OVCFY24 Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant Program

The webinar will begin shortly.
Presenter

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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](https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/current-funding-opportunities).
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.
OVC Discretionary Division Staff

+3 new staff members

Eugenia Pedley
Ivette Estrada
Victoria Jolicoeur
Sharron Fletcher
Kareem Izlar-Mathis
Doresa Payton
Jasmine D’Addario-Fobian
Silvia Torres
Stacy Phillips

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https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2024-172145

Opportunity ID: O-OVC-2024-172145
Solicitation Status: Open
Fiscal Year: 2024
Posting Date: May 23, 2024
Closing Date: July 22, 2024
Solicitation Type: Competitive
Grants.gov: July 15, 2024, 11:59 pm Eastern
JustGrants: July 22, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern
Eligibility

- States and territories *
- City or township governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Other
  - Any other organization that has a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including—
    - a domestic violence and sexual assault victim service provider.
    - domestic violence and sexual assault coalition.
    - a community-based and culturally specific organization.
    - any other nonprofit, nongovernmental organization.
  - Any organization that works directly with pets, service animals, emotional support animals, or horses and collaborates with any organization listed above, including—
    - an animal shelter.
    - an animal welfare organization.

For additional information on eligibility, please review the solicitation’s Synopsis section.
Program Description

OVC seeks to provide funding for shelter and transitional housing and other assistance to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals, which under this program means pets, service animals, emotional support animals, and horses.

Award Amount: $300,000–$500,000

Number of Awards: Up to 10

Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVC-2024-172145

Period of Performance: up to 36 months
Definitions

The term “domestic violence victim” means a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as established in Public Law 115-334.

Definitions, set out in 34 U.S.C. 20127(9):

• Emotional Support Animal
• Pet
• Service Animal
• Other terms
Goal

The goal of this program is to provide shelter and transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals.
1. Increase the number of shelter beds and transitional housing options to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence who need shelter or housing for themselves and their companion animals.

2. Provide training for service providers on
   1) the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of companion animals;
   2) the needs of victims of domestic violence;
   3) best practices for providing or referring support services for such victims; and
   4) best practices in designing and delivering services that protect victims’ confidentiality.
Deliverables (Pages 7-8)

Deliverables under this program include the following services for victims of domestic violence with companion animals:

1. Emergency, short-term, and transitional shelter and housing assistance.
2. Assistance with expenses incurred for relocation or temporary shelter, housing, boarding, or fostering of the companion animals that are related to securing the safety of the animal(s).
3. Boarding
4. Support services that enable service providers to locate and secure safe housing for a victim who is fleeing a situation of domestic violence and the victim’s companion animal(s).
5. Delivery of training for relevant stakeholders on the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of animals, the needs of victims of domestic violence, best practices for providing support services to such victims, best practices for providing such victims with referrals to victim services, and the importance of confidentiality.

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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!*
Application and Submission Information
Timeline

- Grants.gov deadline: **July 15, 2024, 11:59 PM ET**
- JustGrants deadline: **July 22, 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.
Attachments (If applicable)

• Curriculum Vitae or Resumes of Key Personnel
• Tribal Authorizing Resolution
• Letters of Support
• Memoranda of Understanding
• List of Procurement Contracts
• Organizational Chart
Additional Documents to Apply

Application Attachments

Attachment Tips
Log in to JustGrants using either Chrome or Microsoft Edge as your browser. Internet Explorer is not a compatible browser for JustGrants.
Open the application and use the menu options on the right to navigate. File attachments associated with a section are displayed in the section.

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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 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.
Information About OVC

Consult the OVC website.
The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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

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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

Visit Grants.gov: https://www.grants.gov. This is your first stop in applying.
JustGrants Training Resources

Visit: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov
# JustGrants Office Hours: Application Mechanics

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| Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application Weekly Training Webinar | • Preparing to apply  
• Completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov  
• Entity onboarding and JustGrants access  
• JustGrants roles and responsibilities  
• Assigning users to applications  
• Completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting a JustGrants application  
• Attendee questions about application submission | **Every Wednesday** from 2:30-4:30 p.m. ET  
Click the link to register for the session you wish to attend:  
June 12, 2024 2:30-4:30 p.m. ET  
June 19, 2024 2:30-4:30 p.m. ET  
June 26, 2024 2:30-4:30 p.m. ET  
July 3, 2024 2:30-4:30 p.m. ET  
July 10, 2024 2:30-4:30 p.m. ET  
July 17, 2024 2:30-4:30 p.m. ET |

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

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