OVC FY25 Services for Victims of Crime

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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Webinar Outline

- OVC Overview and Mission

- NOFO Overview

  - Funding opportunity focus

  - Eligibility

  - Required documents

- Application Deadlines

- Available Resources

Find funding opportunities at https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/current-funding-opportunities.

About the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

OVC raises awareness of crime victims' issues and supports programs that assist all victims in the aftermath of crime. The office provides leadership and funding for:

- Providing critical direct services
- Analyzing emerging needs and existing gaps in victim services
- Identifying and replicating best practices
- Implementing data-driven and technical innovations in victim services

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Key Dates and Times

https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2025-172427

Opportunity ID   O-OVC-2025-172427

Funding Opportunity Release Date	July 21, 2025
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Recommend beginning process immediately and no later than August 1, 2025
Step 1: Grants.gov Application Deadline	11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 15, 2025
Step 2: JustGrants Application Deadline	8:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 20, 2025
Award Notification Date	Generally by September 30
Pre-Application Video	https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars

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Basic Information

This NOFO supports the development, expansion and strengthening of victim service programs for all victims of crime throughout the United States and its territories. Victim services may include, but are not limited to, emergency assistance, case management, shelter and housing, medical and dental care, victim advocacy, transportation, childcare, legal services, and employment assistance.

Anticipated Number of Awards: 45

Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to $500,000

Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVC-2025-172427

Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2025

Period of Performance Duration: up to 36 months

Program Categories

Competition ID	Competition Title (Category Name)	Expected Number of Awards	Anticipated Award Ceiling	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-OVC-2025-00002-PROD	Category 1: Services to Child and Youth Victims	Up to 15	$500,000	10/1/2025	36
C-OVC-2025-00003-PROD	Category 2: Services to Victims of Elder Abuse, Fraud, and Exploitation	Up to 15	$500,000	10/1/2025	36
C-OVC-2025-00004-PROD	Category 3: Services to Other Crime Victims	Up to 15	$500,000	10/1/2025	36

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Eligibility

- The following entities are eligible to apply:
  - Government Entities
  - Educational Organizations
  - Public Housing Organizations
  - Nonprofit Organizations
  - Other Units of Local Government

For additional information on eligibility, please review the NOFO's Eligibility section.

Program Description

OJP seeks to increase the quality and quantity of victim services through this NOFO in the following three funding categories:

Category 1: Services to Child and Youth Victims of Crime: Awards under this category will be made to entities to serve child and youth victims of crime. Child and youth victims are persons who were age 17 or younger when the victimization took place.

Category 2: Services to Victims of Elder Abuse, Fraud, and Exploitation: Awards under this category will be made to entities to serve victims of elder fraud, abuse, and exploitation. For purposes of this NOFO, victims of elder fraud, abuse, and exploitation are persons who were age 55 or older when the victimization took place.

Category 3: Services to Other Crime Victims: Awards under this category will be made to entities to serve other victims of crimes (not child or elder victimization), excluding human trafficking.

Funding Priorities

OJP will provide priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the goals listed below.

(a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);

(b) Combatting violent crime;

(c) Supporting services to American citizens;

(d) Protecting American children;

(e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Unallowable Use of Funds

The activities listed below are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Any program or activity that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.

2. Any program or activity that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations, or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.

This is listed in the Program Description section of the NOFO.

Program Goal & Objective

Goal: To increase the quality and quantity of victim services.

Objective: Increase the availability of victim-centered services for crime victims.

Allowable Uses of Funds

- Intake to determine eligibility for programs and services.

- Case management.

- Shelter, housing, and sustenance.

- Medical care.

- Dental care.

- Mental health treatment, emergency mental health assessments, and individual and/or group counseling

- Substance use treatment.

- Victim advocacy and information about crime victims' rights and services.

- Life skills training.

- Complex case review.

- Literacy education, job training, and/or education and GED assistance.

- Employment assistance.

- Transportation assistance.

- Childcare to facilitate the victim's participation in services.

- 24-hour response.

- Legal services.

- Coordination of victim identification and victim services through a local task force or multidisciplinary team model.

- Other direct services for victims of crime.

Performance Measures

- Award recipients are required to submit performance measure data in the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and separately submit a semi-annual performance report in JustGrants.
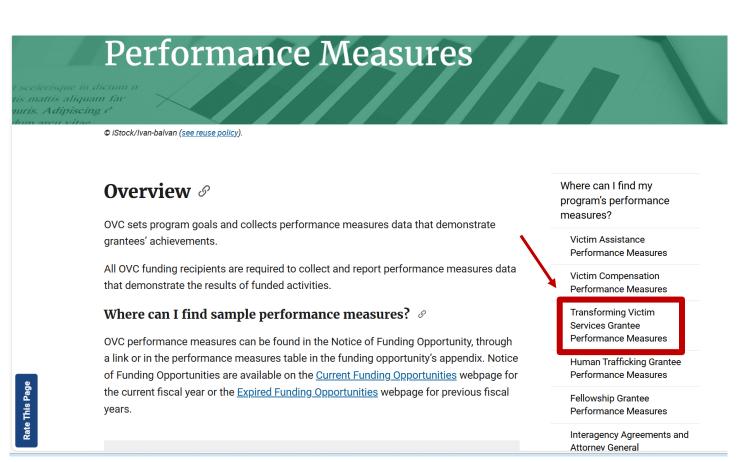
- Applicants selected for an award will receive further guidance on post-award reporting processes.

Visit OJP's performance measurement page for more information.

How to Locate Performance Measures

- Go to the performance measure webpage linked in the NOFO- [Performance Measures | Funding & Awards | Office for Victims of Crime](#)

- Click on Transforming Victim Services Grantee Performance Measures from the menu on the right

How to Locate Performance Measures

- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the + sign next to **Standard TVS Performance Measures** to open the menu of resources.

- Use the **Performance Measures Map** to review previous funding opportunities and their corresponding question sets.

- Use the **TVS Performance Measure Questionnaire** to review possible performance measures for your award.

Standard TVS Performance Measures +

Standard TVS Performance Measures

FY 2021-2024 Transforming Victim Services Performance Measures Map with Question Sets
List of all current and active OVC Transforming Victim Services funding opportunities by fiscal year. Locate the fiscal year and funding opportunity to view the assigned performance measure question sets and corresponding reporting system.

TVS Performance Measure Questionnaire
This document contains a full list of all performance measures for OVC's TVS non-formula grant programs. TVS includes awards funded under multiple funding opportunities and was previously referred to as Vision 21.

TVS Subgrantee Only Performance Measures Fillable PDF
This document lists all the performance measures for OVC's TVS non-formula grant programs. This version is a fillable PDF for subgrantees.

TVS Victim Services Performance Measure Data Template Excel Sheet
This spreadsheet is a data-tracking tool for gathering individual-level data for the TVS Victim Services question bank.

Center for Victim Research: Victim Services Performance Measure Data Visualization Tool

Type of Award

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.

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Application Attachments

- Proposal Abstract – completed in JustGrants
- Proposal Narrative
  - Description of the Need
  - Project Goals and Objectives
  - Project Design and Implementation
  - Capabilities and Competencies
- Funding Priorities Inventory (if applicable)
- Curriculum Vitae or Resumes
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)

Cost Sharing/Match Requirements

Cost sharing/match is not required for this opportunity.

Budget Detail Form (Calculations and Explanation)

- Use the JustGrants web-based form.
- Costs should be clear with detailed calculations.
- Personnel costs should relate to the key project personnel.
- The budget should include 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.
- If needed, include additional narrative to describe cost calculations and connection to project goals and objectives.

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Budget/Financial Attachments

- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement

- Consultant Rate

- Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over $250,000 Waiver

Submission Dates and Times

❑ Grants.gov deadline: **August 15, 2025, 11:59 PM ET**

❑ JustGrants deadline: **August 20, 2025, 8:59 PM ET**

❑ DOJ expects to award grants no later than **September 30, 2025**

❑ All project **START** dates should be on or after **October 1, 2025*** ⟶

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.

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Responsiveness Review

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

- Be from an eligible applicant.
- Not exceed the award ceiling.
- Be responsive to the NOFO scope.
- Include:
  - SF-424 (in Grants.gov)
  - Proposal Narrative (in JustGrants)
  - Budget detail form, including budget items, their calculations, and explanations (in JustGrants)

⚠️ **Remember, if you fail to submit <u>ANY</u> of required documents, your application <u>will not</u> be considered for funding!**

Merit Review Criteria

Applications that meet the basic minimum requirements will be evaluated for technical merit by peer reviewers based on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

- **Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (5%):** What critical issue or problem the applicant is proposing to address with this project.
- **Project Goals and Objectives (5%):** How the proposed project will address the identified need and the purpose of the funding opportunity.
- **Project Design and Implementation (40%):** The strength of how the applicant will implement activities, including the soundness of the project design and how the activities align to the stated goals and objectives.
- **Capabilities and Competencies (40%):** The applicant's administrative and technical capacity to successfully complete this project.
- **Budget (10%):** Completeness and cost effectiveness.

Additional Resources

DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist

Prepare early—any time during the year—to ensure your registration and users are up to date in every system you'll use to apply for DOJ funding. Then, when opportunities post, you will be ready to apply through a two-step process:

- **Step 1:** Submit the first part of the application in Grants.gov by the specified deadline.
- **Step 2:** Complete the application in JustGrants by the specified deadline.

The following tips will help you prepare for and complete DOJ grant applications. For additional guidance on the application process, visit the JustGrants Application Submission webpage.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN: SAM.gov Registration

To apply for any federal funding, your organization must have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) and be assigned a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

Choose the action that best fits your entity's needs:

- ☐ **Get Started:** New to the system? Sign up for a SAM.gov account, register your entity, and request a UEI.
- ☐ **Renew Entity:** Already signed up? Renew your entity's registration and confirm your UEI and contacts. (Registrations must be renewed each year.)
- ☐ **Check Entity Status:** Unsure whether it's time to renew or if your organization is in the system? Check your status in SAM.gov.

Start the SAM.gov registration process at least 30 days before application deadlines.

An expired or incomplete SAM.gov registration will prevent you from applying for funding.

Tips for Using SAM.gov

- Confirm the email address for your entity's Electronic Business Point-of-Contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM.gov. For first time applicants, the E-Biz POC will add users and validate information in Grants.gov and JustGrants.
- Use an IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN)—*not* a Social Security Number—when registering in SAM.gov.
- Individual entities (e.g., Fellows) are exempt from SAM.gov registration.

For assistance with technical issues, visit the SAM.gov Help Desk (Federal Service Desk) online or contact the Help Desk at 866-606-8220.

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Application Attachment Tips

Applicants

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 **Continue** button on the bottom right to navigate. File attachments associated with a section are displayed in the section.
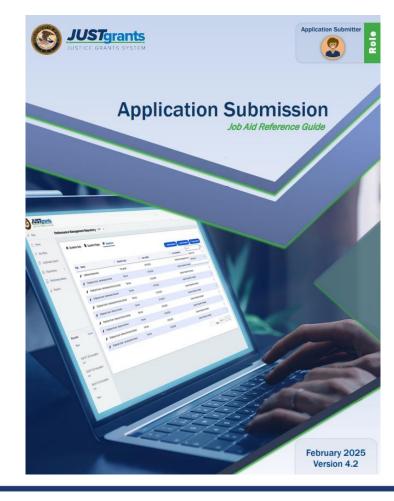
NOTE: Users are not able to upload two documents with the same file name. An error message displays indicating the presence of another file with the same name. If the intent is to upload the file twice, one file name will need to be adjusted so that it is not considered a duplicate.

NOTE: Any section or field in the application marked with a red asterisk is required. The application cannot be submitted until that section or field is completed.

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Application Submission
Job Aid Reference Guide

Application Submitter

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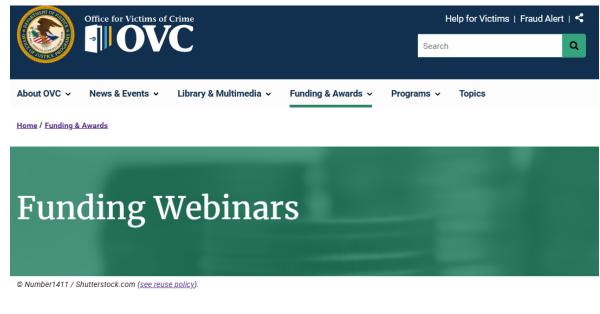Office for Victims of Crime

OVC Resources

View the OVC How to Apply Webinar for Process Tips & Resources: https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars

For assistance with the requirements of this funding opportunity email us at:

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