OVC FY 2022 Field-Generated Solicitation: Increasing Options and Expanding Access for Victims of Crime

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

- For profit organizations other than small businesses,
- Individuals,
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized),
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments),
- 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,
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education,
- Small businesses

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

- Grants.gov deadline: **Tuesday, June 28, 2022**
- JustGrants deadline: **Tuesday, July 5, 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.
Program Description

This program supports activities proposed by the field related to expanding accessibility and increasing service options for victims of crime who are underserved or who are part of an underserved community.
Specific Information

• Generate proposals that reflect the authentic needs and challenges of the victim services field in responding to the current realities of crime victimization in the United States and its territories.

  ▪ Fund innovative approaches that do not easily fit within the criteria of other OVC solicitations.
Areas of Interest

• Service interventions that address victims of crime – particularly for specialized services.
• Innovative approaches for culturally relevant and culturally specific services.
• Subaward programs for smaller community-based programs that specialize in culturally specific services.
• Demonstration programs that test approaches to increasing service options or expanding access borrowed from other disciplines.
• Training or technical assistance models that can potentially reach unprecedented numbers of service providers.
• Innovative methods of information delivery and notification services for victims of crime.
• Co-response approaches that partner service providers and public safety personnel in response to particular crimes, disturbances, or calls for service.
Goals

- Identify and address challenges or gaps in victim service provision and access.
- Propose innovative, cost-effective, and pragmatic solutions.
Objectives

1. Conduct a wide-ranging survey or needs assessment, if data and research supporting the need to be addressed is not included in application.
2. Perform a review of all existing services or programs for the problem intended to be addressed.
3. Conduct action research evaluation.
4. Appoint an advisory group —to review and comment on all program materials.
5. Create a program, practice, or tool to be implemented under the award period.
6. Submit a final report to document the development strategy, implementation process, and the impact/results/outcome of the project.
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: 3 Awards
Maximum dollar amount for each award: $750,000
Total amount to be awarded under solicitation: $2,250,000
Period of Performance start date: 10/01/2022
Period of Performance duration: 36 Months
Types of Awards

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
  • Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (15%)
  • Project Design and Implementation (40%)
  • Capabilities and Competencies (25%)
  • Plan for Collecting the Data for this Solicitation’s Performance Measures (10%)
– Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form) (10%)

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

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, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound
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 (if applicable)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (if applicable)
- Documentation of DOJ Priority Areas (if applicable)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
- Applicant 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)
Application Process
Two Step Application Process

Submission into Grants.Gov
Due: June 28, 2022

Submission of the Full Application into JustGrants and Grants.gov
Due: July 5, 2022
Important Dates

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

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

- **June 28, 11:59 p.m. ET**
- **July 5, 8:59 p.m. ET**
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.
The Department of Justice (DOJ) grant making components—the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Office on Crime Reduction and Prevention (OCRP)—serve as a resource hub for their grants management system, JustGrants, which launched on October 15, 2020.

Organized by Topics

Micro-learning videos

Job Aid Reference Guides
OJP Grants Application Resource Guide

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
• 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:**

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

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