


Cameron County Commissioners' Court

Agenda Request Form

No. _____

Date: March 25, 2026 Meeting Date Request: April 21, 2026
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CAPTION: ACTION

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS FUNDING AND POSSIBLE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) 2025-2026 LOCAL SOLICITATION FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) – BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA).

Background: *(Briefly summarize your request, if needed use separate sheet(s) or attach supporting documentation).*

The City of Brownsville and Cameron County have received an FY25-26 JAG Joint allocation of funds in the amount of \$83,138.00 (COB - \$62,372.00) (CC - \$22,766.00) from the U.S. Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance, subject to approval of an Interlocal Agreement by both entities. There is no match requirement. Both the City and County will be responsible for submitting the grant application and for the management and administration of the grant. An action item to select projects for the funds will follow the public hearing.

The grant application deadline is April 28, 2026; however, the County must provide its portion of the grant application to the City before the deadline.

PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS WITH REQUIRED INITIALS AND FISCAL DATA INFORMATION OR PLACE N/A IF IS NOT APPLICABLE:

County Judge N/A Auditor LH Budget  Legal  Human Resources N/A Purchasing N/A
 1295 Form N/A

Fiscal Data:

Dept. Name: LBSP-JAG Fund No. 210-4607 Department: Yes ___ No X Amt. Expended: \$ N/A
 Funds Available: Yes X No ___

Funds From:

General: Yes ___ No X Impact on future budget: Yes ___ No X
 Grant: Yes X No ___

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioners' Court

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FACT SHEET

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Program Overview

Named after [Edward "Eddie" R. Byrne](#), an officer in the New York City Police Department who was murdered while protecting a witness in a drug case, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the leading federal source of criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. Administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the JAG Program provides states, territories, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement; prosecution and court; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; and crime victim and witness initiatives. It also provides funding support for mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs such as behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams. Also see [Purposes for Which Funds Awarded Under the JAG Program May Be Used](#) for more information.

Legislation

The JAG Program is authorized by Title I of Public Law 90-351 (generally codified at [34 U.S.C. 10151-10726](#)), including subpart 1 of part E (codified at [34 U.S.C. 10151-10158](#)); see also [28 U.S.C. 530C \(a\)](#).

Funding and Awards

Since fiscal year (FY) 2005, BJA has funded over 22,000 direct JAG awards, totaling over \$7 billion. Award

information can be found at [Opportunities & Awards | OJP Award Data | Office of Justice Programs](#).

Formula

For each state and territory, the Bureau of Justice Statistics calculates a minimum base allocation which, based on the congressionally mandated JAG formula, can be enhanced by (1) the state's share of the national population and (2) the state's share of the country's Part 1 violent crime statistics as reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Once the state funding is calculated, 60 percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent to eligible units of local government. For additional details regarding the JAG formula and award calculation process, with examples, please review the [JAG Technical Report](#).

Eligibility and Program Guidance

All 56 states and territories are eligible as well as units of local government and tribes identified annually in the JAG allocation charts.¹ BJA posts the annual JAG Program solicitations (program guidance) and allocation charts to its [JAG web page](#), which also contains a direct link to [JAG Frequently Asked Questions](#) (JAG FAQs) that are updated regularly.

Areas of Emphasis

BJA recognizes that many state and local criminal justice systems currently face challenging fiscal environments and that an important, cost-effective way to relieve those pressures is to share or leverage resources

¹ States must designate a single State Administering Agency (SAA) that has authority to apply on their behalf. Contact information for each SAA can be found at www.ojp.gov/saa.



through cooperation among federal, state, and local law enforcement. Each year, BJA includes areas of emphasis in the JAG program solicitations, encouraging state and local award recipients to join federal law enforcement agencies across the board in addressing these challenges. In FY 2021, the JAG areas of emphasis were: Restoring Justice – Support for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Administration of Criminal Justice; Community Violence Intervention; Law Enforcement Accreditation, Policy Development, and Training; Technologies to Support Transparency and Information Sharing between Law Enforcement and Communities; Sustaining COVID-19 Criminal Justice Innovations; and Innovative Forensic Technologies such as Rapid DNA for Booking Stations. Additional information on each area of emphasis can be found in the [state](#) and [local](#) JAG solicitations.

How/When to Apply

BJA solicits applications for state and local JAG awards every year in the spring/summer. All JAG applications must be submitted via [Grants.gov](#) and the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) [Justice Grants \(JustGrants\) System](#).

Award Length

Awards of \$25,000 or more begin October 1, the first day of the fiscal year, and are 4 years in length. Awards that are less than \$25,000 also begin October 1 and are 2 years in length. Requests for up to 2 additional years to complete performance of the award will be granted automatically for awards that are less than \$25,000. Extensions beyond a 4-year period for all JAG awards may be approved on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of BJA.

Match Requirement

A match is not required.

Reporting Requirements

For FY 2020 and future years, JAG recipients of less than \$25,000 are required to submit quarterly [performance measures](#) in the [Performance Measurement Tool](#) (PMT) as well as quarterly Federal Financial Reports (SF-425s) and annual programmatic performance reports in [JustGrants](#). All

other JAG award recipients are required to submit quarterly performance measures in the PMT as well as quarterly SF-425s and semi-annual programmatic performance reports in [JustGrants](#). Detailed reporting information can be found in the [JAG FAQs](#), and recent information on how JAG funds were utilized, as reported by recipients in the [PMT](#), can be found in the [JAG Activity Report](#).

Statewide Strategic Plans

States are required to submit a comprehensive strategic plan with their applications. Additionally, in any year in which the statewide strategic plan is not fully updated, states must also submit a brief annual report with their applications.

To help ensure that states consider the impact of JAG funding decisions across the entire criminal justice system, BJA strongly encourages each state to bring all criminal justice system stakeholders together in the strategic planning process. The strategic planning process should include local governments and representatives of all segments of the criminal justice system, including judges, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, and corrections personnel, as well as providers of indigent defense services, victim services, juvenile justice delinquency prevention programs, community corrections, and reentry services. BJA offers no-cost training and technical assistance to state JAG recipients to support strategic planning efforts and the implementation of fair, just, evidence-based and effective policies and practices. To learn more visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/training-technical-assistance>.

Reductions/Penalties

The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), which is Title I of the [Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006](#), mandates a 10 percent reduction in a JAG award to a state that has failed to substantially implement SORNA. Further, states that have substantially implemented SORNA have an ongoing obligation to maintain their implementation each year. A JAG reduction will be applied for each year a jurisdiction has failed to substantially implement SORNA. For additional information regarding SORNA implementation, including requirements and a list of states that will be

affected in the current fiscal year by the 10 percent reduction to the JAG award, send inquiries to AskSMART@usdoj.gov. Additional SORNA guidance can be found within the [SORNA FAQs](#).

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) National Standards are set out at [28 C.F.R. Part 115](#) and apply to confinement facilities including adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, and police lockups. Under PREA, if a state's chief executive (e.g., Governor) does not certify full compliance with the PREA National Standards, the state is subject to the loss of 5 percent of certain DOJ grant funds, including JAG award funds, unless the chief executive submits an assurance to DOJ that no less than 5 percent of such funds will be used solely for the purpose of enabling the state to achieve and certify full compliance with the PREA National Standards in future years. See [34 U.S.C. § 30307\(e\)\(2\)](#). For additional information concerning PREA implementation, send inquiries to the PREA Management Office at PREACompliance@usdoj.gov and/or review the [PREA FAQs](#).

National Incident-Based Reporting System Compliance

In FY 2016, the FBI formally announced its intention to sunset the [UCR Program's](#) traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS) and replace it with the UCR Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System ([NIBRS](#)). As of January 1, 2021, the FBI's NIBRS is the law enforcement crime data reporting standard for the Nation, and SRS data are no longer accepted by the UCR Program. By statute, JAG Program awards are calculated using summary Part 1 violent crime data from the FBI's UCR Program. See [34 U.S.C. § 10156](#). Eventually, JAG Program awards will be calculated using NIBRS data, and NIBRS compliance will impact JAG Program eligibility.

Death in Custody Reporting Act Compliance

In FY 2019, BJA began requiring reporting from states pursuant to the Death in Custody Reporting Act (DCRA; [Public Law 113-242](#)). DCRA requires states to report to the Attorney General information regarding the death of

any person who is detained, under arrest, in the process of being arrested, en route to be incarcerated, or is incarcerated at a municipal or county jail, state prison, state-run boot camp prison, boot camp prison that is contracted out by the state, any state or local contract facility, or other local or state correctional facility (including any juvenile facility). All DCRA data are reported in the [PMT](#). Additional information on DCRA reporting can be found in the [DCRA PMT FAQs](#).

About Officer Byrne

Edward R. Byrne was destined for a life in law enforcement, having a father who was an officer with the New York City Police Department. Born on February 21, 1966, Eddie – as he was known by family and friends – was an outgoing and friendly person who had a strong calling to public service and wanted to make his city, New York City, a safer place.



In 1986, Eddie became a New York City Transit Police Officer, to help ensure the safety of New York City's subway commuters. In 1987, Officer Byrne joined the New York City Police Department's finest, assigned to the 103rd Precinct. Well-liked by his brothers and sisters in blue, Eddie was passionate about his job and loved the opportunities it offered him to interact with the people he had sworn to protect.

In the early morning hours of February 26, 1988, Officer Byrne was on detail protecting a witness who had agreed to testify in court against local drug dealers. Officer Byrne was in his patrol car outside the witness's home around 3:30 a.m. when two armed gunmen crept up to his car from both sides. One of the men knocked on the passenger-side window to distract Officer Byrne just as a second perpetrator ran up to the driver's side window and, without uttering a sound, opened fire. Officer Byrne was shot five times in the head. Both gunmen, along with two other perpetrators who served as lookouts, fled the scene. Officer Byrne was rushed to Mary Immaculate Hospital where he died of his wounds. He was only 22 years old.

The four assailants were captured six days after the murder and were eventually sentenced to 25 years to life. They were members of a gang who had been instructed by a jailed drug kingpin to kill a police officer.

NYPD lost one of its finest that day, and Eddie's family lost a loved and cherished son and brother. Leaving behind his parents and three brothers, Eddie's brothers continued the family tradition of law enforcement and justice by dedicating their careers to the field.

BJA is honored to administer "Byrne" funding to communities nationwide in memory of Officer Byrne.

ABOUT BJA

BJA helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system; its grants, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide state, local, and tribal governments with the cutting-edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, and combat victimization. To learn more about BJA, visit bja.ojp.gov or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DOJBJA) and Twitter ([@DOJBJA](https://twitter.com/DOJBJA)). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.

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**EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM
 FY 2024 LOCAL SOLICITATION
 JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE
 TIMETABLE**

- **Dates Subject to Change**

Activity	Cameron County Dates	City of Brownsville Dates
Cameron County Receives Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2025 JAG Grant Solicitation Announcement	March. 24, 2026	
County and City Negotiates Application Amount	March 25, 2026	March 25, 2026
Brownsville Police Dept (BPD) get access to JustGrants for application #		March 25, 2026
BPD sends MOU to Cameron County for signature		March 25, 2026
County Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Departments Notified of JAG Availability via e-mail	March 25, 2026	
JAG Project Proposals Due	April 1, 2026	April 6, 2026
JAG 2025 grant documents needed by the sub-grantee (County) to have time to enter data in JustGrants by the City of Brownsville PD	April 6, 2026	
Deadline for COB agenda public hearing		April 8, 2026
Commissioners' Court Meeting Approves MOU with City of Brownsville JAG	April 7, 2026	
Commissioners' Court Meeting Conducts JAG Public Hearing	April 21, 2026	
Commissioners Court Meeting Approves Use of JAG Funds	April 21, 2026	
City of Brownsville Commission Meeting		April 21, 2026
Application Deadline: In JustGrants	<u>April 28th, 2026</u>	<u>April 28th, 2026</u>

2025 Texas Local JAG Allocations

Only jurisdictions listed below in the state are eligible to receive FY 2025 JAG funding directly from BJA, with award amounts determined by the annual formula. Important notes:

1) Disparate jurisdictions are listed in shaded groups below, in alphabetic order by county. A single jurisdiction must serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the group. BJA will only fund one award for the disparate group. Disparate jurisdictions are responsible for determining individual amounts within the Joint Allocation and for documenting allocations via a memorandum of understanding

2) Jurisdictions eligible for a direct allocation (i.e., not part of a disparate group) are listed alphabetically below the shaded, disparate groupings.

For additional details on eligibility and disparate group requirements, refer to the FY25 JAG notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) and the Frequently Asked Questions here: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/frequently-asked-questions>. For additional details regarding the JAG formula and award calculations process, please refer to the JAG Technical report here: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/justice-assistance-grant-jag-program-2024>.

State	Jurisdiction Name	Government Type	Direct Allocation	Joint Allocation
TX	BELL County	County	*	
TX	KILLEEN City	Municipal	\$68,402	
TX	TEMPLE City	Municipal	\$23,806	\$92,208
TX	BEXAR County	County	\$70,430	
TX	SAN ANTONIO City	Municipal	\$903,448	\$973,878
TX	BOWIE County	County	*	
TX	TEXARKANA City	Municipal	\$15,827	\$15,827
TX	BRAZOS County	County	*	
TX	BRYAN City	Municipal	\$30,823	
TX	COLLEGE STATION City	Municipal	\$18,530	\$49,353
TX	CAMERON County	County	\$22,766	
TX	BROWNSVILLE City	Municipal	\$60,372	\$83,138
TX	COLLIN County	County	*	
TX	FRISCO City	Municipal	\$17,023	
TX	MCKINNEY City	Municipal	\$19,388	
TX	PLANO City	Municipal	\$36,332	\$72,743
TX	COMAL County	County	*	
TX	NEW BRAUNFELS City	Municipal	\$16,191	\$16,191
TX	CORYELL County	County	*	
TX	COPPERAS COVE City	Municipal	\$13,332	\$13,332
TX	DALLAS County	County	*	
TX	BALCH SPRINGS City	Municipal	\$11,149	
TX	CARROLLTON City	Municipal	\$19,180	
TX	DALLAS City	Municipal	\$792,917	
TX	DESOTO City	Municipal	\$13,774	
TX	DUNCANVILLE City	Municipal	\$11,825	
TX	GARLAND City	Municipal	\$46,390	
TX	GRAND PRAIRIE City	Municipal	\$32,590	
TX	IRVING City	Municipal	\$65,284	
TX	LANCASTER City	Municipal	\$17,724	
TX	MESQUITE City	Municipal	\$56,733	
TX	RICHARDSON City	Municipal	\$13,514	
TX	ROWLETT City	Municipal	\$11,305	\$1,092,385



TX	DENTON County	County	*	
TX	DENTON City	Municipal	\$33,318	
TX	LEWISVILLE City	Municipal	\$24,975	
TX	THE COLONY City	Municipal	\$10,759	\$69,052
TX	ECTOR County	County	*	
TX	ODESSA City	Municipal	\$43,843	\$43,843
TX	EL PASO County	County	\$26,067	
TX	EL PASO City	Municipal	\$163,781	\$189,848
TX	GALVESTON County	County	\$11,175	
TX	GALVESTON City	Municipal	\$21,961	\$33,136
TX	GRAYSON County	County	*	
TX	SHERMAN City	Municipal	\$14,320	\$14,320
TX	GREGG County	County	*	
TX	LONGVIEW City	Municipal	\$25,807	\$25,807
TX	HARRIS County	County	\$759,496	
TX	HOUSTON City	Municipal	\$2,102,439	\$2,861,935
TX	HAYS County	County	\$14,866	
TX	SAN MARCOS City	Municipal	\$30,199	\$45,065
TX	HOWARD County	County	*	
TX	BIG SPRING City	Municipal	\$14,502	\$14,502
TX	JEFFERSON County	County	*	
TX	BEAUMONT City	Municipal	\$103,383	
TX	PORT ARTHUR City	Municipal	\$33,032	\$136,415
TX	JIM WELLS County	County	*	
TX	ALICE City	Municipal	\$10,811	\$10,811
TX	LAMAR County	County	*	
TX	PARIS City	Municipal	\$14,762	\$14,762
TX	LUBBOCK County	County	\$10,837	
TX	LUBBOCK City	Municipal	\$208,378	\$219,215
TX	MCLENNAN County	County	*	
TX	WACO City	Municipal	\$70,637	\$70,637
TX	MIDLAND County	County	\$12,605	
TX	MIDLAND City	Municipal	\$47,248	\$59,853
TX	NAVARRO County	County	*	
TX	CORSICANA City	Municipal	\$11,227	\$11,227
TX	NUECES County	County	*	
TX	CORPUS CHRISTI City	Municipal	\$212,068	\$212,068
TX	POTTER County	County	*	
TX	AMARILLO City	Municipal	\$118,795	\$118,795

TX	SCURRY County	County	*	
TX	SNYDER City	Municipal	\$11,513	\$11,513
TX	SMITH County	County	\$23,312	
TX	TYLER City	Municipal	\$40,309	\$63,621
TX	TARRANT County	County	\$11,201	
TX	ARLINGTON City	Municipal	\$171,448	
TX	FORT WORTH City	Municipal	\$394,977	\$577,626
TX	TAYLOR County	County	*	
TX	ABILENE City	Municipal	\$46,520	\$46,520
TX	TOM GREEN County	County	*	
TX	SAN ANGELO City	Municipal	\$25,443	\$25,443
TX	TRAVIS County	County	\$67,597	
TX	AUSTIN City	Municipal	\$397,342	\$464,939
TX	VICTORIA County	County	*	
TX	VICTORIA City	Municipal	\$22,974	\$22,974
TX	WALKER County	County	*	
TX	HUNTSVILLE City	Municipal	\$18,530	\$18,530
TX	WEBB County	County	*	
TX	LAREDO City	Municipal	\$72,041	\$72,041
TX	WICHITA County	County	*	
TX	WICHITA FALLS City	Municipal	\$41,374	\$41,374
TX	ANGELINA County	County	\$11,279	
TX	BASTROP County	County	\$20,973	
TX	BAYTOWN City	Municipal	\$26,093	
TX	BRAZORIA County	County	\$17,698	
TX	CONROE City	Municipal	\$20,401	
TX	CONVERSE City	Municipal	\$10,162	
TX	DONNA City	Municipal	\$18,062	
TX	EDINBURG City	Municipal	\$26,846	
TX	EULESS City	Municipal	\$11,305	
TX	FORT BEND County	County	\$72,015	
TX	GEORGETOWN City	Municipal	\$10,396	
TX	HALTOM CITY City	Municipal	\$10,344	
TX	HARLINGEN City	Municipal	\$19,570	
TX	HENDERSON County	County	\$11,981	
TX	HIDALGO County	County	\$44,701	
TX	HUMBLE City	Municipal	\$12,838	
TX	HUNT County	County	\$24,377	
TX	JOHNSON County	County	\$13,514	
TX	KAUFMAN County	County	\$13,644	
TX	KYLE City	Municipal	\$10,551	
TX	LIBERTY County	County	\$13,956	
TX	LUFKIN City	Municipal	\$15,827	
TX	MCALLEN City	Municipal	\$19,803	
TX	MISSION City	Municipal	\$15,749	
TX	MONTGOMERY County	County	\$95,379	
TX	NORTH RICHLAND HILLS City	Municipal	\$12,033	
TX	PARKER County	County	\$11,383	

TX	PASADENA City	Municipal	\$73,028	
TX	PEARLAND City	Municipal	\$10,266	
TX	PHARR City	Municipal	\$17,127	
TX	ROUND ROCK City	Municipal	\$15,827	
TX	TEXAS CITY City	Municipal	\$15,515	
TX	WESLACO City	Municipal	\$13,358	
TX	WILLIAMSON County	County	\$15,073	
	Grand Total		\$177,994	

BJA FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula

Total Amount To Be Awarded Under This Funding
Opportunity: \$96,384,585

Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$4,098,693

Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 48 months

Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2025-172542

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: **April 21, 2026 by 11:59pm Eastern Time**
Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: **April 28, 2026 by 5:00pm Eastern Time**



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BASIC INFORMATION

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is accepting applications for funding in response to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO).

Agency Name	U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance
NOFO Title	BJA FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula
Announcement Type	Initial
Funding Opportunity Number	O-BJA-2025-172542
Assistance Listing Number	16.738

Executive Summary

This NOFO will provide formula funding to eligible units of local government to, in general, support hiring additional personnel and/or purchase equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice or civil proceedings, including for any one or more of the following program areas:

1. Law enforcement programs.
 2. Prosecution and court programs.
 3. Prevention and education programs.
 4. Corrections and community corrections programs.
 5. Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
 6. Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
 7. Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
 8. Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.
 9. Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.
 10. Programs to purchase and operate unmanned aircraft systems (as defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code) to benefit public safety.
 11. Programs to purchase and operate counter-UAS systems (as defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code) included on the list of technologies established by subsection (d)(2)(A)(iii) section 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124n(d)(2)(A)(iii)) to exercise the authority granted under subsection (a)(2) of such section.
- **Category 1: Applicants with allocation amounts less than \$25,000**
Category 1 provides formula funding to eligible units of local government with FY25 JAG allocations less than \$25,000 as listed on the [JAG Allocations webpage](#). Applicants must use JAG funds consistent with the programmatic requirements outlined in this NOFO.
 - **Category 2: Applicants with allocation amounts \$25,000 or more**

Category 2 provides formula funding to eligible units of local government with FY25 JAG allocations of \$25,000 or more as listed on the [JAG Allocations webpage](#). Applicants must use JAG funds consistent with the programmatic requirements outlined in this NOFO.

Please see the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for the eligibility criteria.

OJP is committed to advancing work that furthers DOJ's mission to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe, and to protect civil rights. OJP provides federal leadership, funding, and other critical resources to directly support law enforcement, combat violent crime, protect American children, provide services to American crime victims, and address public safety challenges, including human trafficking and the opioid crisis.

Key Dates and Times

Funding Opportunity Release Date	March 13, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Recommend beginning process by March 13, 2026, and no later than March 27, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Application Deadline	11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 21, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Application Deadline	5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 28, 2026

Funding Details

Total Amount To Be Awarded Under This Funding Opportunity: \$96,384,585

- **C-BA-2025-00118-PROD, Category 1: Applicants with allocation amounts less than \$25,000**
 - **Anticipated Number of Awards: 637**
 - **Anticipated Award Ceiling: \$24,975**
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2024**
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 24 months**
- **C-BA-2025-00119-PROD, Category 2: Applicants with allocation amounts \$25,000 or more**
 - **Anticipated Number of Awards: 593**
 - **Anticipated Award Ceiling: \$4,098,693**
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2024**
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 48 months**

Availability of Funds

This funding opportunity, and awards under this funding opportunity, are subject to the availability of funding and any changes or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this NOFO is intended to, nor does it, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the

United States or its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, agents, or any other person.

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Part E, subpart 1 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10151-10158); see also 28 U.S.C. 530C(a).

Agency Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this funding opportunity:

OJP Response Center

Phone: 800-851-3420 or 202-353-5556 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only)

Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov

Hours of operation: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) Monday–Friday

For assistance with **SAM.gov** (registration/renewal):

SAM.gov Help Desk

Web: [SAM.gov Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#)

Hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET Monday–Friday, except on federal holidays

For assistance with **Grants.gov** (registration, submission of the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424):

Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline

Phone: 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035

Email: support@grants.gov

Web: [Grants.gov Customer Support](#)

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays

For assistance with **JustGrants** (registration, submission of full application):

JustGrants Service Desk

Phone: 833-872-5175

Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Hours of operation: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

For procedures related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant that impact submission by the deadlines, see [Experiencing Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application \(Technical Waivers\)](#).

Resources for Applying

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide: Referred to as the Application Resource Guide throughout the NOFO, this resource provides guidance to help applicants for OJP funding prepare and submit their applications.

[JustGrants Application Submission Training Webpage](#): Offers helpful information and resources on the grant application process.

Note: If this NOFO requires something different from any guidance provided in the [Application Resource Guide](#), the difference will be noted in this NOFO and the applicant should follow the guidance in this NOFO.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity are listed below:

- **Government Entities**
 - Special district governments
 - City or township governments
 - County governments
 - Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

By law, for purposes of the JAG Program, the term "units of local government" includes a town, township, village, parish, city, county, borough, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a state, or it may be a federally recognized American Indian tribal government that performs law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). A unit of local government also may be any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district established under applicable state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes; for example, in Louisiana, a unit of local government means a district attorney or parish sheriff.

Prior to starting an application to this NOFO, all prospective unit of local government applicants should check the [JAG Allocation page](#) and the link to their relevant state to determine if they are eligible for a direct award from BJA.

- Eligible applicants with allocation amounts of less than \$25,000 must apply to Category 1.
- Eligible applicants with allocation amounts of \$25,000 or more must apply to Category 2.
- Only one eligible unit of local government that is a member of a disparate group may apply for funding as the fiscal agent for the other members of the group.
- Applications from ineligible units of local government (i.e., not listed in the allocation charts) will not be accepted for funding.

Cost Sharing/Match Requirement

This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing/match.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

General Purpose of the Funding

This NOFO will provide formula funding to eligible units of local government to, in general, support hiring additional personnel and/or purchase equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice or civil proceedings, including for any one or more of the following program areas:

1. Law enforcement programs.
2. Prosecution and court programs.
3. Prevention and education programs.
4. Corrections and community corrections programs.
5. Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
6. Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
7. Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
8. Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.
9. Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.
10. Programs to purchase and operate unmanned aircraft systems (as defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code) to benefit public safety.
11. Programs to purchase and operate counter-UAS systems (as defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code) included on the list of technologies established by subsection (d)(2)(A)(iii) section 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124n(d)(2)(A)(iii)) to exercise the authority granted under subsection (a)(2) of such section.

This NOFO has two categories:

Category 1: Applicants with allocation amounts less than \$25,000

Category 1 provides formula funding to eligible units of local government with FY25 JAG allocations less than \$25,000 as listed on the [JAG Allocations webpage](#). Applicants must use JAG funds consistent with the programmatic requirements outlined in this NOFO.

Category 2: Applicants with allocation amounts \$25,000 or more

Category 2 provides formula funding to eligible units of local government with FY25 JAG allocations of \$25,000 or more as listed on the [JAG Allocations webpage](#). Applicants must use JAG funds consistent with the programmatic requirements outlined in this NOFO.

In connection with all of the above purposes, it should be noted that the JAG statute, at [34 U.S.C. § 10152](#), defines “criminal justice” as “activities pertaining to crime prevention, control, or reduction, or the enforcement of the criminal law, including but not limited to police efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or to apprehend criminals, including juveniles, activities of courts having criminal jurisdiction, and related agencies (including but not limited to prosecutorial and defender services, juvenile delinquency agencies and pretrial service or release agencies), activities of corrections, probation, or parole authorities and related agencies

assisting in the rehabilitation, supervision, and care of criminal offenders, and programs relating to the prevention, control, or reduction of narcotic addiction and juvenile delinquency.”

Additionally, JAG funds awarded under this NOFO may be used for any purpose indicated here: [Purposes for Which Funds Awarded Under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants \(JAG\) Program May Be Used](#).

Areas of Emphasis

BJA recognizes that many state and local criminal justice systems currently face challenging fiscal environments and that an important, cost-effective way to relieve those pressures is to share or leverage resources through cooperation among federal, state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) law enforcement. BJA encourages SLTT recipients of FY25 JAG funding to join federal law enforcement agencies in addressing the following challenges:

Combatting Violent Crime: JAG funds may be used to implement, enhance, or expand projects that combat violent crime. This should include directly supporting law enforcement operations. Specific activities could include addressing human trafficking of American citizens; dismantling criminal gangs, street crews, and drug networks, including drug manufacturing, dealing, and trafficking; and cracking down on the open use of illegal drugs. State and local agencies are encouraged to coordinate with their United States Attorneys and Project Safe Neighborhoods grantees in order to leverage JAG funding for violence reduction projects, to include the DOJ Operation Take Back America to eliminate cartels and transnational criminal organizations; and to coordinate their law enforcement activities with those of federal law enforcement agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Marshals Service, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Further, state and local agencies may use JAG funds to protect the public, critical infrastructure, mass gathering events, and public facilities from threats posed by the careless or unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) as well as to interrupt drug cartels use of UAS for smuggling and surveilling law enforcement, to include purchase of UAS (see BJA’s [UAS page](#) for prior approval requirements before using JAG funds for UAS or counter-UAS) or equipment or services for the detection, tracking, or identification of drones and drone signals.

Immigration Enforcement: State and local agencies may use JAG funds to partner with federal law enforcement on immigration enforcement operations (e.g., information sharing, 287(g) partnerships, task forces, and honoring detainers), protecting critical infrastructures, and information/intelligence problems.

Safe Communities: State and local agencies may use JAG funds to support services to American citizens and American victims of crime to create safe communities. JAG funds can be used to collaborate with federal law enforcement and task forces to address endemic vagrancy and encampments that create safe havens for drugs, crime, and human trafficking. Additionally, state and local agencies may use JAG funds to focus on improving public order and quality of life through enforcement and prosecution of nuisance abatement and blight including, among other things, petty larceny and criminal damage to property, as well as utilization of maximally flexible civil commitment,

institutional treatment, and step-down treatment standards to address untreated mental health and substance use disorders. JAG funds may also be used to support American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Safe Houses of Worship: State and local agencies may use JAG funds to respond to and deter threats to houses of worship and other religious institutions, including religious schools. Religious institutions have recently been targeted for acts of violence and desecration. These organizations typically lack sufficient security resources to respond to heightened threats. State and local law enforcement support to houses of worship, religious schools, and other religious institutions is an effective way to combat such threats.

Applicants should refer to [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative](#) for information on allowable and unallowable costs that may inform the development of their project design.

Unallowable Uses of Funds

The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier 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. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier 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.
3. As specified in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, in Chapter 3.13 “Unallowable Costs” (“Legal Services for Aliens”), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply— (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Formula Allocations

The FY25 Local JAG Allocations are listed on the [JAG Allocations webpage](#), with separate lists for each state. **As explained in [Eligibility](#), only listed eligible units of local government may apply to receive direct JAG funding from BJA.**

According to the JAG Program statute, a “disparity” may exist between the funding eligibility of a county and its associated municipalities. See 34 U.S.C. § 10156(d)(4). **Units of local government identified by BJA as disparate must select a fiscal agent that will submit an application for the total allocation that includes all disparate jurisdictions.** A memorandum

of understanding (MOU) that identifies which jurisdiction will serve as the applicant or fiscal agent for joint funds must be completed and signed by each participating jurisdiction's authorized representative. Once an award is made, the fiscal agent will be responsible for distributing award funds to the other jurisdictions in the disparate group through subawards that include all appropriate award conditions. **Notes on identifying disparity in the allocation lists:**

- Disparate units of local government are listed in shaded groups, in alphabetic order by county. Units of local government identified as disparate must select one unit of local government to submit an application on behalf of the disparate group.
- Counties that have an asterisk (*) under the "Direct Allocation" column did not submit the level of violent crime data to qualify for a direct award from BJA but are in the disparate grouping indicated by the shaded area. The JAG legislation requires these counties to remain a partner with the local jurisdictions receiving funds and be a signatory on the required MOU.
- Direct allocations are listed alphabetically below the shaded disparate groupings.

Please note that disparate jurisdictions do not need to abide by the listed individual allocations. Jurisdictions in a funding disparity are responsible for determining individual amounts within the Eligible Joint Allocation and documenting individual allocations in the MOU. See the [JAG FAQs](#) for more information. A [sample MOU](#) is also available.

The JAG statutory formula is fully described within the [JAG Technical Report](#).

Other JAG Statutory Requirements

Certification and Assurances: The JAG statute, at [34 U.S.C. § 10153 \(A\)\(1-5\)](#), details requirements related to governing body review and public comment of a JAG application, prohibition on supplanting, as well as other requirements for which JAG recipients must submit to BJA certification and assurances. See [Additional Application Components](#) section for more details.

Prohibited Items: The JAG statute, at [34 U.S.C. § 10152](#), prohibits the use of JAG funds for certain items, and prohibits the use of JAG funds for other items unless BJA grants a waiver. The [JAG Prohibited Expenditures Guidance](#) provides lists, details, definitions, and procedures for prohibited expenditures under the BJA JAG Program. See [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative and Additional Application Components](#) for more details.

Administrative Costs: The JAG statute, at [34 U.S.C. § 10152](#), requires that not more than 10 percent of a JAG grant may be used for costs incurred to administer such grant. See [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative](#) for more details.

Trust Fund: The JAG statute, at [34 U.S.C. § 10158](#), requires that a State or unit of local government that elects to draw down JAG funds in advance must establish a trust fund in which to deposit amounts. The trust fund must be in an interest-bearing account, unless one of the exceptions in [2 C.F.R. § 200.305\(b\)\(11\)](#) apply. See the [JAG FAQs](#) for more details.

Program Goals and Objectives

Goal: Improve the administration of the criminal justice system.

Objective 1: Provide states with additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems.

Objective 2: Assist units of local government with their criminal justice needs.

How Awards Will Contribute to Program Goals/Objectives

BJA anticipates that unit of local government recipients of JAG funding will use the funding to improve the administration of the criminal justice system.

Expected Outcomes: Deliverables and Performance Measures

To achieve the goals and objectives of this funding opportunity, OJP has identified expected deliverables that must be produced by a recipient. OJP has also identified performance measures (pieces of data) that will indicate how a recipient is achieving the performance goals and objectives identified above. Recipients will need to collect and report this performance measure data to OJP.

OJP will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO.

Deliverables

Recipients under this funding opportunity will not submit any deliverables beyond the standard [Post-Award Requirements and Administration](#).

Performance Measures

OJP will require each award recipient to submit regular performance reports that communicate progress toward achieving the goals and objectives identified in [Program Goals and Objectives](#). Applicants can visit [OJP's performance measurement page](#) at ojp.gov/performance for more information on performance measurement activities.

A list of performance measure questions for this funding opportunity can be found at: <https://bia.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/jag-measures.pdf>.

Funding Instrument

OJP expects to make awards under this funding opportunity as grants. See the "[Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements](#)" section of the [Application Resource Guide](#) for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions.



APPLICATION CONTENTS, SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS, AND DEADLINES

This NOFO contains all the information needed to apply for this funding opportunity. The application for this funding opportunity is submitted through web-based forms and attachments in Grants.gov and JustGrants through the steps that follow.

Unique Entity Identifiers (UEIs) and SAM.gov Registration

To submit an application, an applicant must have an active registration in the [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#). SAM.gov assigns entities a unique entity identifier (UEI) that is required for the entity to apply for federal funding. Applicants will enter their UEI with their application. Award recipients must then maintain an active UEI for the duration of their award's period of performance.

First-time Registration: Entities registering in SAM.gov for the first time will submit information about their entity type and structure, financial information (such as dates of the fiscal year, banking information, and executive compensation), entity points of contact, and other information. The information is reviewed and verified by SAM.gov, and then a UEI is issued. This process may take several weeks, so entities considering applying for funding should begin the registration process as soon as possible.

Renewing an Existing Registration: Entities must renew their SAM.gov registration every 12 months to keep it active. If an entity does not renew their SAM.gov registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent the submission of an application for funding in Grants.gov and JustGrants.

Applicants are encouraged to start the SAM.gov registration or renewal process **at least 30 days prior to the application's Grants.gov deadline**. Applicants who fail to begin the registration or renewal process at least 10 business days prior to the Grants.gov deadline may not be able to complete the process in time and will not be considered for a technical waiver that allows for late submission.

Submission Instructions: Summary

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants. See [Basic Information: Key Dates and Times](#) for the Grants.gov and JustGrants application deadlines.

- **Step 1:** The applicant must submit the required [Application for Federal Assistance SF-424](#) by the Grants.gov deadline.
- **Step 2:** The applicant must submit the full application, including attachments, through JustGrants by the deadline (see [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](#)).

Submission Step 1: Grants.gov Submission of SF-424

Access/Registration

If the applicant does not already have a Grants.gov account, they will need to register for this opportunity in Grants.gov. Applicants should follow the Grants.gov [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#) to register, create a workspace, assign roles, submit an application, and troubleshoot issues.

Submission of the SF-424

Applicants will begin the application process in Grants.gov with the submission of the SF-424, which collects the applicant's name, address, and UEI; the funding opportunity number; and proposed project title, among other information. The SF-424 must be signed by the Grants.gov Authorized Organizational Representative for the applicant.

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

Section 8F – Applicant Point of Contact: Please include the name and contact information of the individual who will complete the application in JustGrants. JustGrants will use this information (*i.e.*, email address) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Section 19 – Intergovernmental Review: This funding opportunity is subject to [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review). States that participate in the Intergovernmental Review process have an opportunity to review the applicant's submission. An applicant may find the names and addresses of state Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) for Intergovernmental Review at <https://www.ojp.gov/IntergovernmentalReviewSPOCList.pdf>. If the applicant's state appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact its SPOC to find out about, and comply with, the state's process under E.O. 12372. On the SF-424, an applicant whose state appears on the SPOC list must make the appropriate selection in response to question 19 once the applicant has complied with its state E.O. 12372 process. An applicant whose state does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting, "Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the state for review."

An applicant should submit the SF-424 as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. If an applicant fails to submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov by the deadline, they will be unable to submit their application in JustGrants.

Once the first part of the application has been successfully submitted in Grants.gov, the Grants.gov Workspace status will change from "In Progress" to "Submitted." Applicants will also receive a series of four Grants.gov email notifications. Refer to the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#) for additional details.

If an applicant needs to update information in the SF-424 after it is submitted in Grants.gov, they can update the information as part of their JustGrants submission (see [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Standard Applicant Information](#)). They do not need to submit an update in Grants.gov.

Submission Step 2: JustGrants Submission of Full Application Access/Registration

For first-time JustGrants applicants, once the application is received from Grants.gov, DOJ will send an email (from DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) to the email address listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. This email should arrive within 24 hours after confirmation from Grants.gov of the SF-424 submission.

Creating and setting up a JustGrants account consists of three steps:

1. Follow the instructions in the email to first confirm who will be the Entity Administrator (the person who manages which staff can access JustGrants on behalf of the applicant).
2. Log in to JustGrants and confirm the information in the Entity Profile.

3. Invite other individuals who will serve as the Application Submitter and the Authorized Representative for the applicant to register for JustGrants.

These steps should be completed in JustGrants as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive a link in an email to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. Applicants can find additional information on JustGrants registration in the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#).

Preparing for Submission

Some of the required sections of the application will be entered directly into JustGrants, and other sections will require documents to be uploaded and attached. Therefore, applicants should allow enough time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare, enter, and upload all the requirements of the application.

Applicants may save their application in the system and add to or change the application as needed prior to hitting the “Submit” button at the end of the application in JustGrants. After the application deadline, no changes or additions can be made to the application. **OJP recommends that applicants submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline.**

For additional information, including file name and type requirements, see the “How To Apply” section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Standard Applicant Information

The Standard Applicant Information section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and can make whatever edits are needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and confirm the organization’s unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

Proposal Abstract

A Proposal Abstract (no more than 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project—including its purpose, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipients (if known)—must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables, written in the third person, and exclude personally identifiable information. Abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP and USASpending.gov websites if the project is awarded. Examples of brief Proposal Abstracts are included below.

JAG Abstract Examples

- The city of [insert] will use JAG funds for overtime for increased patrols to bolster the security of at-risk religious institutions, such as houses of worship and religious schools.
- The county of [insert] will use JAG funds to purchase police cruisers and officer personal protected equipment for increased law enforcement operations.

Disparate JAG Abstract Example

The disparate jurisdictions of [insert] and [insert] will use JAG funds for technology improvements and law enforcement equipment. Specifically, the county of [insert] will

use JAG funds to replace its records management system, and the city of [insert] will use JAG funds to purchase ruggedized laptops for officers.

Data Requested With Application

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)

The Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire helps OJP assess what financial management and internal control systems the applicant has in place, whether these systems would be sufficient to maintain a funding award, and the associated potential risks of an applicant as part of the pre-award risk assessment process. Every OJP applicant (other than an individual applying in their personal capacity, not representing an applicant organization) is required to complete the web-based form in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide: Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire \(including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status\)](#) for additional guidance on how to complete the questionnaire.

JAG Survey

Applicants will be required to respond to JAG specific survey questions as part of the JustGrants application. Please refer to the steps below to help guide you through initiating, completing, modifying, and obtaining the status of the survey in the JustGrants system:

- To initiate the survey, please click on the survey title to open.
- When you have completed the survey, please click the “Finish” button in the lower right corner of the screen. The system will direct you to a review screen displaying your survey responses.
- To go back to the main application screen, go to the “Actions” menu in the top right corner of the screen and select “Close” to exit the survey review screen.
- The survey you just completed will still display an “Open” status. To confirm the completed status of your survey, go back to the “Actions” menu and select “Refresh.” The status of your completed survey will change to “Resolved—Completed.”
- If you would like to verify the responses to a completed survey, you may click the survey title to reopen it and view your saved responses.
- If you would like to change and/or update the responses to a completed survey, you may click the “Reopen” option to update your saved responses.

Proposal Narrative

Format of the Proposal Narrative: The Proposal Narrative will be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point size font, have no less than 1-inch margins; have numbered pages; and should not exceed 10 pages.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative: The Proposal Narrative should include the three sections listed below.

1. **Description of the Issue:** What critical issue or problem is the applicant proposing to address with this project? Please include:

- Identify the issues the unit(s) of local government intend(s) to address with JAG funds, to include gaps in the jurisdiction's needed resources for criminal justice purposes.
 - Include discussion of any issues that arose in administering previous fiscal years' JAG awards, if applicable, and how its strategy and funding priorities will address the issues.
- 2. Project Design and Implementation:** How will the proposed project address the need identified and address the purpose of the NOFO? Please include:
- Describe the unit(s) of local government process, if any, for engaging stakeholders from across the justice continuum and how that input informs priorities and decisions on the statutory JAG program areas under which it will use funding.
 - Describe how JAG funds will be coordinated with state and related justice funds.
 - Provide description of the programs to be funded over the 4-year grant period, to include any subawards.
- 3. Capabilities and Competencies:** What administrative and technical capacity and expertise does the applicant bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:
- Describe the applicant's capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the requirements of the award, including collecting and reporting the required performance measure data. Who will be responsible for this task, and how will the applicant collect the data? Refer to [Program Description: Performance Measures](#) for additional details on performance measures for this funding opportunity.
 - Describe the fiscal agent's capacity for administering the JAG award and subawards during the four-year project period, to include required subrecipient monitoring.
 - Describe any additional strategic planning and coordination efforts in which the unit of local government participates with other criminal justice agencies.
 - Please provide an overview of any evidence-informed programs that have been implemented successfully and how those programs might inform implementation of strategic plan priorities.

Project Evaluations: An applicant that proposes to use award funds to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance in the "[Note on Project Evaluations](#)" section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Attachment)

The applicant will complete the budget worksheet attachment and submit it by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

In addition to those instructions, Local JAG applicants must include in the budget worksheet the following:

- If using funds for administering the grant, provide clear designation for any cost line items that are JAG administrative costs within each budget category and project year. For example, in the line item description or explained in the narrative section.
- For applications for disparate groups, the preference is for the applicant to include a single budget worksheet and narrative that lists each jurisdiction's proposed costs by category, labeled to distinguish the use between partner agencies. Alternatively,

separate budget attachments for each partner of unit of local government are acceptable.

For additional information about how to prepare a budget for federal funding, see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section on "[Budget Preparation and Submission Information](#)." For details on the technical steps to complete the budget attachment and upload it in JustGrants, see the [Complete the Application in JustGrants: Budget](#) training.

Funding Restrictions

See "[Unallowable Use of Funds](#)."

Limitation on administrative costs: Funds may not be used for administrative costs that exceed 10 percent of the total award amount. This includes direct and any indirect costs.

Prohibition of supplanting: Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds but must be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available.

Prohibited items: The JAG statute, at [34 U.S.C. § 10152](#), prohibits the use of JAG funds for certain items, and prohibits the use of JAG funds for other items unless BJA grants a waiver. The [JAG Prohibited Expenditures Guidance](#) provides lists, details, definitions, and procedures for prohibited expenditures under the BJA JAG Program.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and Counter-UAS (C-UAS): The purchase of UAS (also referred to as unmanned aerial vehicles or drones, including their accessories) is allowable under JAG only with express prior approval from BJA. To request such approval, the recipient (or subrecipient, at any tier) must submit a written certification that only those UAS verified by the Defense Contract Monitoring Agency's "Blue UAS Cleared List" or any successor list (available at <https://bluelist.appsplatformportals.us/>) as not manufactured by a "covered foreign entity" may be purchased or operated under the federal award. The certification also states that no modifications or additional accessories may be introduced to the UAS funded by the award, and that the purchased UAS will not be used to process, store, or transmit federal information.

The purchase of C-UAS is also allowable under JAG only with express prior approval from BJA. To request such approval, the recipient (or subrecipient, at any tier) must submit a written certification that C-UAS will only be procured and operated in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations (including criminal, surveillance, aviation, and communications laws), that only federally-approved C-UAS purchases will be purchased, and that the recipient has consulted qualified legal counsel to review the proposed purchase and operation of the C-UAS. The certification also requires the recipient to complete federal training requirements and obtain all required approvals, certifications, licenses, and authorizations prior to deployment. The certification also states that no modifications or additional accessories may be introduced to the C-UAS funded by the award.

The recipient or subrecipient also must assure BJA that the entity has sufficient policies and procedures regarding privacy, civil liberties, and information technology cybersecurity related to operation of the UAS or C-UAS. Finally, the recipient or subrecipient may be required to provide additional documentation to verify purchase and the related policies for the UAS or C-UAS. Additional information may be found on the [BJA UAS website](#).

Body Armor: A JAG award recipient that proposes to purchase body armor with JAG funding must provide to OJP a certification(s) that it has a written "mandatory wear" policy in effect (see [34 U.S.C. § 10202\(c\)](#)). The certification form related to mandatory wear can be found at: [JAG Body Armor Mandatory Wear Policy Certification](#). Further, before making any subawards for body armor purchases, the direct JAG award recipient must collect a completed body armor certification from the proposed subrecipient. Any such certifications must be maintained by the direct JAG award recipient and made available to OJP upon request. For more information, please refer to the [JAG FAQs](#).

Body-worn Cameras (BWCs): A JAG award recipient that proposes to purchase BWC equipment or implement or enhance BWC programs with JAG funding must provide to OJP a certification(s) that it has policies and procedures in place related to BWC equipment usage, data storage and access, privacy considerations, and training. The certification form related to BWC policies and procedures can be found at: [JAG BWC Policy Certification](#). Further, before making any subawards for BWC-related expenses, the direct JAG award recipient must collect a completed BWC certification from the proposed subrecipient. Any such certifications must be maintained by the direct JAG award recipient and made available to OJP upon request. For more information, please refer to the [JAG FAQs](#).

Extreme Risk Protection Order Programs: An extreme risk protection order (ERPO) empowers law enforcement, and in some states, family members, health care providers, and others to petition a court for a civil order that temporarily prevents a person from accessing firearms if they are found to be a danger to themselves. If states use their JAG funds to support ERPO programs, ERPO programs must include, at a minimum:

1. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation due process rights that prevent any violation or infringement of the Constitution of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Bill of Rights and the substantive or procedural due process rights guaranteed under the 5th and 14th amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the States and as interpreted by State courts and United States courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States). Such programs must include, at the appropriate phase to prevent any violation of constitutional rights, at minimum, notice, the right to an in-person hearing, an unbiased adjudicator, the right to know opposing evidence, the right to present evidence, and the right to confront adverse witnesses.
2. The right to be represented by counsel at no expense to the government.
3. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation heightened evidentiary standards and proof that mean not less than the protections afforded to a similarly situated litigant in federal court or promulgated by the state's evidentiary body, and sufficient to ensure the full protections of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Bill of Rights and the substantive and procedural due process rights guaranteed under the 5th and 14th amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the States and as interpreted by State courts and United States courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States). The heightened evidentiary standards and proof under such programs must, at all appropriate phases to prevent any violation of any constitutional right, at minimum, prevent reliance upon evidence that is unsworn or unaffirmed, irrelevant, based on inadmissible hearsay, unreliable, vague, speculative, and lacking a foundation.
4. Penalties for abuse of the program.

Prior to the expenditure of FY25 JAG funds for an ERPO program, a [Certification of Compliance with Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 501\(a\)\(1\)\(I\)\(iv\)](#) must be signed by a principal legal officer and submitted to BJA. See the [JAG FAQs](#) for additional information.

DNA Testing of Evidentiary Materials and Uploading DNA Profiles to a Database: If JAG Program funds are to be used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials, any resulting eligible DNA profiles must be uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), the national DNA database operated by the FBI, by a government DNA lab with access to CODIS. JAG funds may not be used for Rapid DNA testing of evidentiary material (e.g., crime scene samples, sexual assault kits) because the FBI has not authorized results of this testing for upload to CODIS. No DNA profiles generated with JAG funding may be entered into any other nongovernmental DNA database without prior written approval from BJA. Additionally, award recipients utilizing JAG funds for forensic genealogy testing must adhere to the [DOJ Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching](#). For more information about DNA testing as it pertains to JAG, please refer to the [JAG FAQs](#).

Costs Associated With a Conference/Meeting/Training: An applicant that proposes to use award funds for activities related to a conference, meeting, training, or similar event should review the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on prior approval, planning, and reporting costs for a conference/meeting/training.

Costs Associated With Language Assistance and Access: If an applicant proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to individuals, the costs of taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to those services or benefits for individuals with limited English proficiency may be allowable in specific grant programs. Costs to provide reasonable accommodation and facilitate language access for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may also be allowable in specific grant programs. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on costs associated with language assistance.

For additional information about how to prepare a budget for federal funding, see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section on "[Budget Preparation and Submission Information](#)" and the technical steps to complete the budget form in JustGrants in the [Complete the Application in JustGrants: Budget](#) training.

Budget and Associated Documentation: Budget/Financial Attachments

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable): An applicant with a current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement should upload it as an attachment in JustGrants.

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary for the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. Examples of costs usually treated as indirect include those incurred for operation and maintenance of offices or workspaces and salaries of administrative or support staff. The requirements for the development and submission of indirect cost proposals and cost allocation plans are listed in Appendices III–VII of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. A non-federal applicant should follow the guidelines applicable to its type of organization. See the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) and the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on indirect cost rate agreements.

Consultant Rate (if applicable): OJP has established maximum rates for consultants; see the "Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval" section of the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for more

information. If an applicant proposes a rate for a consultant on their project that is higher than the established maximum rate and receives an award, then the award recipient must submit a document requesting approval for the rate and cannot incur costs at the higher rate without prior OJP approval. The award recipient must provide justification for why the proposed rate is higher than the established maximum rate, such as why the rate is reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace.

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable): This notice of funding opportunity expressly modifies the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by not incorporating the “Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver” provisions in the “Financial Information” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable): This notice of funding opportunity expressly modifies the Application Resource Guide by not incorporating its “Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation” provisions. Applicants to this funding opportunity are not required to provide this disclosure.

Additional Application Components

The applicant should attach the additional requested documentation listed below in JustGrants.

- **Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government:** A JAG application is not complete, and a direct award recipient may not access award funds, unless the chief executive of the applicant government (e.g., the mayor, city manager, or presiding Board member) properly executes, and submits, the “Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government” found at: [FY25 JAG – Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government](#). This certification contains assurances that the governing body notification and public comment requirements, which are required under the JAG statute (at [34 U.S.C. § 10153\(a\)\(2\)](#)), have been satisfied. OJP will not deny an application for a JAG award for failure to submit these “Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government” by the application deadline, but an award recipient will not be able to access award funds (and its award will include a condition that withholds funds) until it submits these certifications and assurances properly executed by its respective Chief Executive. **Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable):** Only required for disparate jurisdictions, as detailed in [Formula Allocations](#). At a minimum, the MOU must 1) identify which jurisdiction will serve as the applicant or fiscal agent for the disparate group; and 2) identify the agreed upon funding amounts for each locality. The MOU must be completed and signed by an official who has authority to enter into a memorandum of understanding on behalf of each jurisdiction. Generally, BJA would expect this to be the chief executive of the jurisdiction. Additional documentation may be requested by BJA to determine signing authority. A [sample MOU](#) is available. If the MOU is missing or incomplete, BJA will issue an award agreement, but funds will be withheld until a properly executed MOU is submitted.
- **BWC Policy Certification (if applicable):** Only required if the direct recipient will be using JAG funds for a BWC project. See [Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative](#) for more information and link to the form. If the direct recipient is proposing to use funds for

BWC but the certification is missing or insufficient, BJA will issue an award agreement, but funds will be withheld until a certification is submitted.

- **Body Armor Mandatory Wear Certification (if applicable):** Only required if the direct recipient will be using JAG funds for body armor. See [Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative](#) for more information and link to the form. If the direct recipient is proposing to use funds for body armor but the certification is missing or insufficient, BJA will issue an award agreement, but funds will be withheld until a certification is submitted.
- **Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Certification (if applicable):** Only required if JAG funds will be used for an ERPO program. See [Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative](#) for more information and link to the form. If the application is proposing to use funds for ERPO but the certification is missing or insufficient, BJA will issue an award agreement, but funds will be withheld until a certification is submitted.
- **Prohibited Expenditure Waiver Request (if applicable):** Only required if a JAG applicant would like to request a pre-award waiver to purchase a specific prohibited expenditure request, as detailed in the [JAG Prohibited Expenditure Guidance](#). A JAG applicant may submit a waiver request with its application, by attaching the letter described in the Guidance document in the "Procedures," #2. If the application is proposing to use funds for a JAG prohibited expenditure but the waiver request is missing or insufficient, BJA will issue an award agreement, but funds will be withheld until a waiver request is submitted and approved via grant award modification (GAM).
- **Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Certification (if applicable):** Only required if a JAG application will include costs for UAS in the budget. See [Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative](#) for more information and link to the UAS certification. If the application is proposing to use funds for UAS but the certification is missing or insufficient (or if the requested budget information is not sufficient), BJA will issue an award agreement but funds will be withheld until a UAS certification is submitted and approved via grant award modification (GAM).
- **Counter-UAS Certification (if applicable):** Only required if a JAG application will include costs for C-UAS in the budget. See [Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative](#) for more information and link to the C-UAS certification. If the application is proposing to use funds for C-UAS but the certification is missing or insufficient (or if the requested budget information is not sufficient), BJA will issue an award agreement but funds will be withheld until a C-UAS certification is submitted and approved via grant award modification (GAM).

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities: JustGrants will prompt each applicant to indicate if it is required to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure under 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

The applicant is required by law to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure form (Standard Form/SF-LLL) if it has paid or will pay any person to lobby in connection with the award for which it is applying AND this application is for an award in excess of \$100,000. This disclosure

requirement is not applicable to such payments by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or any other Indian organization that are permitted by other federal law.

Lobbying means (for this requirement) influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress. See 31 U.S.C. 1352; 28 C.F.R. part 69. Note: Most applicants do not engage in activities that trigger this disclosure requirement.

An applicant that is not required by law (31 U.S.C. 1352) to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure, should enter "No." By doing so, the applicant is affirmatively asserting (under applicable penalties) that it has nothing to disclose under 31 U.S.C. § 1352 with regard to the application for the award at issue.

Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items: To ensure funding coordination across grantmaking agencies, and to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate duplication of grant funding, the applicant must disclose if it has any pending applications for federal funding, including pending applications for subawards of federal funds, for the same project and the same budget items included in this proposal. Complete the JustGrants Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances: Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certifications: Review the DOJ document [Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Coordination with Affected Agencies](#). An applicant must review and sign the certification document in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable): If applicable, submit the DOJ High-Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ high-risk recipient is an award recipient that has received a DOJ high-risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Submission Dates & Times

Refer to [Basic Information: Key Dates and Times](#) for the submission dates and times.

Applicants should submit their applications as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the deadlines. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. Applicants will use the "Certify and Submit" feature in JustGrants to confirm that all required application components have been entered, which includes identifying the Authorized Representative for the applicant. Once the application is submitted, the Application Submitter, Authorized Representative, and Entity Administrator receive a confirmation email.

An applicant will receive emails after successfully submitting application components in Grants.gov and JustGrants and should retain all emails and other confirmations received from the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants systems.

Experiencing Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application (Technical Waivers)

If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical issues with SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. OJP will only consider requests to submit an application via alternative methods or after the deadline when the applicant can document that there is a technical issue with a government system that was beyond their control and that prevents submission of the application via the standard process prior to the deadlines. Issues resulting from circumstances within the applicant's control, such as failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration and application process in sufficient time, will not be considered.

Requests and documentation must be sent to the OJP Response Center at OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov. Applicants should follow these steps if they experience a technical issue:

- 1. Contact the relevant help desk to report the issue and receive a tracking number.**

See [Basic Information: Contact Information](#) for the phone numbers, email addresses, and operating hours of the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants help desks. Reports of technical issues to the help desk must occur **before** the application deadline.

If an applicant calls the help desk and experiences a long wait time, they can also email the help desk to obtain a tracking number. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desk, and for this reason, long call wait times for support do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of getting a tracking number.

- 2. If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. The applicant's request will need to include:**

- A description of the technical difficulties experienced (provide screenshots if applicable).
- A timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., date and time the error occurred, date and time of actions taken to resolve the issue and resubmit, and date and time support representatives responded).

- An attachment of the complete grant application and all the required documentation and materials (this serves as a “manual” submission of the application).
- The applicant's unique entity identifier (UEI).
- Any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking/ticket numbers documenting the technical issue.

3. If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov within 24 hours of the JustGrants deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. See step 2 for the list of information the applicant must provide as part of its request.

As a reminder: the waiver request will not be considered unless it includes documentation of attempts to receive technical assistance to resolve the issue prior to the application deadline. OJP will review each waiver request and the required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request for late submission has been approved or denied. An applicant that does not provide documentation of a technical issue (including all information previously listed), or that does not submit a waiver request within the required time period, will be denied.

For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the “Experiencing Technical Issues” section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).



APPLICATION REVIEW

Review Process and Criteria

OJP will review applications to ensure the applicant is eligible to receive JAG formula funding per the [JAG Allocations](#); and that information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the goals of the funding opportunity. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the application review process for formula grants.

Risk Review

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to applicant risk. OJP assesses whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record of performance, integrity, and business ethics, including by (among other things) checking whether the applicant is listed in SAM.gov as excluded from receiving a federal award.

Depending on the severity and nature of the risk factors, the risk assessment may result in additional post-award conditions and oversight for any awarded applicant.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM.gov.

Important Note on Responsibility/Qualification Data (formerly FAPIIS): An applicant may review and comment on any information about its organization that currently appears in SAM.gov and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in SAM.gov, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Selection Process

All final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, unless a statute explicitly authorizes award decisions by another official or there is written delegation of authority to another official. This official may consider not only program office recommendations but also other factors as indicated in the "Application Review" section. For additional information on the application review process, see the [Application Resource Guide](#).



AWARD NOTICES

Federal Award Notices

For successful applicants, JustGrants will send a system-generated email to the Application Submitter, Authorized Representative, and Entity Administrator with information on accessing their official award package in JustGrants. The award package will include key information (such as funding amount and period of performance) as well as award conditions that must be followed. An authorized representative for the entity should accept or decline the award within 45 days of the notification. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.



POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Reporting

All award recipients under this funding opportunity will be required to submit the following reports and data:

- Quarterly financial reports.
- Semi-annual (Category 2) or annual (Category 1) performance reports.
- Final financial and performance reports.
- If applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions.
- Quarterly DCRA reports.

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measure data and the method for submitting reports in OJP's online systems. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent (in appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports).

Performance Measure Reporting

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

Program- and Award-Specific Award Conditions

OJP includes various conditions on its awards. These may include program-specific conditions, which typically apply to all recipients of a funding opportunity, and award-specific conditions, which are included to address recipient-specific issues (*e.g.*, programmatic or financial risk). Recipients may view all conditions, and actions required to satisfy those conditions, in the award package in JustGrants.

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations, including the applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance. For additional information on these legal requirements, see the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Civil Rights Compliance

If a successful applicant accepts funding from OJP—as a recipient of OJP funding—that award recipient must comply with certain federal civil rights laws that prohibit the award recipient from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in how it delivers its program's services or benefits and in its employment practices. The civil rights laws that may be applicable to the award include, but are not limited to, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the nondiscrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of

1968, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These and other federal civil rights laws are discussed in greater detail on OJP's [Legal Overview—FY 2025 Awards](#) webpage under the “Civil Rights Requirements” section. Additional resources are available from the [OJP Office for Civil Rights](#).

Compliance with Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination laws is material to the government's decision to make any award and payment under this program, including for purposes of the False Claims Act, and each recipient will be required to certify (in its acceptance of the conditions of the award) that it does not operate any programs (including any such programs having components relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion) that violate any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination laws.

See OJP's [Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations](#) webpage for specific information for faith-based organizations applying under this NOFO.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Information Technology Security Clauses

An application in response to this NOFO may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

Other Reporting Requirements

Applicants and recipients are required to notify OJP if you know that you or any of your organization's principals for the award transaction are presently excluded or disqualified (*i.e.*, debarred or suspended) or otherwise meet any of the criteria in 2 C.F.R. 180.335. Recipients must comply with requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, as implemented by DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2867, which, among other things, require recipients to check certain information sources and, in some cases, notify the federal awarding agency prior to the agency awarding federal funds via contracts or subawards.

If a recipient's award includes a federal share of more than \$500,000 over the period of performance of the award, then the award (per 2 C.F.R. 200.113) will include a condition that may require the recipient to report and maintain certain information (relating to certain criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings) in SAM.gov. See the [Reporting Requirements page](#) for more information.



OTHER INFORMATION

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the projects and activities funded under this NOFO. For additional information on what should be included in the application, see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for important information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a).

Applicants are advised not to include any unnecessary personally identifiable information, sensitive law enforcement information, or confidential financial information with the application.

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BJA FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, reference the [“OJP Application Submission Steps”](#) in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

SAM.gov Registration/Renewal

- Confirm that your entity’s registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) is active through the NOFO period; submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov, if needed (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Grants.gov Registration

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Grants.gov Opportunity Search

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s).
- Select the correct Competition ID.
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 under [“OJP Application Submission Steps”](#) in the [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Funding Opportunity Review and Project Planning

- Review all sections of the NOFO.
- Confirm your entity is eligible to receive funding (see [Eligibility: Eligible Applicants](#)).
- Confirm your proposed budget is within the allowable limits (see [Basic Information: Funding Details](#)), includes **only allowable costs** (see [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative](#)), and includes cost sharing if applicable (see [Eligibility: Cost Sharing/Match Requirement](#)).
- Review the performance measures for this funding opportunity and confirm you will be prepared to collect and report on this data (see [Program Description: Performance Measures](#)).
- Review the [“Legal Overview—FY 2025 Awards”](#) in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#) and confirm you are prepared to follow the requirements.
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting under [“Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval”](#) in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) or see the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Submission Step 1: Grants.gov

After registering with SAM.gov, submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov.

- Complete and submit the SF-424 by the deadline.

- Confirm Section 8F of the SF-424 lists the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants.**
- Submit documents for Intergovernmental Review.
- Confirm that, within 48 hours of your submission in Grants.gov, you receive four (4) Grants.gov email notifications:
 - A submission receipt
 - A validation receipt
 - A grantor agency retrieval receipt
 - An agency tracking number assignment

If no Grants.gov receipt and validation email is received, or if error notifications are received, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or support@grants.gov and the OJP Response Center at 800-851-3420 or OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov regarding technical difficulties (see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section on “[Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues](#)”).

- Confirm that, within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 receives an email from JustGrants with login instructions.

Submission Step 2: JustGrants

- Complete the following information:
 - Entity and User Verification (first-time applicants)
 - Standard Applicant Information
 - Proposal Abstract
 - Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
 - JAG Survey
- Upload the Proposal Narrative.
- Upload the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative attachment.
- Upload the other budget/financial attachments, as applicable.
- Upload additional application components, as applicable.
- Complete the required disclosures and assurances:
 - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities and submission of SF-LLL, if prompted by the system
 - Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items
 - DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
 - Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees
- Complete the required DOJ Certification on Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Coordination with Affected Agencies.

JustGrants Review, Certification, and Application Submission

- Address any validation errors displayed on screen after attempted submission, then return to the “Certify and Submit” screen to submit the application.
- Note the confirmation message at the top of the page. Users will also receive a notification in the “bell” alerts confirming submission.

- If you do not receive an application submission confirmation email or validation from JustGrants, or if you receive an error notification, please contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

APPENDIX

Below are some examples of expenditures and projects that, if reasonably related to a JAG statutory programmatic area and meet general cost allowability guidelines, would be an allowable use of funds:

- Wraparound services for criminal justice project participants, to include but not limited to transitional housing for exonerees
- Support reentry projects with the goal of improving outcomes for incarcerated individuals returning to the community from prison or jail
- Support projects related to preventing, detecting, seizing, and/or stopping the presence and use of contraband cellphones within correctional facilities. This includes the purchasing of managed access systems and other mitigation technologies (as permitted by applicable law)
- Purchase fentanyl and methamphetamine detection equipment, including handheld instruments and training for law enforcement safety, as well as opioid reversal agents
- Canines and related equipment/supplies to support any project or purpose with a criminal justice nexus, including drug detection, and/or for civil proceedings
- Hiring and training of cybercrime analysts and investigators
- Support efforts to seal and expunge criminal history information in accordance with state laws and policies
- Support virtual reality de-escalation training
- Purchase humane remote restraint devices that enable law enforcement to restrain an uncooperative subject without inflicting pain
- Purchase gunfire detection technology
- Promote data sharing and sex offender monitoring
- Increased patrols and deployments that bolster the security of at-risk nonprofit organizations including synagogues, churches, mosques, and other places of worship and religious institutions
- To deter, detect, and protect against threats of violence against election workers, administrators, officials, and others associated with the electoral process
- GPS trackers
- Indigent defense
- Overtime (without limitation other than what is reasonable considering services rendered)
- Medication-assisted treatments, such as the purchase of opioid overdose reversal agents (e.g., naloxone)
- Firearms and ammunition, including duty weapons and associated ammunition
- Fugitive Safe Surrender (FSS) and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Programs
- Membership dues (except to lobbying organizations)
- Automated license plate readers (ALPRs)
- Technological devices, artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and other data-driven solutions

These FAQs are for reference only and to assist states and units of local government. These FAQs do not supersede any conflicting guidance provided in the relevant JAG State or JAG Local NOFOs or grant award documents.

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