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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 from individuals interested in participating in the OVC Law Enforcement Human Trafficking Fellow Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by improving the capacity of the victim services field to address the needs of crime victims.

This solicitation incorporates the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants on how to prepare and submit applications for funding to OJP. **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:

Individuals, Other

Other

Individuals: with documented experience working as a sworn officer within a state, county, municipality, or tribal law enforcement or a prosecution agency, conducting victim-centered, trauma-informed human trafficking investigations and prosecutions, and demonstrated knowledge of working to combat human trafficking as part of a multidisciplinary approach.

The successful candidate must demonstrate the administrative and fiscal capacity to manage an agreement and the knowledge and skills to successfully execute the proposed fellowship activities. Subject to change, applicants should be able to be onsite at OVC in Washington, D.C., for a minimum of 36 business days throughout a 36-month project period, with specific dates and schedule to be determined in consultation with OVC. Organizations are not eligible to apply.

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 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.

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 JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or at 833-872-5175. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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 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.

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>.

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](#).

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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.

The OVC Law Enforcement Human Trafficking Fellowship program supports one fellow to advise and support OVC on emerging and priority issues in the development and implementation of victim-centered and trauma-informed human trafficking investigations, prosecutions, and multidisciplinary approaches to identify victims and prosecute traffickers.

Statutory Authority

34 U.S.C. § 20705

Specific Information

This program will support one fellow housed within the OVC Human Trafficking Division (HTD); where relevant and applicable, the Law Enforcement Fellow may also advise and support other OVC Divisions.

The OVC Law Enforcement Human Trafficking Fellow will work to improve and expand the ability of law enforcement, prosecutors, and OJP-funded human trafficking task forces nationwide to conduct and implement victim-centered and trauma-informed investigations and prosecutions. The fellow will assist OVC's work with the field to define and operationalize victim-centered investigative strategies and develop data-driven approaches to improve responses, operations, efficiencies, and decision-making in addressing the crimes of human trafficking. The ideal candidate will have strong expertise in human trafficking investigations, harm reduction approaches, victim rights and victim safety, assisting prosecutions, collaborative task force operations, and partnering with victim service providers and other criminal justice entities. The candidate must also have the ability to facilitate national scope projects, communicate with diverse stakeholders, and work in a team environment. The selected fellow will propose a project, which will work on a parallel track with OVC in the development and delivery of national training and technical assistance to state, local and tribal jurisdictions working to combat human trafficking. Specific activities and deliverables are outlined in the Objectives and Deliverables section of this solicitation.

Schedule: The fellow will be required to work on project activities and deliverables at a level of effort equal to full-time throughout the project period. It is anticipated that the fellow will be onsite at OVC for some portion of their fellowship period. Applicants should include information about their availability to work onsite at OVC as part of their application. Upon award, OVC will work with the fellow to determine a schedule for the duration of the grant period.

Time Sheets: The fellow will request scheduled drawdowns of grant funds based on the level of effort contributed toward the grant objectives (time spent working on grant deliverables). The grantee must maintain time sheets and other documentation that substantiate and support the grantee's level of effort for each drawdown period, and this documentation shall be available for inspection and review upon request from OVC during the course of the grant.

Progress Reports: Progress reports will be used to ensure that the fellow's activities support stated award purpose and that the deliverables are being met per the approved timeline. The fellow's financial, administrative, and programmatic compliance—and overall performance—will be monitored by the Senior Policy Advisor within the HTD, with ultimate oversight by an OVC Deputy Director or Associate Director.

Equipment/supplies: OJP will provide the successful candidate with a laptop computer and phone for use both remotely and onsite. Additionally, when onsite, OJP will provide workspace, office supplies, Internet access, and access to equipment such as printers and copiers.

Security clearance: Any offer of a fellowship award may be contingent upon the applicant successfully passing a complete and thorough background investigation and drug test.

Relationship to OVC: Fellows are grantees and not federal employees, and therefore lack any inherent governmental authority. Fellows do not speak on behalf of the Federal Government, nor can they make decisions on behalf of the government. Fellows are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times while working on fellowship grant activities. When onsite, fellows are expected to comply with the workplace requirements generally applicable to employees at the work site.

Federal Debt: Applicants must certify in their application that they have no delinquent federal student loans or other unresolved federal debt, including unresolved federal tax debt.

Lobbying: Applicants may not be registered lobbyists at the time that the fellowship award is made or during the period of the fellowship.

Financial Management Training: Successful applicants must take the on-line financial management training for grantees to ensure understanding of the requirements associated with recordkeeping and reporting.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Goal

The OVC Law Enforcement Human Trafficking Fellowship Program's goal is to provide policy and programmatic contributions that assist OVC in improving the field's ability to implement and conduct victim-centered and trauma-informed human trafficking investigations and prosecutions.

Objectives

The fellow's background will enable the fellow to meet the following objectives.

- Serve as a subject matter expert on victim-centered law enforcement human trafficking investigations and prosecutions.
- Identify emerging trends and best practices across investigations and prosecutions of all forms of human trafficking, with a specific emphasis on labor trafficking.
- Build the capacity of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to provide trauma-informed approaches that meet the complex needs of victims.
- Assist OVC with activities designed to assess the technical assistance, training, and capacity building needs of [OVC's Enhanced Collaborative Model \(ECM\) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking](#) program and any new or related initiatives operating during the fellowship.
- Assess OVC training and technical assistance resources and publications (current products and those under development) to determine if products should be improved or updated to be relevant to the field.
- At the request of OVC, participate in internal and external stakeholder meetings, forums, conferences, and international briefings for the purpose of providing subject matter expertise and/or presenting information on OVC's efforts to address this issue.
- Coordinate with and assist OVC-funded training and technical assistance providers working with ECM task forces and other related programs to support OVC grantees and stakeholders.
- When appropriate, travel to support the execution of fellowship activities and deliverables.
- Develop written documents on relevant topic areas related to human trafficking investigations and prosecutions.

Deliverables

The deliverables for the fellowship include:

- Develop a model or a set of victim-centered and trauma-informed investigative strategies and/or practices.
- Prepare detailed reports, policy papers, and talking points at the request of OJP and/or OVC.
- Develop at least three significant articles or publications on topics relevant to victim-centered human trafficking investigative and prosecutorial strategies; these three articles should include varying topics that cover all forms of human trafficking (both sex and labor).
- Train OVC stakeholders and grantees on topics relevant to victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial approaches and working with partners to meet the complex needs of human trafficking victims.
- Monthly reports submitted to the Senior Policy Advisor outlining the activities completed.
- Produce a final summary report of fellowship activities and include recommendations to OVC on advancing the field.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that demonstrate the results of the work completed.

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."

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

1

Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards

\$400,000.00

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

\$400,000.00

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 cooperative agreements, which provide for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

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

The following are the only allowable expenses under this solicitation:

- Personnel (salary) in the Budget Detail Worksheet. Applicants must demonstrate that salary amounts are determined by education, experience, and salary or consulting income history. Benefits are not included as part of salary. If the application is selected for an award, applicants may be required to provide a copy
- Fringe benefits in the Budget Detail Worksheet, may include life, health, and disability insurance; state workers' compensation; retirement plan; FICA (the employer match of 7.65 percent of salary only); and a public transportation stipend that does not exceed \$270 monthly, based on actual expenses. (This amount is based on the current maximum transit subsidy monthly benefit for federal employees and is subject to change.) Applicants must clearly identify which benefits they are requesting and the actual calculations. For example, if the individual is requesting health insurance, the applicant should indicate the amount paid monthly and multiply by 12 to get the annual expense.
- Travel expenses, in the Budget Detail Worksheet, will be directed and approved by OVC and will involve site visits, attendance at conferences and meetings, and participation in training and professional development training. Applicants should budget for 12 trips over the 3-year period. All trips should be budgeted at \$1,500 each, with a notation that date, location, and nature of travel will be determined in consultation with OVC management after the award is made. The applicant should include in the Budget Narrative a notation that travel costs, such as per diem and lodging, will not exceed the federal guidelines.
- Supplies, in the Budget Detail Worksheet, may include expenses to cover professional reference materials and resources relating to the fellowship activities (not to exceed \$500).
- Expenses associated with professional development and training relating to the OVC fellowship project. Fees for up to four trainings at up to \$2,000 each should be included. Note: Final decisions on trainings will be made in consultation with the fellow's grant manager. Applicants should identify the type of training that they believe would be most helpful to them in carrying out fellowship activities.

The following expenses are not allowable under this solicitation:

- Equipment, such as costs for laptops or other equipment that will be supplied by OJP.
- Moving expenses.
- International travel.
- Indirect costs.

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.

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),
- Resume or Curriculum Vita.

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 [HYPERLINK "https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12372.html"](https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12372.html) 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 OR Statement of the problem if research is involved

The applicant must clearly articulate an understanding of the problem that this fellowship plans to address by providing information about—

- Current practices in human trafficking investigations and prosecutions and challenges with any strategy that hinders a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach.
- Understanding of how victim safety and victim rights are impacted by human trafficking investigations.
- Gaps in information, knowledge, and practice by law enforcement, prosecution and practitioners within the field.
- Challenges related to disseminating information to the field and integration of information into practice.

b. Project Design and Implementation

- Specify the goals and objectives of this fellowship in alignment with the stated goals and objectives of this solicitation.
- Outline the process to complete fellowship activities and deliverables described in this solicitation.

- Include a time-task plan that clearly identifies objectives, major activities, phases of work, and project deliverables. The time-task plan also must provide for the submission of quarterly financial status reports and semiannual progress reports required of all grant recipients. The time-task plan, presented in chart or table form, is not subject to the 20-page narrative limitation.

The fellow must plan to take the DOJ Grants Financial Management Training Seminar online or in person within 120 days of receipt of the award. Specific information about the dates and locations of upcoming OJP Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) events and information about the DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training can be found at <https://ojp.gov/training/training.htm>.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

- Provide a clear description of professional expertise in the fellowship specialization subject matter area(s), including but not limited to, experience conducting human trafficking investigations and/or prosecutions, victim-centered and trauma-informed approaches, and collaborative partnerships to refer and provide trafficking victims with services to meet their individualized needs.
- Document experience in providing oral presentations and developing written publications or technical assistance products for broad audiences of stakeholders.
- Describe other relevant competencies. Resumes or curriculum vitae must be included as a separate attachment.

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

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.

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

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. Applicants can also visit OJP's performance measurement page at www.ojp.gov/performance for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

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 OVC Law Enforcement Human Trafficking Fellow Program 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.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

If applicable, applicants will submit a description of the process used to determine compensation by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. See the "Application Attachments" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

Additional Application Components

Applicants will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

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.

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes

Resumes or curriculum vitae must be included as a separate attachment.

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.gov).

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

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 28, 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 July 12, 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 (20%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
2. Project Design and Implementation (25%) - evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
3. Capabilities and Competencies (40%) - 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 (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

Other important considerations for OVC include geographic diversity (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 section, 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 title page.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see title page.

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

The fellow will be required to submit a narrative within their semiannual performance report describing—

The details of any training activity, report, presentation, recommendation, or other material developed or

- enhanced including the location, content, and audience;
- The value of the product to OVC, grantees, and the field;
- Feedback received from OVC, grantees, and the field detailing the impact of the product;
- Any challenges faced during the past 6 months; and
- Planned activities for the next 6 months.

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.

Application Checklist

FY2021 OVC Enforcement Human Trafficking Fellow

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 \$400,000.

Eligibility Requirement: Individuals with documented sworn experience working within state, local or tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies to conduct victim-centered, trauma-informed human trafficking investigations and prosecutions and demonstrated knowledge of working to combat human trafficking as part of a multidisciplinary approach.

*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:

- 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)
- Resume or Curriculum Vita

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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)
- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative

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

- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (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](#))
- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation

#### **Additional Application Components**

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity [insert if listed in the solicitation] (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Documentation of Advancing DOJ Priorities (if applicable)
- Documentation of high-poverty areas or persistent poverty counties (if applicable)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

#### **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