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Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office for Victims of Crime](#) seeks applications for funding to develop or enhance a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program. This program furthers the DOJ's mission by increasing access to and the quality of post-sexual assault health care services for victims of sexual assault.

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.**

Solicitation Categories

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-OVC-2022-00018-PROD	Purpose Area 1: Establish and/or Expand SANE Programs	6	\$500,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	36
C-OVC-2022-00019-PROD	Purpose Area 2: Training and Technical Assistance Provider	1	\$1,000,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	36

Eligible Applicants:

City or township governments, County governments, 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, Special district governments, State governments, Other

Other

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.

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.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

OVC's mission is to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and provide leadership in changing policies and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. OVC seeks applications to establish or expand sexual assault examination programs, including sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) programs and sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE) programs, that focus on (1) increasing the number and availability of SANEs/SAFEs, (2) expanding access to sexual assault forensic examinations, and (3) improving the quality of post-sexual assault care using a hospital-based or community-based approach. This solicitation will also fund one applicant to provide technical assistance (TA) to all awarded recipients under Purpose Area 1. This program furthers the Department's mission by increasing the quality and quantity of services available to victims of sexual assault.

Statutory Authority

This project is authorized by the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-103, 136 Stat. 49, 126).

Specific Information

Sexual assault victims require an array of services, including a compassionate, trauma-informed response, evaluation and treatment for injury and infection, mental health support, forensic evidence collection and documentation, and referrals and coordination with other agencies. (See note 1 below.) Studies have shown that exams performed by sexual assault forensic examiners—medical providers trained in collecting and preserving forensic evidence—may result in better physical and mental health care for victims, better evidence collection, and higher prosecution rates. (See note 2 below.) Yet, numerous jurisdictions within the United States have limited or no access to trained examiners. A [2016 U.S. Government Accountability Office \(GAO\) report](#) noted multiple challenges that contribute to the lack of examiners, such as limited availability of training, weak stakeholder support for examiners, and low examiner retention rates.

Victim advocacy is an essential part of the service provision process. Victim advocates play an important role in helping victims find a pathway to recovery by promoting victims' rights and ensuring that victims' emotional, physical, psychological, economic, and spiritual needs are met; referrals are made; and victims are offered and given access to all applicable services by all service providers. During a medical forensic examination, an advocate can support the victim by providing information about the exam, educating them about their rights, offering to be present in the room during the exam for emotional support, and following up with services, referrals, and other information. Under this program, it is strongly recommended that applicants have a plan in place to coordinate with advocates to ensure they are available for crisis intervention, support, and advocacy before, during, and after the exam process.

This program aims to address these problems by supporting the creation and expansion of comprehensive programs that enhance access and quality of care; increase the number of highly trained sexual assault forensic examiners, especially in rural and underserved communities; and increase access to victim advocacy services

(Note 1: Thiede, E., and Miyamoto, S. 2021. "Rural Availability of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs)," *The Journal of Rural Health* 37(1): 81–91. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1111/jrh.12544>.) Note 2: See for example, [Impact Evaluation of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner \(SANE\) Program](#), December 2003, and [Systems Change Analysis of SANE Programs: Identifying the Mediating Mechanisms of Criminal Justice System Impact](#), April 2008.)

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Purpose Area 1: Establish and/or Expand SANE/SAFE Programs

Goals

The goal of this program is to establish and/or expand hospital-based or community-based [SANE/SAFE programs](#) that offer sexual assault medical forensic exams and sexual assault victim services using coordinated community response strategies. Applicants may propose innovative ways of bringing experienced medical forensic examiners to rural, tribal, and underserved communities, such as using a mobile or telehealth model (limited funding can support equipment costs).

New and established programs applying under this solicitation should follow the [National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations](#) in responding to sexual assault victims and the forensic examination process. Development of new training programs should follow the [U.S. Department of Justice \(DOJ\) National Sexual Assault Training Standards](#) and the [Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner \(SANE\) Education Guidelines](#), which take a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach to medical forensic examinations.

Objectives

Purpose Area 1 objectives are to:

1. Provide high-quality, comprehensive medical forensic exams and post-sexual assault care that promotes healing and reduces trauma.
2. Establish or increase the use of victim advocates for the delivery of high-quality advocacy services for victims of sexual assault during a medical forensic exam.
3. Improve the availability of SANEs/SAFEs by establishing a support network of SANE leaders who can develop and grow a cadre of SANE/SAFEs in the target area(s) that lack a comprehensive SANE response.
4. Improve access to training and education that supports ongoing training, peer networking, mentoring, and retention of SANEs/SAFEs.
5. Develop or enhance policies and procedures to ensure there are standards of care that address critical issues, including patient consent, confidentiality/privacy, and trauma-informed care. Policies and procedures should also address increasing access to victim advocacy services when responding to sexual assault cases involving a medical forensic exam. Advocates should be involved in initial victim contact, crisis intervention, information, language assistance services, referrals to services, and transportation to and from the exam site.
6. Collaborate with community advocacy and public safety agencies to ensure a collaborative community response to sexual assault (e.g., Sexual Assault Response Teams or Multidisciplinary Teams, also known as SARTs or MDTs).
7. Participate in technical assistance and collaboration activities led by the funded Technical Assistance Provider to bolster project success, share resources and solutions, and develop best practices related to SANE/SAFE services, training, practice, and retention.

Funding may also support the following activities:

- Establish or expand SARTs, to include hiring a SANE/SART Coordinator. Using the SANE/SART model will allow communities to implement national best practices in sexual assault response.
- Review, update, and expand SANE/SART protocol development to improve coordination of patient/victim/survivor services across systems.
- Develop public awareness and outreach efforts about the SANE/SAFE program and provision of sexual assault care.

Deliverables

Purpose Area 1 deliverables of the project are:

- Development/enhancement of policies and procedures that address the standardization of care (*Year 1*).
 - Development/enhancement of security policies and procedures for telehealth systems to ensure Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance of patient information (*by end of Year 1 – telehealth programs only*).
- Development of a comprehensive training plan for SANE/SAFE support and professional development

(Year 1).

- Development of a sustainability plan to ensure that programs can continue in an effective way beyond grant funding (Year 2).
- Establish memoranda of understanding, subcontracts, or other agreements from community advocacy and public safety agencies to strengthen community engagement (Year 1).

Limited Use of Funds

The scope of this program is to establish or expand SANE programs that enhance sexual assault medical forensic care and victim advocacy services. The use of funds under this program should focus primarily on direct services. The following activities cannot be supported under this program:

- **Research**, defined in 28 C.F.R. § 46.102 as a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Limited funds may be used to support process evaluations or assess work for internal improvement purposes only, such as by convening a listening session to identify service gaps in the community or surveying training participants about the quality of training content and delivery.
- **Tuition reimbursement** in lieu of salary for project staff.

Purpose Area 2: Training and Technical Assistance Provider

Goals

OVC will provide funding for a technical assistance provider that is proactive, action-driven, flexible, and ensures ongoing communication and collaboration with the selected Purpose Area 1 awardees, OVC, and other relevant federal agencies and partners. The methods of TA delivery should be creative and adapted according to the needs of the awardees. This can include in-person, phone, and email consultations; webinars; and other distance/online learning technologies. The TA provider is expected to bring innovative and evidence-driven ideas and strategies to the project, and work in partnership with OVC and the awardees to accomplish the goals, objectives, and activities of the project.

TA applicants must clearly demonstrate their knowledge and expertise with providing training and technical assistance in SANE/SAFE practice, programming, and training, case reviews, multidisciplinary collaboration, and trauma-informed approaches to working with victims.

Objectives

Purpose Area 2 objectives are:

1. Provide ongoing, customized technical assistance to each Purpose Area 1 award recipient that will support them in successfully implementing their program strategy, based on the needs of the program and community.
2. Establish a highly capable, diverse project team that can provide technical assistance to strengthen the awarded recipients' response to underserved populations, including communities of color, individuals with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, and victims with limited English proficiency.
3. Integrate innovative models and ensure flexible options for training, learning, practice, and networking (e.g., cross-site visits, grantee meetings, Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes sessions, roundtables) among selected awardees and their partners to promote problem-solving, ongoing communication, and innovation through the exchange of information, lessons learned, and new ideas.
4. Facilitate collaboration among awarded recipients through regular virtual grantee check-ins to identify technical assistance needs.
5. Provide support to grantees in the development/enhancement of training plans, sustainability plans, policies and procedures, multidisciplinary partnerships, SARTs, advocacy, outreach/marketing efforts, quality improvement, etc.
6. Work to identify and/or engage partners and strengthen relationships and coordination.
7. Identify and provide TA that is coordinated, appropriate, trauma informed, and data driven to reach and assist sexual assault victims.

Deliverables

Purpose Area 2 deliverables are:

Develop a technical assistance plan to support awarded recipients in achieving the goals and objectives of this program. This should include developing new tools, materials, and resources to assist with

- implementation (e.g., lessons learned, checklists, sample protocols) (*within 6 months of award acceptance*).
- Issue a final summary report pertaining to the achieved outcomes (*Year 3*).

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
\$4,000,000.00

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 cooperative agreements, which provide 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.

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

For 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 you are applying under (A - underserved communities and/or B - culturally specific populations).**

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 25 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 OR Statement of the Problem if research is involved

- State whether the project is local, statewide, or regional in scope.
- Identify and describe the community or communities the project will serve, including the geographic location, demographic population, and, if any, tribal communities in the service area(s).
- State whether the proposed project will establish new programming, expand existing programming, or both.
- Describe the need for, and challenges to providing, medical forensic exams and advocacy to victims of sexual assault in the targeted area(s) supported with local/state data.
- Describe gaps in training and SANE/SAFE coverage.
- Describe why these project/proposed activities are necessary (significance/value) and/or address a need and include supporting information.

b. Project Design and Implementation

- Describe the strategy for addressing the needs identified in the Description of the Issue.
 - State the key goal(s) of the project.
 - Identify specific, measurable, and achievable objectives that relate directly to the issues described in the Description of the Issue.
 - List the proposed activities and describe how they relate to the stated objectives. Activities are the specific actions to be undertaken to fulfill the objectives and reach the goal(s).
 - Provide a detailed description of the method(s) to be used to carry out each activity.
- Provide a brief timeframe indicating roughly when activities or project milestones are to be accomplished
- Describe the safety needs of victims of sexual assault and the applicant's commitment to addressing those needs through the proposed project.
- Identify any potential challenges to the project's success and describe how the applicant will mitigate those challenges.
Describe sustainability measures the applicant will take to continue its efforts beyond the funding

period.

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

- Describe the capabilities and competencies needed to accomplish the goals and objectives of the project.
 - Include a clear description of the applicant's management structure and the current and proposed professional staff members' unique qualifications that will enable them to fulfill their grant responsibilities.
 - Describe the expertise of the organization (and any subrecipients) in providing SANE services. Discuss any previous or current experience providing victim services using multidisciplinary partnerships.
 - Describe the criteria for individuals hired as SANEs.
 - Describe how the program will be managed and include information describing the roles and responsibilities of key personnel. Applicants must also include a list of personnel responsible for managing and implementing the major stages of the project. The project director must have both the substantive expertise and experience to perform crucial leadership functions and sufficient time to devote to the project to provide the needed guidance and supervision.
- Demonstrate that the individuals and organizations have the capacity to address the challenges and needs described in the Description of the Issue section, and can successfully implement the proposed activities.
- Demonstrate, as appropriate to the project, coordination with victim service providers, advocacy organizations, law enforcement (including a crime laboratory), and prosecutors.
- If there is an existing SART, or the project involves creating or supporting a SART (or another multidisciplinary team), describe how it will help facilitate the project's success.

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 for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

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.

- I. Training (Purpose Areas 1 & 2)
- II. Technical Assistance (Purpose Area 2 only)
- III. Technology Developments (Purpose Area 1 only)
- IV. Data Gathering (Purpose Areas 1 & 2)
- V. Collaborative Partnerships (Purpose Areas 1 & 2)
- VI. Strategic Planning (Purpose Areas 1 & 2)
- VII. Victim Services (Purpose Area 1 only)

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 project'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.

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.

Employee Compensation Waiver

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

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.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

This solicitation expressly modifies the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by not incorporating its “Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation” provisions. Applicants to this solicitation are not required to provide this disclosure.

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](#).

Logic Model

Applicants will submit a logic model that graphically illustrates how the project’s problems, goals, objectives, and design are interrelated, leading to anticipated outputs, performance measures, and outcomes. Sample logic models are available at <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/grant-performance-measurement/data-collection-methods-and-logic-models>.

Organizational Chart

Include an organizational chart.

Resumes for All Proposed Key Staff and Consultants

Position descriptions and resumes for key positions should be tailored to the applicant to demonstrate qualifications of staff involved in the project.

Letters of Commitment

Purpose Area 1 applicants must submit signed letters of commitment from the agency or agencies hosting the SANE/SAFE program describing their involvement and stating their commitment to the project as presented in the application.

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 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 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 **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 (15%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
2. Project Design and Implementation (30%) - evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
3. Capabilities and Competencies (25%) - 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 (15%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
5. Budget (15%) - 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

OVC will require award recipients to submit quarterly performance measure data in the Performance Measurement Tool and separately submit 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.

- I. Training (Purpose Areas 1 & 2)
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- III. Technology Developments (Purpose Area 1 only)
- IV. Data Gathering (Purpose Areas 1 & 2)
- V. Collaborative Partnerships (Purpose Areas 1 & 2)
- VI. Strategic Planning (Purpose Areas 1 & 2)
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Application Checklist

OVC FY 2022 Expanding Access to Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations

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/financialguidedojo/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 up to \$500,000 (Purpose Area 1); up to \$1,000,000 (Purpose Area 2).

Review Eligibility Requirement:

- State governments
- Special district governments
- City or township governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal 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
- Private institutions of higher education

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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](#))
- Logic Model
- Organizational Chart
- Resumes for all proposed key staff and consultants
- Letters of Commitment (Purpose Area 1)

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 regarding technical difficulties.