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Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: June 20, 2023 8:59 PM ET

Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 26, 2023 8:59 PM ET

Overview

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> (DOJ), <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), <u>Bureau of Justice</u> <u>Assistance</u> (BJA) seeks applications for funding state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies to support activities and expenses associated with the investigation and prosecution of cold case murders involving civil rights violations, as authorized by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act of 2016 (Emmett Till). This program furthers the DOJ's mission by supporting state and local efforts to address hate crimes and to enhance the investigative skills of law enforcement and prosecution, as well as enhance the rule of law through the resolution of unsolved homicides.

To further assist people investigating hate crime cases, BJA also funds the following programs:

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program

Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Program

And for those investigating cold cases, BJA funds:

Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA Technology

Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence – Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting Program

This solicitation incorporates guidance provided in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

Page 1 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 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:

Other

Other

State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, including prosecutors' offices.

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.

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

BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2023 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center at 800-851-3420, 301-240-6310 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only), or <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u>. The OJP Response Center operates from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time (ET) Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date.

Pre-application Information Session

BJA will hold a solicitation webinar on March 29, 2023 at 1:00 PM ET. This call will provide a detailed overview of the solicitation and allow an opportunity for interested applicants to ask questions. Preregistration is required for all participants. Register by clicking on this link and following the instructions. To use the time most efficiently, BJA encourages participants to review the solicitation and submit any questions they may have in advance and no later than Monday, March 27, 2023. Submit your questions to <u>Olivia.C.Schnitzer@usdoj.gov</u> with the subject as "Questions for Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program Webinar."

Submission Information

Page 2 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 <u>Registration:</u> 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.

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

<u>Step 1:</u> 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 <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html</u>. 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 <u>support@grants.gov</u>. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

<u>Step 2</u>: The applicant must submit the **full application** , including attachments, in JustGrants at <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u> 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 "<u>How To Apply</u>" section in the <u>OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> and the <u>JustGrants website</u> 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.

With this solicitation, BJA seeks to support state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies, working with their partners, to investigate and prosecute unsolved cold case homicides suspected to have been racially motivated or otherwise associated with civil rights violations. This includes support for victims' families and stakeholder communities impacted by these cases. Funds are limited to address incidents that resulted in death that occurred no later than December 31, 1979. Samples of previous, successful projects can be found at: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2022-171088.

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. 110-344, Sec. 5, as amended by Pub. L. 114–325, Sec. 2 (codified at 28 U.S.C. 509 Note); Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328).

Specific Information

During the summer of 1955, Emmett Till, a 14-year-old Black youth visiting family in Mississippi, was kidnapped, beaten, murdered, and left in the Tallahatchie River in one of the most heinous and infamous racially motivated murders in the nation's history. After her son's murder, Mamie Till-Mobley made the brave decision to leave Emmett Till's casket open during a public viewing so that the nation would see the brutal reality of hate-fueled violence.

Recognizing the impact these unsolved cases can have on the victims' families and the communities where these homicides occurred, the Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Prosecution Program supports efforts to investigate and prosecute civil rights cold case homicides and assist those impacted by these crimes.

This program is part of the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act, which seeks to address murder cases suspected to be racially motivated, that were committed before January 1, 1980. The program's ultimate purpose is to bring closure to the victims' families and bring those responsible to justice.

There are potentially hundreds or more cold case murders that took place during the Civil Rights Era and earlier that have yet to be solved. The act was passed in 2007, and other DOJ agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, and Community Relations Service, have been working for almost 15 years to inventory and pursue cases which fit in their federal jurisdiction. They have pursued most of the actionable cases; however, many of the laws providing federal jurisdiction have now expired. In 2008, the Department of Justice opened 132 cold civil rights cases involving over 151 victims. Of those 132 cases, DOJ was able to fully investigate and resolve 119 through prosecution, referral, or closure. This was a significant first step on the path to fairness and justice for the victims and their families, but there are many other cases where justice has not been achieved. For example, BJA encourages applicants to consider investigating the significant number of murdered Indigenous persons whose families and

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There may be a number of cases that could be investigated and potentially prosecuted at the state, local, or tribal level where the murder laws do not have a statute of limitations. Thus, this funding can help address barriers in bringing these unsolved murders to justice, both in (1) the investigation and prosecution or resolution of these cases and (2) support to victims' family members and local stakeholders impacted by these crimes. Given the age and complexity of these cases, there can be barriers to their identification, investigation, and prosecution, such as the death of those who committed these crimes, the death of witnesses or an inability to locate them, witnesses not being able to remember the details given the time that has passed, and the destruction, degradation, or loss of evidence.

Despite these barriers, there may be some cases that are still actionable. With the availability of new forensic tools and access to national FBI databases, this program supports the use of these resources to pursue these cases. In addition, investigating and then publicly closing these cases, while acknowledging what occurred, can bring healing to the victims' families and other stakeholders.

To assist law enforcement and prosecutors in pursuing these cases, BJA recently selected a team of training and technical assistance (TTA) providers to assist grantees in implementing the program as well as support the field at large. BJA's overall TTA will include individualized, efficient, and consistent delivery in order to help grantees accomplish their goals by the end of their project periods. In addition, BJA and the TTA partners will assess needs and develop training, targeted technical assistance, and tools for the field. This will include ongoing coaching, as well as support for peer-to-peer dialogue and training, knowledge diffusion products, grantee learning communities, dissemination of best practices and lessons learned, and a listserv.

To increase their chances for success, applicants are encouraged to employ unique partnerships with researchers, historians, forensic scientists, community partners, and local and national civil rights organizations to complete this work. These partnerships can further collaborate with subject matter experts in nonprofit organizations, reconciliation commissions, law school clinics, and academic programs in order to access information on civil rights crimes and reconciliation efforts. Applicants are encouraged to review the work of the DOJ Civil Rights Division to review and investigate civil rights—era cold case homicides.

Applicants should also consider formally partnering with a researcher. To learn more, visit: <u>https://www.justice.gov/agencies/chart</u>.

Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

Goals

To bring justice and reconciliation to the hundreds of cold case murder victims associated with civil rights violations by identifying, investigating, prosecuting, and resolving these cases. In addition, to bring justice and support to the families and stakeholders impacted by these murders.

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.

Enhance the capacity of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutors and their partners to identify, investigate, and prosecute these cases.

Page 8 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 Enhance collaboration between federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecution agencies in their investigation and prosecution of unsolved civil rights cold case murders.

Increase the number of state, local, and tribal investigations and prosecutions of civil rights cold case murders.

Bring justice, reconciliation, and support to families and stakeholders impacted by these murders, thereby building trust.

Translate this learning through information sharing, training, and tools to assist the field to identify, investigate, and prosecute additional cases as well as support victims' families, stakeholders, and entire communities.

Deliverables

Deliverables will include:

An inventory of potential cases.

Creation of an action plan during the first 6 months to build a strong and focused strategy. The action plan must be submitted and approved by BJA prior to implementation. BJA, the TTA providers, and the grantee will use this action plan to guide and track the project objectives' progress. The action plan should clearly describe the ways in which the work will be trauma-informed and will engage impacted stakeholders.

Successful implementation of the action plan, working collaboratively with BJA staff and the TTA partners, resulting in the prosecution and resolution of cases.

Enhanced partnerships with federal, state, tribal, or local organizations.

Documentation of what was learned, including a final report. This information will be publicly shared to assist the field.

Availability to share peer-to-peer expertise and guidance for other law enforcement and prosecution agencies.

Documented plans to ensure the applicant has a set of diverse staff, partners, and/or subject matter experts who reflect a mix of experiences and perspectives to effectively reach the communities and practitioners that they will serve.

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

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

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

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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 <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

Priority Areas

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

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

In support of this <u>Executive Order</u>, OJP will provide priority consideration when making award decisions to the following:

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

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

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

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

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(s).

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

2. OJP will also offer priority consideration to applications that include partnerships with multiple jurisdictions

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

Federal Award Information

Solicitation Categories

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

Awards, Amounts and Durations

Anticipated Number of Awards 3

Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards \$750,000

Period of Performance Start Date 10/1/23

Period of Performance Duration (Months) 36

Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation \$2,275,000

Continuation Funding Intent

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

Availability of Funds

This solicitation, and awards 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

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Type of Award

BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>OJP</u> <u>Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Budget Information

While a match is not required, it is encouraged and will be considered as part of the application. Where relevant, the applicant should identify within their budget which items, services, etc. will/ would be covered by matching sources and explain what type of match will be provided.

In addition to the unallowable costs identified in the <u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide</u>, award funds may not be used for the following:

Prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets, or any other monetary incentives

Client stipends

Gift cards

Purchase vehicles

Food and beverages

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

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

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on pre-agreement costs (also known as pre-award costs).

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.

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

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs.

Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on Costs Associated with Language Assistance.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

The use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV, is unallowable.

Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see the solicitation cover page.

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 <u>https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO</u> to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Implementation Fact Sheet, and the List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

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

Application and Submission Information

Content of Application Submission

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

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

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

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

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

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

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") **is not** subject to <u>Executive</u> <u>Order (E.O.) 12372</u>. 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 <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u> for an example of a proposal abstract.

The proposal abstract for this solicitation should include the following:

Name of applicant

Project's focus area (location, types of cases)

Summary of project's scope and activities

Page 14 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 Estimated number of cases to be investigated and prosecuted

List of key partners

A preliminary description for how community stakeholders will be engaged in the program

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration, the applicant **must** provide the following information:

Which priority consideration(s) is being sought: 1(A), 1(B), 2, or more than one.

Which page(s) in the proposal narrative provides documentation of the applicant's plan to respond to the priority consideration(s).

For applicants seeking priority consideration 1(B), list who is the proposed subawardee to receive the funding and the amount of funds proposed.

For applicants seeking priority consideration 2, list the jurisdictions included in the proposed project.

Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 15 numbered pages. If the Proposal Narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, [Insert PO] may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision. Tables, charts, and graphs may be included in the proposal narrative, and they can be created in a legible font smaller than 12-point; however, those items will count toward the page limit.

The Proposal Narrative must include the following sections:

a. Description of the Issue

Describe the history, nature, and extent of pending cold case homicides involving violations of civil rights overall and prior to January 1, 1980. Include summary information and data on specific incidents, efforts to identify potential cases, witnesses, and suspects.

Describe current efforts to identify, investigate, and prosecute these cases. Describe the challenges, including lack of resources, that the applicant faces in planning and implementing efforts to address these unsolved murders. What access does the applicant have to case files and data to support the work, and what are the existing laws to pursue these cases? How have they related to federal efforts to address these cases?

b. Project Design and Implementation

Describe how the applicant will respond to the issue defined, including activities to identify cases and develop an action plan, and how they will investigate, prosecute, and resolve cases meriting exploration.

Describe how the applicant and their partners will implement the proposed action plan, including

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Discuss the strategy that the agency will take to thoughtfully communicate publicly and with impacted stakeholders about the program.

Describe how the applicant will work to enhance witness cooperation and address the challenges of pursuing these investigations, including working with victims' family members and other community stakeholders.

Describe the measures that will be taken to adopt trauma-informed practices serving all program participants, including all staff or community volunteers working on the proposed project.

In an effort to prevent any further hate-fueled attacks, include a plan to assess threats and implement safety protocols for family members, community members, and officials who attend public events associated with this work.

Attach a project timeline that outlines when activities or program milestones are to be accomplished.

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

c. Capabilities and Competencies

Discuss the expertise of the applicant and their partners to effectively conduct the investigation of cold case murders potentially associated with civil rights violations or where race may be involved. Describe the applicant's plans to ensure they have a set of diverse staff, partners, and/ or subject matter experts who reflect a mix of experiences and perspectives to effectively reach the communities and practitioners that they will serve.

Describe the applicant's management structure and outline their ability to conduct the individual activities. Describe the organization's and staff's experience as well as any partner's experience. The management and organizational structure described should match the staffing needed to accomplish the tasks outlined in the Project Design section. Detailed information in the position descriptions and letters of interest will inform the assignment of points relative to this criterion.

Identify each partner agency that has demonstrated commitment to this effort. Discuss any previous collaboration that occurred that will help to achieve the objectives. Explain existing partnership agreements. Attach a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and/or letter of support from each key team member, outlining their commitment to the project.

Describe how effective communication and coordination among the team members will be implemented throughout the program period.

Page 16 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 For applications involving a research component, describe the qualifications of the research partner and their prior experience with action research. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the research partner in the project and how the applicant will ensure that the research partner will have access to relevant data, personnel for interviews, and the ability to monitor operations that are relevant to the project's evaluation. Researchers should be experienced in several different data collection methodologies, and in both quantitative and qualitative research methods. It is preferable that they have several years of evaluation research experience and have experience with oral and written presentations of research results. Research partners should be able to conduct scientifically rigorous evaluations and be well versed in evaluation methods.

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

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

For each objective, identify the criteria that will determine how and if it has been successfully met. Identify specific measurable outcome(s) and the data sources that will be used to determine whether or not the outcome was successful.

All applicants must indicate their willingness and ability to collect and report performance and outcome data through BJA's reporting tools (no personally identifiable information will be collected). Applicants are expected to report on behalf of any subawardees.

Describe the process for measuring project performance. Identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurement, and how the information will be used to guide and assess the project.

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

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

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at <u>https://bja.ojp.gov/</u> <u>sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/Emmett-Till-Measures.pdf</u>

BJA will require award recipients to submit performance measure data and performance reports

Page 17 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 in JustGrants. BJA 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 <u>OJP</u> <u>Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.

Goal, Objective and Deliverables

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

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

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

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

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. For additional information, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide and the <u>Complete the Application in JustGrants</u> – Budget training.

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

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

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

See the section on Costs Requiring Prior Approval in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide Post

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Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

If applicable, the applicant will upload their indirect cost rate agreement as an attachment in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for more information on indirect costs.

Consultant Rate

See the <u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide</u> for information on the consultant rates which require prior approval from OJP.

Limitation on Employee Compensation; Waiver

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver.

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

The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and upload it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for the link to the questionnaire and additional information.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

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

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents

Applicants should include for each named partner, a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), 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; (3) duration of the agreement. Subcontracts, MOUs, or Letters of Intent should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

Additional Application Components

Page 19 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes

Provide resumes 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 <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

Letters of Support

Attach any relevant letters of support and/or MOUs from key project partners that reflect their support, roles, and agreements on collaboration.

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 <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. Once the applicant submits in Grants.gov, this information will pre-pend into JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

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

Page 20 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 Review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

How to Apply

<u>Registration</u>: 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.

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

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

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov 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 <u>DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov</u> with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. Register the Entity Administrator and the Application Submitter with JustGrants as early as possible but no later than 48-72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive an emailed link to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. The Entity Administrator also will need to log into JustGrants to review and invite the applicant's Authorized Representative(s) before an application can be submitted.

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

Page 21 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 For additional information, see the "How to Apply" section in the <u>OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> and the <u>DOJ Application Submission Checklist</u>.

Submission Dates and Time

The SF-424 and the SF-LLL must be submitted in Grants.gov by June 20, 2023 8:59 PM ET

The full application must be submitted in JustGrants by June 26, 2023 8:59 PM ET

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

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application

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

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

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

- SAM.gov contact the <u>SAM Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)</u>, Monday Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET at 866-606-8220.
- Grants.gov contact the <u>Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline</u>, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or <u>support@grants.gov</u>.
- JustGrants contact the JustGrants Service Desk at <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> 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 <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u> within **24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

Page 22 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u> within 24 hours of the JustGrants deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline.

Waiver requests sent to the OJP Response Center must -

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

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

For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the "Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues" section in the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

Merit Review Criteria

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

- 1. Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (25%) evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
- 2. Project Design and Implementation (30%)- evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
- 3. Capabilities and Competencies (30%) evaluate the applicant's administrative and technical capacity to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
- 4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%) evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
- 5. Budget (10%) evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

Other Review Criteria/Factors

Page 23 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 Other important considerations for [insert PO] include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), available funding, past performance, [insert any additional programmatic review criteria that will be used to make funding decisions], and the extent to which the Budget Web-Based form accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

Review Process

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

Generally, award notifications are made by the end of the current Federal fiscal year, September 30th. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on award

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Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJPapproved 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 <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.

Information Technology Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> 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.

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

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information on specific postaward 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 <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Performance Measures

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Application Checklist

BJA FY23 Emmett Till Cold Case Investigation and Prosecution Program

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 <u>System Award Management (SAM) Registration</u> <u>Information</u> (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)

Register in Grants.gov

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

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

Review the Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements

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

Review the Scope Requirement

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

Review Eligibility Requirement:

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

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Application Step 1 Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov

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

Within 48 hours after the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive four (4) Grants.gov email notifications:

- a submission receipt
- · a validation receipt
- a grantor agency retrieval receipt
- an agency tracking number assignment

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

 Contact Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, Grants.gov customer support, or support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

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

Proceed to Application Step 2 and complete application in JustGrants

#### **Application Step 2**

Submit the following information in JustGrants:

Application Components

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

**Budget and Associated Documentation** 

- Budget Web-Based form\*
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

Additional Application Components

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see <u>OJP</u> <u>Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Letters of Support
- Résumés of key personnel (if applicable)
- List of procurement contracts (if applicable)

**Disclosures and Assurances** 

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u>)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> Guide)
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see <u>OJP</u> <u>Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)

#### \*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 <u>Application Submission Validation Errors Quick</u> <u>Reference Guide</u> 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 <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

#### **Standard Solicitation Resources**

<u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding.

Page 29 of 30 O-BJA-2023-171639 <u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide</u> 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.

<u>JustGrants Resources Website</u> 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 <u>JustGrants Update e-newsletter</u>.

<u>JustGrants Application Submission Training Page</u> 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.

<u>Virtual Q&A Sessions</u> are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topicspecific training, direct technical assistance and support on JustGrants system functionality.

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