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The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) is seeking applications for funding for fiscal year (FY) 2019 Victims of Child Abuse Act Programs. This program furthers the Department's mission by providing funding for a national training and technical assistance program to enhance the effectiveness of attorneys and others who investigate and prosecute child abuse cases.

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

Eligibility (Who may apply):

Eligibility is limited to organizations that have a broad representation of attorneys who prosecute criminal cases in state courts and have demonstrated experience in providing training and technical assistance for prosecutors. For purposes of this solicitation, an organization with "broad representation" of attorneys refers to attorneys who are currently employees of the applicant organization, consultants, and/or attorneys from partner/subrecipient agencies. Nonprofit organizations that hold money in offshore accounts for the purposes of avoiding paying the tax described in 26 U.S.C. § 511(a) are not eligible to apply.

Note: A prospective recipient of grant funds that is found to have an "unresolved audit finding" from a DOJ Office of the Inspector General audit, as described at 34 U.S.C. § 20307, will be ineligible to receive grant funds during the period specified in that statute. See 34 U.S.C. § 20307(1).

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

OJJDP will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). The applicant must be the entity that would have primary responsibility for carrying out the award, including administering the funding and managing the entire program. Under this solicitation, only one application by any particular applicant entity will be considered. An entity may, however, be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application. For additional information on subawards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

OJJDP may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2019 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.

Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035, at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>, or at support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center (Response Center) at grants@ncjrs.gov **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. Additional information on reporting technical issues appears under “Experiencing Unforeseen Grants.gov Technical Issues” in the How To Apply (Grants.gov) section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only) or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov. Response Center hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date. General information on applying for OJJDP awards can be found at <https://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/funding.html>. Answers to frequently asked questions that may assist applicants are posted at <https://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2019/FAQ/VOCATTAPro.pdf>

Post-Award Legal Requirements Notice

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations (including applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance). OJP strongly encourages prospective applicants to review information on post-award legal requirements and common OJP award conditions **prior** to submitting an application.

For additional information on these legal requirements, see the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Deadline Details

Applicants must register with Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> prior to submitting an application. All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on April 22, 2019.

To be considered timely, an application must be submitted by the application deadline using Grants.gov, and the applicant must have received a validation message from Grants.gov that indicates successful and timely submission. OJP urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date, to allow time for the applicant to receive validation messages or rejection notifications from Grants.gov, and to correct in a timely fashion any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

An applicant must use the **Add Attachment** button to attach a file to its application. Do not click the paperclip icon to attach files. This action will not attach the files to the application. After adding an attachment, select the **View Attachment** button to confirm you attached the correct file. To remove the file, select the **Delete Attachment** button.

OJP encourages all applicants to read this [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#).

For additional information, see the “How to Apply (Grants.gov)” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

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A. Program Description

Overview

The OJJDP FY 2019 Victims of Child Abuse (VOCA) Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Prosecutors program will fund a national training and technical assistance program for attorneys and others who are involved in the criminal prosecution of child abuse to enhance the effectiveness of the investigation and prosecution of such crimes.

Statutory Authority: The Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Prosecutors program is authorized under the Victims of Child Abuse Act, 34 U.S.C. Section 20305(1).

Program-Specific Information

The successful applicant will operate a national training and technical assistance program for attorneys and other allied professionals instrumental to the criminal prosecution of child abuse cases for the purpose of improving the quality of criminal prosecution of such cases.

The successful applicant will provide training and technical assistance, develop and disseminate publications, promote methods to provide program assessment, and increase coordination among other OJJDP-funded VOCA programs. Other VOCA programs include the National Subgrants Program, the Regional Children's Advocacy Centers Program, and the Training and Technical Assistance to Child Abuse Professionals Program.

Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

The program's goal is to enhance the effectiveness of the investigation and prosecution of child abuse. The VOCA Act requires that the program provide training and technical assistance to prosecutors and others instrumental to the criminal prosecution of child abuse cases in state or federal courts for the purpose of improving the quality of criminal prosecution cases. This assistance includes information regarding improved child interview techniques, thorough investigative methods, interagency coordination, and effective presentation of evidence in court.

This training and technical assistance program will address a wide range of topics related to improving the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect. Training and technical assistance will be provided to prosecutors who prosecute child abuse cases in juvenile and adult courts. The training and technical assistance program will address emerging topics in the field, such as serial child torture, abusive head trauma, prosecution of abusive burn cases, drowned child cases, defending the forensic interview at trial, and investigating the female offender. The OJJDP VOCA-funded programs have expanded to develop and enhance the capacity of Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) to address child victims of pornography and sex trafficking through providing targeted subgrants and training and technical assistance in this area. In addition, OJJDP is aware of the nexus between the expertise of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces and the multidisciplinary teams operated by CACs across the country. Many ICAC task forces and CACs have memoranda of understanding to support

training and coordinated responses to victims of child exploitation and sex trafficking. OJJDP expects this training and technical assistance program to also address issues related to the handling of cases that involve the exploitation of children and youth, and the successful applicant will participate in joint training with the OJJDP-funded ICAC training and technical assistance providers as directed by OJJDP.

To achieve its goal, OJJDP has established the following objectives:

- Develop and provide training opportunities for prosecutors in juvenile and adult courts and related criminal justice professionals.
- Deliver technical assistance efforts for prosecutors in juvenile and adult courts and related criminal justice professionals.
- Develop and promote publications and resources for prosecutors in juvenile and adult courts and related criminal justice professionals.
- Coordinate proposed training and technical assistance with other OJJDP VOCA programs to maximize resources and avoid duplication.

The successful applicant will develop plans for achieving the above objectives by designing and implementing the following activities:

- Design and provide training sessions (onsite, cross-site, telephone, web-based, etc.) for prosecutors in juvenile and adult courts and related criminal justice professionals at the local, state, regional, and national levels. The applicant will propose the topics, types, quantity, duration, audiences, timing, and means of delivery of training sessions, identifying trainers with relevant expertise and audiences with significant need. The applicant will include plans for evaluating training sessions to include measuring changes in participants' knowledge, attitude, and behavior.
- Deliver in-person and remote technical assistance for prosecutors in juvenile and adult courts and related criminal justice professionals that is designed to enhance the investigation and prosecution of child abuse.
- Create publications and resources to enhance the investigation and prosecution of child abuse. The applicant will indicate the topics, types, quantity, audiences, and production schedule for proposed publications, identifying the authors and contributors. The applicant will create a plan to disseminate publications and measure their impact and, at a minimum, will collect data on the number disseminated, the number of times online versions are accessed, and the types of users.
- Develop methods to provide ongoing project assessment related to training and technical assistance efforts.
- Coordinate and collaborate with other OJJDP VOCA programs to maximize resources provided and avoid duplication.

The training and technical assistance provided by the successful applicant should address, among other relevant topics identified by the applicant: improving child interview techniques;

thorough investigative methods; interagency coordination; effective presentation of evidence in court, including the use of alternative courtroom procedures; and special procedures and considerations associated with juvenile prosecution, including multisystem involvement, developmental characteristics of youth, and assessment of risk and responsivity.

OJJDP will assign major tasks and deliverables under this solicitation that are based on a review of the successful application. OJJDP will expect the successful applicant to coordinate any training and technical assistance activities with all other VOCA grantees, as OJJDP directs. OJJDP will have final approval of all proposed training sessions funded through this grant program.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that demonstrate the results of the work completed, as discussed under [What an Application Should Include](#).

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

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

OJJDP training and technical assistance awardee standards. OJJDP has developed the Core Performance Standards for Training, Technical Assistance, and Evaluation to promote among providers the consistency and quality of OJJDP-sponsored training and technical assistance and to advance common expectations of performance excellence. The standards present minimum expectations that providers must meet for effective practice in the planning, coordination, delivery, and evaluation of training. Award recipients must coordinate with OJJDP's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) in the assessment and delivery of services to ensure the effective use of OJJDP grant funding.

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

- **Coordination with OJJDP NTTAC.** OJJDP requires all training and technical assistance projects to coordinate their activities with OJJDP NTTAC by complying with all OJJDP/NTTAC protocols to ensure coordinated delivery of services among providers and the effective use of OJJDP grant funding. OJJDP reserves the right to modify these protocols at any time with reasonable notice to the grantee prior to project completion.
- **OJJDP-funded webinars.** The award recipient must comply with OJJDP's Webinar Guidelines, as described in the core performance standards. Minimally, OJJDP training and technical assistance providers will submit information to OJJDP NTTAC in advance of all events for the online calendar, use the approved OJJDP presentation template, and record events and provide the final files which are compliant with Section 508 of the Workforce Rehabilitation Act to OJJDP or OJJDP's representative. For more information on Section 508 of the Workforce Rehabilitation Act, visit www.section508.gov.
- **Training information sharing.** OJP will collect information from its program offices on OJP-funded training and technical assistance events. Award recipients must use OJJDP's standard electronic training request form, submit information to NTTAC on all training events

(e.g., name of requestor, description of request, dates of event) 30 days in advance of the event date, and report additional data, as OJJDP requires.

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

Applicants should note that OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section titled “Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities.”

B. Federal Award Information

Maximum number of awards OJJDP expects to make	1 award
Estimated maximum dollar amount for each award	Up to \$1,500,000
Total amount anticipated to be awarded under solicitation	\$1,500,000
Period of performance start date	October 1, 2019
Period of performance duration	36 months

OJJDP may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation, through continuation awards. In making decisions regarding continuation awards, OJP will consider, among other factors, the availability of appropriations, when the program or project was last competed, OJP’s strategic priorities, and OJP’s assessment of both the management of the award (for example, timeliness and quality of progress reports) and the progress of the work funded under the award.

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

Type of Award

OJJDP expects to make any award under this solicitation in the form of a cooperative agreement, which is a type of award that provides for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants (and cooperative agreements).

Cooperative agreements include a condition in the award document that sets out the nature of the “substantial federal involvement” in carrying out the award and program. Generally stated, under OJP cooperative agreement awards, responsibility for the day-to-day conduct of the funded project rests with the recipient. OJP, however, may have substantial involvement in matters such as substantive coordination of technical efforts and site selection, as well as review and approval of project work plans, research designs, data collection instruments, and major project-generated materials. In addition, OJP often indicates in the award terms and conditions that it may redirect the project if necessary.

In addition to an award condition that sets out the nature of the anticipated “substantial federal involvement” in the award, cooperative agreements awarded by OJP include an award condition that requires specific reporting in connection with conferences, meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, training activities, or similar events funded under the award.

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 Requirements¹ as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Budget Information

Cost Sharing or Match Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match. However, if a successful application proposes a voluntary match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Preagreement Costs (also known as Preaward Costs)

Preagreement costs are costs incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award.

OJP does **not** typically approve preagreement costs; an applicant must request and obtain the prior written approval of OJP for all such costs. All such costs incurred prior to award and prior to approval of the costs are incurred at the sole risk of the applicant. (Generally, no applicant should incur project costs **before** submitting an application requesting federal funding for those costs.) Should there be extenuating circumstances that make it appropriate for OJP to consider approving preagreement costs, the applicant may contact the point of contact listed on the title page of the solicitation for the requirements concerning written requests for approval. If approved in advance by OJP, award funds may be used for preagreement costs, consistent with the recipient's approved budget and applicable cost principles. See the section on Costs Requiring Prior Approval in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (Post award Requirements section) at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm> for more information.

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver

For applicants seeking the waiver, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

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 OJP and DOJ policy and guidance on approval, planning, and reporting of such events. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

Costs Associated With Language Assistance (if applicable)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on costs associated with language assistance that may be allowable.

¹ The "Part 200 Uniform Requirements" means the DOJ regulation at 2 C.F.R Part 2800, which adopts (with certain modifications) the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

C. Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see the title page.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see [Section B. Federal Award Information](#).

D. Application and Submission Information

What an Application Should Include

For this solicitation, OJJDP has designated the following application elements as critical: Program Narrative, Budget Detail Worksheet, and Budget Narrative.

See the “Application Elements and Formatting Instructions” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on, among other things, what happens to an application that does not contain all of the specified elements or that is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

1. Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF)-424)

The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of preapplications, applications, and related information. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation (“funding opportunity”) **is not** subject to [Executive Order 12372](#). (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting the response that the “Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.”)

2. Project Abstract

Applications should include a high-quality project abstract that summarizes the proposed project in 400 words or less. Project abstracts should be—

- Written for a general public audience.
- Submitted as a separate attachment with “Project Abstract” as part of its file name.
- Single-spaced, using a standard 12-point font (such as Times New Roman) with 1-inch margins.

The abstract should briefly describe the project’s purpose, the population to be served, and the activities that the applicant will implement to achieve the project’s goals and objectives. The abstract should describe how the applicant will measure progress toward these goals. The abstract should indicate whether the applicant will use any portion of the project budget to conduct research, as described in Note on Project Evaluations on page 13. All project abstracts should follow the detailed template available at <http://www.ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/ProjectAbstractTemplate.pdf>.

As a separate attachment, the project abstract will not count against the page limit for the program narrative.

3. Program Narrative

Applicants must submit a program narrative that presents a detailed description of the purpose, goals, objectives, strategies, design, and management of the proposed program. The program narrative should be double-spaced with 1-inch margins, not exceeding 30 pages of 8½ by 11 inches, and use a standard 12-point font, preferably Times New Roman. Pages should be numbered “1 of 30,” etc. The tables, charts, pictures, etc., including all captions, legends, keys, subtext, etc., may be single-spaced and will count in the 30-page limit. Material required under the Budget and Budget Narrative and Additional Attachments sections will not count toward the program narrative page count. Applicants may provide bibliographical references as a separate attachment that will not count toward the 30-page program narrative limit. If the program narrative fails to comply with these length-related restrictions, OJJDP may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

The program narrative should address the following selection criteria: (1) statement of the problem; (2) goals, objectives, and performance measures; (3) program design and implementation; and (4) capabilities/competencies. The applicant should clearly delineate the connections between and among each of these sections. For example, the applicant should derive the goals and objectives directly from the problems to be addressed. Similarly, the project design section should clearly explain how the program’s structure and activities will accomplish the goals and objectives identified in the previous section.

The following sections should be included as part of the program narrative:

- a. **Statement of the Problem.** Applicants should briefly describe the need for a national training and technical assistance program for attorneys and others involved in the prosecution of child abuse. The applicant should use data to provide evidence that the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the larger community. 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. Any data or research referenced in the narrative should include information about the source of the data and/or a citation. While OJJDP expects applicants to review the research literature for relevant studies, they should also explore whether unpublished local sources of research or evaluation data are available.

- b. **Project Design and Implementation.** Applicants should detail how the project will operate throughout the funding period and describe the strategies that they will use to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section. Applicants should describe how they will complete the deliverables stated in the Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables section on page 5. OJJDP encourages applicants to select evidence-based practices for their programs.

This section should also include details regarding any leveraged resources (cash or in-kind) from local sources to support the project and discuss plans for sustainability beyond the grant period.

Logic Model. Applicants should include a logic model that graphically illustrates how the performance measures are related to the project’s problems, goals, objectives, and design. See sample logic models [here](#). Applicants should submit the logic model as a separate attachment, as stipulated in Additional Attachments, page 15.

Timeline. Applicants should submit a realistic timeline or milestone chart that indicates major tasks associated with the goals and objectives of the project, assigns responsibility for each, and plots completion of each task by month or quarter for the duration of the award, using “Year 1,” “Month 1,” “Quarter 1,” etc., not calendar dates (see “Sample Project Timelines” [here](#)).

Applicants should submit the timeline as a separate attachment, as stipulated in Additional Attachments, page 15. On receipt of an award, the recipient may revise the timeline, based on training and technical assistance that OJJDP will provide.

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

Letters of Support/Memoranda of Understanding. If submitting a joint application, as described under Eligibility, page 1, applicants should provide signed and dated letters of support or memoranda of understanding for all key partners that include the following:

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

Letters of support may be addressed to the OJJDP Administrator. Applicants should combine all letters of support and submit them as one attachment labeled “letters of support.” Only letters of support that are submitted by the due date and with the full application will be considered during the review process.

- d. **Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation’s Performance Measures.** OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that demonstrate the results of the work carried out under the award. The

performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified under "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" in [Section A. Program Description](#).

Applicants should visit OJP's performance measurement page at www.ojp.gov/performance for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

Performance measures for this solicitation are listed in [Appendix A: Performance Measures Table](#).

The application should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements for this grant program and detail how the applicant will gather the required data should it receive funding.

Please note that applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Performance measures information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of the reporting requirements under an award.

OJJDP will require award recipients to submit semiannual performance metrics of relevant data through its online [Performance Measurement Tool](#).

Note on Project Evaluations

An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct project evaluations should follow the guidance under Note on Project Evaluations in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

4. Budget Information and Associated Documentation

See the Budget Preparation and Submission Information section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for details on the Budget Detail Worksheet and on budget information and associated documentation, such as information on proposed subawards, proposed procurement contracts under awards, and preagreement costs.

5. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement

See the Budget Preparation and Submission Information section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

6. Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)

Every OJP applicant (other than an individual applying in his or her personal capacity) is required to download, complete, and submit the OJP Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (questionnaire) at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/FinancialCapability.pdf> as part of its application. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information and submission instructions for this questionnaire.

7. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Each applicant must complete and submit this information. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information and submission instructions for this disclosure.

8. Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications

Each applicant is to disclose whether it has (or is proposed as a subrecipient under) any pending applications for federally funded grants or cooperative agreements that (1) include requests for funding to support the same project being proposed in the application under this solicitation and (2) would cover any identical cost items outlined in the budget submitted to OJP as part of the application under this solicitation. For additional information on the submission requirements for this disclosure, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

9. Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees² (if applicable)

An applicant that is designated as a DOJ High Risk Grantee is to submit as a separate attachment to its application, information that OJP will use, among other pertinent information, to determine whether it will consider or select the application for an award under this solicitation. The file should be named “DOJ High Risk Grantee Applicant Disclosure and Justification.” (See, also, “Review Process,” below, under Section E. Application Review Information, for a brief discussion of how such information may be considered in the application review process.) See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information and submission instructions for this disclosure.

10. Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity

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. For additional information regarding demonstrating research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

11. Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

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.

Under certain circumstances, a nonprofit organization that provides unreasonably high compensation to certain persons may subject both the organization’s managers and those who receive the compensation to additional federal taxes. A rebuttable presumption of the reasonableness of a nonprofit organization’s compensation arrangements, however, may be available if the nonprofit organization satisfied certain rules set out in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations with regard to its compensation decisions.

² A “DOJ High Risk Grantee” is a recipient that has received a DOJ High-Risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible.

Each applicant nonprofit organization must state at the time of its application (question 9c in the "OJP Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire" located at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/FinancialCapability.pdf> and mentioned earlier) whether or not the applicant entity believes (or asserts) that it currently satisfies the requirements of 26 C.F.R. 53.4958-6 (which relate to establishing or invoking a rebuttable presumption of reasonableness of compensation of certain individuals and entities).

A nonprofit organization that states in the questionnaire that it believes (or asserts) that it has satisfied the requirements of 26 C.F.R. 53.4958-6 must then disclose, in an attachment to its application (to be titled "Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation"), the process used by the applicant nonprofit organization to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (together, "covered persons").

At a minimum, the disclosure must describe in pertinent detail: (1) the composition of the body that reviews and approves compensation arrangements for covered persons; (2) the methods and practices used by the applicant nonprofit organization to ensure that no individual with a conflict of interest participates as a member of the body that reviews and approves a compensation arrangement for a covered person; (3) the appropriate data as to comparability of compensation that are obtained in advance and relied upon by the body that reviews and approves compensation arrangements for covered persons; and (4) the written or electronic records that the applicant organization maintains as concurrent documentation of the decisions with respect to compensation of covered persons made by the body that reviews and approves such compensation arrangements, including records of deliberations and of the basis for decisions.

For purposes of the required disclosure, the following terms and phrases have the meanings set out by the IRS for use in connection with 26 C.F.R. 53.4958-6: officers, directors, trustees, key employees, compensation, conflict of interest, appropriate data as to comparability, adequate documentation, and concurrent documentation.

Applicant nonprofit organizations should note that following receipt of an appropriate request, OJP may be authorized or required by law to make information submitted to satisfy this requirement available for public inspection. Also, a recipient may be required to make a prompt supplemental disclosure after the award in certain circumstances (e.g., changes in the way the organization determines compensation).

12. Additional Attachments

Logic model (see page 12).

Timeline or milestone chart (see page 12).

Résumés of all key personnel.

Job descriptions outlining roles and responsibilities for all key positions.

Letters of support/memoranda of understanding from partner organizations (see page 12).

How To Apply (Grants.gov)

Applicants must register in and submit applications through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), a primary source to find federal funding opportunities and apply for funding. Find information on how to apply in response to this solicitation in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Registration and Submission Steps

Applicants will need the following identifying information when searching for the funding opportunity on Grants.gov.

- CFDA #16.758, Improving the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse
- OJJDP-2019-14929

For information on each registration and submission step, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

E. Application Review Information

Review Criteria

Applications that meet basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers using the following review criteria.

1. Statement of the Problem (10%)
2. Project Design and Implementation (45%)
3. Capabilities and Competencies (25%)
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation's Performance Measures (10%)
5. Budget (10%): complete, cost effective, and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities). Budget narratives should demonstrate generally how applicants will maximize cost effectiveness of grant expenditures. Budget narratives should demonstrate cost effectiveness in relation to potential alternatives and the goals of the project.³

Review Process

OJP is committed to ensuring a fair and open process for making awards. OJJDP reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with the solicitation. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the application review process for this solicitation.

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

³ Generally speaking, a reasonable cost is a cost that, in its nature or amount, does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the costs.

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

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

F. Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

OJP strongly encourages prospective applicants to review information on post-award legal requirements and common OJP award conditions **prior** to submitting an application. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on administrative, national policy, and other legal requirements.

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

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

General Information About Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in [Section A. Program Description](#), any recipient of an award under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

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

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measures data.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see page 2.

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

H. Other Information

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

All applications submitted to OJP (including all attachments to applications) are subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and to the Privacy Act. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on DOJ and OJP processes with regard to application information requested pursuant to FOIA.

Provide Feedback to OJP

To assist OJP in improving its application and award processes, OJP encourages applicants to provide feedback on this solicitation, the application submission process, and/or the application review process. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on providing solicitation feedback to OJP.

Appendix A: Performance Measures Table

Objectives	Performance Measures	Description	Data Recipient Provides
<p>To improve the quality of criminal prosecution of child abuse by providing training and technical assistance to improve the effectiveness of attorneys and others involved in the prosecution of child abuse cases in state or federal courts.</p>	<p>Number of memoranda of understanding (MOU) developed.</p>	<p>Number of MOU developed during the reporting period. Include all formal partnering or coordination agreements. Program records are the preferred data source.</p>	<p>Number of MOU developed during the reporting period.</p>
	<p>Number of training activities held, by type.</p>	<p>Number of training activities held during the reporting period. Training activities should include webinars and regional and national conferences. Program records are the preferred data source.</p>	<p>A. Total number of training activities held during the reporting period. B. Number of webinars held during the reporting period. C. Number of regional conferences held during the reporting period. D. Number of national conferences held during the reporting period.</p>
	<p>Number of program materials developed.</p>	<p>Number of program materials that were developed during the reporting period. Include only substantive materials such as program overviews, client workbooks, and lists of local service providers. Count the number of program materials related to improved child interviewing techniques, investigative methods, interagency coordination, and effective presentation of evidence. Do not include program advertisements or administrative forms such as sign-in sheets or client tracking forms. Count the number of pieces developed. Program records are the preferred data source.</p>	<p>Total number of program materials developed during the reporting period.</p>
	<p>Number of program materials disseminated.</p>	<p>Number of program materials disseminated during the reporting period. Count the type of materials disseminated, not the</p>	<p>Number of program materials disseminated during the reporting period.</p>

	number of copies that were distributed.	
Number of people trained (by job type).	Number of staff trained during the reporting period. The number is the raw number of staff receiving any formal training relevant to the program or their position as program staff. Include any training from any source or medium received during the reporting period as long as receipt of training can be verified. Training does not have to have been completed during the reporting period. Training on cultural or racial and ethnic issues should also be identified. Program records are the preferred data source.	<p>A. Total number of individuals trained during the reporting period.</p> <p>B. Number of prosecutors trained during the reporting period.</p> <p>C. Number of medical professionals trained during the reporting period.</p> <p>D. Number of law enforcement personnel trained during the reporting period.</p> <p>E. Number of Child Protection Services workers trained during the reporting period.</p> <p>F. Number of other professionals trained during the reporting period.</p>
Number and percent of training recipients with increased knowledge of the program area.	Number of people (recipients of training/technical assistance) who exhibit an increased knowledge of child interviewing techniques, investigative methods, interagency coordination, and effective presentation of evidence and other related topics after participating in training. Use of pre- and post-tests is preferred.	<p>A. Number of people exhibiting an increase in knowledge post-training.</p> <p>B. Total number of people trained during the reporting period and returning surveys.</p> <p>C. Percent of people trained who exhibited increased knowledge (A/B).</p>
Percent of organizations reporting improvements in operations based on training and technical assistance (TTA).	Number and percent of organizations reporting improvements in operations as a result of TTA 1 to 6 months post-service.	<p>A. Number of organizations reporting improvements in operations based on TTA during the reporting period.</p> <p>B. Number of organizations served by TTA during the reporting period.</p>

		C. Percent (A/B).
Number of program policies changed, improved, or rescinded during the reporting period.	Number of cross-program or agency policies or procedures created, amended, or rescinded during the reporting period. A policy is a plan or specific course of action that guides the general goals and directives of programs and/or agencies. Include policy changes that resulted from participating in a training event and that affect operations related to prosecution of child abuse victims. Program records are the preferred data source.	A. Number of program policies changed during the reporting period. B. Number of program policies rescinded during the reporting period.
Number and percent of programs/initiatives employing evidence-based practices or programs.	Number and percent of programs that implement an evidence-based program or practice. Evidence-based programs and practices include program models that have been shown, through rigorous evaluation and replication, to be effective at preventing or reducing juvenile delinquency or related risk factors, such as substance abuse. Model programs can come from many valid sources (e.g., CrimeSolutions.gov, Blueprints, OJJDP's Model Programs Guide, SAMHSA's Model Programs, state model program resources).	A. Number of programs implementing an evidence-based program or practice prevention model during the reporting period. B. Number of implementing programs during the reporting period. C. Percent (A/B).

Appendix B: Application Checklist

OJJDP FY 2019 VOCA Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Prosecutors

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

What an Applicant Should Do:

Prior to Registering in Grants.gov:

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

To Register with Grants.gov:

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

To Find Funding Opportunity:

- _____ Search for the Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov (see page 15)
- _____ Access Funding Opportunity and Application Package (see page 15)
- _____ Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional)
- _____ Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#)
- _____ Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm

After Application Submission, Receive Grants.gov Email Notifications That:

- _____ (1) Application has been received
- _____ (2) Application has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

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

- _____ Contact the Response Center at grants@ncjrs.gov regarding experiencing technical difficulties (see page 2)

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

- _____ Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2018 Awards](#)" in the OJP Funding Resource Center at <https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>.

Scope Requirement:

- _____ The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$1.5 million.

Eligibility Requirement:

Eligibility is limited to national organizations that have, or are affiliated with one that has, broad membership among attorneys who prosecute criminal cases in state courts and have demonstrated experience in providing training and technical assistance for prosecutors.

OJJDP welcomes joint applications from two or more eligible applicants; however, one

applicant must be clearly indicated as the primary applicant (for correspondence, award, and management purposes) and the others indicated as coapplicants.

What an Application Should Include:

The following items are critical application elements required to pass BMR. An application that OJP determines does not include the application elements designated to be critical will neither proceed to peer review nor receive further consideration

- Program Narrative (see page 11)
- Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative (see page 13)

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (see page 10)
- Project Abstract (see page 10)
- Program Narrative (see page 11)
- Budget Detail Worksheet (including Narrative) (see page 13)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see page 13)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see page 13)
- [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#) (see page 14)

Additional Attachments

- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications (see page 14)
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see page 14)
- Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (see page 14)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see page 9)