

FY 2023 NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
APRIL 4, 2023

JUSTGRANTS:
APRIL 11, 2023

Who May Apply:

State law enforcement agencies, small law enforcement agencies, units of local government, prosecutors' offices, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), governmental nonlaw enforcement agencies acting as fiscal agents. Varies by Purpose Area.

Why Apply:

Receive funding to improve state and local jurisdictions' capacities to respond to violent crime and the functioning of the criminal justice system through the investigation and prosecution of cases resulting from sexual assault kit (SAK) evidence and the collection of lawfully owed DNA from convicted offenders.

Maximum per Award:

- Varies by Purpose Area. Up to \$2,500,000 per award.

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Support multidisciplinary community response teams to inventory, track, and expeditiously test previously unsubmitted SAKs.
- Improve investigations and prosecutions in connection with evidence and cases involving SAKs.
- Collect and test lawfully owed DNA from offenders and arrestees
- Produce protocols and policies to improve collaboration among laboratories, police, prosecutors, and victim service providers.
- Optimize victim notification protocols and services.
- Address the lack of criminal justice resources for other violent crime cold cases.

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit bja.ojp.gov/program/saki/overview for more information about the program and bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171565 for full funding information.



Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: sam.gov/content/home.
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation's cover page at: bja.ojp.gov/funding/OBJA-2023-171565.pdf for information on who to contact.
- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
- **Subscribe** for email notifications from BJA about funding opportunities and other news at bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombjaj.
- To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive **JUSTINFO** at: www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo and/or the weekly **Funding News** at: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25.

How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms April 4, 2023.
- (2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by April 11, 2023. The application's major elements are:
 - (a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
 - (b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
 - (c) The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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