



OVC FY 2021 Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse

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Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office for Victims of Crime](#) (OVC) is seeking applications for funding under the Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse program. This program furthers the Department's mission by supporting the development and training and technical assistance (TTA) needs of enhanced MDT models to strengthen the capacity of the victim services field and allied professionals to better serve and support victims of financial exploitation and abuse.

This solicitation incorporates the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants for the preparation and submission to OJP of applications 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:

City or township governments, County governments, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), 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, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, State governments, Other

Other

For 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.

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, as of October 28, 2020, the Attorney General determined that all 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 allocated FY 2021 DOJ discretionary grant funding, as either a recipient or a subrecipient. For detailed information on this new certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO>.

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

OVC 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). The applicant must be the entity that would have primary responsibility for carrying out the award, including administering the funding and managing the entire program. For additional information on subawards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

OVC may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2021 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and on the availability of appropriations.

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Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting the **SF-424 and SF-LLL** in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at [Grants.gov customer support webpage](#), or email at support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. – 9 p.m., ET Monday – Friday; and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., ET Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the OVC contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov. Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. ET on the solicitation closing date.

Submission Information

In FY 2021, applications will be submitted to DOJ in a **NEW** two-step process.

Step 1: Applicants will submit an **SF-424 and an SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. To register in Grants.gov, applicants will need to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM) registration or renewal.

Step 2: Applicants will submit the **full application** including attachments in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov.

To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

OJP encourages applicants to review, the "How to Apply" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Pre-Application Webinar

OVC will conduct one pre-application webinar during which OVC staff will review the solicitation requirements and conduct a question and answer session with interested potential applicants. Participation is optional. When the webinar has been scheduled, the details and registration information will be available at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars>.

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Program Description

Overview

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

Under this program, OVC seeks applications to support the development and/or enhancement of multidisciplinary teams (MDT) and to strengthen the capacity of "enhanced MDTs" to better identify and respond to cases of elder abuse and more comprehensively serve and support victims of financial exploitation. Through these enhanced MDTs (E-MTD), OVC hopes to improve case outcomes while minimizing additional trauma and restoring safety and security to older adult victims of crime, and to potentially hold more offenders accountable.

Statutory Authority

34 U.S.C. § 20103(c)(1)(A).

Specific Information

This program will develop elder abuse "case review" MDTs, which bring together a group of professionals to discuss elder abuse cases with the goals of facilitating healing through the provision of services (healthcare, legal, mental health, housing, etc.). This approach has the potential to offer a robust, yet victim-centered, criminal justice response.

Case review E-MDTs are defined as a group of professionals (composed of representatives from three or more disciplines who work collaboratively), bound by a common purpose. The team has a shared goal and shared definition of the problem they are addressing, and is characterized by shared decision making, partnership, and interdependency.

This program will grow the development and/or enhancement of up to 10 more MDTs (at the tribal, local, or state levels, with special focus on financial exploitation) to strengthen the capacity of E-MDTs to better identify and respond to cases of elder financial exploitation and abuse, and to more comprehensively serve and support older victims of crime. In collaboration with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), DOJ's Elder Justice Initiative (EJI), and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) Office of Financial Protection for Older Americans, OVC will ensure these 10 new E-MDTs are uniquely focused on financial exploitation. These new special-emphasis E-MDTs will have access to online TTA through the existing [National Elder MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center](#), as well as applicable TA efforts under OVW's Abuse in Later Life program, CFPB's Network Program resources, and [MDT resources available from EJI](#). The new special-emphasis E-MDTs and current grantees are expected to work with the existing TA provider and offer timely feedback on training and technical assistance received. Through these 10 new special-emphasis E-MDTs, as well as the existing 13 tribal and non-tribal E-MDTs (funded in FY 2019), OVC hopes to leverage existing federal TTA resources and improve case outcomes while minimizing additional trauma and restoring safety and security to older adult victims of financial exploitation and abuse, and to potentially hold more offenders accountable.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Goals

The objective of this solicitation is the development and/or enhancement of support for elder abuse MDTs that can better identify and respond to older adults who experience financial exploitation and other forms of elder abuse.

Objectives

To fund up to 10 E-MDTs at the tribal, local, or state levels, including existing and new teams, with special emphasis on better recognizing elder financial exploitation. These teams should include forensic accountants, neuropsychologists, medical personnel, and/or other appropriate professionals (to possibly evaluate the victim's cognitive abilities and capacity), so that case-related efforts more comprehensively consider and address the needs of older victims of financial exploitation and other forms of elder abuse. These victim-focused E-MDTs are to be designed to improve the case review process and associated systems. In addition to system coordination, these E-MDTs should seek to better understand victims' priorities and needs, which must include determining effective responses to financial exploitation.

Deliverables

E-MDTs are characterized by expanded membership, including forensic accountants, neuropsychologists, medical personnel, and other appropriate professionals, so that case-related efforts more comprehensively incorporate the needs of older victims of financial exploitation and other forms of elder abuse.

Applicants may propose to either develop new MDTs or enhance existing teams. These victim-focused E-MDTs should be

designed to improve the case review process and associated systems. In addition to system coordination, these E-MDTs should seek to better understand victims' priorities and needs, which must include addressing effective responses to financial exploitation.

Successful applicants will clearly demonstrate the need to develop an MDT or to enhance a current MDT's efforts, with at least the following elements included:

- A dedicated E-MDT coordinator or identified point of contact to coordinate the activities of the E-MDT, including—
 - providing or arranging for team training and cross-training;
- identifying service gaps and helping resolve systems problems;
- conducting team meetings, events, and stakeholder engagements;
- seeking and screening cases that meet in-take criteria and consulting with team members to resolve difficult abuse cases;
- reviewing and resolving coordination issues;
- assistance in establishing and enforcing appropriate team policies and procedures;
- coordinating direct service efforts, coaching team members on case presentation skills and debriefing the team after meetings to improve future presentations;
- serving as a connection between participating agencies, organizations, and team members to facilitate communication to help move cases forward;
- accurately documenting participation and case planning action items while managing confidentiality and discoverability requirements;
- developing best practices, policies, training guides, and professional education tools;
- updating team members regarding new services, programs, and legislation;
- providing a forum for learning more about the strategies, resources, and approaches used by other successful E-MDTs; and,
- assisting in grant-reporting requirements;
- Activities that support a coordinated and comprehensive response to crime victims' needs by direct service providers.
- Participation in statewide or other task forces, work groups, and committees to develop protocols and interagency agreements.
- Recruitment of members and representatives from a broader array of professions (as needed) to examine the comprehensive service needs and intervention that will best serve the needs of the victim (including financial exploitation) and determine additional experts that might be consulted to improve outcomes for older adult victims.
- Needs assessments to ensure case-related efforts are more comprehensively incorporating the involvement of forensic accountants and neuropsychologists, etc., to address financial exploitation.
- Utilization of TA, to be offered (as needed) by OVC's National Elder Abuse MDT TTA Center to improve the capacity of team members and functioning of the E-MDT to provide medical and forensic evaluation, therapeutic intervention, victim support and advocacy, case review, and case tracking.

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to develop new MDTs or expand existing MDTs that—

- use a paid E-MDT coordinator position to manage the team;
- understand victims' priorities and needs, including addressing effective responses to financial exploitation and other forms of elder abuse;
- provide services to older adults who have been abused (physically, sexually, maltreated, neglected, and/or financially exploited);
- enhance the MDT's response through the addition of neuropsychologists or similar professionals to address cognitive abilities and capacity of older adults, and forensic accountants to address the possibility of financial exploitation;
- address issues of confidentiality that enable sharing of information to facilitate group decision making;
- reduce barriers to program advancement and improve the quality of services;
- participate in group dynamics training and cross-training to ensure that all members have a voice;
- conduct regular internal process reviews of policies and procedures to improve the case review process;
- engage in routine TTA, as necessary; and
- if an existing MDT, demonstrate the commitment of MDT member agencies and organizations' management through a formal partnership (e.g., an MOU), and if proposing a new MDT, through a draft MOU of letters of

support with the goal of a formal MOU if selected for funding.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that demonstrate the results of the work completed, as discussed under [Application and Submission Information](#).

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

OJP Priority Areas

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. In FY 2021, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that demonstrate ways in which their projects will advance one or more of these areas.

To receive priority consideration for advancing one or more of the Department's priorities, the applicant must provide a sufficient narrative explanation as an attachment, that specifies how the project will advance the promotion of civil rights, access to justice, support to crime victims, protecting the public from crime and evolving threats, or building trust between law enforcement and the community.

In addition, OJP will give priority consideration, if applicable, to applicants that demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties.

To receive priority consideration under the poverty priority, the applicant must provide information to demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent poverty counties. For purposes of this priority consideration, the term "high-poverty area" means any census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent as measured by the 2013–2017 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Census Bureau (applicants may search by census tract at <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/>) and the term "persistent poverty counties" means any county that has had 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses and the most recent Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (applicants may search by county at <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/dec/census-poverty.html> and at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html>).

Priority consideration is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions and is not a guarantee of an award.

Federal Award Information

Awards, Amounts and Durations

Anticipated Number of Awards

10

Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards

\$375,000.00

Period of Performance Start Date

10/1/21 12:00 AM

Period of Performance Duration (Months)

36

Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation

\$3,750,000.00

Continuation Funding Intent

OVC 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 progress of award-funded work, when making continuation award decisions.

Availability of Funds

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

Types of Awards

OVC expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the [OJP Grant 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 (and cooperative agreements).

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. The "Part 200 Uniform Requirements" means the DOJ regulation at 2 C.F.R. Part 2800, which adopts (with certain modifications) the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. See [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Budget Information

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

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

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

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) information on Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.

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

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs.

Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Costs Associated with Language Assistance.

Victims of Crime Act Time Limit

The funds for this program are authorized by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984. VOCA provides that the funds are available for award recipients to use during the Federal Fiscal Year that the award was made, plus three additional Federal Fiscal Years (e.g., VOCA funds awarded in Fiscal Year 2021 are available for use through the end of Fiscal Year 2024). Therefore, OVC cannot approve any project extensions for this award.

Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see the title page.

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

Application and Submission Information

The following application elements **MUST** be included in the application submission for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- Proposal Abstract,
- Proposal Narrative,
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form)

See the "Application Elements and Formatting Instructions" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements or that is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

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

In Section F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual who will complete application materials 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 [Executive Order 12372](#). (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting the response that the "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. Applicants will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, applicants will need to: add zip codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and verify the organization's legal name and address.

Proposal Abstract

A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project including primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project, will be completed in the JustGrants Web-based form.

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 Times New Roman font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 20 pages. Pages should be numbered and submitted as an attachment. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, OVC may negatively consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

The following sections must be included as part of the proposal narrative:

a. Description of the Issue

This section must describe the need for the project and provide a clear statement of how funding will support the project's value to the victim service field by meeting a stated goal.

Applicants should briefly describe any previous or current attempts to address elder abuse MDT development, and any related research or evaluation studies that contribute to the applicant's understanding of the need for MDT enhancement. Applicants must also make a convincing case that the project addresses a gap in existing efforts and does not duplicate existing resources.

b. Project Design and Implementation Plan

The Project Design and Implementation Plan must describe the project strategy and discuss how the strategy will address the identified problems and support the goals and objectives. This section must include the following:

- The strategy.
A description of project phases, tasks, activities, staff responsibilities, interim deliverables, and final

- products.
- A time-task plan that clearly identifies objectives, major activities, and products for the duration of the project period. (The time-task plan presented in chart form will not be included as part of the narrative page limit.)
- The designation of organizational responsibility and a schedule for completion of activities and submission of finished products. (In preparing the time-task plan, Gantt chart, or schedule, applicants should make certain that all project activities will occur within the proposed project period.)
- A plan for how the project deliverables (e.g., training, technical assistance, promising practices, models, manuals, protocols for staff implementation) will be developed.
- A plan for submitting financial and progress reports. (All recipients are required to submit semiannual progress reports and quarterly financial reports.)

Each applicant must include a Logic Model with the application that graphically illustrates how the project's goals, objectives, and activities are interrelated to address the stated problem. The Logic Model must be included as a separate attachment and must include anticipated short-and long-term outcomes. Sample Logic Models are available at www.ojjdp.gov/grantees/pm/logic_models.html.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

Organizational capability will be assessed on the basis of the applicant's described management structure, financial capability, project management plan, and documentation of the professional staff members' unique qualifications to perform their assigned tasks.

Applications must also include the following:

- A clear description of the management structure and the current and proposed professional staff members' unique qualifications that will enable them to fulfill the project's responsibilities.
- A description of how the program will be managed, including an organizational chart or information describing the roles and responsibilities of key organizational and functional components and personnel.
- A list of personnel responsible for managing and implementing the major stages of the project. If additional staff will be hired to complete the project, the applicant should identify the selection criteria.
- Resumes for key staff, submitted as a separate attachment to the application.
- Detailed information about staff who have committed to work on the project contingent upon receipt of funding.
- A descriptive statement about the applicant's (1) knowledge and understanding of the needs of victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation; and (2) staff resources and capability to carry out all activities required by the funded project.

The project coordinator must have both the substantive expertise and experience to perform crucial leadership functions and sufficient time to devote to the project to provide the needed guidance and supervision. Job descriptions and copies of resumes for proposed key staff positions must be included.

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

This section must include the following information:

1. A plan for collecting all of the performance measures data required by this solicitation.
2. A description of the qualifications of the key staff who will be responsible for collecting data and reporting performance measures in JustGrants.

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that demonstrate the results of the work carried out under the award. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified under "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" in the Program Description.

Award recipients will be required to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. Examples of the performance measures questionnaire can be found at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures-overview>. Further guidance on the post-award submission process will be provided, if selected for award.

Note: Applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measures information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of the reporting requirements under an award.

e. Resumes for Key Staff

Applicants will submit resumes for key staff, submitted as a separate attachment to the application.

f. Organizational Chart

Applicants will submit an organizational chart or information describing the roles and responsibilities of key organizational and functional components and personnel.

g. MOUs

Applicants (both new and existing MDTs) should attach copies of MOUs and letters of support to show the community readiness to engage in the development or expansion of an MDT

Note on Project Evaluations

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

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Applicants will submit the project's goals, objectives, deliverables, and timelines in the JustGrants Web-based form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)

Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

Applicants will submit their indirect cost rate agreement by uploading the agreement as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Financial Management Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)

Applicants will download the questionnaire in JustGrants and submit by uploading the completed questionnaire as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents

Applicants (both new and existing MDTs) should attach copies of MOUs and letters of support to show the community readiness to engage in the development or expansion of an MDT.

Additional Application Components

Applicants will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes

Applicants will submit resumes for key staff, submitted as a separate attachment to the application.

Tribal Authorizing Resolution

If applicable, applicants will submit the Tribal Authorizing Resolution by uploading the resolution as an attachment in JustGrants. An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to a tribal authorizing resolution as an attachment. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

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. Applicants will submit a description of their research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading

the document as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information regarding demonstrating research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Documentation of Advancing DOJ Priorities (if applicable)

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that specify how the project will advance one or more of the following DOJ priorities: the promotion of civil rights, access to justice, support to crime victims, protecting the public from crime and evolving threats, or building trust between law enforcement and the community. Applicants will submit the narrative by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants.

Documentation of High-Poverty Areas or Persistent-Poverty Counties (if applicable)

As mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that demonstrate that the individuals who will benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties as defined above. Each applicant proposing to receive consideration under the High-Poverty Areas or Persistent Poverty Counties priority must provide a sufficient narrative explanation to identify each specific High-Poverty Area (by census tract number (s)) and/or each specific Persistent-Poverty County where individuals are intended to benefit from the requested grant and how the requested grant will address specific challenges in each such identified area and/or county. Applicants will submit the narrative by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants.

Disclosures and Assurances

Applicants will complete the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Applicants will complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

See the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

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

Applicants will review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. See [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)

If applicable, applicants will submit as an attachment in JustGrants See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information. A DOJ High Risk Grantee is a 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, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible.

How to Apply

Applicants will submit an **SF-424** and an **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

Applicants will submit the **full application** including attachments in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justgrants.usdoj.gov).

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

Submission Dates and Time

The **SF-424** and the **SF-LLL** will be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m., eastern time (ET) on June 14, 2021. OJP urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date to allow time for the applicant to receive validation messages or rejection notifications from Grants.gov and to correct in a timely fashion any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

The **full application** will be submitted in JustGrants on June 28, 2021 by 11:59 p.m., eastern time (ET).

To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

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

1. Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (15%) - 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 administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (15%) - 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).

b. Other Review

Other important considerations for OVC include geographic diversity, strategic priorities, (specifically including, but not limited to, those mentioned above relating to priority areas), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form) accurately explain 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 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 stated review criteria above.

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

- 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. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant that has one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant 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 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 itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider any such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

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 take into account not only peer review ratings and OVC recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

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 applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance).

For additional information on these legal requirements, see the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

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

General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the "Program Description," any recipient of an award under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

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

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measures data.

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see Contact Information.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see Contact Information.

Other Information

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

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on 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

Applicants should review the applicable performance measures at <https://www.ovc.gov/grants/pdf/txt/TVS-questionnaire.pdf>.

Award recipients will be required to complete the following sections, including any relevant shared measures.

V. Collaborative Partnerships

VI. Strategic Planning

VII. Victim Services

Application Checklist

OVC FY 2021 Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. The [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#) is another resource.

What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to Registering in Grants.gov:

- Acquire a DUNS Number (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire or renew registration with SAM (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

To Register with Grants.gov:

- Acquire AOR and Grants.gov username/password (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Biz POC (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

To Find Funding Opportunity:

- Search for the Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov
- Access Funding Opportunity and Application Package (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#)
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, reporting available at [ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

- Review the “[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2021 Awards](#)” in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

Scope Requirement:

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$375,000.

Eligibility Requirement:

- For eligibility information, see the title page.

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

After SF-424 and SF-LLL Submission in Grants.gov, Receive Grants.gov Email Notifications That:

- Submission has been received in Grants.gov
- Submission has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

If No Grants.gov Receipt, and Validation or Error Notifications are Received:

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

Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants:

- Complete Application in JustGrants

Content of Application Submission:

The following items are critical application elements required to pass Basic Minimum Requirements review. An application that OJP determines does not include the application elements that must be included in the application submission in order for the application to meet the basic minimum requirements, will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

- **Proposal Abstract**
- **Proposal Narrative**
- **Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form)**
- **Resumes of Key Personnel**

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## Content of Application Submission

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

### Budget and Associated Documentation

- 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](#))
- Documentation of Advancing DOJ Priorities (if applicable)
- Documentation of high-poverty or persistent poverty counties (if applicable)

### Disclosures and Assurances

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

### *Submit Application in JustGrants:*

- Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

### *If No JustGrants Application Submission, Validation, or Error Notifications are Received:*

- Contact [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175 regarding technical difficulties