



OVC Fiscal Year 2025 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance and Victim Compensation Formula Grants

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Webinar Outline

- OVC Overview and Mission
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Overview
 - Funding opportunity focus
 - Eligibility
 - Required documents
- General Reference to Application Process & Tools

Current Funding Opportunities

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When available, OVC funding opportunities will be listed on this page.

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OVC
Office for Victims of Crime

About the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

OVC raises awareness of crime victims' issues and supports programs that assist all victims in the aftermath of crime. The office provides leadership and funding for:

- Providing critical direct services
- Analyzing emerging needs and existing gaps in victim services
- Identifying and replicating best practices
- Implementing data-driven and technical innovations in victims services

OVC FY25 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant



Opportunity Details

OVC FY25 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant

- <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2025-172428>
- Opportunity ID O-OVC-2025-172428
- Status Open
- Fiscal Year 2025
- Closing Date August 21, 2025
- Posting Date July 21, 2025
- NOFO Type Formula
- Grants.gov August 18, 2025, 11:59 p.m. eastern
- JustGrants August 21, 2025, 8:59 p.m. eastern

Eligibility – Victim Assistance

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- State governments



All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible to receive an annual VOCA Victim Assistance grant. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements specified in VOCA, 34 U.S.C. § 20103(a).

Applicants must be state victim assistance programs that are eligible to administer VOCA Victim Assistance grants. Note: For purposes of this program, the term “state” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and any other possession or territory of the United States. 34 U.S.C. § 20102(d)(4).

For additional information on eligibility, please review the NOFO

Program Description

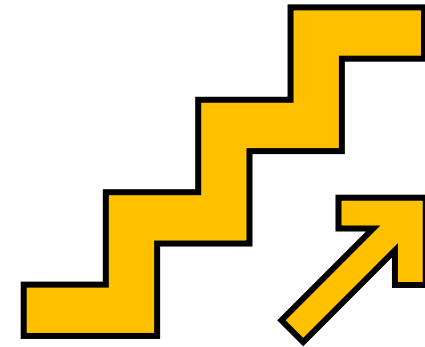
Under this NOFO, OVC will award each eligible state and territory **victim assistance** program an annual grant to support eligible crime victim assistance programs in that state or territory. Eligible crime victim assistance programs are those that are “operated by a public agency or nonprofit organization, or a combination of such agencies or organizations or of both such agencies and organizations, and provide services to victims of crime,” and that meet the other requirements set out in 34 U.S.C. § 20103(a)(2).

Program Description (cont.)

The vast majority of **victim assistance** funding goes to local direct service programs, including children's advocacy centers, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, human trafficking and elder abuse programs, civil legal services, crime victims' rights enforcement, and victim assistance positions in prosecutors' offices and law enforcement departments.

Goal, Objectives, and Deliverables

The goal of the **VOCA Victims Assistance** funding is to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the assistance, support, and services necessary to aid their restoration after a criminal act, and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice process.



Unallowable Use of Funds

The activities listed below are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Any program or activity that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
2. Any program or activity that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations, or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.

This is listed in the Program Description section of the NOFO.

Elements That Victim Assistance Applications **MUST** Include

These elements **MUST** be included in the VOCA Formula application submission:

- OJP Financial Management and Grant Administration Training Certificates
- A Statement Regarding Use of Administrative and Training Funds
- Civil Rights Compliance Reporting
- Monitoring of Subawards
- Statement Regarding Plan To Subgrant Funds

Federal Award Information

Victim Assistance:

Maximum number of awards OVC expects to make: 56 awards

Total amount anticipated to be awarded: \$1,267,586,252

Period of Performance start date: 10/1/2024

Period of performance duration: 48 months

This year's total amount anticipated to be awarded represents a 63% increase from FY 2024.



OVC FY25 VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grant



Opportunity Details

OVC FY25 VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grant

- <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2025-172429>
- Opportunity ID O-OVC-2025-172429
- Status Open
- Fiscal Year 2025
- Closing Date August 20, 2025
- Posting Date July 21, 2025
- NOFO Type Formula
- Grants.gov August 15, 2025, 11:59 p.m. eastern
- JustGrants August 20, 2025, 8:59 p.m. eastern



Eligibility – Victim Compensation



The following entities are eligible to apply:

- State governments

All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam, are eligible to receive an annual VOCA Victim Compensation grant. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements specified in VOCA, 34 U.S.C. § 20102.

Applicants must be state victim compensation programs that are eligible to administer VOCA Victim Compensation grants. Note: For purposes of this program, the term “state” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and any other possession or territory of the United States. 34 U.S.C. § 20102(d)(4).

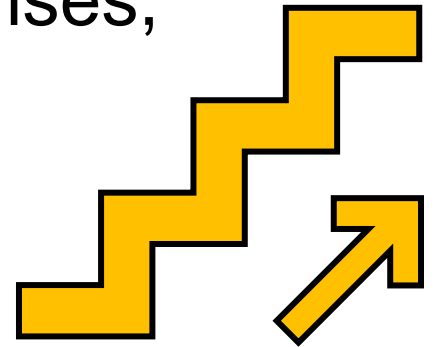
For additional information on eligibility, please review the NOFO

Program Description

State and territory victim compensation programs, funded by **VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grant** awards, supplement state and territory efforts to offset victims' financial burdens resulting from crime. Compensation is vital to victims who face enormous financial setbacks from medical fees, lost income, dependent care, funeral expenses, relocation expenses, and other costs.

Goal, Objectives, and Deliverables

The goal of the **VOCA Victim Compensation Program** is to supplement state and territory efforts to provide financial compensation to crime victims throughout the Nation for costs resulting from crime. These funds are used to provide crime victims with the compensation, support, and services necessary to aid their restoration after criminal violence, including costs associated with medical fees, lost income, dependent care, funeral expenses, relocation expenses, and other costs.



Unallowable Use of Funds

The activities listed below are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Any program or activity that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
2. Any program or activity that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law (e.g., by unlawfully favoring or disfavoring individuals in any race or group on the basis that it is (or is not) a majority or minority (or privileged or unprivileged) race or group in a given area or population or sector), including in any program or activity having any component relating to diversity, equity, or inclusion.

This is listed in the Program Description section of the NOFO.

Elements That Victim Compensation Applications **MUST** Include

These elements **MUST** be included in the VOCA Formula application submission:

- OJP Financial Management and Grant Administration Training Certificates
- A Statement Regarding Use of Administrative and Training Funds*
- State Law Governing the Crime Victim Compensation Programs

Federal Award Information

Victim Compensation:

Maximum number of awards OVC expects to make:	54 awards
Total amount anticipated to be awarded:	\$178,938,000
Period of performance start date:	10/1/2024
Period of performance duration:	48 months

This year's total amount anticipated to be awarded represents a 1.65% increase from FY 2024.

Type of Award – Both

Awards will be made as **grants**:

- Legal instrument of financial assistance
- **Awarding agency** maintains an **oversight** and **monitoring** role
- **Without substantial involvement** with awarding agency

See the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

Proposal Narrative Format - Both

- The proposal narrative must –
 - be double-spaced.
 - use a standard 12-point font.
 - have no less than 1-inch margins.
 - NOT exceed 10 numbered pages.
 - be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants.
 - Provide a general description of your program (history, structure, etc.).



Both Applications Should Also Include

Along with the **required documents**, the following information **should be included** in the application submission:

- Standard Application Information (SF-424 info from Grants.gov)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurance
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; and Law Enforcement and Community Policing
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High-Risk Grantees

Application Submission Overview



Applicants have two application submission deadlines:

1. Grants.gov (submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL)
2. JustGrants



It's OK to enter programmatic data in Grants.gov and update later in JustGrants.



A JustGrants submission should include all items as defined in the NOFO.





Additional Resources to Apply

DOJ Application Submission Checklist

Submitting an application to DOJ is a two-part process. An applicant first submits an abbreviated application in Grants.gov. The full application is then completed in JustGrants, DOJ's grants management system. The following steps and tips will assist potential applicants in completing DOJ applications.



Step 1: Confirm your Entity's System for Award Management (SAM) registration information:

- Register with SAM or confirm that your SAM registration is active and up-to-date. You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.**
- On April 4, 2022, the federal government will stop using Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers and start using the **new SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**.
- Entities new to JustGrants: Confirm that the contact information (email address) for your Entity's Electronic Business Point-of-Contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM is accurate and up-to-date. The E-Biz POC is onboarded in JustGrants as the Entity's first Entity Administrator and will receive notifications from JustGrants. The Entity Administrator is responsible for completing Entity User onboarding in JustGrants. Once the Entity Administrator is onboarded, that role can be reassigned to another Entity User.
- Technical issues with SAM registration or renewal must be reported to the [SAM Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#).

Step 2: Apply in Grants.gov:

- Effective February 21, 2022, all Grants.gov users and applicants will need to use [Login.gov credentials](#).
- Search for an open DOJ funding opportunity in Grants.gov or on the agency website and review the solicitation requirements.
- Complete and submit the required documents in Grants.gov at least 48–72 hours prior to the Grants.gov deadline to allow for time to correct any problems or errors. The Grants.gov portion of your application includes the SF-424 and SF-LLL. (Note: The user and email identified in Section 8.F of the SF-424 will be identified as the Application Submitter in JustGrants and will receive future notifications from JustGrants.)



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Application Attachments



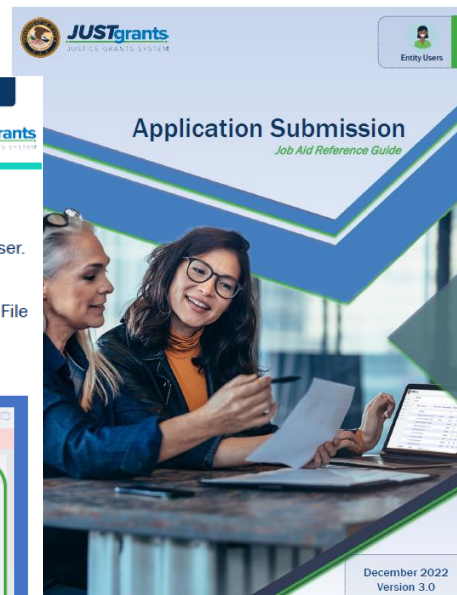
Attachment Tips

Log in to JustGrants using either Chrome or Microsoft Edge as your browser. Internet Explorer is not a compatible browser for JustGrants.

Open the application and use the menu options on the right to navigate. File attachments associated with a section are displayed in the section.

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Award Attachments

Entity Administrators and Authorized Representatives can attach these items to awards

Attach the following items as required to award deliverables for DOJ review.

Attachments

Additional Application Components Other	Additional Project Title Information
Application Attachments	Areas Affect by Project
Bibliography/References	Budget Consultant Rate Justification
Budget Financial Management Questionnaire	Budget Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
Budget Non-competitive Justification	Budget Other
Budget Pre-Agreement Cost	Budget Sole Source Justification
Budget Worksheet	Confidentiality Notice Forms
Correspondence	Curriculum Vitae or Resumes
Delinquent Debt Explanation	Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation
Disclosures and Assurances	File
Human Subjects Protection	Letter of Non-supplanting
Letters of Support	List of individuals in the Application
Lobbying Activities Disclosure	MOU Document
Opportunity Zone	Other Attachment
Other Project Period GAM Attachment	Privacy Certificate
Program/Project Congressional Districts	Project Timeline
Proof 501 (c) Status (Nonprofits only)	Proposal Narrative
Request to Use Incentives or Stipends	Tool, Instruments, Questionnaires, Tables, Maps
Tribal Authorizing Resolution	

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Information About OVC



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Consult the [OVC website](#).

Welcome to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), one of six Program Offices within the [Office of Justice Programs](#) at the [U.S. Department of Justice](#).

OVC is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

Created in 1983 to implement recommendations from the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, OVC was authorized in 1988 through an amendment to the [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\)](#) of 1984 to administer the [Crime Victims Fund](#) (the Fund).

Through OVC, the Fund supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of crime and continuing to support them as they rebuild their lives.

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The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide



<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide>



Information on SAM.gov

Visit SAM.gov:

<https://www.SAM.gov>

This is your first stop
BEFORE applying.



SAM.gov Entity Registration and Renewal Reminder

All entities seeking Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding must have an active registration in [SAM.gov](https://www.SAM.gov). Once registered, entities must complete annual renewals to maintain an active status.

It is recommended that you **begin the SAM.gov registration or renewal process 30 days prior to any deadlines** to allow for the time necessary to complete the full process, including SAM.gov's entity validation process. If you intend to apply for a specific DOJ opportunity, refer to the Grants.gov due date provided on the solicitation, and plan your SAM.gov registration accordingly.

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



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Explore federal grant opportunities with our enhanced, user-friendly search.

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Information on Grants.gov

- Visit Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov>.
- This is your first stop in applying.

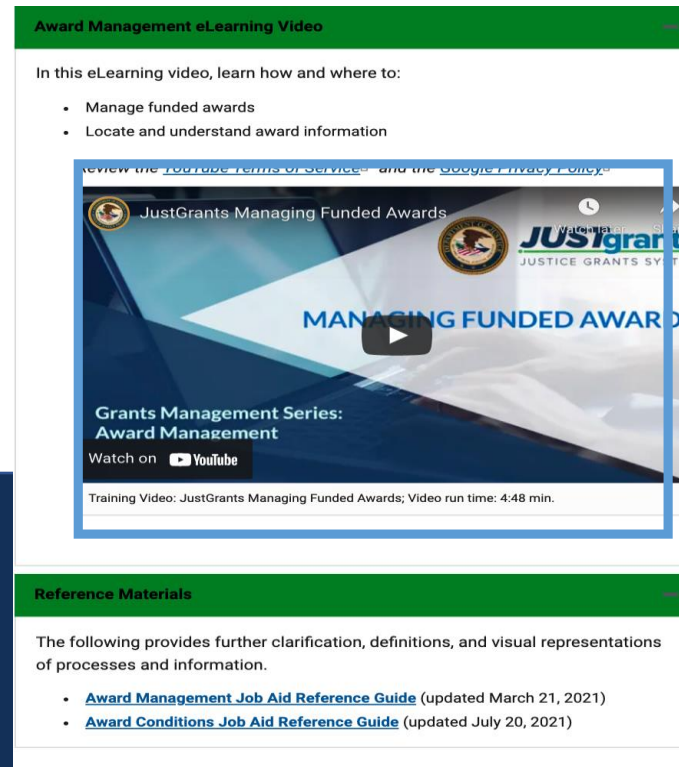


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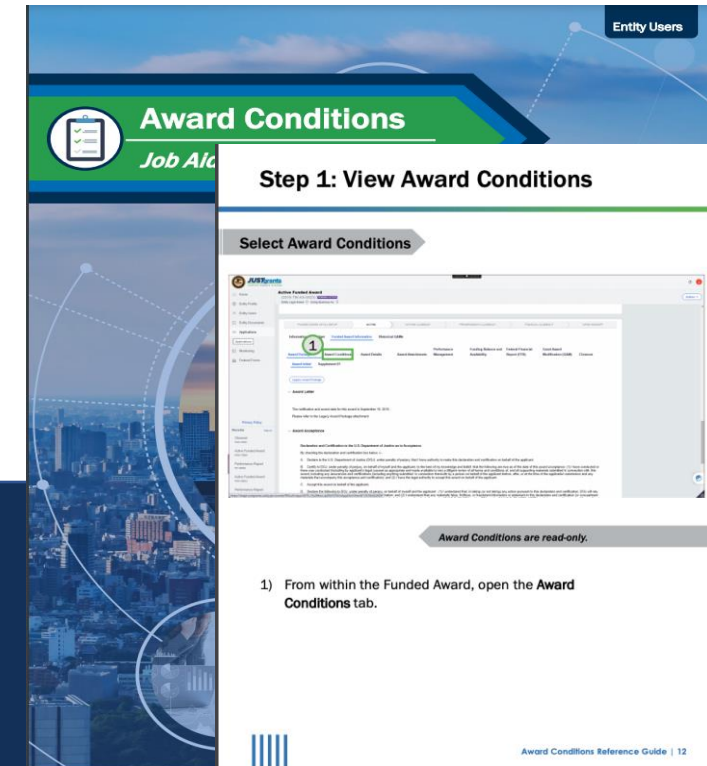
Visit: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>



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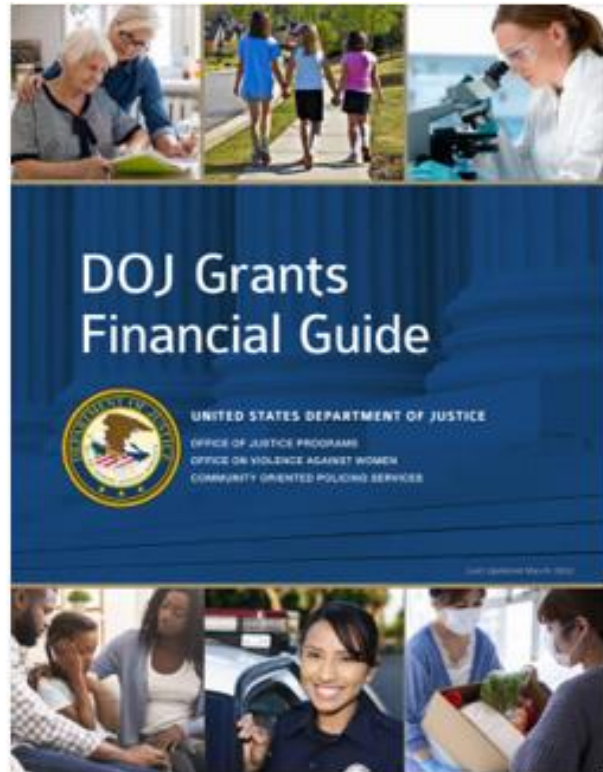
JustGrants Office Hours: Application Mechanics

Session Topic	Description	Session Registration
<p>Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application Weekly Training Webinar</p> <p>Key Audiences: <i>Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, Authorized Representative</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing to apply• Completing required forms in Grants.gov• Entity onboarding and JustGrants access• JustGrants roles and responsibilities• Assigning users to applications• Completing, reviewing, certifying, and submitting a JustGrants application	<p>Every Wednesday from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. ET Click the link to register for the session you wish to attend:</p> <p>July 23, 2025 July 30, 2025 August 6, 2025 August 13, 2025 August 20, 2025</p>

Check website for updates: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/application-submission>



DOJ Grants Financial Guide



A starting point for all recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards, consult the DOJ Grants Financial Guide: <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>.

TOP 10 TOPICS

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| 1. Financial Management Systems | 6. Audit Requirements |
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Important Contact Information



JUSTgrants
JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

For technical assistance with submitting the full application into JustGrants contact the JustGrants Support Center:

833-872-5175

JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov



OJP Response Center

For technical assistance with Programmatic Requirements and to report a technical issue that prevented application submission, contact the OJP Response Center:

800-851-3420 or 202-353-5556

OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov



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Thank You!

