.

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 <u>Training and</u> <u>Technical Assistance (TTA) Performance Measures Definitions and Questions (ojp.gov).</u> 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 "<u>Note on Project Evaluations</u>" section in the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 <u>Application Submission Job Aid</u> 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

A description of the primary deliverables related to each objective are listed below. Other deliverables will depend upon available resources and/or agency need.

Category 1: Tribal Youth Resource Center

- TTA designed for Tribal Nations awarded CTAS Purpose Area 9 Tribal Youth Program grants. This includes assistance in the development of strategic plans and individualized TTA to assist Tribes with implementation and sustainability challenges. Purpose Area 9 awards include three categories, including an emphasis on planning, implementation, and enhancement of programs. Key areas include assistance with cultural adaptations to evidence-based initiatives and with applying Indigenous knowledge to the goal of preventing youth delinquency and strengthening beneficial responses to youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. This includes continued development and enhancement of the existing OJJDP Tribal Youth website, curricula, and other related materials. TTA will be provided through a variety of platforms, to include onsite sessions, webinars, curriculum, talking circles, meetings, and other mechanisms, with the goal of facilitating communities of practice among Tribal Youth Programs.
- TTA designed for Tribal Nations awarded CTAS Purpose Area 8 Youth Healing to Wellness Courts grants. This includes the development of strategic plans and individualized TTA to assist Tribes with implementation and sustainability challenges. Key areas include assistance with adapting Healing to Wellness and Juvenile Drug Court components to Tribal-led, local program and court designs; establishing partnership agreements between Tribal and state juvenile justice systems; and providing aid to Tribal Nations in drafting or revising their juvenile statutes in coordination with program and court implementation. This TTA includes continued enhancement of the existing OJJDP Tribal Youth website, curricula, and materials. TTA will be provided

through a variety of platforms, to include onsite sessions, webinars, curriculum, talking circles, meetings, and other mechanisms, with the goal of facilitating communities of practice among Youth Healing to Wellness Courts and programs.

- Training and technical assistance for all federally recognized Tribes, including the development of capacity-building tools, regional trainings, and innovative collaborations to meet the needs of Tribes seeking to improve Tribal youth programs and Tribal juvenile justice systems. The TTA provider will be expected to gather, adapt, develop, and disseminate tools and resources that will support and enhance the larger field of programs for Tribal youth that do not currently receive OJJDP funding.
- Training and technical assistance, which will be at the request of OJJDP, with a focus on providing support for OJJDP and OJJDP-funded TTA efforts that will impact Tribal youth and juvenile justice systems. OJJDP expects to grant discretionary awards through initiatives that are not Tribally specific to Tribes and Tribal organizations. OJJDP will expect the successful applicant to provide TTA to build the capacity of non-Tribal-specific initiatives to serve Tribes in key areas, such as respecting Tribal sovereignty, working with Tribal governments, understanding and appreciating Indigenous knowledge, recognizing the importance and complexity of Indigenous justice systems, and understanding youth justice issues that impact Tribal youth. This includes the development and enhancement of content for the existing OJJDP Tribal Youth website and TTA provided through a variety of platforms, to include onsite sessions, webinars, talking circles, and meetings, with the goal of increasing the quality and effectiveness of OJJDP's discretionary programs to serve Tribes and Tribal organizations. This also includes assistance, at the request of OJJDP, with organizing and facilitating opportunities for Tribal leaders and other stakeholders of Tribal youth-serving programs to provide input to OJJDP, to include listening sessions and/or consultations.
- In collaboration with OJJDP, the successful applicant will partner with an OJJDPidentified contractor to develop and implement two gatherings of OJJDP Tribal grantees and others that offer opportunities in professional development, continuing education, and peer learning opportunities, with a focus on promising Tribal-specific positive youth development prevention and intervention approaches to improve outcomes for Tribal youth. Applicants should budget staff time to plan and develop the conference. The OJJDP-identified contractor will support conference logistics.
- Establish and administer a Tribal Youth Fellowship Program.
 - Fellow Selection:
 - The successful applicant will select and manage two Tribal Youth Justice Fellows with lived experience in the Tribal youth justice system to actively participate in all aspects of TTA efforts to ensure that they are grounded in and centered on young people's lived experienced within Tribal juvenile justice systems. A minimum of \$500,000 should be allocated in the budget to support the Tribal Youth Justice Fellowship Program.
 - OJJDP will review and approve the hiring announcement before it is advertised. OJJDP may participate as an observer during interviews conducted for the Tribal Youth Justice Fellow candidates as part of the hiring process.

- OJJDP will review and approve candidate selection recommendations, the recommended candidates' resumes, and employment contracts for the Tribal Youth Justice Fellows before formal offers can be made.
- Fellow Deliverables:
 - The Tribal Youth Justice Fellows will work the TTA provider to provide knowledge, resources, and project management guidance to the TTA provider as well as OJJDP-awarded Tribal Youth Program and Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Courts grantees to meet the objectives and deliverables of their projects. The Tribal Youth Justice Fellows will be expected to deliver the following:
 - Provide expertise and technical assistance to the TTA provider, OJJDP Tribal Youth Program and Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Courts grantees, and other agencies engaged in Tribal youth programs to ensure state, local, Tribal, and communitybased Tribal youth justice policy and practice are directly responsive to lived experience.
 - Develop and disseminate youth-centered Tribal youth justice tools, resources, and events grounded in extensive input from a broad cross-section of Tribal youth with lived experience.
 - Learn best and promising practices, models, recommendations, etc. derived from OJJDP's Tribal Youth Program and Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Courts grantees' projects, and ensure they are translated and transferred to the field at large in a way that centers the critical issues and concerns of Tribal youth with lived experience.
 - Emerge as skilled Tribal youth justice system influencers capable of effectively translating their lived experience into sustainable change.

OJJDP will expect the successful applicant to develop and submit an annual workplan and timeline to include key deliverables, activities, dates, and responsible parties for OJJDP review and approval.

OJJDP will expect the successful applicant to build on the accomplishments and activities of the current TTA program and to institute a seamless transition that ensures that programs for Tribal youth continue to receive high-quality services.

Category 2: Tribal Youth Leadership and Partnerships Initiative

- Conduct outreach to engage with, train, and support a diverse group of youth leaders who will serve ongoing critical roles throughout the life of this initiative, including participating as planning team members, trainers, peer mentors, and subject-matter experts.
- Develop and implement a series of regional gatherings that provide leadership development training to American Indian/Alaskan Native youth throughout the country.

- Support cohorts of youth participants to guide the implementation of a youth-developed community service project related to youth delinquency prevention and intervention issues that emerge from leadership development training.
- Create a best practice guide on working with Tribal youth who are at risk or involved in the youth justice system and their families by engaging with, training, and supporting a a diverse group of youth leaders.
- Collaborate with OJJDP to address Tribal youth justice issues and produce a draft report for advancing Tribal justice systems and supporting Tribal youth.

Category 3: State, Local, and Tribal Partnerships To Support Justice-Involved Tribal Youth

- Provide training and technical assistance to OJJDP-funded Tribal grantees and partners, State Advisory Groups, Tribes, and Designated State Agency staff to build capacity and create strategies to implement Tribal youth notification strategies.
- Assist state and local agencies in the development and implementation of relationship building with Tribes to benefit Tribal youth in state or local juvenile justice systems.
- Provide guidance to states and localities to develop strategies for Tribal youth notification processes, to include the coordination of services for justice-involved Tribal youth and their families.
- Provide training and technical assistance to states and Tribes to establish a process that can assist in resolving challenges, maximizing intergovernmental relations, and sharing ideas and resources that will ensure access to services such as mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, vocational training, cultural practices, and life skills training for justice-involved Tribal youth.
- Develop and implement strategies to ensure Tribal youth representation on <u>State</u> <u>Advisory Groups</u> as it relates to the development of Tribal youth notification strategies.

Program objectives and deliverables should be included in one timeline.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Funding Restrictions

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

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 "<u>Application Resource Guide</u>" section on <u>Budget Preparation and Submission Information</u> and the technical steps to complete the budget form in JustGrants in the <u>Complete the Application in</u> <u>JustGrants: Budget</u> training.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>DOJ Grants</u> <u>Financial Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for information.

Additional Application Components

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes (if applicable)

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

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable)

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 upload documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 (5%): evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
- Project Design and Implementation (45%): evaluate the strength of the proposal, including information provided in the goals, objectives, timelines, and deliverables webbased form.
- Capabilities and Competencies (25%): 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 (20%): 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 (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), 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 <u>Uniform Requirements 2 C.F.R. Part 200,</u> <u>Subpart E</u>.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 OJPapproved 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for more information.

General Information About Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the "<u>Program Description</u>" 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. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent (in appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports).

See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/performance-measures-tribal-youthprogram.pdf

Progress Reporting Questions

https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/grant-performance-measurement/performance-measures#progressreporting-questions

Application Checklist

OJJDP FY24 Supporting Tribal Youth: Training and Technical Assistance

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 <u>System Award Management (SAM.gov)</u> is active through the solicitation period; submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov if needed (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>).

Register in Grants.gov

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

Find the Funding Opportunity

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s).
- Select correct Competition ID.
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>).
- 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 <u>https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postawardrequirements#6g3y8</u> (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>).

Review the Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements

 Review the "<u>Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and</u> <u>Cooperative Agreements - FY 2024 Awards</u>" in the <u>OJP Funding Resource Center</u>.

Review the Scope Requirement

The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s): Category 1 up to \$11,500,000 and Categories 2 and 3 up to \$600,000.

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, <u>Grants.gov customer support</u>, or <u>support@grants.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties (see <u>"Application Resource Guide</u>" <u>section on Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues</u>).

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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see Application Resource Guide)
- Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (see <u>Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u>)

Additional Application Components

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (if applicable)(see <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Resumes of key personnel
- List of procurement contracts (if applicable)

Organizational chart

Disclosures and Assurances

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

*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 <u>Application Submission Validation Errors Quick</u> <u>Reference Guide</u> 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 <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties. See the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Standard Solicitation Resources

<u>Application Resource Guide</u> provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding.

<u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide</u> 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.

<u>JustGrants Resources Website</u> 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 <u>JustGrants Update e-newsletter</u>.

<u>JustGrants Application Submission Training page</u> 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.

<u>Weekly Training Webinars</u> are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance, and support on JustGrants system functionality.