OVC FY24 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program

The webinar will begin shortly.
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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.
About the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

- Enhances the Nation’s capacity to assist crime victims and provides leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

- In addition to anti-trafficking funding, administers the Crime Victims Fund, supporting state victim assistance and compensation programs.

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Eligibility

- State governments
- City or township governments
- Public- and State-controlled institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- 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

For additional information on eligibility, please review each solicitation’s Synopsis section.
## Purpose Areas

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Program Description

To develop, expand, and/or strengthen funded organizations so they can provide housing and associated support services to victims of human trafficking.
Purpose Area 1: Developing Capacity to Serve Human Trafficking Victims

These awards will support

1. organizations that have experience providing housing services but that have limited or no prior experience in serving victims of human trafficking;

2. anti-trafficking organizations that have limited or no prior experience in providing housing services to victims of human trafficking, and/or

3. organizations that have limited or no prior experience in receiving direct federal funding to serve victims of human trafficking.
Purpose Area 1: Developing Capacity to Serve Human Trafficking Victims (cont.)

• During the first 12 months of the project period, grantees will work with designated OVC human trafficking training and technical assistance (TTA) providers to build internal capacity to provide housing services for survivors of labor and sex trafficking and implement a federal award.

• Grantees will hire staff who have experience providing services to human trafficking victims or train existing staff to address any identified skill or knowledge deficits.

• During the last 24 months of the program, grantees will provide housing assistance and support services for human trafficking victims.

• See Appendix A for the types of services that OVC funds.
Purpose Area 2: Enhancing Scope of Housing Assistance for Human Trafficking Victims

- These awards will:
  - support organizations with a demonstrated history of providing human trafficking victims with housing assistance and support services or that have a formal partnership with a victim service provider with demonstrated experience.
  - enhance victims’ access to housing assistance and the diverse support services that victims of labor and sex trafficking often require to address their needs.

- See Appendix A for the types of services OVC funds.

- In addition to providing housing assistance, applicants funded under this purpose area are expected to use OVC funding to support two additional types of services for victims of human trafficking receiving housing assistance, either directly or through subrecipients.
Purpose Area 2: Enhancing Scope of Housing Assistance for Human Trafficking Victims (cont.)

• These grantees will be expected to:
  • have or develop partnerships to enable survivors to access a variety of housing options in their community.
  • expand collaborative partnerships among federal, state, local, and Tribal housing providers and system- and community-based service providers during the award period to identify safe, affordable housing options and remove barriers for victims of human trafficking in obtaining housing.
Program Goal (Page 12)

To support organizations with the capacity to implement collaborative, coordinated, and comprehensive housing models in providing trafficking survivors with safe, stable housing and appropriate trauma-informed, victim-centered, and culturally responsive services. Organizations are to engage with appropriate local partners to address the needs of victims of human trafficking leading to increased autonomy, self-sufficiency, safety, and well-being.
Objectives Summary (Pages 12-13)

1. Deliver and expand housing interventions and related support services for victims of human trafficking.

2. Collaborate with and train local partners (e.g., housing and service providers, community- and faith-based organizations) to improve their knowledge and ability to identify and appropriately respond to human trafficking victims.

3. Provide victims of human trafficking with trauma-informed, victim-centered support services or referrals for other essential services.

4. Develop and implement housing policies and training that consistently incorporate low barrier, victim-centered, trauma-informed, and collaborative approaches.

5. Work collaboratively with federal, state, and local entities to identify barriers to housing and develop collaborative models to meet the housing needs of victims of human trafficking.


7. Collect data and conduct ongoing assessment activities to determine if the program is meeting the stated goals and objectives.
OJP Priority Considerations

OJP Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government:

1A. Applicants that propose project(s) that are designed to 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.

1B. Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they (or at least one subrecipient) identify as a culturally specific organization.

Please note if you are requesting priority consideration in your Abstract!
Deliverables Summary

The deliverables to be provided are services, measured by types of service, number of new and continuing victims served, and other key data points.

Award recipients will be required to submit performance measure data in the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and separately submit a semi-annual performance report in JustGrants.
Application and Submission Information
Timeline

- Grants.gov deadline: **May 6, 2024, 11:59 PM ET**
- JustGrants deadline: **May 20, 2024, 8:59 PM ET**
- DOJ expects to award grants no later than **September 30, 2024**
- All project **START dates** should be on or after **October 1, 2024**

*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.*
Applications MUST Include

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

• SF-424 and SF-LLL (in Grants.gov)
• Proposal Abstract (in JustGrants)
• Proposal Narrative (in JustGrants)
• Budget Web-Based Form (including budget details and budget narrative) (in JustGrants)

Remember, if you fail to submit ANY of required documents, your application will not be considered for funding!
Budget Web-Based Form (Worksheet and Budget Narrative)

- Use the JustGrants web-based form.
- Personnel costs should relate to the key project personnel.
- 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.
- Include information needed for the respective category.
- Address Priority 1A or 1B considerations, if applicable.
Unallowable Costs (Page 24)

- Holding Beds
- Stipends/Incentives to Participate in Services
- Primary Prevention Activities
- Savings Accounts for Victims
- Financial Support for Private Residence
- Constructions or purchase of property
- Drug/Alcohol Testing
- Purchase/Lease of Vehicles
Attachments (If applicable)

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver
- Memoranda of Understanding
- Resumes of Key Personnel
- List of Procurement Contracts
- Organizational Chart
Additional Documents to Apply
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.
Resources

Your Application

Guidance Tools

Systems Tools

Personal Tools

Helping Crime Survivors Find Their Justice
Information About OVC

Consult the OVC website.
The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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

Visit: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov

Organized by Topics

Micro-learning videos

Job Aid Reference Guides
# 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 10, 2024  
April 17, 2024  
April 24, 2024 |

**Key Audience:** Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, 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

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Questions?

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