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# FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative Training and Technical Assistance (PSMHI TTA) Notice of Funding Opportunity

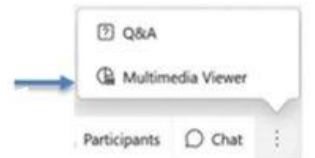
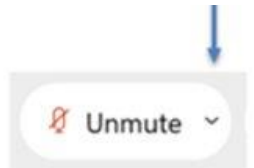
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# Presenter

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# Agenda

- OJP Overview
- Program Overview
- NOFO Information
- OJP Funding Process Overview
- Application Resources
- Q&A



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# OJP Overview

# What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)** and the **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**.

**BJA** Bureau of Justice Assistance



**BJS** Bureau of Justice Statistics



**NIJ** National Institute of Justice



**OVC** Office for Victims of Crime



**OJJDP** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention



**SMART** Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking



# Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA strengthens the Nation's criminal justice system and helps America's state, local, and tribal jurisdictions reduce and prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and promote a fair and safe criminal justice system.

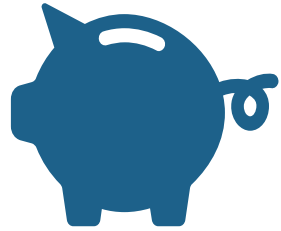


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# How BJA Supports the Field



## Investments

Provide funding to accomplish goals.



## Sharing Knowledge

Research, develop, and deliver what works to build capacity and improve outcomes.



## Engagement

Connect with the field.





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# Program Overview

# PSMHI TTA

Supports specialized TTA to awardees under the FY25 PSMHI.

Helps grantees implement comprehensive service networks addressing untreated mental illness and substance use.

Ensure access to treatment from pre-arrest through reentry improving public safety and restoring public order.



# Four Core Areas



Crisis  
Stabilization  
Centers



Treatment  
Services



Housing Access



EHR Systems  
and Technology  
Modernization



# Program Requirements

TTA will foster collaboration between networks for the purposes of:

- Protecting public safety by intervening with adults and juveniles who have come into contact with the justice system with mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders (SUD)
- Equipping law enforcement and courts with resources to support expanded mental health and SUD treatment options
- Maximizing the use of structured alternatives to prosecution

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# Program Requirements

- Enhancing training for law enforcement, court personnel, corrections officers, and other criminal justice professionals in responding to individuals with mental illness and SUD
- Strengthening the capacity of mental health and substance use treatment providers to engage individuals involved in the criminal justice system
- Enhancing communication and data-sharing between justice and behavioral health systems

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# NOFO Information



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# Eligibility

- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (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
- Organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses
- Other

For the purposes of this NOFO, the definition of other entities includes Native American Tribal Organizations that identify as any of the organizations enumerated above.



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# Federal Award Information

Anticipated amount of funding

- \$3,200,000

Anticipated number of awards to be funded

- 1

Period of performance start date

- October 1, 2025

Period of performance duration

- 24 months

Anticipated maximum dollar amount per award

- Up to \$3,200,000



# Application Submission

Application must include:

- SF-424
- Proposal abstract
- Proposal narrative
- Budget web-based form
  - Budget details
  - Budget narrative



# Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Equip grantees to independently establish integrated service networks across public safety, justice, behavioral health, and housing systems.

Build grantee skills in developing cross-system partnership agreements and secure data-sharing protocols.

Support implementation of coordinated case management dashboards.

Support implementation of transitional housing models with treatment compliance requirements.



# Goals and Objectives

Goal 2: Build grantee capacity to achieve and demonstrate measurable outcomes.

Support implementation and enhancement of 24/7 crisis stabilization service operation.

Support grantees and their partners with a focus on compliance monitoring, coordination with support services, and treatment continuity.

Train on increasing effective and maximally flexible implementation of civil commitment and AOT programs.



# Goals and Objectives

Goal 3: Support modernization of EHR and other technologies to improve data sharing, coordination, and accountability between justice and behavioral health systems.

Build grantee capacity to enhance EHR and data systems.

Provide technical assistance on implementing secure, cross-agency data-sharing frameworks.

Support grantee use of digital dashboards, notification systems, and integrated service tracking tools.



# How Awards Will Contribute to Program Goals/Objective



Support grantees' ability to build networks that improve treatment access, housing stability, and public safety.



Deliver tailored support to strengthen grantee capacity.



Help grantees modernize EHRs and other related technology.



# Deliverables Expected

Framework for responding to grantee implementation challenges



Monthly summary reports



Resource guide for grantees



Data tracking template or dashboard prototype



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# Agency Funding Priorities

- (a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations)
- (b) Combatting violent crime
- (c) Supporting services to American citizens
- (d) Protecting American children
- (e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault



# Unallowable Uses of Funds

## NOFO

**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 a funding award.

### Unallowable Uses of Funds

The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
2. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that— (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.
3. As specified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), in Chapter 3.13 “Unallowable Costs” (“Legal Services for Aliens”), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply— (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

### Program Goals and Objectives

## DOJ Grants Financial Guide

### Legal Services for Aliens

Except as indicated in the following sentence, costs of providing legal services (that is, professional services of the kind lawfully provided only by individuals licensed to practice law) to any removable alien (see 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(e)(2)) or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States are disallowed and may not be charged against the award.

Costs for legal services disallowed under the preceding sentence do not include costs for legal services— (1) to obtain protection orders for victims of crime (including associated or related orders (e.g., custody orders), arising from the victimization); (2) that are associated with or relate to actions under 18 U.S.C. ch. 77 (peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons); (3) to obtain T-visas, U-visas, or “continued presence” immigration status (see, e.g., 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(T) & (U); 22 U.S.C. § 7105(c)(3)(A)); or (4) as to which such disallowance would contravene any express requirement of any law, or of any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

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# Application Review Process

- Must be submitted by an **eligible type of applicant**.
- Must request funding within programmatic funding constraints.
- Must be **responsive to the scope** of the solicitation.
- Must include all items necessary to meet the **basic minimum requirements**.



# Merit Review Criteria

- Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (10%)
- Project Design and Implementation (35%)
- Capabilities and Competencies (35%)
- Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This NOFO's Performance Measures (5%)
- Budget (15%)



# Application Checklist



## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### BJA FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative Training and Technical Assistance

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](#).

#### SAM.gov Registration/Renewal

- Confirm that your entity's registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) is active through the NOFO period. Submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov, if needed (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

#### Grants.gov Registration

- 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](#)).

#### Grants.gov Opportunity Search

- 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 under ["OJP Application Submission Steps"](#) in the [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

#### Funding Opportunity Review and Project Planning

- Review all sections of the NOFO.
- Confirm your entity is eligible to receive funding (see [Eligibility: Eligible Applicants](#)).
- Confirm your proposed budget is within the allowable limits (see [Basic Information: Funding Details](#)). Includes only allowable costs (see [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Detail Form](#)), and includes cost sharing if applicable (see [Program Description: Cost Sharing/Match Requirements](#)).
- Review the performance measures for this funding opportunity and confirm you will be prepared to collect and report on this data (see [Program Description: Performance Measures](#)).
- Review the ["Legal Overview—FY 2025 Awards"](#) in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#) and confirm you are prepared to follow the requirements.
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting under ["Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval"](#) in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) or see the [Application Resource Guide](#).

#### Submission Step 1: Grants.gov

After registering with SAM.gov, submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov.

- Complete and submit the SF-424 by the deadline.





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# OJP Funding Process Overview

# Before You Apply For Funding

**SAM.gov Registration** – recommend beginning at least 30 days before the first application deadline

- Register/confirm “active” registration status
  - First-time registration – may take several weeks
  - Existing registration – annual renewal required
- Obtain/confirm **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**
- Identify current SAM.gov points of contact



# Apply For OJP Funding: Overview

**Step 1: Grants.gov** – complete *at least* 48 hours before deadline in NOFO

- Register/confirm registration
- Submit Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

**Step 2: JustGrants** – complete *at least* 48 hours before deadline in NOFO

- Register/confirm access
- Submit full application, including required attachments



# Apply For OJP Funding: Step 1

## Step 1: Grants.gov

- Register/confirm registration
- Add/confirm users and their roles
- Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

You can complete the first two actions at any time. Check the [Grants.gov Quick Start Guide](#) for more tips.



# Apply For OJP Funding: Step 2

## Step 2: JustGrants

### Complete the full application in JustGrants

- Standard Applicant Information
- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget and Associated Documentation
- Additional Application Components
- Disclosures and Assurances



# What Happens Next?

After the JustGrants application deadline, OJP starts its review process:

- Basic Minimum Requirements
- Peer Review
- Programmatic and Financial Review
- Risk Review



# Award Notices

Visit the OJP Grant Awards public website: [ojp.gov/funding/ojpgrantawards](https://ojp.gov/funding/ojpgrantawards)

## Successful applicants notified by JustGrants:

- Accept or decline award within 45 days
- Follow steps in [DOJ Award Acceptance Checklist](#)





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# Application Resources



# OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in applying for OJP funding. It complements notices of funding opportunities (NOFOs) by providing more detail about policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP funding applicants or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2025. For detailed instructions on using the JustGrants system to submit applications, review the [Application Submission Resources](#). Some OJP NOFOs expressly modify a provision of this guide; in such cases, the applicant should follow the guidelines in the NOFO.

## DOJ Grant Application Process Overview [↗](#)

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**Initiate an application**

Initiate an application in Grants.gov and submit required documents

**Note: Complete and submit the required documents in Grants.gov at least 48–72 hours prior to the Grants.gov deadline.**

Watch on YouTube

Want to apply for Department of Justice (DOJ) funding? This video offers a quick look at the systems you'll use to complete your grant application—SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants—and shows you where to find assistance with any step in the grant application process.

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# JustGrants Resources Website

Share Your Feedback

## **⚠️ SAM.gov Entity Registration and Renewal Requirement**

All entities seeking Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding must have an "active" registration in [SAM.gov](#). **Begin the SAM.gov registration or renewal process 30 days prior to any deadlines** to allow time to complete the full process.

For additional support, visit [SAM.gov Help](#).



### Video: DOJ Grant Application Process Overview

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### LOGIN



#### JustGrants Login

Select the access graphic above to log in to the Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

### TRAINING



#### Training

Learn to navigate JustGrants effectively and complete various essential grants management tasks.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



#### FAQs

Find answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) and the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP).

### USER SUPPORT



#### User Support

Access self-service, topic-specific, and technical support options for assistance in using the JustGrants System.

### RESOURCES



#### Resources

Links to resource guides, financial and administrative resources for grant management, funding opportunities, and ASAP training and resources.

### NEWS & UPDATES



#### News & Updates

View the latest information and updates on DOJ's grants management and payment management systems and sign up for JusticeGrants Updates emails from the COPS Office, OJP, and OVW.

# Application Assistance

## Grants.gov

Assistance with submitting the **SF-424**.

- **Customer Support Hotline**
  - 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035
  - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
- **Web and Email**
  - <https://www.grants.gov/support>
  - [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

## JustGrants

Assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

- **Customer Support Hotline**
  - 833-872-5175
  - Monday – Friday between 7am and 9pm ET
  - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9am – 5pm ET
- **Web and Email**
  - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
  - [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)



# OJP Response Center

9am to 5pm ET, Monday - Friday

**Additional  
Questions?**



Email: [OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov](mailto:OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov)



Toll free: 800-851-3420



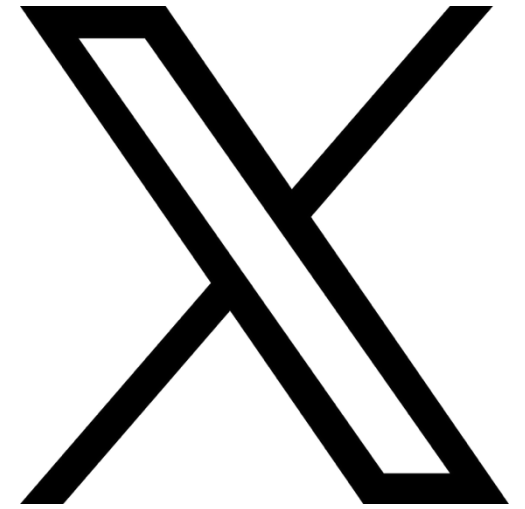
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- Subscribe to **Justice Programs News & Funding** <https://www.ojp.gov/news/justice-programs-news-funding>.



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# Q&A



If you have not done so already, please type your questions in the **Q&A box**.



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