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Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking](#) (SMART) seeks applications for funding under the SMART FY 2023 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program. This program furthers DOJ's mission by assisting states, the District of Columbia, principal U.S. territories and certain federally recognized Indian tribes with implementation and ongoing maintenance of requirements under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, specifically Subtitle A of Title I of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

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

Solicitation Categories

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

Eligible Applicants:

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), State governments, Other

Other

Other eligible applicants are limited to jurisdictions that are defined by SORNA as states, the District of Columbia, the principal U.S. territories and federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) that are eligible per 34 U.S.C. § 20929 to carry out the functions of SORNA and have elected to do so.

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

The SMART Office 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). See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide's [information on subawards](#) for more guidance.

Contact Information

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the SMART Office at 202-514-4689 or at AskSMART@usdoj.gov.

Pre-application Information Session

The SMART Office will post a solicitation webinar on smart.ojp.gov after the solicitation is released. The webinar will provide a detailed overview of the solicitation and its requirements. The SMART Office encourages interested applicants to watch the webinar after reviewing the solicitation. Any remaining questions may be submitted to AskSMART@usdoj.gov with the subject line "Questions for FY 2023 AWA Grant Solicitation."

Submission Information

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

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

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

For technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and a SF-LLL in Grants.gov, contact

the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, Grants.gov Customer Support, or support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

Step 2: The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov by the JustGrants application deadline.

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

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

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Program Description

Overview

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

The Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Support for Adam Walsh Act (AWA) Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and enhancing programs designed to implement the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). (34 U.S.C. § 20901 et seq.) SORNA was enacted to provide a comprehensive set of standards for sex offender registration and notification in the United States. "Jurisdiction" is defined in SORNA as any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the principal U.S. territories and federally recognized Indian tribes — to the extent provided by 34 U.S.C. § 20911(10) — that have elected to implement SORNA.

Statutory Authority

Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, 34 U.S.C. § 20901 et seq.

Specific Information

The AWA Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and enhancing programs designed to implement SORNA requirements. SORNA requires all states, the District of Columbia, the principal U.S. territories and participating federally recognized Indian tribes to maintain a sex offender registry; and sex offenders to register and maintain a current registration in each jurisdiction where the individual lives, works or goes to school. SORNA also sets forth requirements for sex offender registries (to include specified information), duration of registration, in-person verification of registration information, participation in the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website ([NSOPW.gov](https://www.nsopw.gov)), interjurisdictional information exchange and international notification of relocating or traveling offenders. For more specific information about SORNA substantial implementation, the National Guidelines and Supplemental Guidelines on Sex Offender Registration and Notification, the Supplemental Juvenile Registration Guidelines, and Attorney General Rules, visit SMART's [SORNA guidance](#).

Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

Goals

Under the Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program, the SMART Office funds projects that assist jurisdictions in implementing SORNA. The program works to improve sex offender registry systems to support and maintain implementation of SORNA's standards.

The goals of the Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program are to —

- facilitate, enhance and maintain jurisdictional implementation of SORNA;
- provide training and technical assistance to jurisdictions implementing SORNA; and
- facilitate information sharing and access among states, tribes, territories and the District of Columbia.

Objectives

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

For **jurisdictions that have substantially implemented** SORNA, the application must explain how the proposed project will support continued implementation of SORNA, enhance current registration and notification programs or address any SORNA requirements that are not fully met, as identified in the most recent SORNA substantial implementation review for the jurisdiction.

For **state and territorial jurisdictions that have not yet substantially implemented** SORNA, applicants must explain how the proposed project will bring the jurisdiction closer to implementing SORNA based on addressing one or more deficiencies identified in SMART's most recent SORNA substantial implementation review for the jurisdiction. In addition, for **tribal jurisdictions that have not yet substantially implemented** SORNA, applicants must have received a SORNA substantial implementation review by the SMART Office, submitted a substantial implementation package for review, or requested and received a "reasonable time" extension from the SMART Office.

Deliverables

Applicants should propose tasks that support specific strategies and projects to develop and/or enhance efforts or programs designed to implement or maintain SORNA standards. For instance, an applicant might propose to —

- Draft legislation and develop administrative materials (such as policies, procedures or processing forms) that address SORNA's requirements, including legal support.
- Provide support for coordinated interagency efforts to maintain or enhance implementation of SORNA requirements.
- Develop or enhance law enforcement and other criminal justice agency information sharing within the jurisdiction, as well as between jurisdictions.
- Implement records management projects, such as converting paper documents to digital format as required by SORNA.
- Develop or enhance information sharing between the jurisdiction's sex offender registry and other jurisdiction entities (such as correctional facilities or motor vehicle departments) to improve the accuracy of information about registered sex offenders.
- Develop and conduct training, including safety training, for law enforcement and other criminal justice agency personnel responsible for sex offender registration, monitoring or management; community notification; or failure-to-register case

investigation.

- Enhance registration verification strategies, collaborating with other jurisdictions and agencies on absconder investigations, and expanding community education and prevention programs related to sex offender registration, notification or management. Implement and enforce SORNA's 21-day advance notice of international travel requirement.
- Enhance the jurisdiction's infrastructure to assist with implementation of SORNA, such as the collection, storage, submission or analysis of sex offender biometric data (finger and palm prints) and DNA to state or FBI laboratories. See "Budget Information" for more information.
- Develop, improve or sustain registration and notification functions and activities, including developing community education programs on sexual offending and management topics (e.g., promoting an understanding of the jurisdiction's sex offender registration, notification, treatment and community supervision strategies; safety planning; and sexual offense facts and statistics).
- Develop, improve or sustain collaboration with intratribal organizations, including victim service agencies, courts, probation offices, schools and other entities. An application to fund a collaborative approach or project must include supporting documentation from the included tribal organizations detailing how the collaboration will work. The application should also detail how such strategies will sustain and support the tribe's sex offender registration and notification program.
- Develop or enhance interjurisdictional cooperation (e.g., between tribes and states), including information-sharing infrastructure improvement to assist SORNA implementation, such as the collection, storage, submission or analysis of sex offender biometric data (finger and palm prints).

Tribes that have elected to implement SORNA may apply for funding to support SORNA activities that benefit a consortium of tribes implementing SORNA. Several tribes may choose to form a consortium to share resources (e.g., hardware, digital fingerprint equipment, kiosks, joint staff or shared registry office space) or collaborate on enforcement activities or registration facilities. An application to fund a collaborative approach or project must include supporting documentation, such as an interagency agreement, a memorandum of understanding or a letter of cooperation that demonstrates commitment from each member jurisdiction of the consortium.

State Assistance to Other Units of Government and Tribal Nations

States may apply to support efforts of local or state units of government, or expand or develop programs to include registration for tribes located in states that fall under Public Law 83-280 or for tribal nations that have had their SORNA functions delegated to the state.

States are encouraged to specifically address the unique needs of the tribes located in their state in any project design for SORNA implementation.

States that have tribal SORNA jurisdictions within their borders may apply for funding to enhance their collaboration with tribes, including enhancing information sharing such as

tribal access to the National Crime Information Center and/or the National Sex Offender Registry. An application to fund a collaborative approach or project must include supporting documentation, such as an interagency agreement, a memorandum of understanding or a letter of cooperation that demonstrates the collaborative endeavor from each SORNA jurisdiction involved in the collaboration. As in prior fiscal years, jurisdictions may elect to subaward to a political subdivision or unit of local government in their application, if that subaward is in keeping with the jurisdiction's overall implementation strategy.

Additional Information Required

State and territory applicants that are penalized for failing to substantially implement SORNA and that recently received, or expect to receive, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) SORNA reallocation funding should describe how the proposed project complements the work that the jurisdiction plans to perform with reallocation funding. Applicants should ensure that the proposed project involves activities that are separate from or complement the tasks being performed with the SORNA reallocation funding, to avoid receiving duplicate funds for the same activity.

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.

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, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide's [Evidence-Based Programs or Practices](#) section.

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

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

Federal Award Information

Solicitation Categories

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

Awards, Amounts and Durations

Anticipated Number of Awards

60

Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards

\$400,000.00

Period of Performance Start Date

10/1/23

Period of Performance Duration (Months)

36

Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation

\$16.5 million

Availability of Funds

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

Type of Award

The SMART Office expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide's [Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements section](#) 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's [Financial Management and System of Internal Controls section](#) for additional information.

Budget Information

The SMART Office has developed information technology resources, including software such as mapping technology, geographic radius and address search applications, and community notification and email notification applications, to help jurisdictions meet SORNA's requirement of participating in the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website. These resources are available to all SORNA jurisdictions. Additionally, the SMART Office provides the Sex Offender Registry Tool (SORT) free of charge to states and the Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System (TTSORS) free of charge to

tribes and territories. See the [SORT](#) and [TTSORS fact sheets](#) for additional information.

Software may be purchased or licensed with funding under this solicitation if there is a proven and justifiable need. Allowable software includes software to support biometric collection and submission to federal databases or to facilitate information sharing between a jurisdiction's sex offender registry and other law-enforcement and criminal justice information systems or databases and sex offender tracking systems within the jurisdiction (including local law enforcement), software that facilitates sex offender tracking and management throughout the jurisdiction, and software necessary to facilitate the use of SMART-provided software resources.

Applicant proposal narratives may include the purchase of equipment such as digital fingerprint and palm print equipment, scanners to transfer existing records and documents into a digital format, computer hardware and DNA collection equipment. Tribes that propose to use grant funds to support the collection, storage and submission of DNA must document that those costs are necessary and verifiable.

Examples of verified and validated costs include fees that a state or its political subdivision charges the tribe for collection, storage or submission of DNA. Please note that contracting with a private lab does not facilitate submission of DNA to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), and thus does not meet SORNA requirements. As a result, private lab fees are unallowable costs. The FBI Laboratory permits SORNA tribes to receive free DNA collection kits, and the FBI Laboratory analyzes the kits and enters the data into CODIS for free. Contact the SMART Office for additional information.

Tribes can use grant funds to purchase an electronic scanner or live scan device for scanning finger and palm prints for upload to the FBI Next Generation Identification system. However, tribes typically have to coordinate with the state in which they are located in order to connect to those federal databases. A tribe that wishes to use such devices for upload will need the State to agree to accept and facilitate a connection and the tribe will need to obtain information from the State on the types of hardware or device that will interface with its system. Note: A tribe can purchase a scanner without working with the state, but if no connection is established, the tribe will have to print the scanned prints and mail them to the FBI using FBI-provided mailers. Tribal applicants must document either 1) how data will be transmitted through the state, including any memoranda of understanding or other agreements, or 2) how the transmission of data will be made directly to the FBI.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

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

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

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide 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

Tribal applicants must demonstrate eligibility status by indicating that the tribe has elected to carry out the requirements of SORNA (see 34 U.S.C. § 20911(10)), and has not had its registration duties under SORNA delegated since that election. Tribes that have elected to carry out the requirements of SORNA should submit a tribal resolution that documents the tribe's election to do so.

The SMART Office will prioritize funding to the following: 1) state, tribal and territorial applicants that have [already substantially implemented SORNA](#); 2) tribal applicants that have submitted a SORNA substantial implementation package to the SMART Office for review, or submitted a request for additional time to implement SORNA; 3) tribal applicants that have not implemented SORNA, but whose SORNA registration activities have not been delegated to the state, if the requested funds will be used to assist the tribe with progressing toward substantial implementation; 4) state applicants that have not implemented SORNA, but whose application request is for activities that will be used to further their efforts to implement SORNA; and 5) jurisdictions that have not previously received funding under this program.

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

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

Notice regarding law enforcement agencies: State, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for FY 2023 DOJ discretionary grant funding. To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory

conditions: 1) the agency's use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and 2) the agency's use-of-force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law. The certification requirement also applies to law enforcement agencies receiving DOJ discretionary grant funding through a subaward. For detailed information on this certification requirement, please visit the [Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities page](#) to access the [Principles on Safe Policing and Use of Force](#), [Implementation Fact Sheet](#) and [List of Credentialing Bodies](#).

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

Application and Submission Information

Content of Application Submission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency Information)

The "Standard Applicant Information" section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. The applicant will need to review

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

Proposal Abstract

A Proposal Abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project — including its purpose, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipients (if known) — must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables, written in the third person, and exclude personally identifiable information. Abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP and USASpending.gov websites if the project is awarded. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for [an example of a proposal abstract](#).

Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 25 pages (pages should be numbered). If the Proposal Narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, the SMART Office may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in a final award decision.

The Proposal Narrative must include the following sections:

a. **Description of the Issue.** Applicants should describe the challenges that the jurisdiction faces in implementing or maintaining SORNA implementation and the strategy for addressing those challenges. Applicants should describe steps taken to assess and analyze their current sex offender registration and notification systems in relation to implementing or maintaining SORNA standards.

b. **Project Design and Implementation.**

SORNA implementation plan (for jurisdictions that have not yet implemented SORNA): Discussion of a jurisdiction's planned activities should include information regarding the jurisdiction's SORNA implementation plan. The plan should include a list of involved individuals/entities and their responsibilities regarding SORNA implementation. It is expected that successful applicants will report on their jurisdiction's SORNA implementation progress in their semiannual progress reports.

SORNA maintenance plan (for jurisdictions that have been found to have substantially implemented SORNA; these applicants should include the date they were found to have substantially implemented SORNA): Discussion of a jurisdiction's planned activities should include information about how the activities will sustain and/or improve the jurisdiction's substantial implementation of SORNA. It is expected that successful applicants will report on their jurisdiction's SORNA maintenance progress in their semiannual progress reports.

- c. **Plan for SORNA Sustainability.** The applicant should discuss plans for sustainability (i.e., how the program will continue to operate beyond the grant award period). If personnel costs are supported by grant funds, discuss how these positions will be maintained beyond the grant award period.
- d. **Capabilities and Competencies.** This section should describe the experience and capabilities of the applicant and any proposed subrecipients (including contractors and consultants) that the applicant will use to implement and manage the project and highlight any previous experience implementing projects of similar scope, design and magnitude. The management and organizational structure described should match the staff needs necessary to accomplish the goals, objectives and tasks outlined in the project design.
- e. **Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures.** Describe the process for measuring project performance. Identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurements, and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the impact of the project. Describe the process to accurately report data.

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

OJP will require each award recipient to submit regular performance data that show the results of the work carried out under the award. 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](#) for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found under the Performance Measures section of this solicitation.

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

Note on Project Evaluations

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

Goal, Objective and Deliverables

The applicant will submit the project's goals, objectives, deliverables and timeline in the

JustGrants web-based form, including the projected fiscal year and quarter that each objective and deliverable will be completed. Please refer to the [Application Submission Job Aid](#) for step-by-step directions.

Goals. The applicant should describe the project's intent to address the issue described in the previous section and outline the project's goals.

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

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

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)

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

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

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

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

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

Consultant Rate

See the DOJ Grants Financial Guide's [Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval](#) for information on standard OJP consultant rates and the requirements for requesting prior OJP approval to exceed the maximum threshold rate.

Limitation on Employee Compensation; Waiver

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

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

Each applicant should download the Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire, complete it and upload it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide's [section on the Financial Management questionnaire for the link to the questionnaire and additional](#) information.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

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

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents

Applicants should include for each named partner a signed memorandum of understanding, letter of intent or subcontract that confirms the partner's agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services or other project needs. For applications submitted from two or more entities, applicants are encouraged to develop and submit signed MOUs or signed letters of intent that provide a detailed description of how the agencies will work together to meet project requirements.

Each MOU or letter of intent should include the following: 1) names of the organizations involved in the agreement; 2) scope of the direct service(s) and other work to be performed under the agreement; and 3) duration of the agreement. Subcontracts, MOUs or letters of intent should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

Additional Application Components

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes

Provide résumés of key personnel.

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 upload the tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide's information on [tribal authorizing resolutions](#) for additional guidance.

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and

integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. The applicant will upload documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide's [information on research and evaluation independent and integrity](#).

List of Individuals in the Application

To assist OJP in assessing actual or apparent conflicts of interest (including conflicts on the part of prospective reviewers), include a complete list of the individuals named or otherwise identified anywhere in the application (including in the budget or in any other attachment) who will or may work, advise or consult on the proposed project. **This applies to all individuals, including any proposed subrecipient, entities, contractors and consultants.**

Organizational Chart

Attach an organizational chart showing the applicant's internal structure, positions and hierarchy.

List of Procurement Contracts

If the application (including the budget) identifies any proposed noncompetitive agreements that are or may be considered procurement "contracts" (rather than subawards) for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements, the applicant also must list the entities with which the applicant proposes to contract. Applicants should provide this list as a separate sheet entitled "Proposed noncompetitive procurement contracts." Visit the OJP Grant Application Guide for more information on [proposed procurement contracts](#).

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. Once the applicant submits in Grants.gov, this information will prepopulate into JustGrants. See [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities](#) in 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 [Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements](#) in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for more information.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

form. See [Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications \(Duplication in Cost Items\)](#) in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

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

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

Applicant Disclosure and Justification - DOJ High Risk Grantees

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

How to Apply

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

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

Step 1: After registering with SAM, the applicant must [register in Grants.gov](#) and submit the **SF-424 and SF-LLL** in Grants.gov. **Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but at least 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline.** If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.

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

Within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual in Section 8F of the SF-424 will receive an email from DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. Register the Entity Administrator and the Application Submitter with JustGrants as early as possible but at least 48-72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive an emailed link to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. The Entity Administrator also will need to log into JustGrants to review and invite the applicant's

Authorized Representative(s) before an application can be submitted.

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

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

Submission Dates and Time

The **SF-424 and the SF-LLL** must be submitted in Grants.gov by **11:59 p.m. Eastern time, April 5, 2023**.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by **5:00 p.m. Eastern time, April 19, 2023**.

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

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application

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

If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical issues with SAM.gov, Grants.gov or JustGrants, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. However, the waiver request will not be considered unless it includes a tracking number generated when the applicant contacts the associated service desk(s) to report technical difficulties. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the associated service desk; for this reason, applicants are encouraged to email the associated service desk, even if they also intend to call the service desk for phone support. Experiencing wait times for phone support does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of getting a tracking number.

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

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

If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the SMART Office at 202-514-4689 or at AskSMART@usdoj.gov within **24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact the SMART Office at 202-514-4689 or at AskSMART@usdoj.gov within **24 hours of the JustGrants deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

Waiver requests sent to the SMART Office must —

- describe the technical difficulties experienced,
- include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., date and time the error occurred, date and time of actions taken to resolve the issue and resubmit, and date and time support representatives responded),
- include an attachment of the **complete grant application** and all the required documentation and materials,
- include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and
- include any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking numbers documenting the technical issue.

OJP will review each waiver request and the required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request for late submission has been approved or denied. **If an applicant does not provide documentation of a technical issue or does not submit a waiver request within the required time period, OJP will deny the request.**

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 on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

- a. Description of the Issue (20%). Applicant's understanding of the issue to be

addressed. Applicants should link the proposed activities to as-yet unmet implementation requirements identified in the jurisdiction's most recent SORNA substantial implementation review, if any.

- b. Project Design and Implementation (30%). Adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones and deliverables. Applicants who have not implemented SORNA should outline how the proposed project will move the jurisdiction closer to substantial implementation of SORNA. Those jurisdictions that have been found to have substantially implemented SORNA should detail how the proposed project/activities will enhance ongoing SORNA implementation and help to sustain the efficacy and viability of the jurisdiction's sex offender registration and notification program. In addition, applicants should specifically identify each SORNA requirement that will be implemented or enhanced as a result of the proposed project.
- c. Capabilities and Competencies (25%). Administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives. Applicants should describe the management structure and staffing of the project and include information describing the roles and responsibility of key organizational and functional components and personnel. In addition, applicants should describe the experience and capacity of existing/proposed grants management staff who will be responsible for the successful management of federal grant awards.
- d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%). Applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data. Applicants should describe the process for measuring program performance. Identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurement and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the program's impact. Applicants should identify and describe both the outputs and outcomes they anticipate as a result of their proposed implementation strategy and a process for measuring them.
- e. Budget (10%). Applicants should provide a budget that is complete, cost effective and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable and necessary for project activities). The budget should demonstrate generally how applicants will maximize cost effectiveness of grant expenditures. Budget descriptions should demonstrate cost effectiveness in relation to potential alternatives and the goals of the project. Generally, a reasonable cost is a cost that, in its nature or amount, does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the cost. Applicants should also budget for travel/lodging expenses for at least one person to travel to participate in SMART-sponsored training events/conferences (locations to be determined). It is expected that this meeting would be for a minimum of three days and two nights, for at least one representative from the program; a maximum of three participants may be budgeted.
- f. Plan for SORNA Sustainability (5%). Applicants should discuss how the proposed project will reduce the jurisdiction's long-term costs in registry operation and

maintenance and how the program will continue to operate beyond the period of the grant award. If personnel costs are supported by grant funds, include specific discussion of how these positions will be maintained beyond the grant award period.

- g. **Other (Specify) (5%).** Project abstract, project timeline, position descriptions and résumés, organizational chart, indirect cost rate agreement (if applicable) and tribal authorizing resolution (if applicable).

Other Review Criteria/Factors

Other important considerations for the SMART Office include geographic diversity, strategic priorities, available funding, past performance and the extent to which the Budget Web-Based Form accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet the basic minimum requirements will be evaluated for technical merit by a peer review panel(s) in accordance with OJP peer review policy and procedures using the review criteria listed above.

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

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

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

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant entity that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

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

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

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

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

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

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

Information Technology Security Clauses

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

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, semiannual 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 [General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements](#), including performance measure data.

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

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

Other Information

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

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

Provide Feedback to OJP

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

Performance Measures

Objective	Performance Measure (s)	Description	Data Recipient Provides
Improve public sex offender registry systems to support and maintain SORNA implementation	Number of staff trained (if applicable)		Number of jurisdiction personnel trained on SORNA standards during the current reporting period
	Number of records that are automated (if applicable)		Number of records/data (including sex offender case files, sex offender registration information, finger/palm print cards, DNA) captured and/or automated during the current reporting period
	Percentage of records/data made electronically accessible for inclusion in SORNA jurisdiction sex offender registries		Number of records/data electronically accessible at the beginning of each month of the current reporting period Number of updated sex offender registration records electronically transmitted (intra- and interjurisdictionally) through the SORNA Exchange Portal or other means during each month of the current reporting period
	Percentage of grantees that have increased information exchange between state/tribal/territory sex offender registration agencies and other SORNA jurisdictions or federal, state or local agencies		Number of information exchanges between state/tribal/territory sex offender registration agencies and other SORNA jurisdictions or federal, state or local agencies, by type, through the SORNA Exchange Portal during the current reporting period

Application Checklist

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

PRE-APPLICATION

Before Registering in Grants.gov

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

Register in Grants.gov

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see step 3 in the [OJP Application Submission Steps](#))
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see step 4 in the [OJP Application Submission Steps](#))

Find the Funding Opportunity

- Search for the funding opportunity in [Grants.gov](#) using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s)
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the [OJP Application Submission Steps](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Read information about [browser compatibility and special characters in file names](#)
- Read [OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning and reporting](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Review the Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements

- Review the [Legal Overview - FY 2023 Awards](#)

Review the Scope Requirement

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of **\$400,000**.

Review Eligibility Requirement

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

APPLICATION STEP 1

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

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

Within 48 hours after the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive four Grants.gov email notifications:

- a submission receipt
- a validation receipt

- a grantor agency retrieval receipt
- an agency tracking number assignment

If no Grants.gov receipt and validation email is received, or if error notifications are received:

- Contact the SMART Office at 202-514-4689 or at AskSMART@usdoj.gov and the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, [Grants.gov customer support](https://www.grants.gov/customer-support), or support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide [section on Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues](#))

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

- Proceed to Application Step 2 and complete application in JustGrants

APPLICATION STEP 2

Submit the following information in JustGrants

Application Components

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

Budget and Associated Documentation

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

Additional Application Components

- [Tribal Authorizing Resolution](#) (if applicable)
- [Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity assurance or mitigation plan \(if applicable\)](#)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Timeline
- Memorandum of understanding (if applicable)
- Résumés of key personnel (if applicable)
- List of [procurement contracts](#)
- Organizational chart (if applicable)

Disclosures and Assurances

- [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form \(SF-LLL\)](#) (see [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities](#))
- [Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications \(Duplication in Cost Items\)](#)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurance (see [Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements](#))
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see [Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements](#))
- [Applicant Disclosure and Justification — Grantees Designated as High Risk by DOJ](#)

** **Note:** Items designated with an asterisk must be submitted for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the designated items, the application will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.*

Review, Certify and Submit Application in JustGrants

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

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

Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov regarding technical difficulties. See OJP Grant Application Resource Guide [section on Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues](#).

Standard Solicitation Resources

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

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

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

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

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