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OVC FY25 Specialized Human Trafficking Assistance: Supporting Survivor Engagement in Anti-Trafficking Programming Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Pre-Application Information Session

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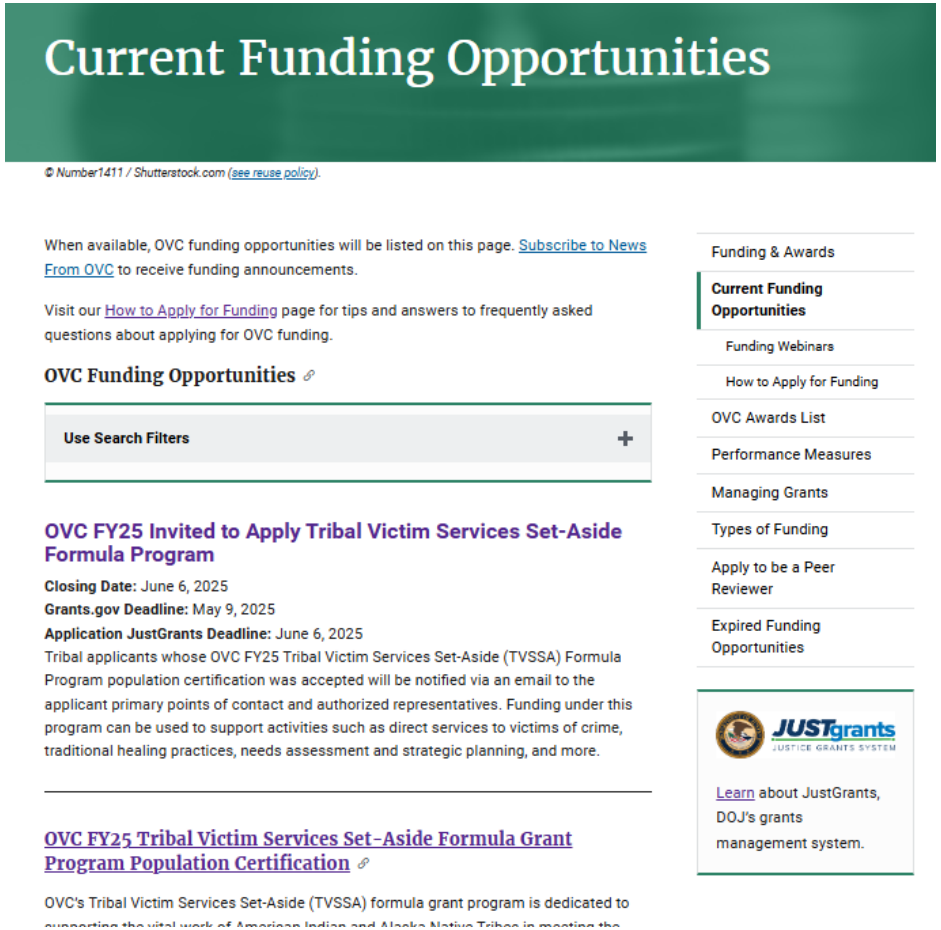

Current Funding Opportunities

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When available, OVC funding opportunities will be listed on this page. Subscribe to News From OVC to receive funding announcements.

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OVC FY25 Invited to Apply Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program

Closing Date: June 6, 2025
Grants.gov Deadline: May 9, 2025
Application JustGrants Deadline: June 6, 2025
Tribal applicants whose OVC FY25 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Formula Program population certification was accepted will be notified via an email to the applicant primary points of contact and authorized representatives. Funding under this program can be used to support activities such as direct services to victims of crime, traditional healing practices, needs assessment and strategic planning, and more.

OVC FY25 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program Population Certification

OVC's Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) formula grant program is dedicated to

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Office for Victims of Crime

What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)** and the **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**.

BJA – Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS – Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ – National Institute of Justice

OVC – Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART – Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

About the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

OVC raises awareness of crime victims' issues and supports programs that assist all victims in the aftermath of crime. The office provides leadership and funding for:

- Providing critical direct services
- Analyzing emerging needs and existing gaps in victim services
- Identifying and replicating best practices
- Implementing data-driven and technical innovations in victim services

Notice of Funding Opportunity Overview

Funding Opportunity Details

NOFO Title	OVC FY25 Specialized Human Trafficking Assistance: Supporting Survivor Engagement in Anti-Trafficking Programming
Funding Opportunity Number	O-OVC-2025-172522
Funding Opportunity Release Date	December 30, 2025
Grants.gov Deadline	February 24, 2026, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time
JustGrants Deadline	March 3, 2026, 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time
Anticipated Start Date	July 1, 2026
Performance Duration	36 months
NOFO Type	Competitive
URL	https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/ovc-2025-172522
Pre-Application Video	https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars

Program Description

- To inform and improve anti-trafficking programming, applicants should:
  - Propose approaches that help build OVC anti-trafficking grantees' capacity to identify and partner with survivors in their local community, state, or region.
  - Deliver training and technical assistance on effective victim service programming for trafficking survivors, which includes support to recipients of each fiscal year's new human trafficking victim service awards during their first year of implementation, as well as ongoing support for entities implementing existing awards.
  - Propose innovative strategies for OVC anti-trafficking grantees to develop these partnerships and offer organizational peer support on survivor engagement approaches

Eligibility

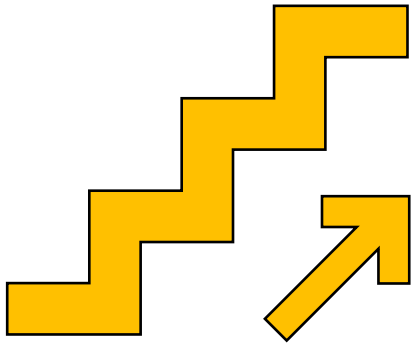
The following entities are eligible to apply:

- **Educational Organizations**
  - public and private
- **Nonprofit Organizations**
  - with 501(c)(3) status and without
- **For-Profit Organizations**
  - Organizations other than small businesses
  - Small businesses

* For additional information on eligibility, please review the NOFO

Program Goal

Support victims of human trafficking by helping providers improve the quality of available services through training and technical assistance on survivor engagement.



Program Objectives

- **Objective 1:** Provide assistance to OVC Anti-Trafficking Grantees.
- **Objective 2:** Support capacity building to provide quality anti-trafficking victim services.

Funding Priorities

OJP will provide priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the goals listed below.

(a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);

(b) Combatting violent crime;

(c) Supporting services to American citizens;

(d) Protecting American children; and

(e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Performance Measures

- Award recipients are required to submit performance measure data in the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and separately submit a semi-annual performance report in JustGrants.

- Applicants selected for an award will receive further guidance on post-award reporting processes.

Visit OJP's performance measurement page for more information.

Unallowable Use of Funds

The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

- Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
- Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that – (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.

This is listed in the Program Description section of the NOFO.

Unallowable Use of Funds (continued)

The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

- As specified in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, in Chapter 3.13 “Unallowable Costs” (“Legal Services for Aliens”), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply— (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

This is listed in the Program Description section of the NOFO.

Funding Instrument

The award will be made as a Cooperative Agreement, which allows 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 more information.

Application Content

Proposal Narrative Format

Your proposal narrative must –

- be double-spaced,
- use a standard 12-point font,
- have no less than 1-inch margins,
- NOT exceed 20 numbered pages, and
- be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants.

Proposal Narrative Sections

1. Description of the Need (20%)
2. Project Goals and Objectives (5%)
3. Project Design and Implementation (35%)
4. Capabilities and Competencies, including MOUs/LOIs (35%)

*An additional 5% will be assessed through your budget and associated documentation.

Proposal Narrative: Description of the Need

What critical issue or problem is the applicant proposing to address with this project?

Please include:

- A brief explanation of the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.
- Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community.
- A brief explanation of how the need relates to the purpose of the NOFO.

Proposal Narrative: Project Goals and Objectives

How will the proposed project address the need identified and address the purpose of the NOFO?

Project activities include:

- Providing support and assistance to OVC human trafficking grantees and other key stakeholders.
- Developing and disseminating resources and training.
- Increasing OVC grantee and partner expertise and specialized skills.
- Collaborating with other OVC human trafficking grantees.
- Supporting data collection and assessment activities.

Proposal Narrative: Project Design and Implementation

How will the applicant implement project activities that meet the goals and objectives? Please include:

- What activities the applicant will conduct to achieve the proposed goals and objectives.
- How the applicant will deliver or complete those activities.
- When the activities will take place.
- Who in the applicant's organization will staff the activities, including key staff.
- Who will participate in and benefit from the activity.
- What deliverables, reports, and other items will be produced as part of the project.
- If the applicant plans to use subrecipients to help conduct the project, please name them (if they are known) or describe how the applicant will identify them. Please describe their role in conducting project activities.

Proposal Narrative: Capabilities and Competencies

What administrative and technical capacity and expertise does the applicant bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:

- A short description of the applicant's capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the requirements of the award, including collecting and reporting the required performance measure data. Who will be responsible for this task, and how will the applicant collect the data?
  - Refer to Program Description: Performance Measures for additional details on performance measures.
- A description of projects or activities the applicant organization has conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrate the applicant's ability to undertake the proposed project activities.
- A summary of relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project, including the capacity and expertise of lead and proposed project partners to respond to all types of human trafficking.

Budget and Associated Documentation: Budget Detail Form

- You must use the JustGrants web-based budget detail form
- Your budget should include adequate funding to fully implement the project, broken out by year and reflect 36 months.
- The budget should be accurate and match the details in the Proposal Narrative, staying in line with the project plan.
- The budget cannot exceed the award ceiling for each category.
- Each cost item should include name/description and provide detailed calculation of the total cost.

Budget and Associated Documentation: Budget/Financial Attachments

If applicable, your application should also include:

- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- Consultant Rate
- Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for awards Over $250,000; Waiver
- Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

Additional Application Components

The applicant should attach the additional requested documentation listed below in JustGrants.

- **Curriculum Vitae or Resumes:** Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project or a description of the experience and skills of key personnel necessary to implement the project.
- **Timeline:** Provide a timeline listing key activities and milestones, and the quarters during which they will take place.

Additional Application Components cont'd

The applicant should attach the additional requested documentation listed below in JustGrants (if applicable)

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** a formalized commitment of staff and/or resources that is signed by authorized representatives of both partner organizations.
- **Letter of Intent (LOI):** indicates the organizations' intention to partner, but the details of the commitment have not been fully worked out and officially agreed to.

Each MOU or LOI should include the following:

- Names of the organizations involved in the agreement.
- What service(s) and other work will be performed under the agreement and by what organization.
- Duration of the agreement.

Applications Should Also Include

- ❑ Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- ❑ Standard Application Information (SF-424 info from Grants.gov)
- ❑ Proposal Abstract
- ❑ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
- ❑ Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire
- ❑ Funding Priorities Inventory (if applicable)
- ❑ Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)
- ❑ Curriculum Vitae or Resumes of Key Staff
- ❑ Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable)
- ❑ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
- ❑ Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items
- ❑ DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
- ❑ DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
- ❑ Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable)

Responsiveness Review

To meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding your application MUST:

- Be from an eligible applicant.
- Not exceed the award ceiling.
- Be responsive to the NOFO scope.
- Include:
  - SF-424 (in Grants.gov)
  - Proposal Narrative (in JustGrants)
  - Budget detail form, including budget items, their calculations, and explanations (in JustGrants)

Remember, if you fail to submit ANY of required documents, your application will not be considered for funding!

Application Submission

Application Submission Overview

Before You Apply for Funding:

- SAM.gov Registration - Entities must register or renew with SAM.gov

Apply for OVC Funding:

- Step 1: Grants.gov - Apply in Grants.gov
- Step 2: JustGrants - Apply in JustGrants

Application Submission Reminders

Applicants have **two** application submission deadlines:

1. Grants.gov (submitting the SF-424) – February 24, 2026, 11:59 p.m. ET [complete *at least* 48 hours before deadline in NOFO]
2. JustGrants (submitting the full application) – March 3, 2026, 8:59 p.m. ET [complete *at least* 48 hours before deadline in NOFO]

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

Your JustGrants submission should include all items defined in the NOFO.

What Happens After Application Submission?

After the JustGrants application deadline, OVC starts its review process:

- Basic Minimum Requirements
- Peer Review
- Programmatic and Financial Review
- Risk Review

Award Notices

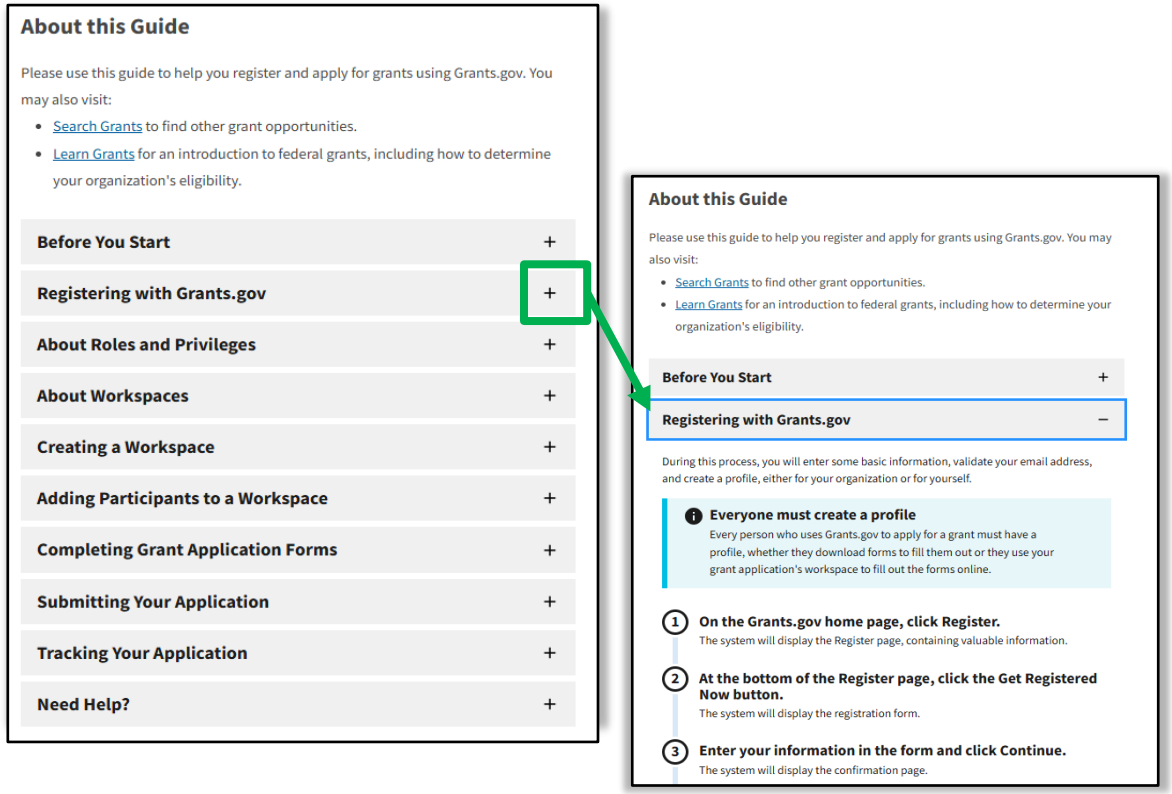
- Visit the OJP Grant Awards public website: ojp.gov/funding/ojpgrantawards

- **Funded applications:**
  - Notifications sent via JustGrants
  - Accept or decline award within 45 days
  - Follow steps in DOJ Award Acceptance Checklist

Application Resources

Grants.gov Quick Start Guide

https://grants.gov/quick-start-guide/applicants



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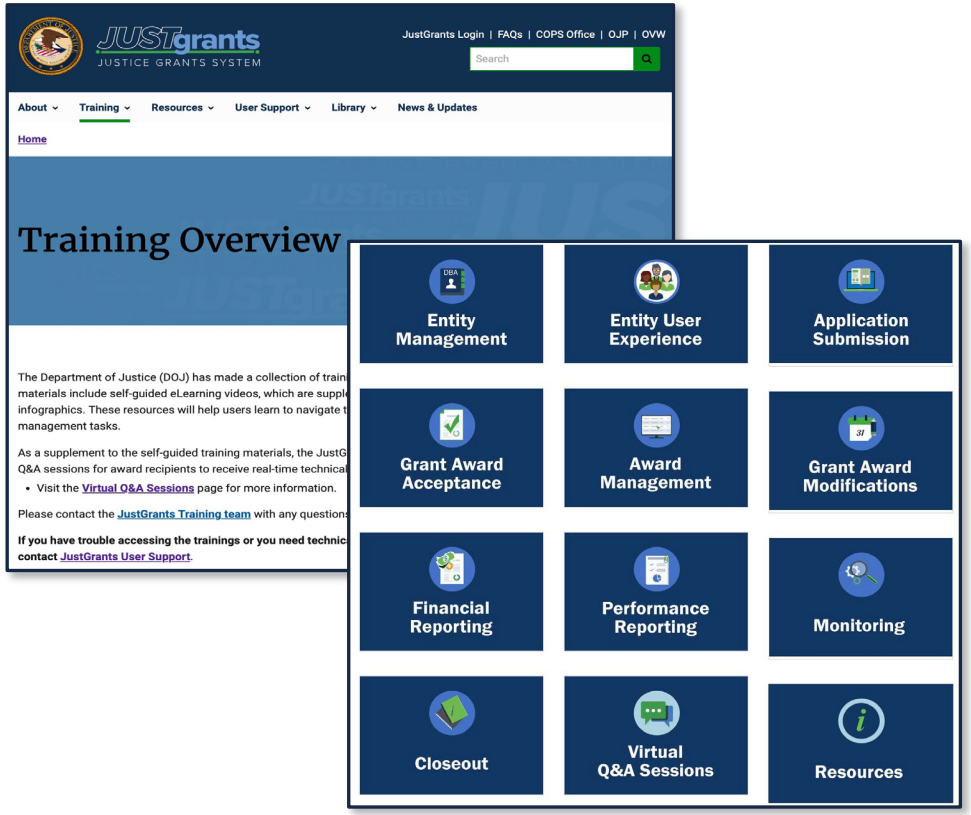
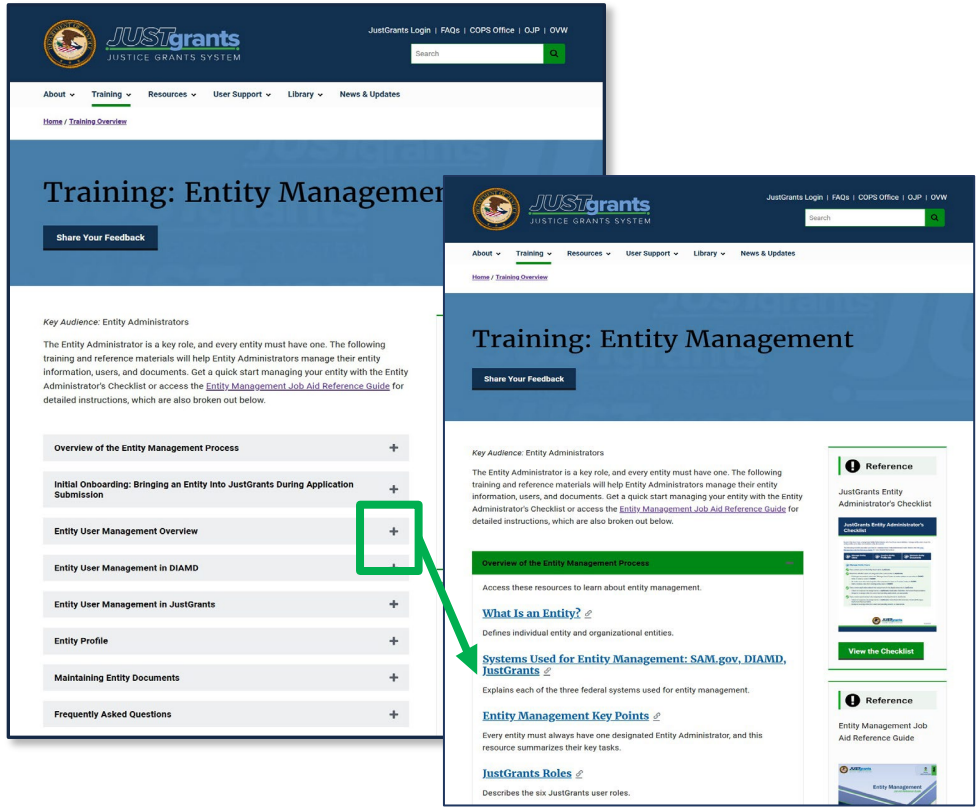
JustGrants Training Resources

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training





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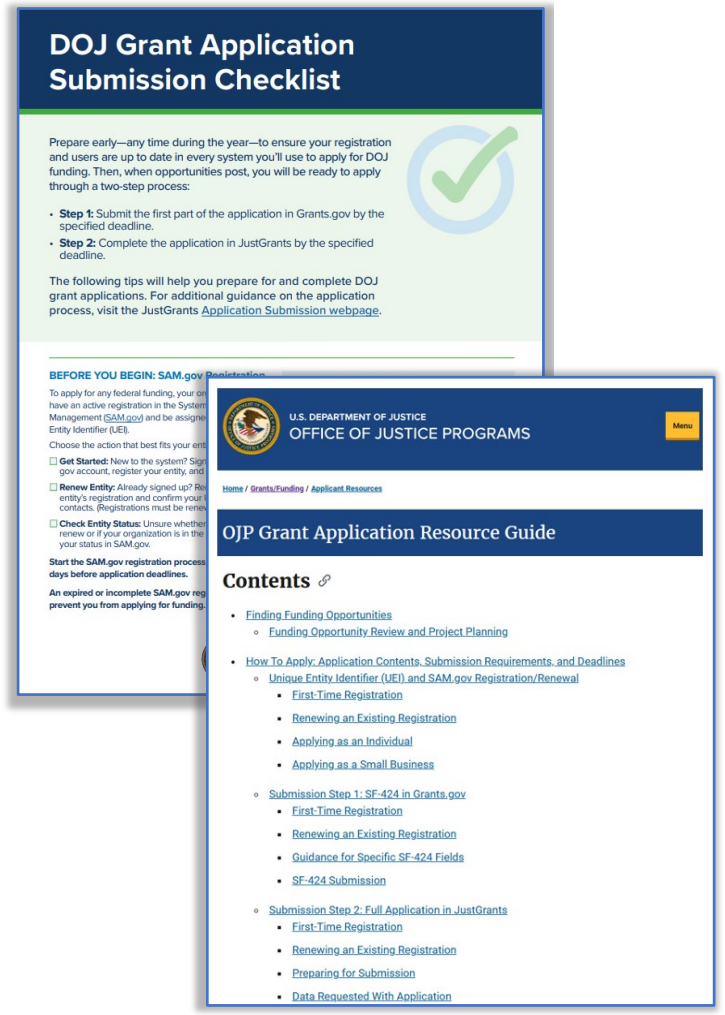
Additional Resources

DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist

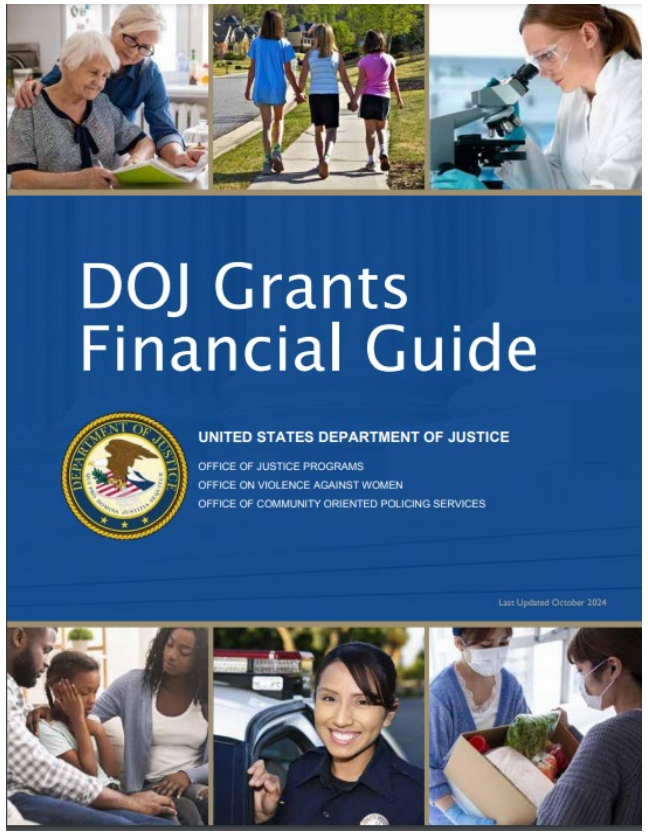
https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/checklist-application-submission

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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



DOJ Grants Financial Guide



All recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements should consult the DOJ Grants Financial Guide to ensure the effective day-to-day management of awards: https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm.

TOP 10 TOPICS	
1. Financial Management Systems	6. Audit Requirements
2. Allowable Costs	7. Conference Costs
3. Unallowable Costs	8. Adjustments to Awards
4. Federal Financial Reports	9. Accounting by Approved Budget Category
5. Performance Reports	10. Subrecipient Monitoring

Information About OVC

https://ovc.ojp.gov

Application Submission Training

Attend a Live Training Session

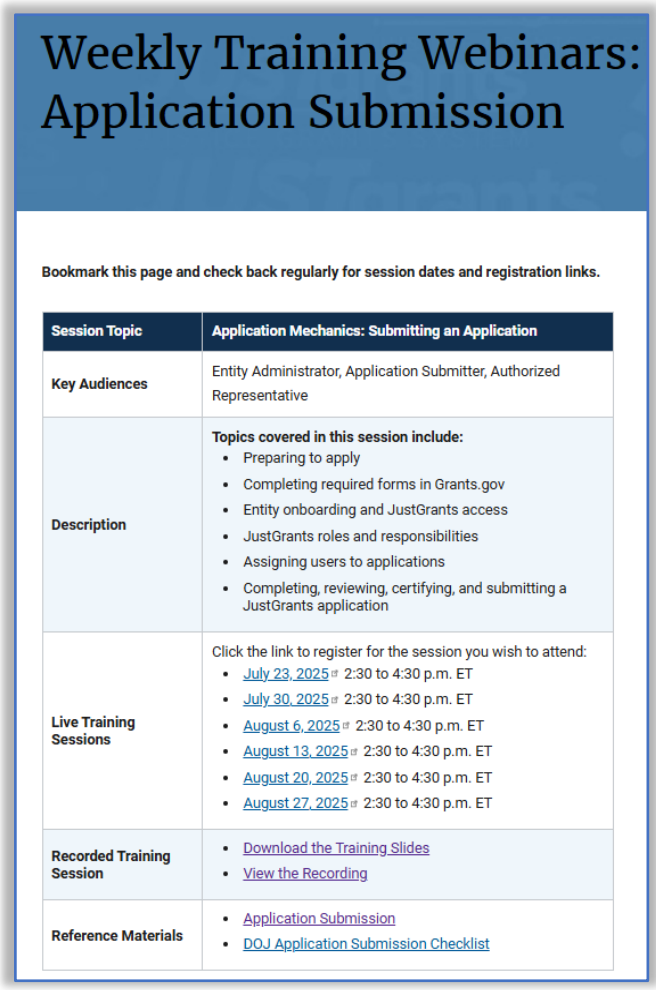
https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/application-submission

Download the Training Slides

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-virtual-sessions/application-submission-weekly-training-webinar.pdf

View the Recording

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/media/video/3016



Weekly Training Webinars: Application Submission

Bookmark this page and check back regularly for session dates and registration links.

Session Topic	Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application
Key Audiences	Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, Authorized Representative
Description	**Topics covered in this session include:** • Preparing to apply • Completing required forms in Grants.gov • Entity onboarding and JustGrants access • JustGrants roles and responsibilities • Assigning users to applications • Completing, reviewing, certifying, and submitting a JustGrants application
Live Training Sessions	Click the link to register for the session you wish to attend: • July 23, 2025 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET • July 30, 2025 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET • August 6, 2025 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET • August 13, 2025 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET • August 20, 2025 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET • August 27, 2025 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET
Recorded Training Session	• Download the Training Slides • View the Recording
Reference Materials	• Application Submission • DOJ Application Submission Checklist

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Important Contact Information

Assistance submitting the full application:

833-872-5175

JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

OJP Response Center

Assistance with Programmatic Requirements or to report a technical issue that prevented submission:

800-851-3420 or 202-353-5556 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only)

OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov

Important Contact Information

Assistance registering or renewing in SAM.gov:

https://sam.gov/help

Assistance working in Grants.gov:

800-518-4726

support@grants.gov

https://www.grants.gov/support

Thank You!