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**Overview**

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), ), [Office for Victims of Crime](#) (OVC) seeks applications for funding to support shelter and transitional housing services for victims of domestic violence and their companion animals. This program furthers the DOJ's mission by enhancing the field's response to victims of crime.

This solicitation incorporates the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to 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.**

This solicitation expressly modifies the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by not incorporating the "Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation" provisions in the "Application Attachments" section.

**Solicitation Categories**

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-OVC-2022-00020-PROD	Category 1: Large Awards	5	\$400,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	36
C-OVC-2022-00021-PROD	Category 2: Mini Awards	10	\$100,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	36

**Eligible Applicants:**

State governments, Other

**Other**

- Units of local government
- Indian tribes

- Any other organization that has a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including—
  - a domestic violence and sexual assault victim service provider.
  - domestic violence and sexual assault coalition.
  - any other nonprofit, nongovernmental organization.
- Any organization that works directly with pets, service animals, emotional support animals, or horses and collaborates with any organization listed above, including—
  - an animal shelter.
  - an animal welfare organization

For 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.

OVC 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](#).

OVC may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2022 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and on the availability of appropriations.

### Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (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.

For technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (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 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. eastern time Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), or by email at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov). The OJP Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., eastern time Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the solicitation closing date.

### Pre-Application Webinar

OVC will conduct one pre-application webinar during which OVC staff will review the solicitation requirements and conduct a question and answer session with interested potential applicants. Participation is optional. When the webinar has been scheduled, the details and registration information will be available at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars>.

### Submission Information

Applications will be submitted to DOJ in two steps:

**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>. To register in Grants.gov, the applicant will need to ensure that its System for Award Management (SAM) registration is current.

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

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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.

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

The following definitions, set out in 34 U.S.C. 20127(b)(9), apply to this solicitation:

- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM.** The term “domestic violence victim” means a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL.** The term “emotional support animal” means an animal that is covered by the exclusion specified in 24 C.F.R. section 5.303 (or a successor regulation), and that is not a service animal.
- **PET.** The term “pet” means a domesticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent, fish, turtle, or other animal that is kept for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes.
- **SERVICE ANIMAL.** The term “service animal” has the meaning given the term in 28 C.F.R. section 36.104 (or a successor regulation).
- **OTHER TERMS.** Except as otherwise provided, terms have the meaning given such terms in section 4002 (a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

Note: Mini awards under this category are designed for shelters and other transitional housing services for victims of domestic violence and their companion animals that may be seeking funding only for smaller purchases such as kennels, cages, crates, pet supplies, beds, and other items that may be necessary to housing domestic violence victims and pets together.

### Statutory Authority

34 U.S.C. 20127 (Public Law 115-334 section 12502(b))

### Specific Information

The decision to leave an abusive situation can be made ever more difficult for the victim when it involves leaving a pet behind. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), 71% of pet-owning women entering domestic violence shelters reported that the abuser threatened, harmed, or killed the family pet. (See: [www.asPCA.org/blog/protecting-all-victims-domestic-violence](http://www.asPCA.org/blog/protecting-all-victims-domestic-violence).) Animal abuse can also be an indicator of domestic violence and is an early warning sign of concurrent or future violence. (See: [www.nationallinkcoalition.org/what-is-the-link](http://www.nationallinkcoalition.org/what-is-the-link).) This grant program will enable domestic violence shelters to become pet-friendly so that victims of domestic violence and their pets may seek safe shelter together. A large majority of domestic violence shelters do not allow pets, and the reasons for this may vary. Therefore, this program will provide funding for those shelters that want to be able to house domestic violence victims and their pets. Examples of program activities include purchasing kennels; installing pet amenities; partnering with veterinarians to provide species-specific medical care; housing relocation; pet boarding; shelter modifications; and other activities related to providing services to support housing domestic violence victims and their pets

together.

The purpose of this program, per 34 U.S.C. 20127(b)(3), is to support projects that provide the following:

- Emergency and transitional shelter and housing assistance for domestic violence victims with companion animals, including modifications to existing structures to provide for housing animals and the operating expenses of newly developed or existing emergency and transitional companion animal shelters for companion animals, regardless of whether such shelter is co-located at a victim housing service provider or is elsewhere within the community. (Note: Minor modifications or renovations to existing structures are permissible under this program. Construction involving the breaking of new ground is not permissible under OVC's authorizing statute.)
- Short-term shelter and housing assistance for domestic violence victims with companion animals, including expenses incurred for the temporary shelter, housing, boarding, or fostering of their companion animals and other expenses that are incidental to securing the safety of such an animal during the sheltering, housing, or relocation of such victims.
- Support services designed to enable persons who are fleeing a situation of domestic violence to locate and secure safe housing with the victim's companion animal; safe accommodations for the victim's companion animal; or companion animal-related services, such as transportation, care services, and other assistance.
- Training for relevant stakeholders on the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of companion animals; the needs of victims of domestic violence; best practices for providing support services to such victims; best practices for providing such victims with referrals to victim services; and the importance of confidentiality.

Grantees will make the housing and supportive services described above available to a victim for a period of not more than 24 months, which may be extended an additional 6 months in the case of a victim who has made a good faith effort to acquire permanent housing for themselves and the victim's companion animal during that 24-month period and has been unable to acquire permanent housing within that period. See 34 U.S.C. 20127(b)(5).

Under this program, grantees will be bound by the nondisclosure of confidential information requirements of section 40002(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2)). Nothing in this solicitation shall be construed to require grantees to breach client confidentiality. See 34 U.S.C. 20127(b)(2)(C).

Nothing in this solicitation shall be construed to require domestic violence victims to participate in the criminal justice system to receive services. See 34 U.S.C. 20127(b)(2)(C).

An entity receiving funding must certify in its application that the entity, before engaging with any individual domestic violence victim, will disclose to the victim any mandatory duty of the entity to report instances of abuse and neglect (including instances of abuse and neglect of companion animals). Activities Prohibited by 34 U.S.C. 20127(2)(B): Applicants shall not propose—

1. any activities that may compromise the safety of a domestic violence victim, including—
  - background checks of domestic violence victims; or
  - clinical evaluations to determine the eligibility of such a victim for support services.
2. to require mandatory services for victims or that a victim obtain a protective order to receive proposed services.

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

### **Goals**

The goal of this program is to provide shelter and transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals.

### **Objectives**

1. Increase the number of shelter beds and transitional housing options to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence who need shelter or housing for them and their companion animals.
2. Provide training on (1) the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of companion animals; (2) the needs of victims of domestic violence; (3) best practices for providing, or referring, support services to such victims; and (4) best practices in designing and delivering services that protect victims' confidentiality.

### **Deliverables**

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

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

Services provided will be measured quarterly by service-hour or units delivered, type of service, number of new and continuing victims served, and other key data points. Grantees will provide data to OVC on the number of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking with companion animals who were provided with grant-funded assistance, and the purpose, amount, type, and duration of such assistance.

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.

### **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 programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

### **OJP 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

Consistent with this Executive Order, the term "underserved community" refers to a population sharing a particular characteristic, as well as a geographic community, that has been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life or whose members have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality. Such communities include, among others, Black



people, Hispanics and Latino/a/e people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

In support of Executive Order 13985, OJP will:

A. Give priority consideration to applications that include project(s) that 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, when making award decisions.

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project(s) will address potential inequities and barriers to equal opportunity, and/or contribute to greater access to services for underserved and historically marginalized populations.

B. Give priority consideration to applicants that can demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because the applicant (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 30% of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative) identifies 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 culturally specific 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 purposes of this solicitation as private nonprofit or tribal organizations whose primary purpose as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to, among others, Black people, Hispanics and Latino/a/e people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders.

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 is not a guarantee of an award.

**Federal Award Information**

**Solicitation Categories**

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**Awards, Amounts and Durations**

**Period of Performance Start Date**  
10/1/22 12:00 AM

**Period of Performance Duration (Months)**  
36

**Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation**  
\$3,000,000.00

**Additional Information**

Category 1 awards will be up to \$400,000 each;  
Category 2 awards will be up to \$100,000 each.

**Continuation Funding Intent**

OVC may, in certain cases, provide additional funding 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 (if any are made) 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.

**Types of Awards**

OVC expects to make awards under this solicitation 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.

**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.

**Budget Information**

See below.

**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](#) 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](#) 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**

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Attorney General determined that all 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 2022 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.

For additional eligibility information, see the solicitation cover page.

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

### **Application and Submission Information**

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 Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form) (The web-based form includes the budget details and the budget narrative.)

See the "Application Elements and Formatting Instructions" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements or is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

#### **Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)**

The SF-424 must be submitted in Grants.gov. The SF-424 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 12372](#). (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting the response that the "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 its 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 the purpose of the

project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries and subrecipients (if known), will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be written in the third person and will be made publicly available on the OJP website if the project is awarded. If you are requesting priority consideration, please indicate the priority area (A and/or B) you are applying under.

### **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 15 pages. Pages should be numbered and submitted as an attachment. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, OVC may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision.

The following sections must be included as part of the proposal narrative:

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

This section must:

1. Reflect the eligible entity's understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
2. Specify how the proposed project will address any identified gaps in available emergency or transitional shelter or housing services.

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

The application must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the "Description of the Issue" section above.

This section must:

1. Clearly state the goals and objectives of this project. Goals and objectives must be in alignment with those stated in this solicitation.
2. Provide a description of the victim services that will be provided through the proposed project, such as emergency and transitional housing assistance; assistance with expenses incurred for the relocation or temporary shelter, housing, boarding, or fostering of the companion animals that are incidental to securing the safety of the animal(s); and support services designed to enable a victim who is fleeing a situation of domestic violence to locate and secure safe housing. Describe how and where the services will be provided.
3. Describe planned training for relevant stakeholders on the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of animals; the needs of victims of domestic violence; best practices for providing support services to such victims; best practices for providing such victims with referrals to victim services; and the importance of confidentiality.

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/or the removal of barriers to access and opportunity, and/or contribute to greater access to services, for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

#### **c. Capabilities and Competencies**

This section must:

1. Demonstrate the institutional experience and expertise of the applicant and any project partners to effectively implement the requirements of this solicitation.
2. Identify the key individuals and organizations, if applicable, involved in the proposed project.
3. Describe specific roles and responsibilities of all project partners and key staff.  
Demonstrate that the individuals who will staff the project are qualified to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and can successfully implement the

proposed project activities.

5. Document plans and position descriptions for any staff to be hired.
6. Demonstrate that the project design and staffing plan ensures that animals will be safely and adequately cared for.
7. Describe the applicant's administrative and financial capacity to manage federal grants.

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 30% of the project budget) will enhance its ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

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

This section must include the following information:

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

Note: Applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require each successful applicant 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.

Links to performance measure questions are available under the Performance Measures section.

OVC will require award recipients to submit quarterly performance measure data in the Performance Measurement Tool and separately submit a semiannual performance report in JustGrants. A list of resources and trainings can be found at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/transforming-victim-services>.

Examples of performance measure questions for this project can be found here: <https://www.ovc.gov/grants/pdfxt/TVS-questionnaire.pdf>.

Award recipients under this solicitation will be required to complete the following sections, including any relevant shared measures:

- Section I. Training
- Section V. Collaborative Partnerships
- Section VI. Strategic Planning
- Section VII. Victim Services

OVC will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, if 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](#).

**Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline**

Applicants will submit the program's goals, objectives, deliverables, and timelines in the JustGrants web-based form.

**Budget and Associated Documentation**

See below.

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

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

In preparing its budget, the applicant is to review carefully the following information that details elements that the application is to address and/or include in the Budget Detail Worksheet (and its accompanying narrative information):

1. Required trainings (including associated travel, if necessary): Required trainings for OVC grantees include:
  - The Regional Financial Management Training Seminar sponsored by OJP's Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), unless the applicant has previously attended this seminar or plans to take the training online. Specific information about the dates and locations of upcoming OCFO events and information about the DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training can be found at <https://www.ojp.gov/training-and-technical-assistance>. The Programmatic Point of Contact and Financial Point of Contact are required to complete this training.
1. Required Grantee Meetings (including associated travel): Program grantees will attend a 2-day meeting in Washington, D.C., twice during the 36-month project period to share their findings, work with technical assistance providers, and network with grantee peers.

The narrative information included as part of the Budget Detail Worksheet should:

1. Display a clear link between the specific project activities and the proposed budget items and not contain items that are not supported by the Proposal Narrative.
2. Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.330, a subaward is for the purpose of carrying out a portion of the federal award, such as compensating a partner with which the grantee has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and a contract is for the purpose of obtaining goods and services for the grantee's own use.

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 be a minimum of 30% of award funding**.

The budget narrative must also describe how the activities that will be funded with the (minimum) 30% of award funding provided to the subrecipient **specifically relate to the priority consideration requested under Priority 1(B)** and described in the Capabilities and Competencies section of the application.

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

The applicant will submit its indirect cost rate agreement by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

#### **Financial Management Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)**

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

#### **Additional Application Components**

Applicants will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

#### **Tribal Authorizing Resolution**

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment. If applicable, the applicant will submit the tribal authorizing documentation by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

#### **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 submit documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

#### **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. 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; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements**

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

##### **Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications**

Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional 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 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, or 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**

Step 1: The applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

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



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 p.m. eastern time on June 13, 2022.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 p.m. eastern time on June 27, 2022.

OJP urges applicants to submit their Grants.gov and JustGrants submissions prior to the due dates to allow sufficient time to correct 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.

### Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues

An applicant that experiences unforeseen SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent application submission by the deadline, must demonstrate all efforts in requesting technical support in order to submit an application by the deadline. Technical support is available via phone and email to the applicable SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants support centers or service desks in which an applicant received a ticket number for resolution. If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical difficulties, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. *Note: If an applicant does not submit all the required Grants.gov forms by the Grants.gov deadline, the applicant will not be able to proceed to the JustGrants portion of the application process.*

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

- Grants.gov - contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](#)
- SAM.gov - contact the [SAM Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#)
- JustGrants - contact the JustGrants Support Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175

An applicant requesting a waiver to submit a late application must document their request for technical assistance in an email to the OJP Response Center at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. If an applicant has technical issues with Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. Waiver requests to submit after the submission deadline must:

- Describe the technical difficulties experienced;
- Include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., what date and time did the error occur, what date and time was action taken to resolve the issue and resubmit; and what date and time did support representatives respond);
- Include an attachment(s) of the complete grant application and all required documentation and material; and
- Include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), any applicable SAM.gov tracking number(s), Grants.gov Help Desk, and JustGrants Support Desk Ticket Numbers.

OJP will review each request for late submission and required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request has been approved or 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

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



1. Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (20%) - 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 (20%) - evaluate the administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%) - 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 OVC include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form) accurately explain 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. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant 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 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 itself 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.

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 OVC recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

### **Federal Award Administration Information**

## **Federal Award Notices**

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 (IT) 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 information on information technology security.

## **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), see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see the solicitation cover page.

For 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**

Award recipients will be required to submit quarterly performance measure data in the Performance Measurement Tool and semiannual performance reports in JustGrants. A list of resources and trainings can be found at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/transforming-victim-services>. Examples of performance measure questions for this project can be found here: <https://www.ovc.gov/grants/pdfxt/TVS-questionnaire.pdf>.

Award recipients under this solicitation will be required to complete the following sections, including any relevant

shared measures:

- Section I. Training
- Section V. Collaborative Partnerships
- Section VI. Strategic Planning
- Section VII. Victim Services

#### **Application Checklist**

#### **OVC FY 2022 Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant Program**

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. The [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#) is another resource.

#### **What an Applicant Must Do:**

*Prior to registering in Grants.gov:*

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

*To 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](#))

*To find the funding opportunity:*

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, Assistance Listing 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](#))

#### **Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:**

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2022 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

#### **Review Scope Requirement:**

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of Category 1: Large awards of up to \$400,000 each; and Category 2: Mini awards of up to \$100,000 each.

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

- State governments
- Units of local government
- Indian tribes
- Any other organization that has a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including—
  - a domestic violence and sexual assault victim service provider.
  - domestic violence and sexual assault coalition.

- a community-based and culturally specific organization.
- any other nonprofit, nongovernmental organization.
- Any organization that works directly with pets, service animals, emotional support animals, or horses and collaborates with any organization listed above, including—
  - an animal shelter.
  - an animal welfare organization.

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**Prepare to submit the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL)**

- Review Information to complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- Complete Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov

*After the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive Grants.gov email notifications that:*

- Submission has been received in Grants.gov
- Submission has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

*If no Grants.gov receipt and validation, 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](#))

*Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants:*

- Proceed to complete application in JustGrants

**Content of Application Submission: Critical Application Elements**

The following items are critical application elements required to pass the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the following elements, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form)

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**Budget and Associated Documentation:**

- 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](#))

**Additional Application Components:**

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- 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](#))
- MOU of Letter of Intent
- Resumes for all Proposed Key Staff and/or Consultants

- Timeline
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

**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; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

*Submit application in JustGrants:*

- Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

*If no JustGrants application submission, validation, or if error notifications are received:*

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) regarding technical difficulties.