

OVC FY 2022 Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime

CFDA # 16.582

Grants.gov Opportunity Number: O-OVC-2022-171237
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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, May 26, 2022**
- ❑ JustGrants deadline: **Thursday, June 2, 2022**
- ❑ DOJ expects to award grants no later than **September 30, 2022**
- ❑ All project **START** dates should be on or after **October 1, 2022***



***Please Note: Successful applicants MAY NOT begin work until the budget has been reviewed and officially approved by OJP. Additional information and or restrictions may be outlined in the award package.**



Eligibility

- State governments
- City or township governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Native American Tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Other

Eligibility

Criteria



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

Program Description



OVC seeks to provide funding to organizations that demonstrate innovative strategies to create, expand, or enhance the use of technology to interact directly with crime victims or to provide information, referrals, crisis assistance, and long-term help.

Applicant Focus Areas



Applicants are encouraged to focus on, but are not limited to applications that focus on—

1. addressing online gender-based abuse and harassment, which is defined as “actions by one or more people that harm others based on their sexual or gender identity or enforce harmful gender norms that are carried out using the internet and/or mobile technology and includes stalking, bullying, sex-based harassment, defamation, hate speech, exploitation, and gender trolling,” according to the International Center for Research on Women’s publication titled, [Technology-Facilitated GBV: What is it, and How do we measure it?](#);
2. offering programming or services that respond to online and online-facilitated gender-based violence; and
3. using technology to make services safe and more accessible, and that reach underserved communities.

Goals



Program goals are to:

- increase access to victim services, and
- build the capacity of victim services providers to meet the needs of crime survivors through technological innovation

Objectives



1. Conduct strategic planning activities to identify gaps in technology that can be enhanced by building the organization's technological capacity to ensure greater access to victim services that are sustainable, secure, and safe.
2. Implement technological enhancements to strengthen the organization's response to crime victims that will ensure high quality services that are centered in victim safety, confidentiality, and privacy.
3. Prepare and support staff through training on the technology platform and the organization's confidentiality and privacy guidelines appropriate to the services provided and populations served.



Objectives (cont.)



4. Collaborate with local, state, and community stakeholders to share information, resources, and lessons learned.
5. Conduct training and public awareness activities for professionals and community members to ensure appropriate education and awareness of the program.
6. Perform data collection and participate in evaluation activities to determine the effectiveness of the program and whether it is meeting stated goals and objectives.



Deliverables



Deliverables can be:

- web applications (apps),
- management information systems,
- interactive websites,
- or any improvement or enhancement that uses technology to provide the service or support the program



Deliverables (cont.)



Other deliverables include:

- criteria to best determine strategies and effective collaborative models for planning, implementing, and evaluating the innovations;
- staff training plan;
- outreach and public awareness strategy;
- training and technical assistance plan to participating organizations;
- evaluation plan to measure project effectiveness in achieving the project goals, objectives, and identified outcomes; and
- signed Letters of Intent or MOUs with key partners



OJP Priority Areas



1. Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*
 - A. Applications that include project(s) that will promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, when making award decisions.
 - B. Applicants that can demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because the applicant (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 30% of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative) identifies as a culturally specific organization.

For additional information, please see the solicitation.



Federal Award Information

Maximum number of awards OVC expects to make:	4 Awards (total)
Maximum dollar amount for each award:	\$750,000
Total amount to be awarded under solicitation:	\$3 million
Period of Performance start date:	10/01/2022
Period of Performance duration:	36 Months



Type of Award

The award will be made as a **Cooperative Agreement**:

- **Substantial involvement between awarding agency and recipient** during the performance period
- Awarding agency **closely participates** in the performance of the program

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

Application and Submission Information

Applications **MUST** Include



These elements **MUST** be included in the application submission to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- **Proposal Abstract**
- **Proposal Narrative**
 - Description of the Issue (20%)
 - Project Design and Implementation (35%)
 - Capabilities and Competencies (20%)
 - Plan for Collecting the Data for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (10%)
- **Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form) (15%)**



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



Proposal Abstract

An abstract is a **clear and simple summary statement** about your proposal.

This statement should be no more than 400 words and should include:

- purpose of the project,
- primary activities,
- expected outcomes,
- the service area, and
- intended beneficiaries and subrecipients

This will be completed in the JustGrants Web-based form.



Proposal Narrative Format

The proposal narrative must:

- Be double-spaced
- Use a standard 12-point font
- Have no less than 1-inch margins
- NOT exceed 25 pages. Pages should be numbered “1 of 25,” “2 of 25,” etc.
- Be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants.



Proposal Narrative Format

The following sections are part of the proposal narrative:

1. Description of the issue
2. Project design and implementation
3. Capabilities and competencies
4. Plan for collecting the data required for this solicitation's performance measures



Outline ALL the grant requirements and make a plan to fulfill each and EVERY REQUIREMENT.

Proposal Narrative: Description of the Issue



This section must:

- Describe why this project and proposed activities are necessary (significance/value) and/or address a need and include supporting information.
- Describe how funding will support the project's value to the victims' field by meeting the stated goals.
 - Use data to provide evidence that the need for the effort exists and demonstrate the scope and size of the need.
 - Make a convincing case that the project addresses a gap in existing resources and does not duplicate an existing program.

Proposal Narrative: Project Design and Implementation



This **section** should include goals, objectives and activities that are aligned with the solicitation

- Be brief, concise, and clear.
- Make sure the information is consistent throughout your proposal.
- Create solid goals and measurable objectives:
 - Objectives should be **SMART**:
Specific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**ealistic, and **T**ime-bound
- Focus on the future and setting a realistic timeline to complete the project.

Proposal Narrative: Capabilities and Competencies



- Describe the applicant's capabilities and competencies to accomplish the goals and objectives of the project.
 - Include a clear description of the applicant's management structure and current and proposed professional staff members' unique qualifications that will enable them to fulfill their grant responsibilities.
 - Describe how the program will be managed and include an organizational chart or information describing personnel.
- Include a list of personnel responsible for managing and implementing the major stages of the project.
 - If additional staff will be hired, the applicant should identify the selection criteria.
 - The project director must have both the substantive expertise and experience to perform crucial leadership functions, and sufficient time to devote to the project to provide the needed guidance and supervision. Include job descriptions and copies of resumes for proposed key staff positions.

Proposal Narrative: Plan for Collecting Data



When developing a data collection plan, you should begin with a thorough understanding of the questions on which OVC will ask you to report. Performance measures for OVC programs and other resources can be found on our website.

This section should:

- Describe the process for measuring and reporting project performance.
- Identify who will collect the data and who is responsible for performance measurements.
- Describe how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the impact of the project.



Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-Based Form)



- Use the JustGrants web-based form.
- Personnel costs should relate to the key personnel for the project.
- The budget should include adequate funding to fully implement the project, broken out by year, reflecting 36 months.
- The budget should be mathematically sound and correspond with information described in the Proposal Narrative and aligned with the project design.
- Address Priority 1B considerations, if applicable.



Create a SMART Budget



Be **SPECIFIC** when listing all your expenses

Under the computation column of the budget, make sure your costs are **MEASURABLE**

Ensure that your budget items are **ATTAINABLE**

If you put your timeline next to your budget, make sure each item is accounted for, then your budget should be **RELEVANT**.

Make sure your budget is **TIME-BOUND** and broken down year by year or month by month.

Applications Should Also Include



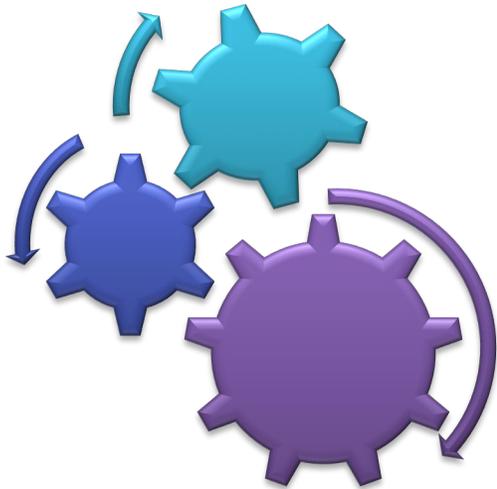
Along with the **3 required documents**, the following information should be included in the application submission:

- 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 Questionnaire
- Resumes for Key Staff
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (if applicable)
- Documentation of Priority 1A Considerations (if applicable)
- Documentation of Priority 1B Considerations (if applicable)
- 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 (if applicable)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable)
- Position Descriptions and Resumes

Hallmarks of an Outstanding Application



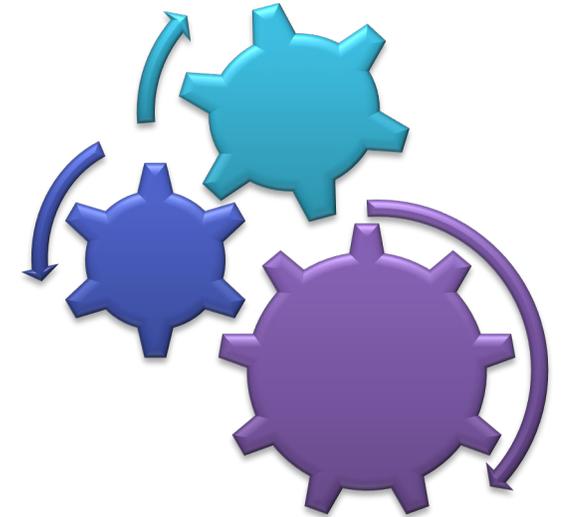
- Use simple and concise language.
- Ensure information is presentable and organized!
- Add tables, graphs, staff photos, and other images when possible while being mindful of grant guidelines.
- Be realistic about how you will achieve goals.
- Get feedback from those who may run the project!
- Make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



Common Reasons Cited for a Weak Application



- Too ambitious or lacks focus
- Applicant lacks appropriate expertise to carry out the proposed project
- No evidence of feasibility (do not assume reviewers are as familiar with the project as you are)
- Poor writing and a lot of errors



Application Process

Two Step Application Process



Submission into Grants.Gov
Due: **May 26, 2022**

Submission of the Full Application
into JustGrants and Grants.gov
Due: **June 2, 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:

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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.

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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

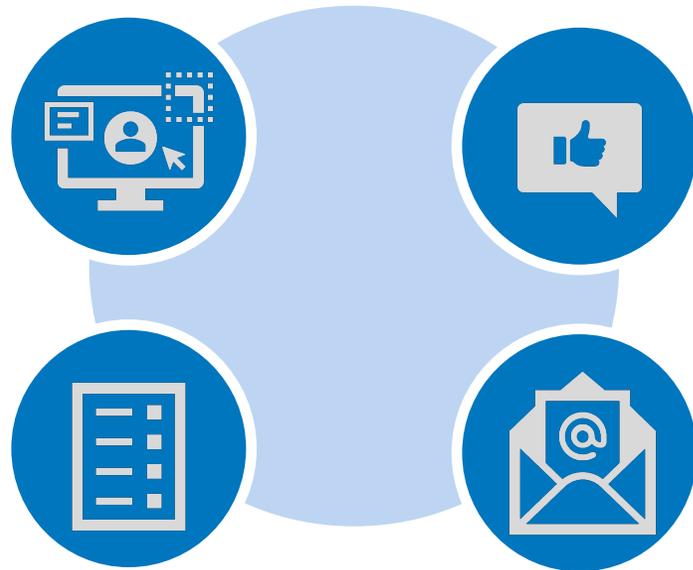


Applicants will then submit the **full application** including attachments in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov.

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.

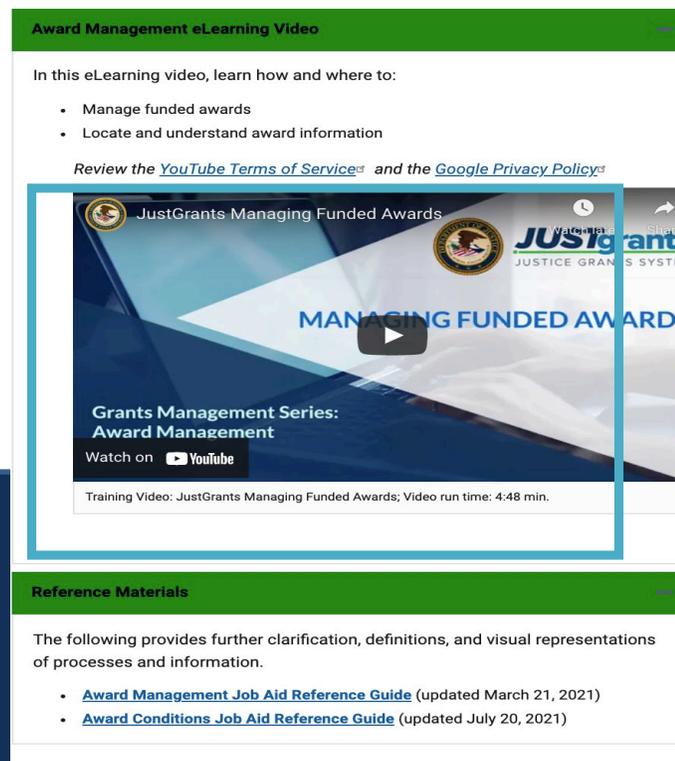


JustGrants Training Resources



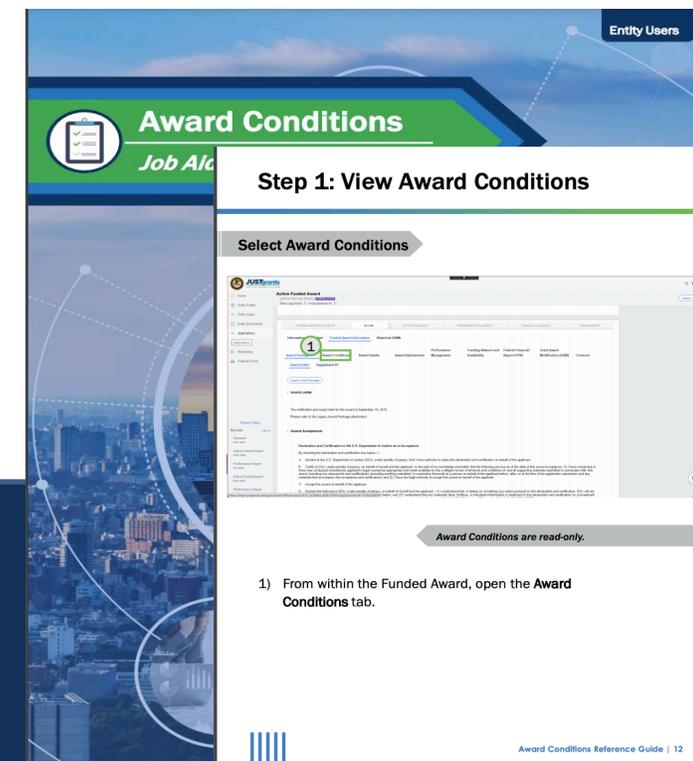
The screenshot shows the JustGrants website navigation menu. The 'Training' dropdown menu is open, listing various topics: Training, Entity Management, Entity User Experience, Application Submission, Grant Award Acceptance, Award Management, Grant Award Modifications, Financial Reporting, Performance Reporting, Monitoring, Closeout, and Virtual Q&A Sessions. Below the menu, a 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 includes a list of topics: '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](#)'. The video player shows a video titled 'JustGrants Managing Funded Awards' with a play button and the text 'Grants Management Series: Award Management'. Below the video, it says 'Watch on YouTube' and 'Training Video: JustGrants Managing Funded Awards; Video run time: 4:48 min.'. Below the video player, there is a 'Reference Materials' section with the following text: 'The following provides further clarification, definitions, and visual representations of processes and information.' and a list of two reference guides: '[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 titled 'Award Conditions Job Aid Reference Guide'. It includes a section titled 'Step 1: View Award Conditions' and a sub-section titled 'Select Award Conditions'. Below this, there is a screenshot of the JustGrants system interface showing a table of award conditions. Below the screenshot, there is a list of instructions: '1) From within the Funded Award, open the Award Conditions tab.' The page number 'Award Conditions Reference Guide | 12' is visible in the bottom right corner.

Job Aid Reference Guides

JustGrants Office Hours: Application Mechanics



Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application Training

Key Audience: Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, Authorized Representative

- 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

Every Wednesday from 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET

Click the link to register for the session you wish to attend:

- [April 27, 2022](#)
- [May 4, 2022](#)
- [May 11, 2022](#)
- [May 18, 2022](#)
- [May 25, 2022](#)

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

OJP Grants Application Resource Guide



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the OJP website. On the left is the OJP seal, followed by the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" and "OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS". On the right are links for "Contact Us", "Careers", "Subscribe", and a share icon. Below these is a search bar with the word "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. A secondary navigation bar contains links for "Home", "About Us", "News Center", "Grants/Funding" (which is underlined), "For Congress", "Resources", "Topics", "Training", and "Data". Below the navigation bar 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!



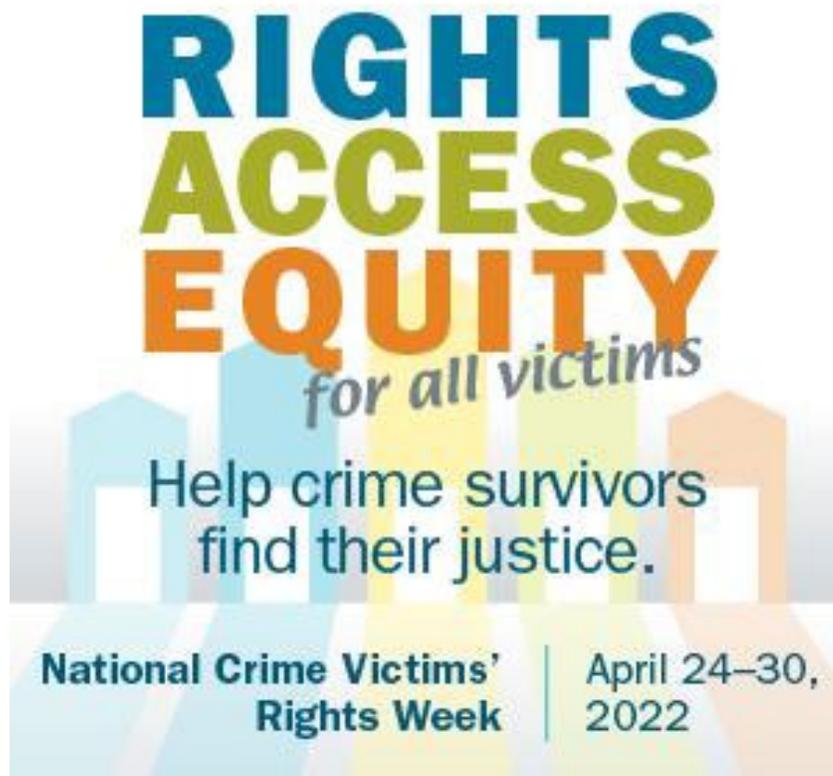
A screenshot of the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) website. The header is dark blue with the OVC logo on the left, which includes the Department of Justice seal and the text "Office for Victims of Crime" and "OVC". To the right of the logo are links for "Help for Victims", "About OVC", "Subscribe", and "FAQs", along with a share icon. Below these links is a search bar with the word "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. A navigation menu below the search bar includes "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." in white. A dark blue button with the text "Help for victims" is positioned in the lower-left corner of the banner.

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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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Questions?



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