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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.

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For purposes of this solicitation, applicants must initiate services to youth who are age 17 or younger at the time of admission to the program.

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

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](mailto: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](mailto:support@grants.gov). The Grants.gov Support Hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

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### **Pre-Application Information Session**

OJJDP will hold a webinar on this solicitation on May 31, 2024, at 12:30 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 [here](#) 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 24, 2024. Submit questions to [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) with the subject “Questions for OJJDP FY24 Supporting Effective Interventions for Youth With Problematic or Illegal Sexual Behavior Program Webinar.” The session will be recorded and available on <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/events/fy24-ypisbp>.

### **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.

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[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).

## Statutory Authority

The Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2024, P.L. 118-42, 138 Stat. 25, 150.

## Specific Information

Sexual development begins in infancy and continues throughout adulthood. Children are constantly learning social norms and what is expected or appropriate in interactions and relationships. There are healthy and common expressions of sexuality that children are likely to show at different developmental stages. *Normative sexual behaviors* are those that most experts agree are developmentally appropriate behaviors often considered to be a normal part of growing up and not considered to be harmful. *Problematic sexual behaviors* are deviations from normative sexual behaviors and are considered to be developmentally inappropriate and/or potentially harmful to the child or others.<sup>[1]</sup> *Illegal/ aggressive sexual behaviors* are different from problematic sexual behaviors and include illegal, aggressive, and abusive sexual behaviors. The distinction from normative to problematic to illegal/aggressive sexual behaviors occurs on a continuum; therefore, when developing effective prevention and intervention responses and treatment strategies, it is essential for communities to consider the range of sexual behaviors that bring youth into clinical settings and/or into the juvenile justice system.<sup>[2]</sup>

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 1 in 13 boys and 1 in 4 girls experience sexual abuse at some point in childhood.<sup>[3]</sup> While most sexual assaults are committed by adults, juveniles account for approximately 23 percent of those known to police to have committed sexual assaults. In addition, studies show that most youth who sexually offend come to the attention of law enforcement when they are between the ages of 12 and 14 and that early adolescence is the peak age for sexual offenses against younger children.<sup>[4]</sup> Youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior are a diverse population of youth who have, for a variety of reasons, engaged in such behavior.<sup>[5]</sup>

Studies show that youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior successfully respond to interventions that address the behavior problem and promote healthy development. Research also suggests that an overwhelming majority of youth brought into the juvenile justice system for a sexual offense will not sexually reoffend, and recidivism rates are often below 3 percent.<sup>[6]</sup> With appropriate and effective interventions, most youth can learn to make better choices and be contributing members of society.<sup>[7]</sup> The most comprehensive treatment services for youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior include family- and community-based interventions. Evidence-based treatment approaches for adolescents with illegal sexual behavior include Multisystemic Therapy – Problematic Sexual Behavior (MST-PSB), Problematic Sexual Behavior – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (PSB-CBT), and Trauma-Focused (TF) PSB-CBT. Intervention activities and lengths can vary by program type, with some interventions including post-discharge, follow-up monitoring services.

For the purposes of this solicitation, the term “children with problematic sexual behavior” generally refers to youth ages 7 to 12 who are exhibiting problematic sexual behavior, including those in pre- or post-adjudication status, for inappropriate sexual behavior with a family member, co-resident, or other nonfamily peer-aged children (i.e., friends, neighbors, classmates). Proposed interventions for these children should include support services for child victims and nonoffending families or household members.

For the purposes of this solicitation, the term “adolescents with illegal sexual behavior” refers to youth ages 13 to 17, including those in pre- or post-adjudication status for serious sexual offenses committed against family members or other nonfamily peer-aged children (i.e., friends, neighbors, classmates), or adults.

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Applicants must propose and undertake their work through a multidisciplinary team of stakeholders. The multidisciplinary team is expected to facilitate the implementation of comprehensive and developmentally appropriate approaches to accountability, safety planning, treatment, and healing for the youth with problematic or illegal sexual behaviors, as well as for treatment and healing for the youth victims and nonoffending families/caregivers. These multidisciplinary teams should include, but are not limited to prosecutors, child welfare personnel, and juvenile justice personnel such as probation and juvenile court, mental health, victim advocates, law enforcement, and community-support providers. This team (or a subset of this team) should serve as the case staffing entity to determine service provision, including treatment, case management, and supervision for the youth with problematic or illegal sexual.

Applicants that demonstrate existing partnerships with multidisciplinary team stakeholder members (i.e., letters of commitment or memoranda of understanding (MOUs)) that can address youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior will receive priority consideration (see below for more information). For those applicants unable to demonstrate existing partnerships at the time of application, if awarded, these applicants will be required to submit documentation within 6 months of the award date (i.e., letters of commitment or MOUs) that demonstrates the existing multidisciplinary team approach.

A key consideration for all program sites should be public safety balanced with prevention, early intervention, and treatment. Applicants must describe how they will ensure public safety (e.g., individualized supervision/safety plan) as a part of any proposed strategy to be funded.

OJJDP expects project sites to work closely with the funded training and technical assistance (TTA) provider, who will provide guidance and consultation to the funded program sites. The TTA activities will address specific technical assistance on juvenile probation and promising practices for youth with illegal or problematic sexual behavior, assessment tools, trauma-informed practices, engaging caregivers and overcoming barriers, motivational interviewing, and collaborative engagement across systems. Additionally, TTA will include individualized training and technical assistance, facilitate the site's process of the multidisciplinary team, and provide access to virtual and in-person cross-site meetings and journal clubs as well as training materials and curricula on evidence- and community-based treatment of youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior as well as child victims. Lastly, TTA includes working with funded program sites on assessing program implementation, including measuring progress and outcomes of the targeted youth and their achievement of goals and objectives under the grant.

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[1] Overview and Definitions. National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth, <https://www.ncsby.org/content/overview-and-definitions>.

[2] Understanding Adolescents With Illegal Sexual Behavior, National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth, <https://ncsby.org/content/understanding-adolescents-illegal-sexual-behavior>.

[3] [https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childsexualabuse/fastfact.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fviolenceprevention%2Fchildsexualabuseandneglect%2Fchildsexualabuse.html](https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childsexualabuse/fastfact.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fviolenceprevention%2Fchildsexualabuseandneglect%2Fchildsexualabuse.html).

[4] Finkelhor, D., Ormrod, R., and Chaffin, M. 2009. *Juveniles Who Commit Sex Offenses Against Minors*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

[5] Addressing Youth and Children With Problematic Sexual Behaviors. National Children's Alliance, <http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/psb/>.

[6] [https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childsexualabuse/fastfact.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fviolenceprevention%2Fchildabuseandneglect%2Fchildsexualabuse.html](https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childsexualabuse/fastfact.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fviolenceprevention%2Fchildabuseandneglect%2Fchildsexualabuse.html).

[7] Better Lives Through Better Choices. National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth, <https://www.ncsby.org/content/professionals>.



## Solicitation Goals and Objectives

### Goals

The goal of this program is to provide services and treatment to address onset of problematic sexual behaviors in youth and to prevent sexual reoffending by youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior, promote healing, and provide services for victims and families/caregivers. This program will assist applicants in developing comprehensive, multidisciplinary approaches to provide a *continuum of intervention and supervision services* for youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior; and treatment services for child victims and their families/caregivers.

### Objectives

The objectives of this program are to:

- Improve family and system responses for youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior as well as child victims and their families/caregivers.
- Increase protective factors in targeted youth to prevent sexual reoffending or continued problematic sexual behavior.
- Enhance existing community/system response by filling identified gaps in service provision/programming.

### Deliverables

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: 3

Anticipated maximum dollar amount per award: up to \$525,000

Period of performance start date: 10/1/2024

Period of performance duration (months): 36

Anticipated total amount to be awarded under this solicitation: \$1,575,000.

### **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 grants. See the "[Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements](#)" section of the [Application Resource Guide](#) for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants.

### **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.

## 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](https://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 18, 2024.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 pm eastern time on July 2, 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](mailto:support@grants.gov).
- JustGrants: contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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. *Please note: Tables, charts, and graphs included in the proposal narrative can be created in a legible font smaller than 12 point and will count toward the page limit.*

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.

Applicants should briefly describe the nature and scope of the problem that the proposed program will address across the continuum of services provided (e.g., adolescents with illegal sexual behavior, children with problematic sexual behavior, victim services, training needs, etc.). Applicants should use data to provide evidence that the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the larger community. Any data or research referenced in the narrative should include information about the source of the data and/or a citation. Applicants should describe the target population, to include the age to be served and the specific community/communities to be targeted with funded interventions. **Please note:** Applicants must initiate services for youth who are 17 years old or younger at the time of admission to the program.

This section should also discuss any previous or current attempts to address the problem and provide an overview of existing system resources to identify gaps/barriers in available resources, including but not limited to:

- List (with description) of the range of pre- and post-adjudication services currently available (already funded) for adolescents with illegal sexual behavior and children with problematic sexual behaviors in the targeted community. This list of services should include both community-based and facility-based services, as well as any existing risk and needs assessment process used by the applicant to identify and evaluate recidivism and appropriate service recommendations for the target population of youth.
- List (with descriptions) of services currently available (already funded) for victims and families/caregivers.

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.

**Please note:** Grant funds can only be used to fill gaps in currently available (already funded) services within a jurisdiction.

b. Project Design and Implementation

Applicants should detail how the project will operate throughout the funding period and describe the strategies that they will use to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables section. Applicants should include a detailed description of the method(s) used to carry out each objective (e.g., community events, direct services to target population, etc.) and describe how project activities relate to the goals, objectives, deliverables, and timeline outlined in the web-based form (completed separately from the proposal narrative attachment). OJJDP encourages applicants to select evidence-based practices for their programs. Applicants should address how they will ensure public safety (e.g., individualized supervision/safety plan) as a part of the proposed strategy to be funded. **See also** the Deliverables Expected by Successful Applicants section.

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. It is expected that applicants will use grant funding to **fill gaps** identified from the “Description of the Issue” section above.

**Please note:** Existing or previously funded and closed applicants must ensure the proposal narrative indicates how the project design is an enhancement or expansion of current services or previously funded program activities.

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 or family [and nonoffending family] partnerships. Describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff, as well as contractors or subgrantees (if applicable), and explain the program's organizational structure and operations.

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).

Letters of Commitment: If submitting a joint application, as described under Eligibility, applicants should provide signed and dated letters of commitment or memoranda of understanding for all key partners that include the following:

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

Letters of commitment may be addressed to the OJJDP Administrator. Letters of commitment should be signed and submitted as one separate attachment and labeled as "letters of commitment."

Only letters of commitment that are submitted by the due date and with the full application will be considered during the review process.

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

Describe the process for measuring project performance. Identify 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](http://www.ojp.gov/performance) for more information on performance measurement activities.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at [performance-measures-adolescent-sex-offenders-children-with-sexual-behavior-problems-program-performance-measures.pdf \(ojp.gov\)](#). 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.

Applicants should submit a realistic timeline or milestone chart that indicates major tasks associated with the goals and objectives of the project, assigning responsibility for each, and plots completion of each task by month or quarter for the duration of the award, using “Year 1,” “Month 1,” “Quarter 1,” etc., not calendar dates (see “Sample Project Timelines” [here](#)). On receipt of an award, the recipient may revise the timeline, based on training and technical assistance that OJJDP will provide.

### Deliverables Expected by Successful Applicants

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

Applicants are expected to conduct a comprehensive assessment of existing system resources that details the continuum of intervention services available for the target population (adolescents with illegal sexual behavior and youth with problematic sexual behavior) and treatment services for the youth victims and their families/caregivers, and propose projects that support the provision of services across this continuum. Project sites must address the deliverables listed below as part of their project design and implementation.

- Develop or enhance community-based intervention (including evidence-based treatment) and supervision services for adolescents with illegal sexual behavior and/or youth with problematic sexual behavior. All proposed services for funding must satisfy an identified gap in already funded services within the applicant jurisdiction as identified in the overview of existing system resources (see “Description of the Issue” section).
- Develop or enhance treatment services for youth victims and nonoffending family members/caregivers.
- Enhance and/or maintain an existing multidisciplinary team to specifically manage cases involving youth with problematic and/or illegal sexual behavior, and that supports a comprehensive holistic approach to treatment and services for victims and families/caregivers.

Additional resources:

- [National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth](#).
- [Child Advocacy Center Model](#) is one example of a successful multidisciplinary team model that brings together representatives from many disciplines, including law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical, mental health, and victim advocacy, to provide comprehensive services to children exposed to violence, including exposure to gang-related violence. [Child Advocacy Center Model](#) is one example of a successful multidisciplinary team model that brings together representatives from many disciplines, including law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical, mental health, and victim advocacy, to provide comprehensive services to children exposed to violence, including exposure to gang-related violence.
- [Family Justice Centers](#) around the country offer a wide variety of services and support for adult victims and their children, including direct links to children’s advocacy centers for children who have witnessed or directly experienced violence in their homes.
- [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.

- OJP [crimesolutions.gov](https://www.crimesolutions.gov) uses rigorous research to inform practitioners and policymakers about what works in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services.

### **Budget and Associated Documentation**

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 “[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.

Applicants should budget funds to support as many as three staff to travel in the first year of the project to participate in a 2-day in-person cross-site meeting, as OJJDP directs. Applicants should budget approximately \$2,000 per person to attend the meetings and record this as part of the travel line item in the budget. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer requires cost calculations for all line items in your budget, including this required travel. The cost breakdown should include airfare, per diem rate, lodging, number of travelers, number of days, etc. (for example, 2 people x airline ticket (\$500) = \$1,000, 2 people x 2 travel days x per diem (75% x \$76/day) = \$228, 2 people x lodging (\$251) x 2 nights = \$1,004). Use U.S. General Services Administration per diem rates found at [www.gsa.gov](https://www.gsa.gov).

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 or family [and nonoffending 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)

This notice of funding opportunity expressly modifies the Application Resource Guide by not incorporating its “Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation” provisions. Applicants to this funding opportunity are not required to provide this disclosure.

### ***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.

#### **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.

#### **Position Descriptions**

Provide position descriptions for positions supported under the grant.

#### **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.

#### **Letters of Support (if applicable)**

Applicants should include, for each named supporting entity, a signed letter of support that outlines the supporting entity’s reasons for supporting the project. Applications submitted from two or more entities are encouraged to submit signed letters of support that provide a detailed description of why the proposed project should receive federal funding.

Each letter of support may include the following: (1) a description of the relationship between the applicant entity and the supporting entity, (2) a description of the need and what benefits would be gained from the project, (3) a discussion of past/current experiences in supporting youth or family [and nonoffending family] partnerships, and (4) a description of the applicant’s capacity to complete the proposed project. Letters of support should be signed and then submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

#### **Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents (if applicable)**

Applicants should include, for each named partner, a draft or fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), letter of intent, 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 or letter of intent should include the following: (1) names of the organizations involved in the agreement; (2) scope of the direct service(s) and other work to be performed under the agreement; (3) whether, and if so, how the partnership helps to establish or enhance youth or family [and nonoffending family] partnerships; and (4) duration of the agreement.

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

#### [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 [Application Resource Guide](#).

#### Bibliography/References

#### [Any Tools/Instruments, Questionnaires, Tables/Charts/Graphs, or Maps](#)

#### [Multidisciplinary Team Partner List](#)

All applicants must submit as a separate attachment in Just Grants a document labeled “Multidisciplinary Team Partner List” with names of participants on the team and the name of their agency as well as the lead agency.

#### ***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 (15%): 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 (10%): 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 (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), available funding, past performance, evidence of a multidisciplinary team, 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 nonpublic 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. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent (in appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports).

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://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/performance-measures-adolescent-sex-offenders-children-with-sexual-behavior-problems-program-performance-measures.pdf>

**Progress Reporting Questions**

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

## Application Checklist

OJJDP FY24 Supporting Effective Interventions for Youth With Problematic or Illegal Sexual Behavior Program

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/financialguidedo/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 \$525,000.

#### *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](mailto: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](#))

### ***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

- List of procurement contracts (if applicable)
- Organizational chart
- Logic Model
- Multidisciplinary Team Partner List

### **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](mailto: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.

[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.