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# OVC FY24 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance and Victim Compensation Formula Grants

The webinar will begin shortly.

# Webinar Outline

- OVC Overview and Mission
- Solicitation Overview
  - Funding opportunity focus
  - Eligibility
  - Required documents
- General Reference to Application Process & Tools
- Questions & Answers

Find funding opportunities at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/current-funding-opportunities>.



## Current Funding Opportunities

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# About the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

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.



# Presenters



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# OVC FY24 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant

OMB No. 1121-0329  
Approval Expires 02/28/2027



U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime

**Solicitation Title:** OVC FY24 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant  
**Assistance Listing Number:** 16.575  
**Grants.gov Opportunity Number:** O-OVC-2024-172059  
**Solicitation Release Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 21, 2024  
**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline:** 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 28, 2024

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# Opportunity Details

## OVC FY24 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant

- <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/o-ovc-2024-172059.pdf>
- Opportunity ID O-OVC-2024-172059
- Status Open
- Fiscal Year 2024
- Closing Date May 28, 2024
- Posting Date March 27, 2024
- Solicitation Type Formula
- Grants.gov **May 21, 2024, 11:59 pm Eastern**
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# Eligibility – Victim Assistance

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 grant. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements specified in VOCA, 34 U.S.C. § 20103(a).

Applicants must be State victim assistance programs that are eligible to administer VOCA Victim Assistance 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 Synopsis section of the solicitation.**



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# Program Description

## **Victim Assistance:**

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

This program furthers the Department's mission by providing grants to support the provision of services to victims of crime throughout the nation.



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# Program Description

Under this solicitation, 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(a)(2).



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# Program Description

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, and victim assistance positions in prosecutors' offices and law enforcement departments.

# Goal, Objectives, and Deliverables

The goal of the **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 criminal act, and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice process.



# Victim Assistance Applications **MUST** Include

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

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

# 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, 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.”

# Federal Award Information

## Victim Assistance:

Maximum number of awards OVC expects to make: 56 Awards

Total anticipated to be awarded under solicitation: \$778,891,177

Period of Performance start date: 10/1/2023

Period of Performance duration: 48 Months



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# OVC FY24 VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grant

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U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime

**Solicitation Title: OVC FY24 VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grant**

Assistance Listing Number 16.576

Grants.gov Opportunity Number: O-OVC-2024-172052

Solicitation Release Date: March 27, 2024

Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 21,

2024 Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 28, 2024

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# Opportunity Details

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# Eligibility – Victim Compensation

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, and Guam, are eligible to receive an annual VOCA Victim Compensation grant. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements specified in VOCA, 34 U.S.C. § 20102.

Applicants must be State victim compensation programs that are eligible to administer VOCA Victim 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 Synopsis section of the solicitation.**



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# Program Description

## **Victim Compensation:**

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This program furthers the Department's mission by providing crucial financial assistance to hundreds of thousands of crime victims each year.



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# Program Description (cont.)

State and territory victim compensation programs, funded by **VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grant** awards, supplement state/territory efforts to offset victims' financial burdens resulting from crime. Compensation is vital to victims who face enormous financial setbacks from medical fees, lost income, dependent care, funeral expenses, relocation expenses, and other costs.

# Goal, Objectives, and Deliverables

The goal of the **VOCA Victim Compensation Program** is to supplement the state and territory efforts to provide financial compensation to crime victims throughout the Nation for costs resulting from crime. These funds are used to provide crime victims with the compensation, support, and services necessary to aid their restoration after criminal violence, including costs associated with medical fees, lost income, dependent care, funeral expenses, relocation expenses, and other costs.



# Victim Compensation Applications **MUST** Include

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

- OJP Financial Management and Grant Administration Training Certificates
- A Statement Regarding Use of Administrative and Training Funds\*
- State Law Governing the Crime Victim Compensation Programs

# Federal Award Information

## Victim Compensation:

Maximum number of awards OVC expects to make:	54 Awards
Total amount anticipated to be awarded under solicitation:	\$176 M
Period of Performance start date:	10/1/2023
Period of Performance duration:	48 Months

# Type of Award – Both

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.



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# Proposal Narrative Format - Both

- The proposal narrative must:
  - be double-spaced
  - use a standard 12-point font
  - have no less than 1-inch margins
  - NOT exceed 10 numbered pages
  - be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants
  - Provide a general description of your program (History, structure, etc.)



# Both Applications Should Also Include

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

- Standard Application Information (SF-424 info from Grants.gov)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire
- 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; Law Enforcement and Community Policing
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High-Risk Grantees



# Additional Documents to Apply

## DOJ Application Submission Checklist

Submitting an application to DOJ is a two-part process. An applicant first submits an abbreviated application in Grants.gov. The full application is then completed in JustGrants, DOJ's grants management system. The following steps and tips will assist potential applicants in completing DOJ applications.



### Step 1: Confirm your Entity's System for Award Management (SAM) registration information:

- Register with SAM or confirm that your SAM registration is active and up-to-date. You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.**
- On April 4, 2022, the federal government will stop using Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers and start using the **new SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**.
- Entities new to JustGrants: Confirm that the contact information (email address) for your Entity's Electronic Business Point-of-Contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM is accurate and up-to-date. The E-Biz POC is onboarded in JustGrants as the Entity's first Entity Administrator and will receive notifications from JustGrants. The Entity Administrator is responsible for completing Entity User onboarding in JustGrants. Once the Entity Administrator is onboarded, that role can be reassigned to another Entity User.
- Technical issues with SAM registration or renewal must be reported to the **SAM Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)**.

### Step 2: Apply in Grants.gov:

- Effective February 21, 2022, all Grants.gov users and applicants will need to use **Login.gov credentials**.
- Search for an open DOJ funding opportunity in Grants.gov or on the agency website and review the solicitation requirements.
- Complete and submit the required documents in Grants.gov at least 48-72 hours prior to the Grants.gov deadline to allow for time to correct any problems or errors. The Grants.gov portion of your application includes the SF-424 and SF-LLL. (Note: The user and email identified in Section 8.F of the SF-424 will be identified as the Application Submitter in JustGrants and will receive future notifications from JustGrants.)



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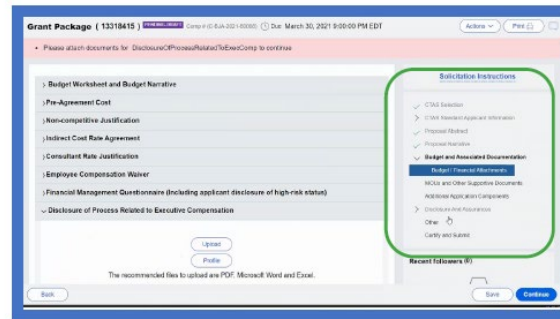
## Application Attachments



### Attachment Tips

Log in to JustGrants using either Chrome or Microsoft Edge as your browser. Internet Explorer is not a compatible browser for JustGrants.

Open the application and use the menu options on the right to navigate. File attachments associated with a section are displayed in the section.



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## Award Attachments

Entity Administrators and Authorized Representatives can attach these items to awards



Attach the following items as required to award deliverables for DOJ review.

Attachments	
Additional Application Components Other	Additional Project Title Information
Application Attachments	Areas Affect by Project
Bibliography/References	Budget Consultant Rate Justification
Budget Financial Management Questionnaire	Budget Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
Budget Non-competitive Justification	Budget Other
Budget Pre-Agreement Cost	Budget Sole Source Justification
Budget Worksheet	Confidentiality Notice Forms
Correspondence	Curriculum Vitae or Resumes
Delinquent Debt Explanation	Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation
Disclosures and Assurances	File
Human Subjects Protection	Letter of Non-supplanting
Letters of Support	List of individuals in the Application
Lobbying Activities Disclosure	MOU Document
Opportunity Zone	Other Attachment
Other Project Period GAM Attachment	Privacy Certificate
Program/Project Congressional Districts	Project Timeline
Proof 501 (c) Status (Nonprofits only)	Proposal Narrative
Request to Use Incentives or Stipends	Tool, Instruments, Questionnaires, Tables, Maps
Tribal Authorizing Resolution	

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# Application Submission Overview



Applicants have two application submission deadlines:

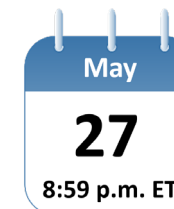
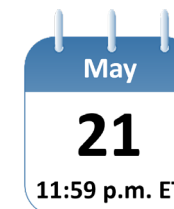
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2. JustGrants



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

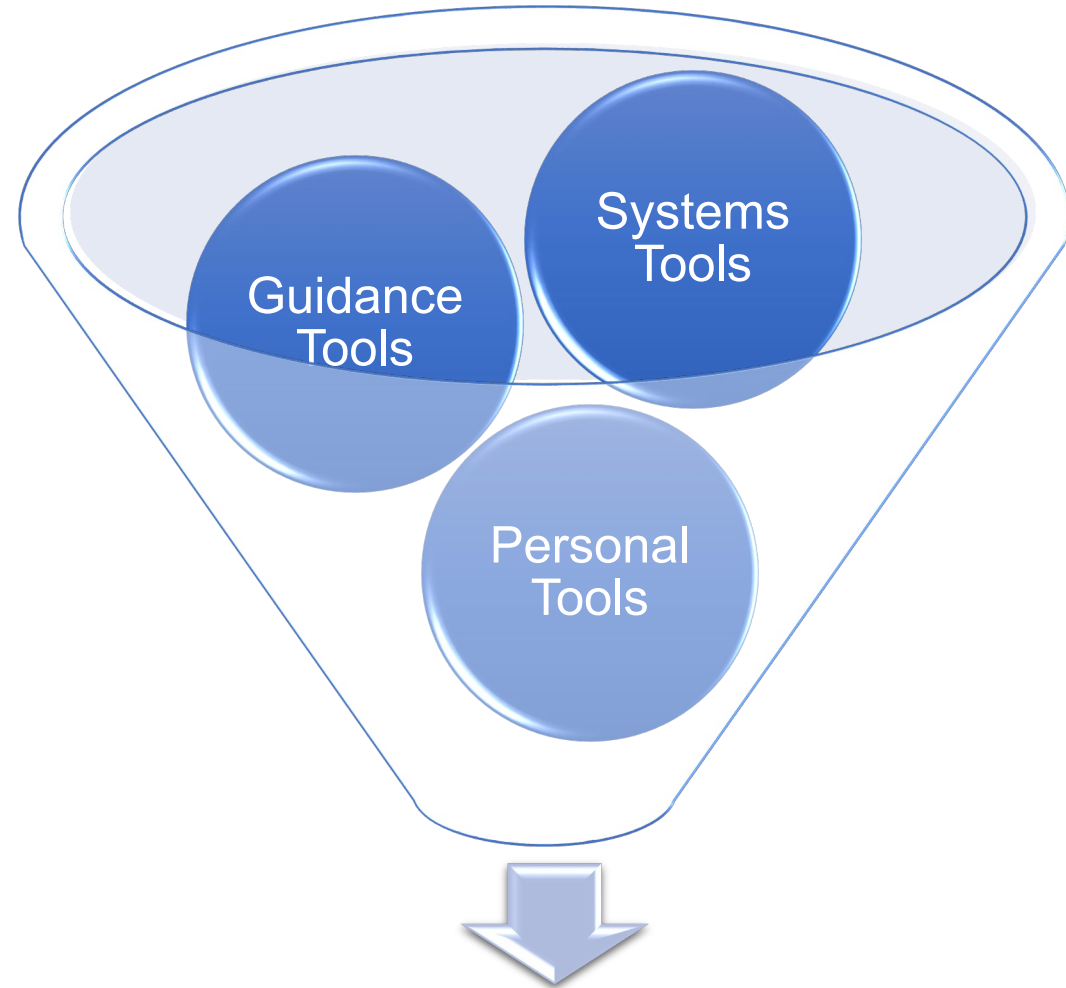


A JustGrants submission should include all items as defined in the solicitation.





# Resources



## Your Application

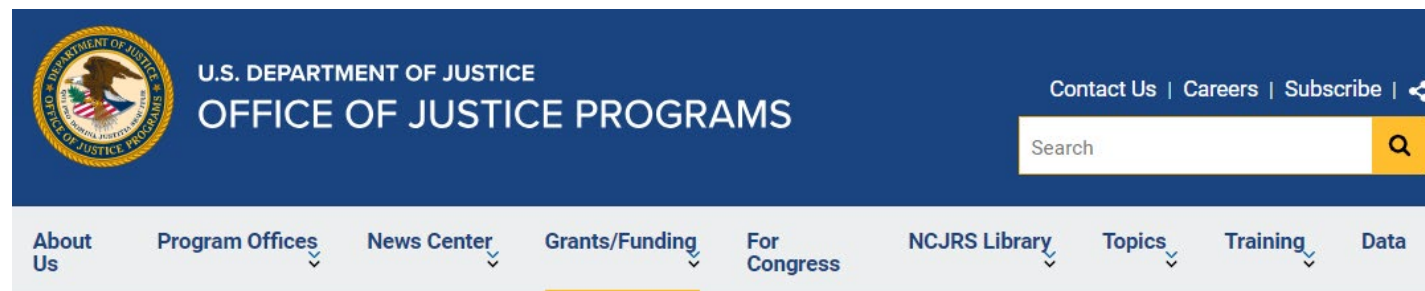


# Information About OVC

Consult the [OVC website](#).



# The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide



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# Information on SAM.gov

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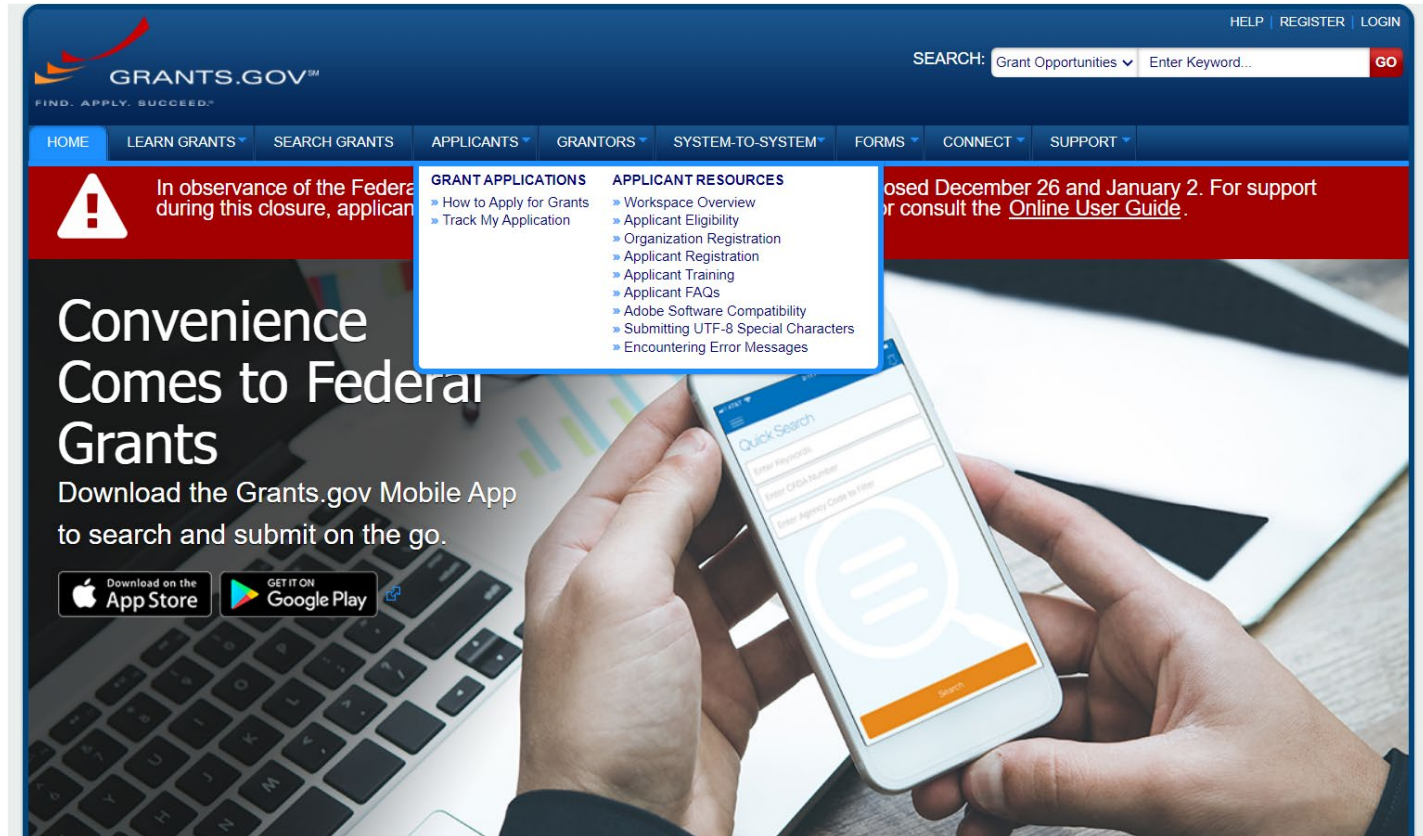
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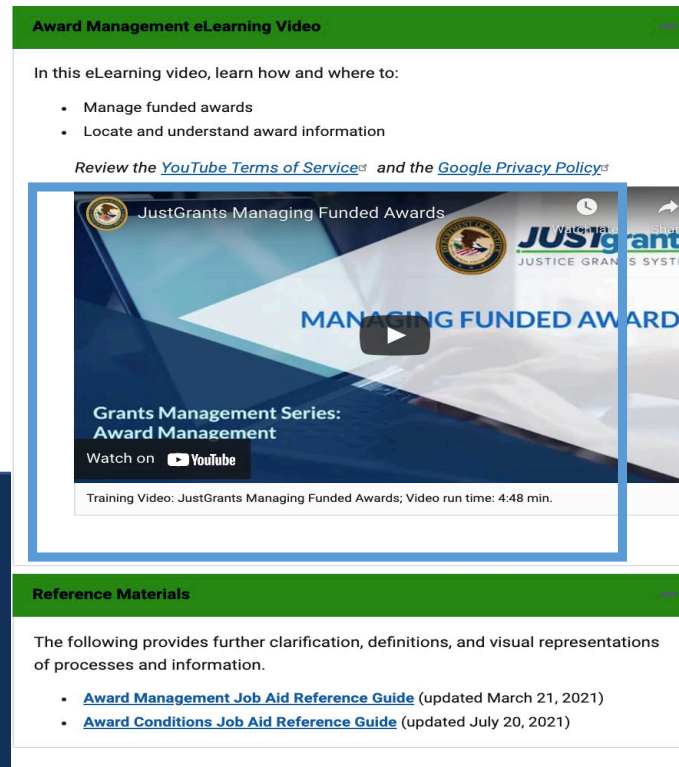
# JustGrants Training Resources

Visit: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>



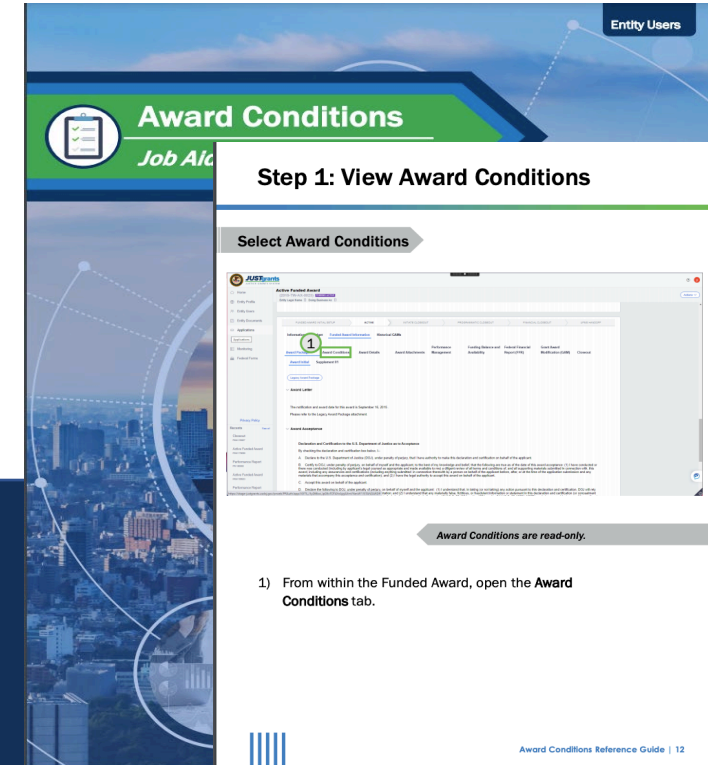
The screenshot shows the JustGrants website header with the DOJ logo and the text "JUSTgrants JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM". A navigation menu is open, listing various topics: Training, Entity Management, Entity User Experience, Application Submission, Grant Award Acceptance, Award Management, Grant Award Modifications, Financial Reporting, Performance Reporting, Monitoring, Closeout, and Virtual Q&A Sessions. Below the menu, a paragraph 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 an eLearning video player titled "Award Management eLearning Video". It contains the text: "In this eLearning video, learn how and where to:" followed by a bulleted list: "• Manage funded awards" and "• Locate and understand award information". Below the list, it says "Review the [YouTube Terms of Service](#) and the [Google Privacy Policy](#)". A video player interface is shown with a play button and the title "JustGrants Managing Funded Awards". Below the video, it says "Training Video: JustGrants Managing Funded Awards; Video run time: 4:48 min." A "Reference Materials" section follows, stating: "The following provides further clarification, definitions, and visual representations of processes and information." followed by a bulleted list: "• [Award Management Job Aid Reference Guide](#) (updated March 21, 2021)" and "• [Award Conditions Job Aid Reference Guide](#) (updated July 20, 2021)".

Micro-learning videos



The screenshot shows a "Job Aid Reference Guide" for "Award Conditions". The title is "Award Conditions Job Aid Reference Guide". The main heading is "Step 1: View Award Conditions". Below this, there is a "Select Award Conditions" section with a screenshot of the JustGrants system interface. A red circle and number "1" highlights the "Award Conditions" tab in the system. Below the screenshot, it says "Award Conditions are read-only." and a numbered list: "1) From within the Funded Award, open the Award Conditions tab." The footer of the page says "Award Conditions Reference Guide | 12".

Job Aid Reference Guides

# JustGrants Office Hours: Application Mechanics

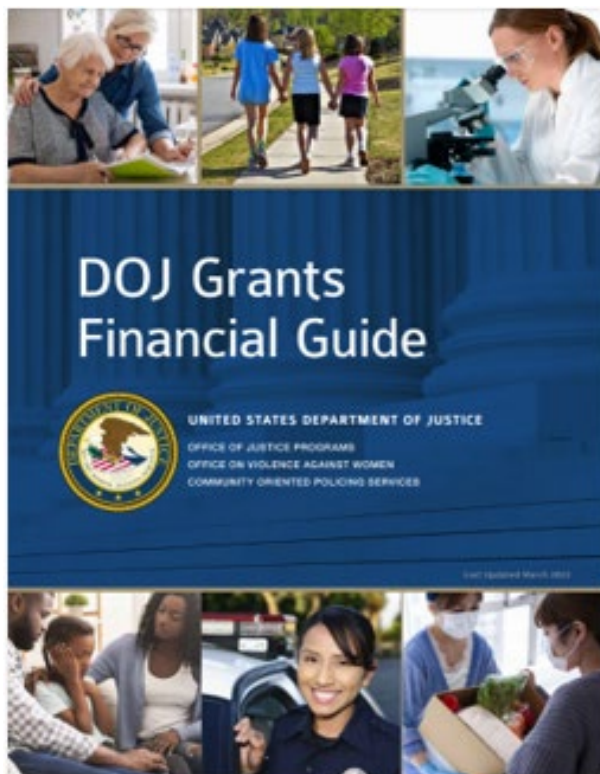
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<p><b>Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application Weekly Training Webinar</b></p> <p><i>Key Audience: Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, Authorized Representative</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparing to apply</li><li>• Completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov</li><li>• Entity onboarding and JustGrants access</li><li>• JustGrants roles and responsibilities</li><li>• Assigning users' roles to applications</li><li>• Completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting a JustGrants application</li><li>• Attendee questions about application submission</li></ul>	<p><b>Every Wednesday</b> from 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET</p> <p>Click the link to register for the session you wish to attend:</p> <p><a href="#">April 24, 2024</a></p>

Check website for updates: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-virtual-sessions>



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# DOJ Grants Financial Guide



As a starting point for all recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards consult the DOJ Grants Financial Guide: <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>.

## TOP 10 TOPICS

1. <a href="#">Financial Management Systems</a>	6. <a href="#">Audit Requirements</a>
2. <a href="#">Allowable Costs</a>	7. <a href="#">Conference Costs</a>
3. <a href="#">Unallowable Costs</a>	8. <a href="#">Adjustments to Awards</a>
4. <a href="#">Federal Financial Reports</a>	9. <a href="#">Accounting by Approved Budget Category</a>
5. <a href="#">Performance Reports</a>	10. <a href="#">Subrecipient Monitoring</a>

# Important Contact Information



Technical Assistance submitting the FULL APPLICATION into JustGrants:

833-872-5175

[JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)



**OJP Response Center**

Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements and to report a technical issue that prevented application submission, contact the OJP Response Center:

800-851-3420

[grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)



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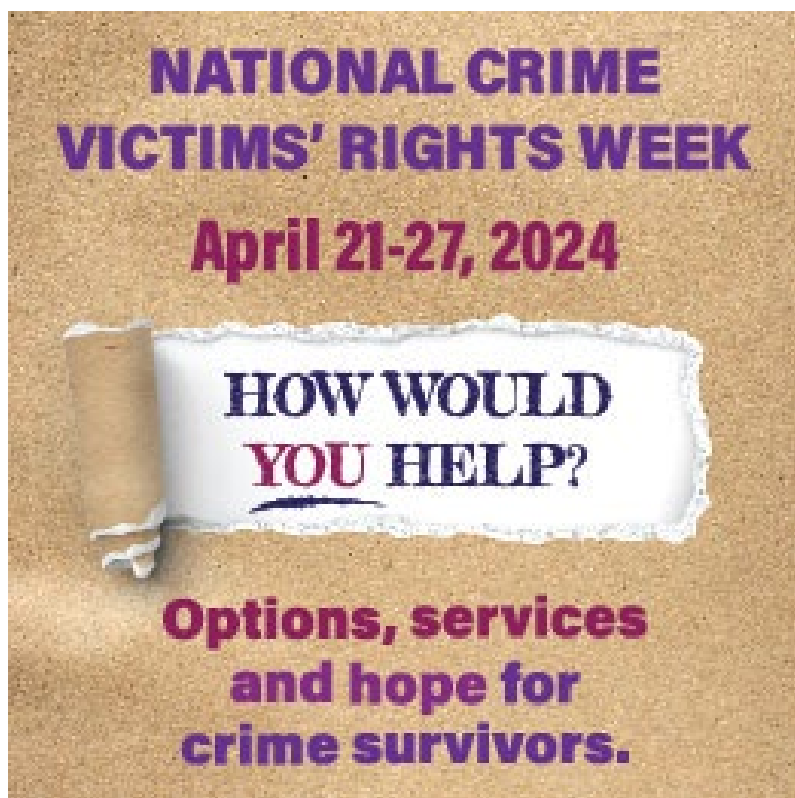


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Watch: [www.youtube.com/user/OJPOVC](http://www.youtube.com/user/OJPOVC)

# 2024 National Crime Victims' Rights Week



- Use the [2024 NCVRW artwork](#) to help inspire your community and raise awareness of victims' rights. The 2024 NCVRW theme is ***How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors.***
- This year's theme is a call-to-action for us all to create safe environments for crime victims to share what happened to them.
- [Register](#) to attend the Candlelight Vigil & Service Awards Ceremony.

# Questions?



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