

OVC FY 2022 VOCA Victim Assistance and VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grants

Assistance Listing Number: 16.575 & 16.576

**Grants.gov Opportunity Number: O-OVC-2022-171314 (Assistance) &
O-OVC-2022-171311 (Compensation)**

May 13, 2022

**The webinar will begin shortly.
Please have a copy of the solicitation available
to follow along and take notes.**



Presenter



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Webinar Outline



1. OVC Overview and Mission
2. Breakdown of the solicitation
 - Project Purpose, Goal, and Objectives
 - Eligibility
 - Application and Award Timelines
 - Required Documents
3. Application Process
4. Questions and Answers



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OVC Overview

Mission: OVC is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

OVC funding supports:

- victims in tribal communities;
- state victim compensation and assistance programs;
- training and technical assistance and information resources;
- victims of international terrorism and mass violence;
- federal agencies' provision of victim services;
- survivors of human trafficking; and
- demonstration and service projects.



Timeline



- ❑ Grants.gov deadline: **Thursday, June 23, 2022**
- ❑ JustGrants deadline: **Thursday, June 30, 2022**
- ❑ DOJ expects to award grants no later than **September 30, 2022**



Eligibility



The following entities are eligible to apply:

- State governments
- Territories and possessions of the United States

Eligibility

Criteria



All states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible to receive an annual VOCA Victim Assistance grants. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements specified in VOCA, 34 U.S.C. § 20103(b).

Applicants must be State victim assistance and compensation programs that are eligible to administer VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation grants. Note: For purposes of this program, the term “state” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and any other possession or territory of the United States. 34 U.S.C. § 20102(d)(4).

For additional information on eligibility, please review the title page of the solicitation.

Program Description



Victim Assistance and Victim Compensation:

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

These programs further the Department's mission by providing grants to support the provision of services to victims of crime throughout the nation.

Program Description



Victim Assistance:

Under this solicitation, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will award each eligible state and territory victim assistance program an annual grant to support eligible crime victim assistance programs in that state or territory. Eligible crime victim assistance programs are those that are “operated by a public agency or nonprofit organization, or a combination of such agencies or organizations or of both such agencies and organizations, and provide services to victims of crime,” and that meet the other requirements set out in 34 U.S.C. § 20103(b).

Program Description



Victim Assistance:

The vast majority of victim assistance funding goes to local direct service programs, including children's advocacy centers, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, human trafficking and elder abuse programs, civil legal services, crime victims' rights enforcement, as well as victim assistance positions in prosecutors' offices and law enforcement departments.

Program Description



Victim Compensation:

Under this solicitation, OVC will support VOCA Victim Compensation Formula programs that provide crucial financial assistance to hundreds of thousands of crime victims each year. Funds under this program shall be used by the states for awards of compensation benefits to eligible crime victims.

State victim compensation programs supplement the state funds that offset victims' financial burdens resulting from crime. Compensation is extremely vital to victims who face enormous financial setbacks from medical fees, lost income, dependent care, funeral expenses, and other costs.

Goal, Objectives and Deliverables



Victim Assistance:

The goal of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victims Assistance funding is to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the assistance, support and services necessary to aid their restoration after a violent criminal act, and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice process.



Goal, Objectives, and Deliverables



Victim Compensation:

The goal of the State victim compensation program is supplement the state funds that offset victims' financial burdens resulting from crime. Compensation is extremely vital to victims who face enormous financial setbacks from medical fees, lost income, dependent care, funeral expenses, and other costs.





Federal Award Information

Victim Assistance:

Maximum number of awards OVC expects to make:	56 Awards
Total amount anticipated to be awarded under solicitation:	\$1.608 B
Period of Performance start date:	10/1/2021
Period of Performance duration:	48 Months

Federal Award Information



Victim Compensation:

Maximum number of awards OVC expects to make:	54 Awards
Total amount anticipated to be awarded under solicitation:	\$1.608 B
Period of Performance start date:	10/1/2021
Period of Performance duration:	48 Months



Type of Award

Awards will be made as **Grants**:

- Legal instrument of financial assistance
- **Awarding agency** maintains an **oversight** and **monitoring** role
- **Without substantial involvement** with awarding agency

See the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

Application and Submission Information

Victim Assistance Applications **MUST** Include



These elements **MUST** be included in the VOCA Formula application submission:

- A Statement Regarding Use of Administrative and Training Funds
- Civil Rights Compliance Reporting
- Monitoring of Subawards
- Statement Regarding Plan to Subgrant Funds
- OJP Financial Management and Grant Administration Training Certificates

Victim Assistance Applications **MUST** Include



- Statement Regarding Plan to Subgrant Funds

How the state or territory will use its funding to affirmatively advance equity, civil rights, racial justice, and equal opportunity, including by incorporating any of the practices described below and any others that your jurisdiction uses or plans to use.

- For this item, please refer to the definitions used in the January 20, 2021 “Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.” The term ‘equity’ means the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; and persons with disabilities. The term ‘underserved communities’ refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, and geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, including isolated rural areas, particularly tribal communities and Alaska Native villages; communities affected by persistent poverty or inequality; and communities exemplified by the list in the preceding definition of ‘equity.’

Victim Compensation Applications **MUST** Include



These elements **MUST** be included in the VOCA Formula application submission:

- A Statement Regarding Use of Administrative and Training Funds*
- State Law Governing the Crime Victim Compensation Programs
- OJP Financial Management and Grant Administration Training Certificates
- **Note – VCC Forms will not be submitted with the VOCA formula applications this year. OVC will provide a new version of the form to be uploaded into JustGrants at a later date.**



Applications Should Also Include

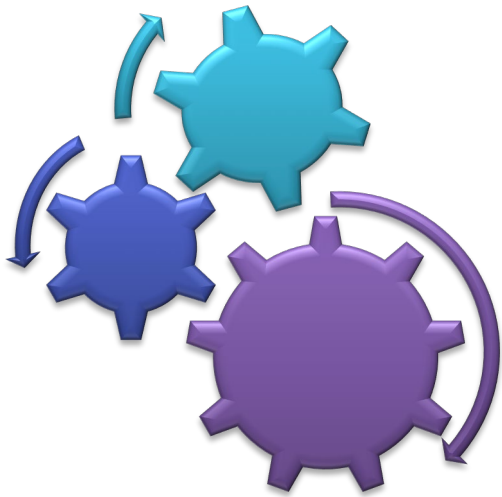
Along with the **required documents**, the following information should be included in the application submission:

- Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- Standard Application Information (SF-424 info from Grants.gov)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurance
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High-Risk Grantees

Hallmarks of an Outstanding Application



- Use simple and concise language.
- Ensure information is presentable and organized!
- Add tables, graphs, staff photos, and other images when possible while being mindful of grant guidelines.
- Be realistic about how you will achieve goals.
- Get feedback from those who may run the project!
- Make sure the proposal is consistent with the solicitation.
- Check, recheck, and check again—budget, grant requirements, references, and other grant details.



Application Process

Two Step Application Process



Submission into Grants.Gov

Due: **June 23, 2022**

Submission of the Full Application
into JustGrants and Grants.gov

Due: **June 30, 2022**

Application Submission Overview



Applicants have two application submission deadlines:

1. Grants.gov (submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL)
2. JustGrants



It's OK to enter preliminary budget or programmatic data in Grants.gov and update later in JustGrants.



A JustGrants submission should include all items as defined in the solicitation.



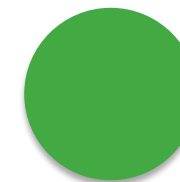
Step 1: Apply in Grants.gov

DOJ applications require you to complete two things:



The Funding Opportunity and Application Package on Grants.gov.

- 1) Select **Apply for Grants** under the Applicants column.
- 2) Enter your email address to be notified of any changes to the opportunity package before the closing date.
- 3) Click the Workspace icon to use Grants.gov.



The SF-424 and SF-LLL on Grants.gov.

Within 48 hours of SF-424 and SF-LLL submission, you should receive two notifications from Grants.gov.

- 1) Confirming the receipt of the SF-424 and SF-LLL.
- 2) Stating whether the SF-424 and SF-LLL were successfully validated and submitted or were rejected due to errors—with an explanation.

Step 2: Apply in JustGrants

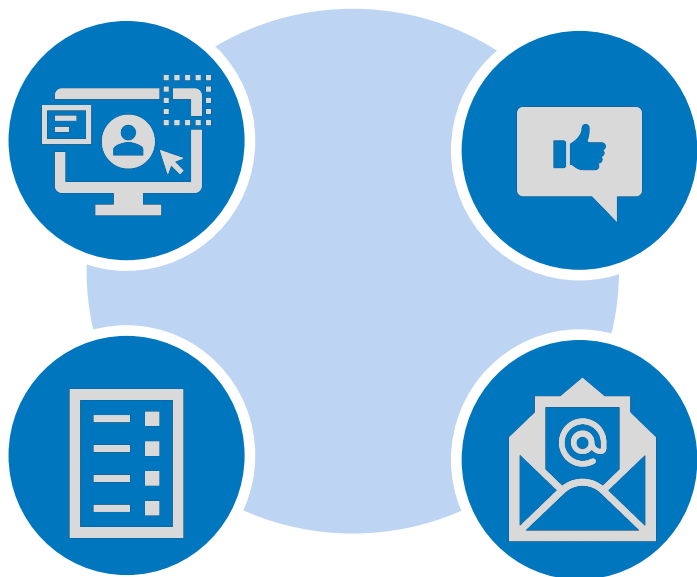


Applicants will then submit the **full application** including attachments in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov.



Web-based Forms for Submission in JustGrants

There are certain web-based forms that must be submitted directly into the system.



- Proposal Abstract
- Solicitation-Specific Data submitted with the Application
- Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timelines
- Budget Detail Form
- Application Disclosure of Duplication Cost Items

Pay attention to required sections. If a section is required and presents you with web-based entries, you cannot upload a document instead. You must use the format required in the application.

What to Expect After Submitting an Application

The entity will be notified that they have received an award when all applications for the solicitation have been reviewed before September 30.

The system will notify:

- The Entity Administrator and Authorized Representative when the deadline for applications has changed.
- The Application Submitter, Entity Administrator, and Authorized Representative when the application is received in JustGrants from Grants.gov.
- The Entity Administrator when the award notification has been sent.

The entity should check the system regularly so that any upcoming deadlines for submitting applications and documentation are addressed in a timely manner.

Once the application deadline passes in JustGrants, you may see a banner that says it is past due. If your status is “Submitted,” your application has been received by DOJ and you can ignore the past due banner.

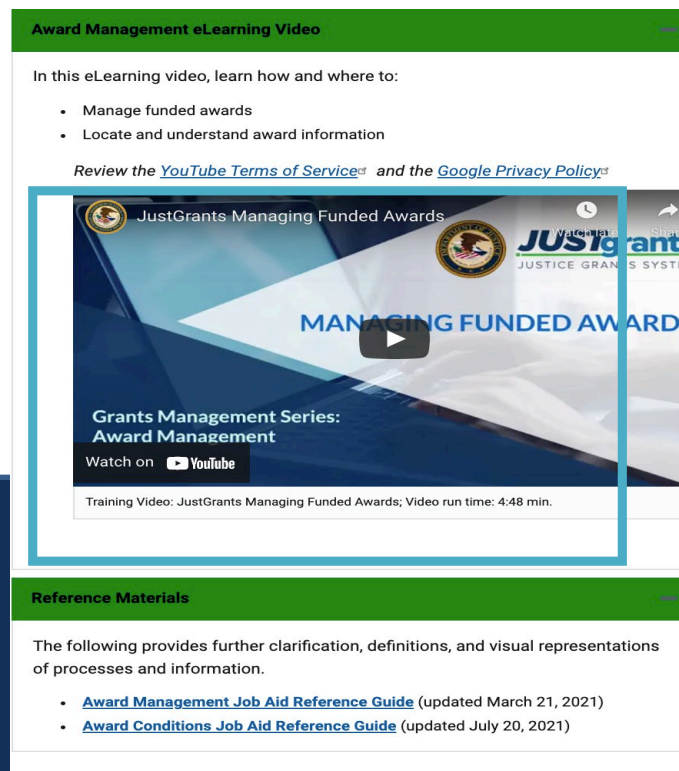


JustGrants Training Resources



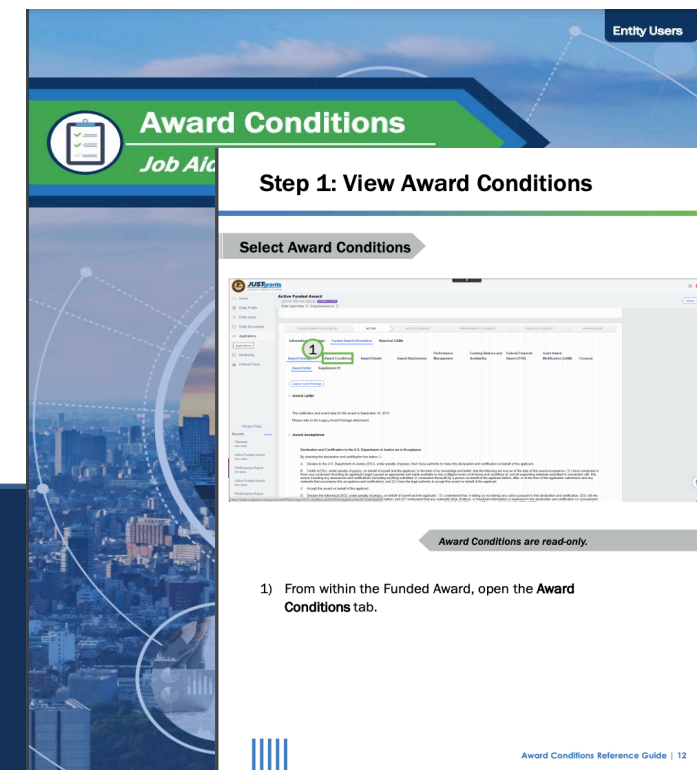
The screenshot shows the JustGrants website navigation menu. The 'Training' dropdown menu is open, listing various topics: Training, Entity Management, Entity User Experience, Application Submission, Grant Award Acceptance, Award Management, Grant Award Modifications, Financial Reporting, Performance Reporting, Monitoring, Closeout, and Virtual Q&A Sessions. Below the menu, a text block states: 'The Department of Justice (DOJ) grant making components—the Office, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Office on to serve as a resource hub for their grants management system of which launched on October 15, 2020.'

Organized by Topics



The screenshot shows the 'Award Management eLearning Video' page. It includes a list of topics: 'Manage funded awards' and 'Locate and understand award information'. Below the list, there is a video player for 'JustGrants Managing Funded Awards' with a play button and the text 'Grants Management Series: Award Management'. A note indicates the video run time is 4:48 min. Below the video player, there is a 'Reference Materials' section with two links: 'Award Management Job Aid Reference Guide (updated March 21, 2021)' and 'Award Conditions Job Aid Reference Guide (updated July 20, 2021)'. The page also includes links to 'YouTube Terms of Service' and 'Google Privacy Policy'.

Micro-learning videos



The screenshot shows the 'Award Conditions Job Aid Reference Guide' page. It features a 'Step 1: View Award Conditions' section with a 'Select Award Conditions' button. Below this, there is a screenshot of the JustGrants system interface showing a table of award conditions. A red circle highlights the 'Award Conditions' tab in the system interface. Below the screenshot, there is a list of instructions: '1) From within the Funded Award, open the Award Conditions tab.' The page also includes a 'Watch on YouTube' button and a footer with the text 'Award Conditions Reference Guide | 12'.

Job Aid Reference Guides

JustGrants Office Hours: Application Mechanics



<p>Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application Training <i>Key Audience: Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, Authorized Representative</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Preparing to apply•Completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov•Entity onboarding and JustGrants access•JustGrants roles and responsibilities•Assigning users' roles to applications•Completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting a JustGrants application•Attendee questions about application submission	<p>Every Wednesday from 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET Click the link to register for the session you wish to attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•May 18, 2022•May 25, 2022
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Check website for updates: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-virtual-sessions>

OJP Grants Application Resource Guide



The screenshot shows the top portion of a website. At the top left is the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs logo. To its right, the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" and "OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS" is displayed. On the right side of the header, there are links for "Contact Us", "Careers", "Subscribe", and a share icon. Below these links is a search bar with the word "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. A navigation menu is located below the header, with "Grants/Funding" highlighted. Below the navigation menu is a breadcrumb trail: "Home / Grants/Funding / Applicant Resources". The main content area is a large blue rectangle with the text "OJP Grant Application Resource Guide" in white.

Visit: <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide>



OVC Pre-Application Webinars

- Review OVC's previously held [webinars](#):
 - *Part 1: Getting Ready to Apply*
 - *Part 2: Considerations When Building Your OVC Budget*
 - *Part 3: Preparing Your Proposal and What to Expect Next*
 - *Part 4: Overview of Upcoming Funding Opportunities in FY 2022*
- Review OVC's [current funding opportunities](#).
- Sign up for [News From OVC](#) to stay up-to-date with the webinars schedule.

Important Web Resources



- Office for Victims of Crime: <https://ovc.ojp.gov>
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide: <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>
- JustGrants: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>
- Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov>
- OJP Grant Application Resource Guide: <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide>
- OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center: www.ovcttac.gov
- Grant Performance Measurement Reporting: <https://ojp.gov/performance/>
- OJP Resource Center: <https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/new-ojp-resources>

Important Contact Information



Technical Assistance Submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into
Grants.Gov: 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035 | support@grants.gov



Technical Assistance Submitting the FULL APPLICATION into
JustGrants: 833-872-5175 | JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov



Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements contact the
OJP Response Center: 800-851-3420 | grants@ncjrs.gov

Important Dates



Part 1: **Submit SF-424, SF-LLL** in Grants.gov by



Part 2: **Submit Full Application** in JustGrants.gov by



Sign Up And Stay Connected!



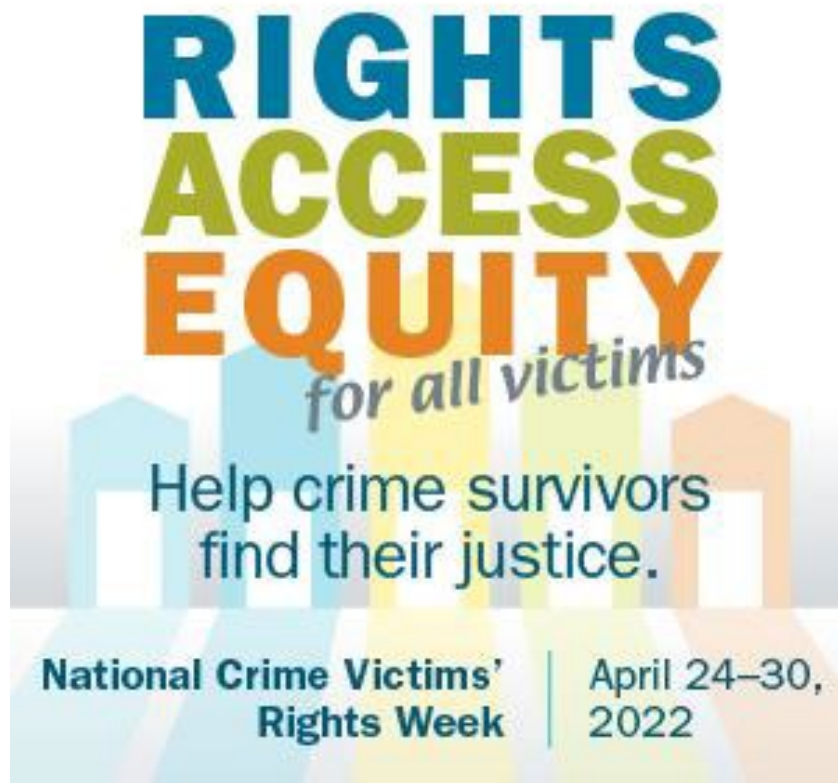
The screenshot shows the top portion of the OVC website. At the top left is the OVC logo, which includes the Department of Justice seal and the text "Office for Victims of Crime" and "OVC". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "Help for Victims", "About OVC", "Subscribe", "FAQs", and a share icon. Below these is a search bar with the word "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. A horizontal menu below the search bar contains: "About OVC", "News & Events", "Library & Multimedia", "Funding & Awards", "Programs", and "Topics". The main banner features a green-tinted background image of hands clasped together, with the text "Justice for victims. Justice for all." and a dark blue button labeled "Help for victims".

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Sign up for updates on new funding opportunities and other OVC announcements at:

https://puborder.ncjrs.gov/Listservs/subscribe_newsfromovc.asp

2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week



Use the [2022 NCVRW artwork](#) to help inspire your community and raise awareness of victims' rights. The 2022 NCVRW theme is ***Rights, access, equity for all victims.***

This year's theme underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by—

- enforcing victims' rights,
- expanding access to services, and
- ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

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Watch: www.youtube.com/user/OJPOVC

Questions?



To submit a question, use the [Q&A Box](#) and select [All Panelists](#)