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### Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) seeks applications for funding to implement and expand services that address the needs of incarcerated parents who have children younger than age 18. This program furthers the DOJ's mission by providing funding to states and localities to assist in developing or expanding services that meet the needs of incarcerated parents and their minor children to prevent violent crime, reduce recidivism, and provide support for minor children.

This solicitation incorporates guidance provided in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#), which provides additional information for applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. **If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.**

### Solicitation Categories

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-OJJDP-2023-00020-PROD	Category 1: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Programs and Services	5	\$750,000.00	10/1/23 12:00 AM	36
C-OJJDP-2023-00021-PROD	Category 2: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Training and Technical Assistance	1	\$1,000,000.00	10/1/23 12:00 AM	36

**Eligible Applicants:**

City or township governments, County governments, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Small businesses, State governments

This solicitation is composed of two grant categories. Applicants must clearly designate the category for which they are applying.

**Category 1: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Programs and Services**

The following entities are eligible to apply for Category 1:

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher

- education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Native American organizations (other than federally recognized governments)

## **Category 2: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Training and Technical Assistance**

The following entities are eligible to apply for Category 2:

- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses

An applicant entity may submit more than one application, if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application.

OJJDP will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). For additional information on subawards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

### **Contact Information**

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center at 800–851–3420, 301–240–6310 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only), or [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov). The OJP Response Center operates from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. eastern time (ET) Monday–Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date.

For information related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant and that impact submission, see the “**How to Apply**” section, **Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues**.

### **Pre-application Information Session**

OJJDP will hold a solicitation webinar on April 27, 2023, at 1 p.m. ET. This call will provide a detailed overview of the solicitation and allow an opportunity for interested

applicants to ask questions. Preregistration is required for all participants. Register by clicking [here](#) and following the instructions. To use the time most efficiently, OJJDP encourages participants to review the solicitation and submit any questions they may have in advance and no later than April 21, 2023. Submit your questions to [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) with the subject as “Questions for FY 2023 Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children.”

## Submission Information

**Registration:** Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM). You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.

**Submission:** Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process via Grants.gov and JustGrants.

**Step 1:** The applicant must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required **Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424)** and a **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)** form when they register in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. **Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline.** If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.

For technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and a SF-LLL in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, Grants.gov Customer Support, or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

**Step 2:** The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justgrants.usdoj.gov) by the JustGrants application deadline.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov). The JustGrants Service Desk operates 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

OJP encourages applicants to review the “[How To Apply](#)” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [JustGrants website](#) for more information, resources, and training. Applicants should maintain all receipts and confirmations received from SAM.gov, Grants.gov, JustGrants systems.

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## Program Description

### Overview

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

[OJJDP's](#) guiding philosophy is to enhance the welfare of America's youth and broaden their opportunities for a better future. To bring these goals to fruition, OJJDP is leading efforts to transform the juvenile justice system into one that will [Treat Children as Children](#); [Serve Children at Home, With Their Families, in Their Communities](#); and [Open Up Opportunities for System-Involved Youth](#). OJJDP encourages all proposed applications that work with youth to highlight how the proposed program aligns with these priorities.

OJJDP envisions a juvenile justice system centered on the strengths, needs, and voices of youth and families. Young people and family members with lived experience are vital resources for understanding and reaching persons involved or at risk of involvement with youth-serving systems. OJJDP asks stakeholders to join us in sustainably integrating bold, transformative youth and family partnership strategies into our daily work. OJJDP believes in achieving positive outcomes for youth, families, and communities through meaningful partnership and active partnerships, ensuring they play a central role in collaboratively developing solutions.

Applicants must describe how their proposed project/program will integrate and sustain meaningful youth and family partnerships into their project plan and budget. Depending on the nature of an applicant's proposed project, youth and family partnership could consist of one or more of the following:

- Individual-level partnership in case planning and direct service delivery (before, during, and after contact with youth-serving systems).
- Agency-level partnership (e.g., in policy, practice, and program development, implementation, and evaluation; staffing; advisory bodies; budget development).
- System-level partnership (e.g., in strategic planning activities, system improvement initiatives, advocacy strategies, reform efforts).

This program will promote and expand services in detention and correctional facilities to incarcerated individuals and their minor children and provide services to children of incarcerated parents.

### Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2023, Pub. L. No. 117-328, 136 Stat. 4459, 4536.

## **Specific Information**

This program will provide funding to support states, units of local government, and community-based organizations to develop programs within detention or correctional facilities to respond to the needs of incarcerated parents who have children younger than age 18. This program supports activities that foster positive family engagement between incarcerated parents and their children within detention and correctional facilities, including juvenile detention and correctional facilities with young fathers, and implement programs and services that support the children of incarcerated parents to reduce the likelihood of antisocial behaviors and future involvement in the juvenile justice system.

This solicitation provides funding for two categories—Category 1: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Programs and Services and Category 2: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Training and Technical Assistance.

## **Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables**

### **Category 1: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Programs and Services**

#### **Goals**

The goal of this program is to assist community-based organizations in developing or expanding services within juvenile and adult detention and correctional facilities to improve outcomes for incarcerated parents and their minor children by implementing programs and services to reduce recidivism and support responsible parenting that leads to healthy child development, resiliency, and improved interactions among incarcerated parents and their minor children, and family and community members.

This program will:

- Expand existing relationships with community-based service providers and adult and juvenile detention and correctional facilities.
- Develop strategies and approaches to strengthen the relationships between incarcerated parents and their children.
- Seek to reduce the incarcerated parent's behavioral infractions during incarceration and recidivism post-release.
- Provide services to foster positive youth development for children of incarcerated parents.
- Develop innovative approaches to enhance child/parent communication, such as

- the use of video conferencing, electronic messaging software, audio recordings, and transportation assistance for in-person visits and facilitation for virtual visits.
- Support adult and juvenile detention or correctional facilities, prisons, and jails in rural areas that meet the needs of incarcerated parents and their minor children.

## **Objectives**

An applicant should address the objectives that are relevant to their proposed program/project in the Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline web-based form.

Program objectives include:

- Provide support to facilities for staffing, equipment, tools, and resources to create child-friendly spaces for increased engagement.
- Develop safety protocols and procedures for children who are visiting their incarcerated parents.
- Develop a coordinated system for the provision of programs and services that support the needs of incarcerated parents and their children.
- Provide corrections officers with expanded trauma-informed training that will enhance officers' self-protection and ensure the physical and emotional safety of visiting children and families.

## **Deliverables**

An applicant should address the deliverables that are relevant to their proposed program/project in the Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline web-based form.

Program deliverables include:

- Implement strategies that strengthen the relationships between incarcerated parents and their children while maintaining secure facilities.
- Provide services that meet the needs of children of incarcerated parents and foster positive youth development.
- Provide reentry and transitional services for incarcerated parents that focus on parental responsibility.
- Provide family counseling services and educational support to children of incarcerated parents.

Successful applicants will work with the Category 2 training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to complete a planning guide document that addresses their implementation strategy. The planning guide is intended to serve as an evaluative action plan and will include an assessment of any evidence-based programming, partnerships, and a plan for data collection. OJJDP and the Category 2 TTA provider will review and comment on the draft plan. OJJDP will ultimately approve the final planning guide. Successful applicants will work with OJJDP and the Category 2 TTA provider to

implement the strategies outlined in the planning guide.

### **Correctional Partner Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding or Letter of Support**

Under Category 1, applications submitted by nongovernmental organizations must include, as an attachment, a draft or fully executed memorandum of agreement (MOA) or memorandum of understanding (MOU) or a letter of support that clearly demonstrates an established, collaborative relationship between the applicant and the juvenile justice or adult correctional agencies that (1) oversee the specific facility or facilities from which the applicant proposes to recruit the target population and (2) oversee community corrections (probation and/or parole) for the target population.

The MOA/MOU or letter of support must include the following information: (1) the roles and responsibilities for staff from both agencies involved in the program, (2) terms of access to the correctional facility or facilities for program staff (if applicants are unable to conduct in-reach into correctional facilities, the application should explain the reason(s) why such access is not practicable), and (3) information on programming and interventions to be provided for the targeted population.

### **Category 2: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Training and Technical Assistance**

#### **Goals**

Under this category, a TTA provider will provide support to the Category 1 sites to help identify service needs and gaps; develop program models with short- and long-term outcome goals and measurements; and develop resource documents and tools (i.e., templates, data set parameters and checklists, and logic model guides) that will inform sites on best practices and strategies that are family centered, promote positive youth development, and meet the needs of incarcerated parents and their minor children. Additionally, the TTA provider will:

- Develop and promote tools for detention and correctional facilities, community-based organizations, family members, and professionals who serve incarcerated parents to maintain connections and improve family engagement and reintegration upon pre- and post-release.
- Build the capacity of prisons, jails, and juvenile detention and correctional facilities to work with communities and community-based organizations to develop policies and practices that develop strategies for reducing recidivism and improving outcomes.
- Develop a pilot program that engages multidisciplinary partnerships, promotes balanced prevention and intervention strategies, and aligns with family-based sentencing alternatives to address the challenges encountered by incarcerated parents and their children to keep families together. OJJDP expects the

successful applicant to coordinate with OJJDP's [Family-Based Justice Center](#) in developing the pilot program.

- Identify experts to build local capacity for the development and implementation of strategic plans that use data-driven strategies to help facilities address issues associated with incarcerated parents and their minor children and families.

Develop a strategy for coordinating with the [National Reentry Resource Center](#) to share information and resources.

## **Objectives**

An applicant should address the objectives that are relevant to their proposed program/project in the Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline web-based form.

Program objectives include:

- Help children of incarcerated parents live productive, law-abiding lives by implementing programs and services that promote positive youth development.
- Help children develop a positive relationship with their incarcerated parent, if safe and welcomed by the child, by implementing family-centered approaches.
- Decrease recidivism among formerly incarcerated parents.
- Expand or enhance evidence-based policies and practices to strengthen the relationships between incarcerated parents and their children.
- Develop a coordinated system of supports for children of incarcerated parents that includes programs to help them cope with trauma and remain connected with their parents in a structured and supportive environment.

## **Deliverables**

The TTA provider will work in collaboration with OJJDP to develop a strategic planning guide to establish baseline requirements and goals for the sites. Additionally, the TTA provider will play an essential role in working with the sites to:

- Develop strategic goals with anticipated short- and long-term outcome measures.
- Facilitate onsite and offsite meeting sessions, to include site task force meetings, cross-site and site-specific data collection and analysis, and peer-to-peer information sharing and gathering.
- Develop site and cross-site tools and resources to assist with successful implementation and the development of long-term strategies based on collected data to address gaps and needs that may occur from implementation.
- Collect, maintain, and disseminate information about effective policies and practices implemented and trends relevant to the grantees, stakeholders, and policymakers.
- Facilitate site-to-site information sharing.
- Analyze and document the impact of implemented cross-site coordinated service

delivery models and programs on the desired outcome of finding solutions for the incarcerated parents who have minor children and their caregivers.

- Assist sites with meeting their established goals to support implementation and respond to implementation challenges.
- Children of Incarcerated Parents Learning Forum: OJJDP will work with the Category 2 provider to bring the awarded sites together, along with stakeholders, experts, and practitioners, to stimulate information sharing, develop leadership capacity, learn about promising practices and data-driven policies, and develop ideas to support implementation. The forum will also be an opportunity for cross-site collaboration and learning, and will assist OJJDP in establishing baseline performance requirements.

The goals, objectives, and deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that show the completed work's results, as discussed in the "Application and Submission Information" section.

### **OJJDP Training and Technical Assistance Awardee Standards**

OJJDP has developed the Core Performance Standards for Training, Technical Assistance, and Evaluation to promote among providers the consistency and quality of OJJDP-sponsored training and technical assistance and to advance common expectations of performance excellence. The standards present minimum expectations that providers must meet for effective practice in the planning, coordination, delivery, and evaluation of training.

Requirements related to coordination of activities will include, but are not limited to:

- **Coordination with OJJDP NTTAC.** OJJDP requires all training and technical assistance projects to coordinate their activities with the OJJDP National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) by complying with all OJJDP/NTTAC protocols to ensure coordinated delivery of services among providers and the effective use of OJJDP grant funding. OJJDP reserves the right to modify these protocols at any time with reasonable notice to the grantee prior to project completion.
- **OJJDP-funded webinars.** The award recipient must comply with OJJDP's webinar guidelines, as described in the Core Performance Standards. Minimally, OJJDP training and technical assistance providers will submit information to OJJDP in advance of all events for the online calendar, record events, and provide the final files (which must be compliant with Section 508 of the Workforce Rehabilitation Act) to OJJDP or OJJDP's representative. For more information on Section 508 of the Workforce Rehabilitation Act, visit <https://www.section508.gov/>.
- **Training information sharing.** OJP will collect information from its program offices on OJP-funded training and technical assistance events. Award recipients must use OJJDP's standard electronic training request form, submit information to

OJJDP on all training events (e.g., name of requester, description of request, dates of event) 30 days in advance of the event date, and report additional data, as OJJDP requires.

### **Evidence-Based Programs or Practices**

OJP strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

### **Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities**

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

### **Priority Areas**

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

1. Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*

In support of this [Executive Order](#), OJP will provide priority consideration when making award decisions to the following:

A. Applications that propose project(s) that are designed to promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project(s) will address potential racial inequities and contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, and identify how the project design and implementation will specifically incorporate the input or participation of those communities and populations disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and the criminal justice system overall. Examples addressing this requirement include, but are not limited to, the following: budgeted project planning and/or implementation meetings with community stakeholders representing historically underserved and marginalized communities; outreach and/or public awareness campaigns specifically tailored to historically

underserved and marginalized communities to encourage participation in the proposed project(s); budgeted incorporation of members representing historically underserved and marginalized communities in program evaluation, surveys, or other means of project feedback; and partnership with organizations that primarily serve communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

B. Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive **at least 40%** of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Web-Based Form) identify as a *culturally specific organization*.

To receive this additional priority consideration, applicants must describe how being a culturally specific organization (or funding the culturally specific subrecipient organization (s)) will enhance their ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which populations are intended or expected to be served or to have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

Culturally specific organizations are defined for the purposes of this solicitation as private nonprofit or Tribal organizations whose primary purpose as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to racial and ethnic groups, including, among others, Black people, Hispanic and Latino people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Native, Eskimo, and Aleut), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders.

C. OJJDP will give priority consideration to applicants that demonstrate a commitment to ensuring fairness, equity, and access to justice for all children and families regardless of their race or ethnicity; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion.

To receive this priority consideration, applicants must include in their application a plan that describes how the applicant will incorporate these values and priorities into their program design.

Note: Addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas does not guarantee an award.

## Federal Award Information

### Solicitation Categories



Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
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### Awards, Amounts and Durations

#### Anticipated Number of Awards

6

#### Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards

Category 1: \$750,000 Category 2: \$1,000,000

#### Period of Performance Start Date

10/1/23

#### Period of Performance Duration (Months)

36

#### Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation

\$4,480,000.00

### Continuation Funding Intent

OJJDP may, in certain cases, provide additional funding under Category 2 in future years to awards made under this solicitation through continuation awards. OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and the award-funded work's progress, when making continuation award decisions.

## **Availability of Funds**

This solicitation, and awards under this solicitation, are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this solicitation is intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

## **Type of Award**

### **Category 1: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Programs and Services**

OJJDP expects to make awards under Category 1 as grants. See the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants (and cooperative agreements).

### **Category 2: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Training and Technical Assistance**

OJJDP expects to make the award under Category 2 a cooperative agreement, which provides for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information](#).

## **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 as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

## **Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement**

This solicitation does not require a match.

## **Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on pre-agreement costs (also known as pre-award costs).

## **Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.

### **Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs.

### **Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Costs Associated with Language Assistance.

### **Eligibility Information**

For eligibility information, see the solicitation cover page.

For the purposes of this solicitation, “state” means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Under Category 1, applications submitted by nongovernmental organizations must include, as an attachment, a draft or fully executed memorandum of agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU) or a letter of support that clearly demonstrates an established, collaborative relationship between the applicant and the juvenile justice or adult correctional agencies that (1) oversee the specific facility or facilities from which the applicant proposes to recruit the target population and (2) oversee community corrections (probation and/or parole) for the target population.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see the “Federal Award Information” section.

**Notice regarding law enforcement agencies:** State, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for FY 2023 DOJ discretionary grant funding. To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency’s use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and (2) the agency’s use-of-force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law. The certification requirement also applies to law enforcement agencies receiving DOJ discretionary grant funding through a subaward. For detailed information on this certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO> to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the

Implementation Fact Sheet, and the List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

## Application and Submission Information

### Content of Application Submission

The following application elements **must** be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Web-Based Form (The web-based form includes the budget details and the budget narrative.)
- Draft or fully executed MOUs and Other Supporting Documents (Category 1)

If OJP determines that an application does not include these elements, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

### Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov

The SF-424 must be submitted in Grants.gov. It is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

In Section 8F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information (*email address*) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

**Intergovernmental Review:** This solicitation (“funding opportunity”) **is not** subject to [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#). In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting “Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.”

### Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency 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 make edits as needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and verify and confirm the organization’s unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

## **Proposal Abstract**

A Proposal Abstract (no more than 400 words) 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. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for an example of a proposal abstract.

## **Proposal Narrative**

The proposal narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 30 numbered pages. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, OJJDP may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision.

The proposal narrative must include the following sections:

### **a. Description of the Issue**

Applicants should briefly describe the nature and scope of the problem that the program will address. The applicant should use data to provide evidence that the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the larger community. Any data or research referenced in the narrative should include information about the source of the data and/or a citation. Applicants should describe the target population and any previous or current attempts to address the problem. Applicants should describe any research or evaluation studies that relate to the problem and contribute to their understanding of its causes and potential solutions. While OJJDP expects applicants to review the research literature for relevant studies, they should also explore whether unpublished local sources of research or evaluation data are available.

### **b. Project Design and Implementation**

Applicants should detail how the project will operate throughout the funding period and describe the strategies that they will use to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section. Applicants should describe how they will complete the deliverables stated in the Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables section. OJJDP encourages applicants to select evidence-based practices for their programs. This section should also include details regarding any leveraged resources (cash or in-kind) from local sources to support the project and discuss plans for sustainability beyond the grant period.

Applicants should describe their vision and plan for meaningfully and sustainably integrating youth and family partnership into their proposed project. Applicants should address any corresponding budget implications in their application's budget detail and budget narrative. For resources/guidance on effective youth and family partnership strategies and practices, click [here](#).

If an applicant believes that their project design is in no way amenable to incorporating youth and family partnership, the applicant should instead provide a detailed explanation and justification for excluding this element.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration for Priority 1(A), it should address in this section how the proposed project(s) will promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, and identify how the project design and implementation will specifically incorporate the input or participation of these communities.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration for Priority 1(C), it should address in this section how the proposed project(s) will ensure fairness, equity, and access to justice for all children and families regardless of their religion; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion not already identified under Priority 1(A).

### c. Capabilities and Competencies

This section should describe the experience and capability of the applicant organization and any contractors or subgrantees that the applicant will use to implement and manage this effort and its associated federal funding, highlighting any previous experience implementing projects of similar design or magnitude. Applicants should highlight their experience/capability/capacity to manage subawards, including details on their system for fiscal accountability. Management and staffing patterns should be clearly connected to the project design described in the previous section. Applicants should describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff and explain the program's organizational structure and operations. Applicants should include a copy of an organizational chart showing how the organization operates, including who manages the finances; how the organization manages subawards, if there are any; and the management of the project proposed for funding.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1(B), it should describe within this section how being a culturally specific organization (or funding a culturally specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 40% of the project budget) will enhance its ability to implement the proposed project(s), specify which populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed

project(s), and include the website address (if applicable) and formal or informal mission statement or principles of the culturally specific organization.

d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation's Performance Measures

Describe the process for measuring project performance. Identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurements, and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the impact of the project. Describe the process to accurately report data.

Note: An applicant is **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as a notification that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements. Some measures are presented as examples, while others are the exact measures that every recipient will be expected to address.

OJP will require each award recipient to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" discussion. Applicants can visit OJP's performance measurement page at [www.ojp.gov/performance](http://www.ojp.gov/performance) for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/performance-measures-SCA-COIP.pdf>.

OJJDP will require award recipients to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. OJJDP will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, if the applicant is selected for award.

**Note on Project Evaluations**

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

**Goal, Objective and Deliverables**

The applicant will submit the project's goals, objectives, deliverables and timeline in the JustGrants web-based form. The applicant will also enter the projected fiscal year and quarter that each objective and deliverable will be completed. Please refer to the [Application Submission Job Aid](#) for step-by-step directions.

Goals. The applicant should describe the project's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem noted in the previous section and outline the project's goals.

Program Objectives. The applicant should explain how the program will accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, quantifiable statements of the project's desired results. They should be measureable and clearly linked to the goal.

Deliverables. Project deliverables refer to outputs—tangible or intangible—that are submitted within the scope of a project.

Timeline. Applicants should submit a realistic timeline or milestone chart that indicates major tasks associated with the goals and objectives of the project, assigns responsibility for each, and plots completion of each task by month or quarter for the duration of the award, using “Year 1,” “Month 1,” “Quarter 1,” etc., not calendar dates (see “Sample Project Timelines” [here](#)). On receipt of an award, the recipient may revise the timeline, based on training and technical assistance that OJJDP will provide.

## **Budget and Associated Documentation**

### **Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)**

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [Complete the Application in JustGrants – Budget](#) training.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1(A) and 1(C) and has proposed activities (such as community or stakeholder meetings, community outreach or public awareness campaigns, community participation in project design, implementation, or evaluation, etc.) to incorporate the input and participation of communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, financial support for the identified activities and participation must be reflected in the web-based budget form.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1(B) based on the identification of at least one proposed subrecipient as a culturally specific organization, the proposed funding for the subrecipient in the web-based budget form **must reflect a minimum of 40% of award funding**. The budget narrative must also describe how the activities that will be funded with the (minimum) 40% of award funding provided to the subrecipient **specifically relate to the priority consideration requested** and described in the Capabilities and Competencies section of the application.

### **Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)**

See the section on Costs Requiring Prior Approval in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide Post Award Requirements](#) for more information.

### **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)**

If applicable, the applicant will upload their indirect cost rate agreement as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for more information on indirect costs.

### **Consultant Rate**



See the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for information on the consultant rates which require prior approval from OJP.

### **Limitation on Employee Compensation; Waiver**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver.

### **Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)**

The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and upload it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for the link to the questionnaire and additional information.

### **Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation**

If applicable, the applicant will upload a description of the process used to determine executive compensation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the “Application Attachments” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

### **Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents**

Category 1 nonprofit and Native American organization applicants must include, as an attachment, a draft or fully executed MOA or MOU or a letter of support that clearly demonstrates an established, collaborative relationship between the applicant and the juvenile justice or adult correctional agencies that (1) oversee the specific facility or facilities from which the applicant proposes to recruit the target population and (2) oversee community corrections (probation and/or parole) for the target population.

The MOA/MOU or letter of support must include the following information: (1) the roles and responsibilities for staff from both agencies involved in the program, (2) terms of access to the correctional facility or facilities for program staff (if applicants are unable to conduct in-reach into correctional facilities, the application should explain the reason(s) why such access is not practicable), and (3) information on programming and interventions to be provided for the targeted population.

### **Additional Application Components**

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

### **Curriculum Vitae or Resumes**

Provide resumes of key personnel.

### **Letters of Support**

Category 1 nonprofit and Native American organization applicants should include, if applicable, for each additionally named partner entity not included in the MOA/MOU, a signed letter of support that confirms the partner's agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs.

Each letter of support should include the following: (1) names of the organizations involved in the agreement, (2) scope of the direct service(s) and other work to be performed under the agreement, and (3) duration of the agreement. Letters of support should be signed and then submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

### **Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement**

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. The applicant will upload documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

### **Documentation of Ensuring Protections for Children (if applicable)**

As mentioned above, OJJDP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that have policies, practices, and/or procedures (such as a guardian ad litem or a court appointed special advocate) in place that protect children and/or specific policies and procedures that detail the appropriate steps for terminating visitation and/or parent/child engagement when continued facilitation of the parent/child relationship is deemed to not be in the best interest of the child.

Applicants must submit with their application, as a separate attachment, the policies and practices used to monitor and assess the parent/child relationship. Policies and practices should include protections that support a child's right to decline or terminate visitation or participation at any time during the program. Applicants should discuss specific steps for reporting, documenting, and implementing the stated child protection policies.

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

### **Proof of 501(c)(3) Status**

Provide proof of 501(c)(3) Status (Nonprofit Organization Only)

## **Disclosures and Assurances**

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

### **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

Complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. Once the applicant submits in Grants.gov, this information will pre-pend into JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

### **DOJ Certified Standard Assurances**

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

### **Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items**

Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

### **DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing**

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

### **Applicant Disclosure and Justification - DOJ High Risk Grantees**

If applicable, submit the DOJ High Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ High Risk Grantee 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 is otherwise not responsible. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

## **How to Apply**

**Registration:** Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM). You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.

**Submission:** Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process via Grants.gov and JustGrants.

**Step 1:** After registering with SAM, the applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> by the Grants.gov deadline. **Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline.** If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.

**Step 2:** The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by the JustGrants deadline.

Within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual in Section 8F of the SF-424 will receive an email from [DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov](mailto:DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. Register the Entity Administrator and the Application Submitter with JustGrants as early as possible but no later than 48-72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive an emailed link to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. The Entity Administrator also will need to log into JustGrants to review and invite the applicant's Authorized Representative(s) before an application can be submitted.

Submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 24 – 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline. Some of the application components will be entered directly into JustGrants, and others will require uploading attached documents. Therefore, applicants will need to allow ample time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare each component. Applicants may save their progress in the system and revise the application as needed prior to hitting the Submit button at the end of the application in JustGrants.

For additional information, see the “How to Apply” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

### **Submission Dates and Time**

The **SF-424** and the **SF-LLL** must be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 pm eastern time on May 30, 2023.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 pm eastern time on June 12, 2023.

OJP urges applicants to submit their Grants.gov and JustGrants submissions prior to the due dates with sufficient time to correct any errors and resubmit by the submission deadlines if a rejection notification is received. To be considered timely, the **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. Failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration process in sufficient time (i.e., waiting until the date identified in this solicitation) is not an acceptable reason for late submission.

### **Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application**

OJP will only consider requests to submit an application after the deadline when the applicant can document that a technical issue with a government system prevented application submission.

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. However, the waiver request will not be considered unless it includes a tracking number generated when the applicant contacts the applicable service desks to report technical difficulties. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desks; and for this reason applicants are encouraged to email the appropriate service desk, even if they also intend to call the service desk for phone support. Experiencing wait times for phone support does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of getting a tracking number.

An applicant experiencing technical difficulties must contact the associated service desk indicated below to report the technical issue and receive a tracking number:

- SAM.gov - contact the [SAM Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#), Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET at 866-606-8220.
- Grants.gov - contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](#), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).
- JustGrants - contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175, Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET and Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) within **24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) within 24 hours of the JustGrants deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline.

Waiver requests sent to the OJP Response Center must -

- describe the technical difficulties experienced,
- include 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),
- include an attachment of the complete grant application and all the required documentation and materials,
- include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and

- include any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking numbers documenting the technical issue.

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 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 Unforeseen Technical Issues” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

## Application Review Information

### Review Criteria

#### Merit Review Criteria

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

1. Description of the Issue (10%) - evaluate the applicant’s understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
2. Project Design and Implementation (45%)- evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
3. Capabilities and Competencies (25%) - evaluate the applicant's administrative and technical capacity to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation’s Performance Measures (10%) - evaluate the applicant’s understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
5. Budget (10%) - evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

#### Other Review Criteria/Factors

Other important considerations for OJJDP include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Web-Based Form accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

#### Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet the basic minimum requirements

will be evaluated for technical merit by a peer review panel(s) in accordance with OJP peer review policy and procedures using the review criteria listed above.

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements prior to conducting the peer review. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all OJP solicitations:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within programmatic funding constraints (if applicable).
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant entity. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record of performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant entity is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

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 entity that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

**Important Note on FAPIIS:** An applicant may review and comment on any information about its organization that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant entity.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may consider not only peer review ratings and OJJDP recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

## Federal Award Administration Information

### Federal Award Notices

Generally, award notifications are made by the end of the current Federal fiscal year, September 30th. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

### 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 [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

### **Information Technology Security Clauses**

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

### **General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements**

In addition to the deliverables described in the “Program Description” section, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

#### Required reports

. Award recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual performance reports, final financial and performance reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measure data.

### **Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)**

For OJP contact(s), contact information for Grants.gov, and contact information for JustGrants, see the solicitation cover page.

### **Other Information**

#### **Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a)**

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

#### **Provide Feedback to OJP**

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



## Performance Measures

<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/performance-measures-SCA-COIP.pdf>.

## Application Checklist

### **OJJDP FY 2023 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children**

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](#).

#### **Pre-Application**

##### ***Before Registering in Grants.gov:***

- Acquire or renew your Entity's [System Award Management \(SAM\) Registration Information](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

##### ***Register in Grants.gov***

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

##### ***Find the Funding Opportunity***

- 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 in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#)
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8> (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

##### ***Review the Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements***

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2023 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

##### ***Review the Scope Requirement***

**Category 1: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Programs and Services**

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of up to \$750,000.

## **Category 2: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Training and Technical Assistance**

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$1,000,000.

### ***Review Eligibility Requirement:***

- Review the Eligibility section on the cover page and Eligibility Information section in the solicitation.

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### **Application Step 1**

Submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov

- In Section 8F of the SF-424, include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants and the SF-LLL in Grants.gov**

*Within 48 hours after the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, 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 Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, [Grants.gov customer support](#), or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov) regarding technical difficulties (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual in Section 8F of the SF-424 will receive an email from JustGrants with login instructions.

- Proceed to Application Step 2 and complete application in JustGrants

### **Application Step 2**

Submit the following information in JustGrants:

Application Components

- Standard Applicant information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- **Proposal Abstract\***
- **Proposal Narrative\***

- **Memorandum of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreement/Letter of Support (Category 1 nongovernmental organizations)\* (Draft or fully executed)**

#### Budget and Associated Documentation

- **Budget Web-Based form\***
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

#### Additional Application Components

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Proof of 501(c)(3) Status
- Draft of fully executed MOA, MOU, or Letter of Support (Category 1 nongovernmental organizations)
- Résumés of key personnel (if applicable)
- List of procurement contracts (if applicable)
- Organizational chart (if applicable)

#### Disclosures and Assurances

- [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

**\* Note: Items designated with an asterisk must be submitted for an application to**

***meet the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the designated items, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.***

Review, Certify and Submit Application in JustGrants

- Any validation errors will immediately display on screen after submission.
- Correct validation errors, if necessary, and then return to the “Certify and Submit” screen to submit the application. Access the [Application Submission Validation Errors Quick Reference Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions to resolve errors prior to submission.
- Once the application is submitted and validated, a confirmation message will appear at the top of the page. Users will also receive a notification in the “bell” alerts confirming submission.

*If no JustGrants application submission confirmation email or validation is received, or if error notification is received:*

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) regarding technical difficulties. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

#### **Standard Solicitation Resources**

[OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding.

[DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) serves as the primary reference manual to assist award recipients in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to safeguard grant funds and to ensure funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded. It compiles a variety of laws, rules and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of DOJ awards. This guide serves as a starting point for all award recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards.

[JustGrants Resources Website](#) is an entryway into information about JustGrants and the grants management system itself. Through this portal both award recipients and applicants can access training resource and user support options, find frequently asked questions and sign-up for the [JustGrants Update e-newsletter](#).

[JustGrants Application Submission Training Page](#) offers helpful information and resources on the application process. This training page includes e-learning videos, reference guides, checklists and other resources to help applicants complete an application.

[Virtual Q&A Sessions](#) are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance and support on JustGrants system functionality.