The webinar will begin shortly.
Webinar Outline

• OVC Overview and Mission
• Solicitation Overview
  • Funding opportunity focus
  • Eligibility
  • Required documents
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• Questions & Answers

Find funding opportunities at https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/current-funding-opportunities.
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.
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OVC FY24 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant
Opportunity Details

OVC FY24 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant

- [https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/o-ovc-2024-172059.pdf](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
- JustGrants: May 28, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern
Eligibility – Victim Assistance

The following entities are eligible to apply:
• State governments
• Territories and possessions of the United States

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.
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.
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).
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.
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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Opportunity Details

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- [https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/o-ovc-2024-172052.pdf](https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/o-ovc-2024-172052.pdf)
- Opportunity ID O-OVC-2024-172052
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Eligibility – Victim Compensation

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- State governments
- Territories and possessions of the United States

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.
Program Description

Victim Compensation:

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 crucial financial assistance to hundreds of thousands of crime victims each year.
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.
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
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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 programmatic data in Grants.gov and update later in JustGrants.

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

Consult the [OVChomepage](http://www.ovc.gov) website.
The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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

Helping Crime Survivors Find Their Justice
Information on SAM.gov

Visit SAM.gov:
This is your first stop BEFORE applying.

⚠️ SAM.gov Entity Registration and Renewal Reminder ⚠️

All entities seeking Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding must have an active registration in SAM.gov. Once registered, entities must complete annual renewals to maintain an active status.

It is recommended that you begin the SAM.gov registration or renewal process 30 days prior to any deadlines to allow for the time necessary to complete the full process, including SAM.gov’s entity validation process. If you intend to apply for a specific DOJ opportunity, refer to the Grants.gov due date provided on the solicitation, and plan your SAM.gov registration accordingly.

For additional support, visit SAM.gov Help.
Information on Grants.gov

This is your first stop in applying.
### JustGrants Office Hours: Application Mechanics

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• 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 24, 2024** |
| **Key Audience:** Entity Administrator, ApplicationSubmitter, Authorized Representative | | |

Check website for updates: [https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-virtual-sessions](https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-virtual-sessions)
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.

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Important Contact Information

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

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
Go Social With OVC!

Like: https://www.facebook.com/OJPOVC

Follow: https://twitter.com/OJPOVC

Watch: 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.

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Questions?

To submit a question, use the Q&A Box and select All Panelists.