OVCFY24 Pilot Program for Community Based Organizations in Underserved Communities to Build Capacity and Serve Adolescent and Youth Victims of Trafficking

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Webinar Outline

• OVC Overview and Mission
• Solicitation Overview
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  • Required documents
• General Reference to Application Process & Tools
• Questions & Answers

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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.

• To enhance capacity to identify, assist, and provide services to all victims of human trafficking, OVC leads the Nation in supporting victim-centered and trauma-informed programs, policies, and resources that promote justice, access, and empowerment.
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Opportunity ID: O-OVC-2024-172092
Solicitation Status: Open
Fiscal Year: 2024
Closing Date: June 20, 2024
Posting Date: April 19, 2024
Solicitation Type: Competitive
Grants.gov: June 5, 2024, 11:59 pm Eastern
JustGrants: June 20, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern
Eligibility

- State governments
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

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

OVC seeks to fund a 5-year program to develop and build the capacity of community-based organizations in underserved communities to provide services to adolescent and youth human trafficking victims through the provision of mentorship and training and technical assistance to these organizations.

Award: Up to $6 Million

Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVC-2024-172092

Period of Performance: up to 60 months
Multi-Phase Program

In Phase 1, the successful applicant will provide subawards to CBOs in underserved communities to develop their internal organizational capacity and build replicable treatment models for adolescent and youth survivors of labor and sex trafficking. These models are expected to support victim-centered, trauma-informed, culturally responsive, developmentally appropriate, and evidence-based responses to adolescent and youth survivors.

In Phase 2, the successful applicant will provide additional funding to those Phase 1 CBOs that have been assessed and determined to have met their Phase 1 goals and objectives. This second round of funding will be used to deliver direct services to a population of primarily adolescent and youth survivors of trafficking. Subawardee CBOs will be encouraged to focus services for adolescents and youth who—

- are transitioning out of foster care;
- have a substance use disorder;
- are pregnant or parenting; or
- have experienced foster care or involvement in the child welfare system, persistent poverty, child abuse or neglect, juvenile justice involvement, gang involvement, or homelessness.
Program Cost Overview (Page 7)

OVC anticipates that the grantee’s:
• implementation costs will not exceed $1,400,000 over the 5-year period;
• training and technical assistance costs will not exceed $1,000,000 over the 5-year period;
• Phase 1 subawards will not exceed $150,000 per CBO ($1,200,000); and
• Phase 2 subawards will not exceed $300,000 per CBO ($2,400,000).
Phase 1: Internal Capacity-Building

The successful applicant will—

• collaborate with OVC to create and disseminate a national funding opportunity and competitively select CBOs in underserved communities to receive subawards to support capacity building.

• be able to demonstrate an ability to reach CBOs across the nation and will fund an estimated 8 subawards in underserved communities to strengthen CBOs’ internal systems, infrastructure, programs, and capabilities through self-identified strategic goals.

• oversee training and technical assistance that supports best practices, enhances collaboration, and generates positive outcomes for CBO program sites, working with its TTA provider (or TTA consortium).
Phase 1 Activities (Pages 8-9)

1. Develop a program and subaward opportunity to address the capacity-building needs of CBOs within underserved communities, prioritizing organizations in rural communities serving primarily adolescent and youth human trafficking survivors.

2. Create a process to advertise, receive, and review applications, and competitively select eight CBOs for subawards (in collaboration with OVC).

3. Support CBOs in identifying strategic goals and developing and implementing action plans specific to their capacity-building needs (administrative, financial, and programmatic) in the 6 areas mentioned.

4. Develop benchmarks to assess subawardee progress and monitor progress toward self-identified strategic goals.

5. Oversee the delivery of TTA to build capacity to achieve strategic goals and implement action plans.

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Phase 1 Activities (Pages 8-9) (cont.)

6. Oversee the TTA provider’s development of peer-to-peer communication and the creation of a community of practice for CBO subawardees.

7. Ensure the TTA provider(s) solicit and review subgrantee policies, procedures, and rules governing the provision of services and provide feedback.

8. Collect data and conduct activities to determine if the program is meeting the stated goals and objectives.

9. Work with the TTA provider(s) to proactively collaborate with other OVC human trafficking TTA providers to prevent duplication and strengthen the accessibility of training and resources.

10. Modify program implementation or deliverables as requested by OVC to meet emerging needs, deconflict with other federally funded initiatives, or enhance efforts by jointly delivering TTA.

11. Provide all grantee staff at least one session of training (delivered by individuals or organizations with reasonable and demonstrated expertise) related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and/or accessibility and tied to program goals and objectives annually.
Phase 2: Service Delivery and Continued Capacity Building

• Upon successful implementation of Phase 1 subawards (performance to be assessed by OVC and the grantee), the successful applicant will make up to 8 noncompetitive Phase 2 subawards to the CBOs of up to $300,000 each to support direct service delivery to adolescent and youth survivors of human trafficking as outlined previously and continue to provide robust TTA. Phase 2 TTA should focus on maintaining and enhancing capacity-building efforts and continuous quality improvement of programming.

• It is estimated that Phase 2 will be implemented in a 3-year period, but this may vary based on the progress of the subawardees in Phase 1.
Phase 2 Activities (Pages 8-9)

1. Develop a systematic process and criteria to assess subawardees.
2. Use this process and criteria to review and assess subawardees’ progress in meeting their selected Phase 1 goals and make award recommendations to OVC.
3. Issue Phase 2 subawards to selected CBOs. Funds may be used to support a wide range of services for adolescent and youth survivors of human trafficking to include—
   a. emergency responses,
   b. housing,
   c. case management,
   d. mental health and substance use treatment and recovery services,
   e. legal services, and
   f. education and economic empowerment.
4. Oversee the provision of TTA to subawardees to support the delivery of services, connecting subawardees with other OVC-funded anti-trafficking TTA providers or grantees as appropriate. Potential TTA topics may include—
   a. collecting quantitative and qualitative data on services delivered;
   b. complying with OJP requirements related to suitability to interact with minors;
   c. delivering developmentally appropriate services;
   d. delivering culturally responsive services;
   e. enhancing access for underserved trafficking victims (such as male victims, LGBTQI victims, victims of labor trafficking, etc.);
   f. addressing the needs of victims transitioning out of foster care, with substance use disorders, who are pregnant or parenting, and/or who are involved in the criminal or juvenile justice systems; and
   g. developing and administering client feedback mechanisms.
5. Continue to oversee peer-to-peer communication and maintain a community of practice.
6. Collect data and conduct monitoring activities.
The goal of the pilot demonstration program is to develop and build the capacity of CBOs providing services to adolescent and youth human trafficking victims in underserved communities.

• By supporting subawardees to develop and implement tailored action plans addressing self-identified organizational needs in Phase 1, this program will strengthen the sustainability and efficacy of participating CBOs in providing services to survivors.

• By providing additional funds and TTA in Phase 2, this program will increase the quality and quantity of services to victims.
Objectives (Page 13)

1. Competitively select community-based organizations for subawards (in collaboration with OVC).
2. Support selected CBO subawardees in identifying and implementing strategic goals specific to their capacity-building needs (administrative, financial, and programmatic), including through the oversight and provision of specialized TTA.
3. Develop criteria and benchmarks to assess subawardee progress and monitor progress toward these goals.
4. Oversee the facilitation of peer-to-peer communication and the creation of a community of practice for CBO subawardees.
5. Support selected CBO subawardees in delivering trauma-informed, culturally responsive services to underserved communities, including through the oversight and provision of specialized TTA.
6. Collect data and conduct activities to determine if the program is meeting the stated goals and objectives.
Deliverables Summary (Pages 23-24)

1. A comprehensive process to advertise, receive, review, and award competitive Phase 1 subawards (to be approved by OVC post-award) to CBOs in underserved communities, prioritizing rural communities;

2. The development and execution of a plan, including benchmarks, for assessing the progress and performance of CBO subawardee organizations, and for providing funding to noncompetitive Phase 2 subawards;

3. The creation and execution of a robust TTA plan, structure, and subaward(s) to support the many needs of CBO subawardees;

4. TTA resources and tools related to capacity building, webinars/presentations, and/or other deliverables that may be produced by the end of the project period that will assist in the delivery of an innovative TTA approach (e.g., curricula, written or video/media products);
5. The oversight of CBO subawardee strategic goal identification, action plan development, and, if awarded in Phase 2, services delivered;

6. Completion of regular desk reviews and annual monitoring of subawardees;

7. A final report for public release summarizing project activities; lessons learned; and where applicable, an assessment of the project’s impact (i.e., any pilot or implementation efforts); and

8. Analysis and collection of data to be compiled and submitted quarterly to OVC by the primary grantee, including the number of TTA requests received, TTA requests delivered, type of TTA provided, and other key data points.

Program objectives and deliverables should be included in one timeline.
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: June 5, 2024, 11:59 PM ET
- JustGrants deadline: June 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
Attachments (If applicable)

- Curriculum Vitae or Resumes of Key Personnel
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution
- Letters of Support
- Memoranda of Understanding
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement
- List of Procurement Contracts
- Organizational Chart
Additional Documents to Apply

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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

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Information About OVC

Consult the OVC website.
The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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

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Micro-learning videos

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# 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 to applications  
• Completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting a JustGrants application  
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**Key Audience:** Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, Authorized Representative
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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Technical Assistance submitting the FULL APPLICATION into JustGrants:
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JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements and to report a technical issue that prevented application submission, contact the OJP Response Center:
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