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# Synopsis

## Program Description Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) is seeking applications for funding.

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

With this solicitation, OJJDP seeks to address and improve the reentry and recidivism challenges encountered by youth returning to their communities from juvenile residential or correctional facilities.

This program furthers DOJ's mission to uphold the rule of law, keep our country safe, and protect civil rights.

## Funding Category

Competition ID	Competition Title (Category Name)	Expected Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-OJJDP-2024-00005-PROD	Category 1: Improving Youth Reentry	4	\$750,000	10/1/24	36
C-OJJDP-2024-00006-PROD	Category 2: Strengthening Community-Based Reentry Programs	7	\$750,000	10/1/24	36

## Eligibility

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

The following entities are eligible to apply:

### Category 1: Improving Youth Reentry

- State governments
- City or township governments
- County governments
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)

### Category 2: Strengthening Community-Based Youth Reentry Programs

- 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

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

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

### **Agency Contact Information**

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

For procedures related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant that impact submission by the deadlines, see the “How To Apply” section, [Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues](#).

For assistance with submitting the [Application for Federal Assistance standard form \(SF-424\)](#) and a [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#) in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, [Grants.gov Customer Support](#), or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). The Grants.gov Support Hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

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

### **Pre-Application Information Session**

OJJDP will hold a webinar on this solicitation on Wednesday, March 27th at 1 pm ET. This call will provide a detailed overview of the solicitation and allow interested applicants to ask questions. Preregistration is required for all participants. Register by clicking [here](#) and following the instructions. To use the time most efficiently, OJJDP encourages participants to review this solicitation and submit any questions in advance and no later than Friday, March 22nd. Submit questions to [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) with the subject “Questions for OJJDP FY24 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program Webinar.” The session will be recorded and available [here](#).

### **Application Submission Information**

#### **Registration**

Before submitting an application, an applicant must have a registration in the [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#).

#### **Submission**

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

**Step 1:** The applicant must register for this opportunity in Grants.gov at <https://grants.gov/register> and submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required [Application for Federal Assistance standard form \(SF-424\)](#) and a [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#). [https://www.grants.gov/documents/19/217976/SFLLL\\_2\\_0-V2.0.pdf/ad05c401-3c9c-47d0-afec-7ee26491c878?version=1.0&t=1516738837999](https://www.grants.gov/documents/19/217976/SFLLL_2_0-V2.0.pdf/ad05c401-3c9c-47d0-afec-7ee26491c878?version=1.0&t=1516738837999) See the [Submission Dates and Time](#) section for application deadlines.

**Step 2:** The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justgrants.usdoj.gov) by the JustGrants application deadline. See the [Submission Dates and Time](#) section for application deadlines.

# Program Description

## Program Description Overview

With this solicitation, OJJDP seeks to address and improve the reentry and recidivism challenges encountered by youth returning to their communities from juvenile residential or correctional facilities.

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

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

Applicants must describe how their proposed project/program will integrate and sustain meaningful youth and family partnerships into all sections of the proposal narrative — including the description of the issue, project design and implementation, capabilities and competencies, plan for collecting data — and the budget. Depending on the nature of an applicant's proposed project, youth and family partnership could consist of one or more of the following:

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

## Statutory Authority

Category 1 of this program is authorized pursuant to Section 101 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. No. 110–199; Pub. L. No. 115–391; 34 U.S.C. § 10631). Category 2 of this program is authorized pursuant to Section 211 of the Second Chance Act, codified at 34 U.S.C. § 60531, which authorizes DOJ to make grants to nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes to provide transitional services essential to reintegrating reentering youth into the community.

## Specific Information

This program will provide funding to support states, units of local government, federally recognized Native American Tribal governments and Native American Tribal organizations, and community-based organizations to create programs to provide comprehensive reentry services for moderate- to high-risk youth before, during, and after release from confinement; and support transitional services to assist youth's successful reentry into the community. This solicitation

provides funding for two categories—Category 1: Improving Youth Reentry and Category 2: Strengthening Community-Based Youth Reentry Programs.

## **Solicitation Goals and Objectives**

### **Goals**

The goals of both Category 1 and Category 2 programs are to promote positive youth outcomes and increase public safety by decreasing recidivism among youth following release from a juvenile residential facility and coming back to their community. For the purposes of this program, recidivism is defined as a return to a residential placement facility, jail, or prison with a new juvenile adjudication and/or criminal conviction or as the result of a violation of the terms of supervision within 24 months of initial release.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of Category 1 programs are to identify and address the needs of youth returning to the community and develop and implement comprehensive pre- and post-release reentry plans, to include case management as well as identification and coordination of appropriate community-based programs as they return to their communities following confinement.

The objectives of Category 2 programs include the implementation and/or expansion of community-based reentry programs and services that demonstrate partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, and other reentry service providers. These partnerships should develop and implement comprehensive, pre- and post-release case management plans that directly address youth's identified needs, as determined by validated risk and needs assessment tools.

For information about what the applicant needs to submit regarding Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables, please see the [How to Apply section on the Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline Web-Based Form](#).

### **Priority Areas**

In order to further OJP's mission, OJP will provide priority consideration when making award decisions to the following:

**1A.** Applications that propose project(s) that are designed to meaningfully advance equity and remove barriers to accessing services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization.

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project(s) will address identified inequities **and** contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization. Project activities under this consideration may include, but are not limited to, the following: improving victim services, justice responses, prevention initiatives, reentry services, and other parts of an organization's or community's efforts to advance public safety. Applicants should propose activities that address the cultural (and linguistic, if appropriate) needs of communities, outline how the proposed activities will be informed by these communities, and implement culturally responsive and inclusive outreach and engagement.



**1B.** Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive **at least 40 percent** of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget web-based form) are a *population-specific organization* that serves communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization.

For purposes of this solicitation, population-specific organizations are nonprofit, nongovernmental, or Tribal organizations that primarily serve members of a specific underserved population and have demonstrated experience and expertise providing targeted services to members of that specific underserved population.

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

## 2. Second Chance Act, Section 101 Program-Specific Priority

### A. Category 1. Priority consideration will be given to Category 1 applications as follows under Section 101 of the Second Chance Act that best:

- Demonstrate a commitment to partner with a local evaluator to identify and analyze data that will enable the grantee to target the intended youth population and serve as a baseline for purposes of the evaluation.
- Demonstrate a focus initiative on geographic areas with a disproportionate population of youth released from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities.
- Include input from nonprofit organizations in any case where relevant input is available and appropriate to the grant application; input and coordination with facility administrators for service delivery prerelease; consultation with youth who are released from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities and consultation with crime victims; and input and coordination with the youth's families, the juvenile justice coordinating council of the region, the reentry coordinating council of the region, or from other interested persons.
- Demonstrate effective case assessment and management abilities in order to provide comprehensive and continuous reentry, including planning for prerelease transitional housing and community release that begins upon admission for juveniles and jail inmates and, as appropriate, for prison inmates, depending on the length of the sentence.
- Establish prerelease planning procedures to ensure that a youth's eligibility for federal, Tribal, or state benefits upon release is established prior to release, subject to any limitations in law, and to ensure that youth obtain all necessary referrals for reentry services, including assistance identifying and securing suitable housing.
- Deliver continuous and appropriate mental health services, drug treatment, medical care, job training and placement, educational services, vocational services, and any other service or support needed for reentry.
- Review the process by which the applicant adjudicates violations of parole, probation, or supervision following release from prison, jail, or a juvenile facility, considering public safety and the use of graduated, community-based sanctions for

minor and technical violations of parole, probation, or supervision (specifically those violations that are not otherwise, and independently, a violation of law).

- Provide for an independent evaluation of reentry programs that include, to the maximum extent possible, random assignment and controlled studies to determine the effectiveness of such programs.
- Target youth assessed as moderate and high risk for reentry programs through validated assessment tools; or target youth with histories of homelessness, substance abuse, or mental illness, including prerelease assessment of the youth's housing status and behavioral health needs with clear coordination with mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness service systems to achieve stable and permanent housing outcomes with appropriate support services.

To receive priority consideration under these areas, applicants must specify, in the program design, how the applicant will address these priorities.

B. Category 2. Under Section 211 of the Second Chance Act, priority consideration will be given to Category 2 applications as follows that best:

- Include a plan to implement activities that have been demonstrated effective in facilitating successful youth reentry.
- Provide for an independent evaluation that includes, to the maximum extent feasible, random assignment of youth to program delivery and control groups.

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

## **Federal Award Information**

### **Awards, Amounts, and Durations**

Anticipated number of awards: 11

Category 1:4

Category 2:7

Anticipated maximum dollar amount per award for both categories: up to \$750,000

Period of performance start date: October 1, 2024

Period of performance duration (months): 36

Anticipated total amount to be awarded under this solicitation: \$8,250,000

### **Continuation Funding Intent**

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

### **Availability of Funds**

This funding opportunity, and awards under this funding opportunity, are subject to the availability of funding and to any changes 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**

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

### **Cost Sharing or Match Requirement**

**Category 1: Improving Youth Reentry** requires cost sharing or match from the applicant. “Match” means the portion of project costs not paid by federal funds or contributions (unless otherwise authorized by federal statute). For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see the “[Application and Submission Information](#)” section.

### **Category 2: Strengthening Community-Based Youth Reentry Programs**

This funding opportunity does not require a match.

### **Eligibility Information**

Category 1 applicants should include evidence of partnership with interested persons (including federal corrections and supervision agencies, service providers, and nonprofit organizations).

Category 2 applicants must include, as an attachment, a draft memorandum of agreement or draft memorandum of understanding (MOA/MOU) or a letter of support that clearly demonstrates an established relationship between the applicant and the correctional agencies that (1) oversee the specific facility or facilities from which the applicant proposes to recruit the target reentering population and (2) oversee community corrections (probation and/or parole) for the target population. This requirement is intended to ensure that Category 2 applicants have prerelease access to confined youth for purposes of conducting prerelease case planning within 90 days, at minimum, prior to program youth’s release, as is required for Category 2 projects and, where possible, for providing prerelease services.

For the purposes of this notice of funding opportunity, “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.

## **How To Apply**

### **Application Resources**

When preparing and submitting an application, the following resources may aid prospective applicants:

1. Grants.gov [“How to Apply for Grants”](#)
2. OJP [“How To Apply”](#) section in the [Application Resource Guide](#)
3. JustGrants [Application Submission Training](#)

This solicitation (notice of funding opportunity) incorporates guidance provided in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) (Application Resource Guide), which provides additional information for applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. If this

solicitation requires something different from any guidance provided in the [Application Resource Guide](#), the difference will be noted in this solicitation and the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation, rather than the guidance in the [Application Resource Guide](#) that is in conflict.

## How To Apply

### Registration

Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). An applicant must renew their registration every 12 months. If an applicant does not renew their SAM.gov registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Applicants are encouraged to start the SAM.gov registration process at least 30 days prior to the application deadlines. Applicants who fail to begin the registration or renewal process at least 10 business days prior to the Grants.gov deadline may not be able to complete the process in time and will not be considered for late submission.

### Submission

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants.

**Step 1:** After registering with SAM.gov, the applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://grants.gov/register> by the Grants.gov deadline. **To allow time to address any technical issues that may arise, an applicant should submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible and no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline (recommended).** If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov by the deadline, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants. Applicants can confirm Grants.gov submission by verifying their application status shows as “submitted” or “agency tracking number assigned.”

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

OJP recommends that applicants submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline. Some of the required sections of the application will be entered directly into JustGrants, and other sections will require documents to be uploaded and attached. Therefore, applicants should allow enough time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare all the requirements of the application. Applicants may save their progress in the system and add to or change the application as needed prior to hitting the “Submit” button at the end of the application in JustGrants.

An applicant will receive email notifications when successfully submitting in Grants.gov and JustGrants, and should maintain all emails and other confirmations received from the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants systems.

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

### Submission Dates and Time

The **SF-424** and the **SF-LLL** must be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 pm eastern time on April 15, 2024.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 pm eastern time on May 6, 2024.

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 and application process in sufficient time (i.e., waiting until the due dates identified in this solicitation for those systems to begin the application steps) is not an acceptable reason to request a technical waiver.

### **Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application (Technical Waivers)**

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 submission of the application on time.

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 documentation of attempts to receive technical assistance to resolve the issue prior to the application deadline. A tracking number is the most typical documentation and is generated when the applicant contacts the applicable service desks to report technical difficulties. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desks; for this reason, experiencing long wait times for phone support does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility for 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.gov Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#) Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET at 866–606–8220.
- Grants.gov: contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](#) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800–518–4726, 606–545–5035, or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).
- JustGrants: contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833–872–5175, Monday–Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET and Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

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

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

Waiver requests sent to the OJP Response Center must:

- Describe the technical difficulties experienced (provide screenshots if applicable).

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

OJP will review each waiver request and the required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request for late submission has been approved or denied. An applicant that does not provide documentation of a technical issue (including all information listed above), or that does not submit a waiver request within the required time period, will be denied.

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

## Application and Submission Information

### Content of Application Submission and Available Surveys

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:

- SF-424 and SF-LLL (in Grants.gov)
- Proposal Abstract (in JustGrants)
- Proposal Narrative (in JustGrants)
- Budget Web-Based Form, which includes the budget details and the budget narrative (in JustGrants)
- Category 2 applicants must include a draft or fully executed correctional partner MOA/MOU or letter of support

If OJP determines that an application does not include these elements, it will not proceed to peer review and will not receive any further consideration.

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

### Content of the JustGrants Application Submission

#### Entity and User Verification (First-Time Applicant)

For first-time JustGrants applicants, once the application is received from Grants.gov, DOJ will send an email (from [DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov](mailto:DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov)) to the individual listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. The email should arrive within 24 hours after this individual receives confirmation from Grants.gov of their SF-424 and SF-LLL submissions. Register the Entity Administrator (the person who manages and who can access JustGrants on behalf of the applicant), Application Submitter, and Authorized Representative for the applicant with JustGrants as early as possible and (recommended) not later than 48–72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive a link in an email to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. Find additional information on JustGrants Application Submission in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

### ***Standard Applicant Information***

The “Standard Applicant Information” section of the JustGrants application is prepopulated 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 [Application Resource Guide](#) for an [example](#) of a proposal abstract.

### ***Data Requested With Application***

The following application elements should be submitted in the web-based forms in JustGrants.

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

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

#### ***Brief Applicant Entity Questionnaire***

OJP is collecting the following information to help assess its efforts to attract a broader range of applicants. These questions apply to the applicant entity and its work and scope only, and not to the specific project(s) being proposed within the application. Responses to the questions will not be considered in the application review process. The questions included in the questionnaire are available in the [Standard Forms & Instructions: Brief Applicant Entity Questionnaire](#).



### **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 size font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 30 numbered pages. Tables, charts, and graphs may be included in the program narrative and count towards the identified page limit. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, OJP may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

The proposal narrative must include the following sections:

a. Description of the Issue

Describe why this project/these proposed activities are necessary (significance/value) or address a need. Include supporting information, such as data to provide evidence that the need exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the larger community as well as how youth and family partnerships will help to address the need.

b. Project Design and Implementation

Applicants should detail how the project will operate throughout the funding period and describe the strategies that they will use to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section. OJJDP encourages applicants to select evidence-based practices for their programs or identify how the project demonstrates a potential promising practice. This section should also include details regarding any leveraged resources (cash or in-kind) from local sources to support the project and discuss plans to fund the program after the federal funding concludes.

As indicated in the **Program Description Overview** section, applicants should describe how their proposed project/program will integrate and sustain meaningful youth and family partnership into their proposed project. Applicants should address any corresponding budget implications in their application's budget detail and budget narrative, such as how youth and families who serve as experts on the project are compensated. For resources/guidance on effective youth and family partnership strategies and practices, click [here](#).

If an applicant is seeking consideration under Priority 1A, it should explain in this section how the proposed project(s) will meaningfully address identified inequities **and** contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization. The applicant should also identify how the project design and implementation will specifically incorporate the input and/or participation of these communities.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

Describe the capabilities (what the applicant brings to the project such as resources, experience, expertise) and competencies (the unique skills and abilities of the applicant) required to accomplish the goals and objectives of the project. This section should also include applicant history, capabilities, and competencies of supporting youth and family



partnerships. Applicants should describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff and explain the program's organizational structure and operations.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1B, it should: (1) describe within this section how being a population-specific organization (or funding a population-specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 40 percent of the project budget) will enhance its capabilities and competencies to implement the proposed project; (2) specify which populations are intended or expected to be served, have their needs addressed, and/or be affected by the proposed project; and (3) include information to confirm that the population-specific organization is specifically designed to serve communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization (examples of such information include, but are not limited to, the website address, charter, mission statement, or operating principles of the population-specific organization).

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

Describe the process for measuring project performance. Identify how you will utilize youth and family voices in deciding which data will be collected, who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurements, and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the project's impact. 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 to provide notice that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require each award recipient to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the solicitation goals and objectives identified in the "[Goals and Objectives](#)" section. Applicants can visit [OJP's performance measurement page](#) at [www.ojp.gov/performance](http://www.ojp.gov/performance) for more information on performance measurement activities.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/performance-measures-SCA-Reentry.pdf>. Some measures are presented as examples, while others are the exact measures that every recipient will be expected to address.

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

[Note on Project Evaluations](#)

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

### ***Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline Web-Based Form***

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

- **Goals:** The applicant should describe the project's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem noted in the proposal narrative.
- **Program Objectives and Timeline:** The applicant should include objectives to accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, measurable actions to reach the project's desired results. The included timelines should be clearly linked to the goal.
- **Deliverables and Timeline:** Project deliverables refer to outputs—tangible (for example, a report or a website) or intangible (for example, greater feelings of safety reported by the community)—that are documented and submitted within the scope of a project. Deliverables include timelines.

### ***Deliverables Expected by Successful Applicants***

Program objectives and deliverables should be included in one timeline.

Deliverables for Category 1 programs include:

- Each successful applicant will be required to submit to OJJDP, within 12 months of receiving final budget clearance, a comprehensive Planning and Implementation Guide detailing and mapping their project. A template guide will be provided, and successful applicants will receive OJJDP-funded technical assistance to help them create and use the guide throughout the period of the grant.
- Implementing and/or training staff to use research-proven assessment tools as the proposed program model is tested and/or a plan to create a new tool with proper research plan to identify individual youth's unique risk factors and needs.
- Screening and assessing individual youth's unique needs that led to system involvement (criminogenic needs) and risk of reoffending.
- Case management planning that begins as soon as possible upon entry into a facility but at least 90 days prerelease and continues postrelease to ensure the continuation of services and a safe and successful transition from placement back to the community.
- Implementation of youth's reentry plans, including delivery of evidence-based programming during program youth's prerelease phase, and identification and coordination of appropriate community-based programs for the postrelease phase of reentry.

Section 101 of the Second Chance Act (SCA) outlines mandatory requirements that applicants must include in their applications to be eligible to secure Section 101 funding. Applicants under Category 1 of this solicitation must provide and demonstrate all of the following:

- A comprehensive reentry plan that describes a long-term strategy and incorporates a detailed implementation schedule, including the applicant's plans to fund the program after the federal funding concludes. The comprehensive reentry plan should include a strategy for assessing youth reentry needs and measure annual and 3-year performance outcomes using, to the maximum extent possible, randomly assigned and controlled

studies or rigorous quasi-experimental studies with matched comparison groups to determine the effectiveness of the funded program.

- Identify the local government role and the role of governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations that will be coordinated by, and will collaborate on, the applicant's youth reentry strategy, and confirm the involvement of such agencies and organizations.
- Describe the evidence-based methodology and outcome measures that will be used to evaluate the program funded with a grant under this Category, and specifically explain how such measurements will provide valid data of the impact of that program and how the program could be broadly replicated, if demonstrated to be effective.
- Document explicit support of the chief executive officer, or their designee, of the state, unit of local government, territory, or Indian Tribe applying for a grant under this Category.
- Discuss the role that federal corrections, state corrections departments, community corrections agencies, juvenile justice systems, or local jail systems will play in ensuring youth's successful reentry into their communities.
- Provide evidence of collaboration with state, local, or law enforcement agencies and government agencies overseeing health (mental and physical), housing, child welfare, education, substance use prevention and treatment, victim services, employment, and transportation services. Provide a plan for analysis of the statutory, regulatory, rules-based, and practice-based hurdles to reintegration of reentering youth into the community.
- Include the use of a state, local, territorial, or juvenile reentry task force to carry out activities funded under the grant.
- Provide a plan for continued collaboration with a local evaluator, as necessary, to meet the requirements for evaluation under this grant program.
- Demonstrate that the applicant participated in the formal planning process for the reentry project.

## **Category 2: Strengthening Community-Based Youth Reentry Programs**

Deliverables for Category 2 programs may include:

- Submitting to OJJDP, within 12 months of receiving final budget clearance, a comprehensive Planning and Implementation Guide detailing and mapping their project. A template guide will be provided, and successful applicants will receive OJJDP-funded technical assistance to help them create and effectively use the guide.
- Implementing and/or training staff to use research-proven assessment tools as the proposed program model is tested and/or a plan to create a new tool with proper research plan to identify individual youth's unique risk factors and needs.
- Community providers utilize evidence-based or standardized screening and assessment instruments to determine eligibility and enrollment in the program. It is important to consider a youth's reentry needs by using a strengths-based approach that involves getting to know a youth's personal strengths, culture, qualities, characteristics, interests, skills, talents, abilities, and family connections.
- A comprehensive collaborative prerelease case management planning that begins as soon as possible around placement in a facility but at least 90 days prior to release and includes both pre- and postrelease services to ensure youth's successful reentry, which could include:
  - Specify facility staff responsible for the development and implementation of the case management prerelease plan.

- Describe how the youth and family will directly be involved in developing the individualized prerelease plan.
- Describe how facility and community-based providers will implement a standard prerelease planning process of at least 90 days.
- When 90 days is not feasible, describe the process and prerelease time frame that the facility and provider will use to develop and implement a humane and individualized prerelease reentry plan that directly involves youth and family participation.
- Provide a reentry plan description that includes youth voice and family engagement in prerelease planning. Examples of comprehensive reentry plans can be found here: [Reentry Starts Here](#).
- Delivery of services during transition to help reentering youth successfully rejoin into their communities, which could include:
  - Educational, literacy, and vocational services and transitional job strategies.
  - Substance use disorder treatment and services.
  - Coordinated services, including physical and mental healthcare.
  - Permanent supportive housing.
  - Family services.
  - Prosocial activities.
  - Mentoring.
- Training for stakeholders involved in youth's reentry on issues, tools, or resources pertaining to adjudicated youth, collateral consequences, and reentry.

Category 2 youth participants are expected to be screened, assessed, and identified for program participation prerelease. During the postrelease phase of the reentry program, youth participants will receive case management services and be connected to evidence-based and innovative programs and practices designed to assist in the transition from confinement to the community. Where possible, case management services and evidence-based and/or promising programming should begin during the prerelease phase. Examples of prerelease services can be found here: [Model Programs Guide](#).

Category 2 applicants must include, as an attachment, a draft or fully executed MOA/MOU or a letter of support that clearly shows an established, collaborative relationship between the applicant and the correctional agencies that (1) oversee the specific facility or facilities from which the applicant proposes to recruit the target reentering population and (2) oversee community corrections (probation and/or parole) for the target population. The MOA/MOU or letter of support must include the following information:

- The roles and responsibilities for staff from both agencies involved in the program.
- Terms of access to the correctional facility or facilities for program staff. (If applicants are unable to conduct in-reach into correctional facilities, the application should explain the reason(s) why such access is not possible.)
- Information on prerelease programming and interventions provided by the correctional agency to each participant.
- The data elements and performance measures that the partnering agencies will provide—or assist the grantee in obtaining—for the purpose of measuring the impact of grant activities.

This requirement is intended to ensure that Category 2 applicants have prerelease access to confined youth for purposes of conducting prerelease case planning at least 90 days prior to

program youth's release, as is required for Category 2 projects, and, where possible, for rendering prerelease services.

### ***Budget and Associated Documentation***

#### ***Funding Restrictions***

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

#### ***Budget Detail and Narrative Web-Based Form***

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form, which includes both detailed calculations and budget narrative sections.

**All Categories:** Applicants in each category should budget for two grantee meetings over the 3-year period. Grantees must plan to send a minimum of three people to the meeting, including the project director. For budgetary purposes, assume that the meetings will be in the Washington, DC, area. Each meeting will be for a minimum of 2 days. Attendance is mandatory. If meetings are held virtually due to any imposed travel restrictions, grantees will have the opportunity to reallocate budgeted funds with the assistance of OJJDP.

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

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1A and has proposed activities to incorporate the input and participation of communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization, financial support for the identified activities and participation must be reflected in the web-based budget form.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1B based on the identification of a proposed subrecipient as a population-specific organization, the proposed funding for the subrecipient must **reflect a minimum of 40 percent of the total award funding** within the web-based budget form. The budget narrative must also describe how the **activities that will be funded** with the (minimum) 40 percent of award funding provided to the subrecipient **specifically relate to the proposed project** that will meaningfully address identified inequities and contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization.

The budget narrative **must clearly describe how the project is fiscally supporting youth and family partnerships**. This could include compensating them for their expertise, providing transportation, etc.

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

OJP strongly encourages every applicant that proposes to use award funds for any conference-, meeting-, or training-related activity (or similar event) to review carefully—before submitting an application—the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/training costs.

### Costs Associated With Language Assistance (if applicable)

If an applicant proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to individuals, the costs of taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to those services or benefits for individuals with limited English proficiency may be allowable. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on costs associated with language assistance.

### Nonfederal Costs (match and program income)

**Category 1 under this funding opportunity requires a match based on the federal award amount.** “Match” means the portion of project costs not paid by federal funds or contributions (unless otherwise authorized by federal statute). Federal funds awarded under this funding opportunity require a 50 percent match from nonfederal sources. For each federal dollar awarded, the recipient must provide 50 cents toward the project. If an award recipient’s proposed match exceeds the required match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount in the approved budget becomes part of the project budget and subject to audit. “Match” funds may be used only for purposes that would be allowable for the federal funds. This means neither federal funds nor matching funds may be used for costs considered inappropriate by the awarding agency (e.g., lobbying, land acquisition, fundraising).

#### How To Calculate Match

Formula					
Step 1	Award Amount	x	50% of Federal Share	=	Required Match
Example					
Match Requirement –50/50 (Federal Share/Recipient’s Share) Federal Award = \$750,000					
Step 1	\$750,000	x	50% Recipient’s Share	=	\$375,000

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on this match requirement and step-by-step instructions for entering match amounts in the budget.

**Match Waiver:** Pursuant to an appropriations provision in the full-year appropriation for the Department when enacted for FY 2024, the match may be waived for fiscal hardship upon request by a grantee. To be considered for a waiver of match, a letter of request signed by the Authorized Representative must be submitted with the application defining the fiscal hardship. Fiscal hardship may be defined in terms related to reductions in overall correctional budgets, furloughing or reductions in force of correctional staff, or other similar documented actions that have resulted in severe budget reductions. A match waiver request must be submitted as a separate attachment to the application and submitted through JustGrants.

### Budget/Financial Attachments

#### Pre-Agreement (Pre-Award) Costs (if applicable)

Pre-agreement costs are defined as costs requiring approval incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award. OJP does not typically approve pre-agreement costs. If a successful applicant, in anticipation of the federal award but before the start date of the period of performance, incurs costs that are necessary for efficient and timely performance of the funded project, those costs may not be charged to the award. See the “Costs Requiring Prior Approval” section in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide Post-Award Requirements](#) for more information.

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

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project, but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project.

Examples of costs usually treated as indirect include those incurred for facility operation and maintenance, depreciation, and administrative salaries. The requirements for the development and submission of indirect cost proposals and cost allocation plans are listed in Appendices III–VII of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. A nonfederal applicant should follow the guidelines applicable to its type of organization. If applicable, an applicant with a current federally approved indirect cost rate agreement will upload it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) for additional information on [Indirect Cost Rate Agreement](#).

#### Consultant Rate (if applicable)

Costs for consultant services require prior approval from OJP. If the proposed project expects to fund consultant services, compensation for individual consultant services is to be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. See the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for information on the consultant rates, which require prior approval from OJP.

#### Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable)

If an applicant proposes to hire employees with federal award funds, for any award of more than \$250,000 made under a funding opportunity, an award recipient may not use federal funds to pay total cash compensation (salary plus cash bonuses) to any employee of the recipient at a rate that exceeds 110 percent of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the "Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver."

#### Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)

An applicant that is a nonprofit organization may be required to make certain disclosures relating to the processes it uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. If applicable, the applicant will upload a description of the process used to determine executive compensation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the "Application Attachments" section of the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

### ***Additional Application Components***

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

#### Curriculum Vitae or Resumes (if applicable)

Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project.

#### Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)

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 [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Tribal authorizing resolutions.



### Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), Letters of Support and Other Supportive Documents (if applicable)

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

- The roles and responsibilities for staff from both agencies involved in the program.
- Terms of access to the correctional facility or facilities for program staff. (If applicants are unable to conduct in-reach into correctional facilities, the application should explain the reason(s) why such access is not practicable.)
- Information on prerelease programming and interventions provided by the correctional agency to each participant.

Subcontracts, MOUs, or letters of intent should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

### Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable)

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 [Application Resource Guide](#).

### Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

#### Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

The SF-LLL attachment that was completed and submitted in Grants.gov is attached to this section.

#### Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

To ensure funding coordination across grant-making agencies, and to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate duplication among grant awards, the applicant will disclose if it has any pending applications for federal funding, including pending applications for subawards of federal funds. Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

#### DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

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

**DOJ Certifications 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 the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.



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

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

## **Application Review Information**

### **Review Criteria**

#### **Basic Minimum Review Criteria**

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 requirements for all OJP solicitations:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within any stated programmatic funding limits or boundaries.
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

#### **Merit Review Criteria**

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

- Description of the Issue (10%): evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
- Project Design and Implementation (45%): evaluate the strength of the proposal, including information provided in the goals, objectives, timelines, and deliverables web-based form.
- Capabilities and Competencies (25%): evaluate the applicant's administrative and technical capacity to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
- Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation's Performance Measures (10%): evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
- Budget (10%): evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

#### **Other Review Criteria/Factors**

Other important considerations for OJP include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), available funding, past performance, innovative programs targeting populations with the largest unmet needs including youth with substance use and/or mental health disorders and emerging adults transitioning between systems, 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. Costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the federal award, and when

they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements (to include the conditions of the award), including the cost principles set out in the [Uniform Requirements 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#).

### ***Risk Criteria/Factors***

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 of performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM.gov 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.gov.

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

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

## **Federal Award Administration Information**

### ***Federal Award Notices***

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

### ***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 (programs or practices that have been evaluated as effective), see the [Application Resource Guide](#).

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

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

### ***Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements***

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions and all applicable

requirements of federal statutes and regulations, including the applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance. For additional information on these legal requirements, see the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

### **Civil Rights Compliance**

If a successful applicant accepts funding from OJP—as a recipient of OJP funding—that award recipient must comply with certain federal civil rights laws that prohibit it from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in how the recipient delivers its program’s services or benefits and in its employment practices. The civil rights laws that may be applicable to the award include Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), the nondiscrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Safe Streets Act), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These and other federal civil rights laws are discussed in greater detail here: “[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2024 Awards](#)” under the “Civil Rights Requirements” section, and additional resources are available from the [OJP Office for Civil Rights](#).

Part of complying with civil rights laws that prohibit national origin discrimination includes recipients taking reasonable steps to ensure that people who are limited in their English proficiency (LEP) because of their national origin have meaningful access to a recipient’s program and activity. An LEP person is one whose first language is not English and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. To help recipients meet this obligation to serve LEP persons, DOJ has published a number of resources, including a language access assessment and planning tool, which are available at <https://www.lep.gov/language-access-planning>. Additional resources are available at <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/limited-english-proficient-lep>. If the award recipient proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to LEP individuals, the recipient may use grant funds to support the costs of taking reasonable steps (e.g., interpretation or translation services) to provide meaningful access. Similarly, recipients are responsible for ensuring that their programs and activities are readily accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities. Applicants for OJP funding must allocate grant funds or explain how other available resources will be used to ensure meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals or the purchase of adaptive equipment for individuals with mobility or cognitive disabilities. For resources, see <http://www.ADA.gov> or contact OJP.

### **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 [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

### **Information Technology Security Clauses**

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

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

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

Required reports. Award recipients 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 [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measure data.

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

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

### **Other Information**

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

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

### **Performance Measures**

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

<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/grant-performance-measurement/performance-measures#progress-reporting-questions>

## Application Checklist

### OJJDP FY24 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, refer to [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*

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

### *Register in Grants.gov*

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

### *Find the Funding Opportunity*

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s)
- Select the correct Competition ID
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#) (about [browser compatibility and special characters in file names](#))
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedo/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8> (see [Application Resource Guide](#))

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

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2024 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

### *Review the Scope Requirement*

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

### *Review Eligibility Requirement*

- Review the "Eligibility" section in the Synopsis and "Eligibility Information" section in the solicitation.

## Application Step 1

After registering with SAM.gov, 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 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 [“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**

- Entity and User Verification (First-Time Applicant)
- Standard Applicant information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Proposal Abstract\*
- Proposal Narrative\*
- Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline web-based form
- Memorandum of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreement/Letter of Support (Category 2)\*

### **Budget and Associated Documentation**

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

### **Additional Application Components**

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))

- Draft or fully executed Memorandum of Understanding—Category 2 only
- Letters of Support (if applicable)
- Resumes of key personnel (if applicable)
- List of procurement contracts (if applicable)
- Organizational chart (if applicable)

### **Disclosures and Assurances**

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

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

### **Review, Certify, and Submit Application in JustGrants**

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

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

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



## Standard Solicitation Resources

[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.

[Weekly Training Webinars](#) are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance, and support on JustGrants system functionality