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## ***OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance***

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### **Overview**

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office for Victims of Crime](#) (OVC) seeks applications for funding to support the FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls program. This program aligns with the Department's priorities to combat victimization, including human trafficking.

This solicitation incorporates guidance provided in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) which provides additional information for applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP 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**

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-OVC-2023-00018-PROD	1 - Program Sites	6	\$500,000	10/1/23 12:00 AM	36
C-OVC-2023-00019-PROD	2 - Training and Technical Assistance Provider	1	\$1,500,000	10/1/23 12:00 AM	36

**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, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Small businesses, State governments

**Eligible Applicants for Category 1:**

- State governments
- City or township governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Eligible Applicants for Category 2:**

- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses

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). For additional information on subawards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Entities should apply to the relevant categories based on proposed projects. OVC will not make awards to the same entity under multiple categories through this solicitation. However, national or regional entities with multiple program locations may receive multiple awards under Category 1 for proposed projects with distinct programmatic locations.

OVC may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2023 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.

## Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center at 800-851-3420, 301-240-6310 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only), or [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov). The OJP Response Center operates from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time (ET) Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date.

## Pre-application Information Session

OVC will conduct pre-application webinars during which OVC staff will review all planned FY 2023 anti-trafficking solicitations, provide high-level information about solicitation requirements, and conduct a question-and-answer session with interested potential applicants. Participation is optional. When the webinars have been scheduled, the details and registration information will be available at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars>. Preregistration is required for all participants. Register and follow the instructions at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars>. To use the time most efficiently, OVC encourages participants to review the solicitation and submit any questions they may have in advance and no later than 2 days prior to the webinar. Submit your questions to [askovc@ncjrs.gov](mailto:askovc@ncjrs.gov) with the subject as “Questions for OVC Anti-Human Trafficking Solicitations Webinar.”

## Submission Information

**Registration:** Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM). 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.

Submission: Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process via Grants.gov and JustGrants.

**Step 1:** The applicant must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required **Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424)** and a **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)** form when they register in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. **Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline.** If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.

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

**Step 2:** The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justgrants.usdoj.gov) by the JustGrants application deadline.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov). The JustGrants Service Desk operates 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

OJP encourages applicants to review the “[How To Apply](#)” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [JustGrants website](#) for more information, resources, and training. Applicants should maintain all receipts and confirmations received from SAM.gov, Grants.gov, JustGrants systems.

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## Program Description

### Overview

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

To enhance capacity to identify, assist, and provide services to all victims of human trafficking, OVC leads the Nation in supporting victim-centered and trauma-informed programs, policies, and resources that promote justice, access, and empowerment.

With this solicitation, OVC seeks to provide funding for the prevention and early intervention of human trafficking, as defined by 22 U.S.C. § 7102(11).

### Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. No. 117-328) with funding authorized by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.

### Specific Information

This program supports prevention and early intervention services for girls who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking. Risk factors that make girls vulnerable to sex or labor trafficking include a history of childhood sexual and physical abuse, witnessing domestic violence, involvement in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, poverty, running away or being homeless, a lack of strong support networks (family, peers, community ties, etc.), failure in school, and substance use disorders. Services may be provided to girls and young women up to and including age 25.

### Mandatory Program Requirements

Applicants that receive funding under this program are required to:

1. Submit the policies, procedures, and rules governing the provision of services for review (postaward) as required by OVC.
2. Ensure their policies and procedures follow applicable federal and state laws protecting the civil rights of program participants and staff (postaward).
3. Ensure that any staff, partner staff, or service providers working with trafficking victims and girls at risk for trafficking are adequately licensed and trained to work with such victims, including by accessing OVC-supported training and technical assistance.
4. Send the project coordinator or program director and one other key staff member to a virtual OVC grantee orientation and have relevant staff participate in OVC-sponsored training and technical assistance.



5. Provide all grant-funded staff at least one session of training (to be delivered by individuals or organizations with reasonable and demonstrable expertise) related to diversity, equity, inclusion, or accessibility and tied to program goals and objectives annually.

## **Strengthening Responses to Labor Trafficking**

Through its award funding, training and technical assistance, and collaboration with federal partners, OVC has worked to strengthen identification of and responses to labor trafficking victims in the United States. Despite these efforts, labor trafficking remains misunderstood, under-identified, underreported, and often unaddressed. As reflected in OVC grantee data, many individuals experience polyvictimization, including both labor and sex trafficking. To increase identification and expand access to services and justice for victims of labor trafficking, OVC is strengthening its expectations of organizations that receive anti-trafficking award funds. More information about gaps and opportunities in the response to this form of human trafficking is available on the [OVC website](#). Organizations with all levels of experience responding to and serving labor trafficking victims are encouraged to apply, including those that have historically focused exclusively on responding to sex trafficking and are interested in enhancing responses to labor trafficking.

## **Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables**

### **Goals**

The goal of this program is to prevent/reduce victimization of girls who are vulnerable to sex and/or labor trafficking.

### **Objectives**

An applicant should address all the objectives listed below in the Goals, Objectives, Deliverables and Timeline web-based form.

Applicants are invited to apply under the following two purpose areas:

### **Category 1: Program Sites**

The objectives of this category include:

- Replicate and scale-up prevention and early intervention programs for girls/young women who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking that have been rigorously evaluated and/or have been shown to be effective or promising and/or have a documented track record of producing successful outcomes for participants. Program models should include a plan to develop services and interventions for high-risk girls/young women, and for those with a history of trauma

due to past or current crime victimization, including child abuse and neglect.

- Implement or enhance efforts to identify and provide comprehensive, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive services to girls/young women who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking. This may include street outreach efforts, partnerships with organizations that serve youth, partnerships with juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and/or collaboration with key community stakeholders.
- Participate in an annual peer-to-peer learning (cluster meeting) opportunity hosted by the OVC-funded training and technical assistance provider. (See Budget Information and Associated Documentation.)

## **Category 2: Training and Technical Assistance Provider**

This program area will fund a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to create training and resources to expand the skills of program providers and other stakeholders working to prevent trafficking of girls. The objectives of this category include:

- Develop and disseminate best practices regarding prevention and early intervention strategies for girls and young women who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking. The successful applicant will support the replication and scaling up of prevention and early intervention strategies that have undergone rigorous evaluation and/or have a documented record of producing positive outcomes, with a strategic focus on filling the resource gap related to marginalized and underserved communities.
- Provide TTA to *Preventing Trafficking of Girls* Category 1 program sites funded in FY 2020, FY 2021, FY 2022, FY 2023, and beyond (estimated 20 program sites total in October 2023) to support the implementation of best practices, enhance collaboration, and generate improved outcomes for program participants. Training and technical assistance will include peer-to-peer learning across multiple system stakeholders.
- Develop, in consultation with OVC, widely available training resources that will be useful for all organizations/systems coming in contact with girls and young women at risk of, or victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking, including training for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and education professionals.
- Support program sites in identifying and accessing existing anti-trafficking training and resources funded through OVC and other federal partners. Information on anti-trafficking TTA can be found on [OVC's human trafficking microsite](#). Applicants must describe how they will work with existing TTA providers supporting OVC anti-trafficking programs to identify and coordinate TTA activities involving shared grantees, and how they will develop effective collaboration strategies.
- Develop and host an annual meeting for Category 1 program sites.

## **Deliverables**

For the Category 1 program sites, the deliverable to be provided is services, measured quarterly by service-hour or units delivered, type of service, and other key data points. For the Category 2 TTA provider, the key deliverables will be individualized baseline assessments of Category 1 program sites to determine current policies and practices regarding prevention and early intervention strategies for girls and young women who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking; the development of training and technical assistance (TTA) plans for new program sites to meet the needs of each site based on the individualized baseline assessments; the delivery of TTA to all program sites based on their unique TTA plans; the establishment of a peer-to-peer learning community; the development of online and written resources, tools, and trainings for organizations and public sector systems that may come in contact with girls/young women at risk of, and victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking; hosting an annual grantee meeting; and submitting semiannual narrative performance reports in JustGrants.

Award recipients will be required to submit performance measure data and a quarterly performance report in JustGrants. Further guidance on the postaward submission process will be provided, if selected for award.

The goals, objectives, and deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that show the completed work's results, as discussed in the "Application and Submission Information" section.

## **Ensuring Civil Rights**

Federal laws prohibit recipients of funding administered by the OJP from discriminating in the delivery of services on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, religion, or disability. Applicable federal laws also prohibit recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in their employment practices, and from discriminating against employees and beneficiaries on the basis of sex in funded education or training programs. Recipients are also obligated under federal civil rights laws to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with [limited English proficiency](#). Under certain circumstances, it might be permissible to limit services based on age. Please note that other federal, state, or local laws prohibiting discrimination may apply.

## **Enhancing Access to Services and Promoting Survivor Autonomy**

OVC is committed to an approach to human trafficking that is trauma-informed, victim-centered, survivor-informed, culturally responsive and evidence-based. Definitions of these concepts are available in the glossary of [OVC's Model Standards for Serving Victims and Survivors of Crime](#).

In line with these concepts and to enhance survivors' access to victim services, programs funded under this solicitation will engage in practices that remove barriers to receiving services and support survivor autonomy. Such practices will reduce requirements to engage in services, promote survivors' choice within service delivery, and protect victim privacy and confidentiality.

Funded programs will demonstrate their commitment to this approach by maintaining the following. (Note: Many of these requirements are mandated by federal civil rights laws, while others reflect OVC's policy directives to recipients to enhance access to services and promote survivor autonomy.)

- Procedures or policies that provide all survivors access to safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance without exclusions based on actual or perceived sex, age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, involvement in commercial sex, income or lack of income, or the age and/or sex of their children. For those programs that by their design target a particular population (e.g., youth, gender specific), there should be procedures or policies in place to ensure access to comparable, qualified services for other survivors seeking support.
- Procedures or policies that protect the confidentiality of information and/or privacy of persons receiving services.
- Procedures or policies that do not require victims to take certain actions (e.g., receive counseling, report to law enforcement, commit to sobriety) to be eligible for, or to receive services. For youth-serving programs with justifiable mandatory requirements, a [shared decision making model](#) should be used to provide minors with agency in participating in decisions that impact them.
- Project designs, products, services, and/or budgets that consider the unique needs of individuals with disabilities, [with limited English proficiency](#), or who are Deaf or hard of hearing, including accessibility for such individuals.

### **For Programs Serving Children and Youth**

If your program provides services to child and youth victims of crime, services must be tailored to ensure that they are developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, victim-centered, and trauma-informed. In addition to encouraging use of a [shared decision making model](#), OVC promotes the use of evidence-based and evidence-informed practices when working with children and youth victims of crime.

### **Unallowable Costs**

The following activities cannot be supported with grant funds.

1. Holding Beds: Grantees may not "hold beds" in a housing facility by charging their cost to the grant and keeping them empty until a victim needs the bed, when other victims need access to the beds, as this would be considered an unallowable contingency payment (see 2 C.F.R. 200.433 (c)).
2. Stipends/Incentives to Participate in Services: Neither cash, non-cash stipends, nor incentives may be paid to victims to encourage their participation in services. Nominal cash or non-cash stipends (e.g., taxi or ride share vouchers; public transportation tickets or tokens; money to pay for childcare; or gift cards for meals that are necessary when participants receive services) are allowable. [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for information on additional unallowable costs for federal award recipients and subrecipients.

## **Information on Managing Human Trafficking Awards**

For more information on implementation of OVC Human Trafficking awards, please consult the [OVC Human Trafficking Program FAQs](#).

## **Evidence-Based Programs or Practices**

OJP strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for 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 projects and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information and applicable documentation to be included in the application, 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 and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*

In support of this [Executive Order](#), OJP will provide priority consideration when making award decisions to the following:

A. Applications that propose project(s) that are designed to promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project(s) will address potential racial inequities and contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, and identify how the project design and implementation will specifically incorporate the input or participation of those communities and populations disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and the criminal justice system overall. Examples addressing this requirement include, but are not limited to, the following: budgeted project planning and/or implementation meetings with community stakeholders representing historically underserved and marginalized communities;

outreach and/or public awareness campaigns specifically tailored to historically underserved and marginalized communities to encourage participation in the proposed project(s); budgeted incorporation of members representing historically underserved and marginalized communities in program evaluation, surveys, or other means of project feedback; and partnership with organizations that primarily serve communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

B. Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive **at least 40%** of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Web-Based Form) identify as a *culturally specific organization*.

To receive this additional priority consideration, applicants must describe how being a culturally specific organization (or funding the culturally specific subrecipient organization (s)) will enhance their ability to implement the proposed project(s) and should also specify which populations are intended or expected to be served or to have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s).

Culturally specific organizations are defined for the purposes of this solicitation as private nonprofit or tribal organizations whose primary purpose as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to racial and ethnic groups, including, among others, Black people, Hispanic and Latino people, Native American and other Indigenous peoples of North America (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders.

Note: Addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas does not guarantee an award.

## Federal Award Information

### Solicitation Categories

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## Awards, Amounts and Durations

### Anticipated Number of Awards

7

### Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards

See Category

### Period of Performance Start Date

10/1/23

### Period of Performance Duration (Months)

36

### Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation

\$4,500,000

## 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 the award-funded work's progress, when making continuation award decisions.

## Availability of Funds

This solicitation, and awards 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.

## Type of Award

OVC expects to make awards under Category 1 of 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.

OVC expects to make the award under Category 2 of this solicitation as a cooperative agreement, which provides 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 additional 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. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

### **Budget Information**

The applicant should identify within their budget which items, services, etc., will/would be covered by matching sources and explain what type of match will be provided.

### **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](#) for 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](#) for information on the 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 solicitation cover page.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see the “Federal Award



Information” section.

For the 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.

**Notice regarding law enforcement agencies:** 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 eligible for FY 2023 DOJ discretionary grant funding. To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency’s use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and (2) the agency’s use-of-force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law. The certification requirement also applies to law enforcement agencies receiving DOJ discretionary grant funding through a subaward. For detailed information on this certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO> to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Implementation Fact Sheet, and the List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

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

## Application and Submission Information

### Content of Application Submission

The following application elements **must** be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Web-Based Form (The web-based form includes the budget details and the budget narrative.)

If OJP determines that an application does not include these elements, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

### Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov

The SF-424 must be submitted in Grants.gov. It 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 8F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application 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 \(E.O.\) 12372](#). In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting “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. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and verify and confirm the organization’s unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

### **Proposal Abstract**

A Proposal Abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project—including its purpose, primary activities, expected outcomes, the geographic service area, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipients (if known) — must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables, written in the third person, and exclude personally identifiable information. Abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP and USASpending.gov websites if the project is awarded. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for an example of a proposal abstract. If priority consideration is being requested, please indicate the priority areas A and/or B selected.

### **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 font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 20 numbered pages. If the Proposal Narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, OVC may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision.

The Proposal Narrative must include the following sections:

a. Description of the Issue

This section must:

1. Identify the nature and scope of the problem that the program will address. Applicants must demonstrate the problem of human trafficking within the targeted geographic area. Applicants should cite the sources of this data, which could include local, state, and federal data regarding investigations,

prosecutions, and the number of individuals identified as victims of human trafficking in the proposed geographic area and data from victim service providers or other local stakeholders. Data should come from multiple sources and extend beyond national hotline data.

2. Describe previous or current attempts to address the problem, including documentation of the number of trafficking victims served each year during 2021 and 2022 within the targeted geographic area. At a minimum, applicants must identify the total number of victims they previously served within the targeted geographic area, and the types of victims they have served (sex or labor trafficking victims). Applicants must cite the sources of this data.
3. Describe the communities to be served, including the geographic area, populations in the service area, and any groups that are vulnerable to human trafficking. Applicants should identify any relevant underserved communities in their geographic area using data to support (e.g., community data, Census data, client data, etc.).
4. Using online directories available from [OVC](#) and the [Office on Trafficking in Persons \(OTIP\)](#), describe current efforts to address the service needs of trafficking survivors in the geographic area. Explain how the proposed project is not duplicative and targets identified gaps.
5. Describe the problem of labor trafficking within the targeted geographic area; what is known and unknown about the problem; current efforts to identify labor trafficking victims; and gaps in the response to labor trafficking.

In addition to the above, **Category 2** applicants should describe their understanding of the problem to be addressed, including relevant equity considerations and identification of underserved communities. Applicants should identify existing quantitative and qualitative data that supports their Description of the Issue.

#### b. Project Design and Implementation

The application must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the “Description of the Issue” section above.

This section must:

1. State the goals and objectives of the proposed project. Goals and objectives must align with those stated in the Goals, Objectives, Deliverables section of this solicitation.
2. Provide a detailed description of the proposed activities necessary to implement this project and meet the stated goals and objectives.
3. Identify which underserved communities, if any, will be targeted through the proposed project.
4. Include a timeline that identifies a timeframe for all the tasks and activities to be completed.
5. Link project activities to the requirements of this solicitation and explain

- how the proposed approach satisfies the requirements.
6. List the project partners, as appropriate, needed to make the project activities effective and sustainable.
  7. Describe how the applicant plans to ensure project activities are trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and protect the safety and confidentiality needs of victims.
  8. Describe how the proposed project is designed to enhance responses to labor trafficking victims. Failure to include such a description will be taken into consideration when this section is scored during Peer Review.

In addition to the above, **Category 1** applicants should:

- Identify specific services that will be provided with grant funds (see Appendix A) and describe how and where the services will be provided.
- Describe how the applicant will meet the individualized service needs of victims and support victim-informed decisions and autonomy within the delivery of services.
- Describe how the applicant will coordinate with other OVC and federally and state-funded anti-trafficking programs to meet the comprehensive needs of trafficking victims.

In addition to the above, **Category 2** applicants should provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the “Description of the Issue” and should describe (if applicable) how their program design, project partnerships, and deliverables/activities will advance equity for targeted audiences and the communities they serve. Additionally, applicants will be required to proactively collaborate with other anti-trafficking TTA providers to identify common OVC grantees, coordinate efforts, and strengthen the accessibility of resources, to include:

- Engaging in regular communication with other OVC-funded TTA providers, including participating in regular workgroups and in-person or remote OVC-led TTA provider meetings.
- Referring requests for TTA and grantees to other TTA providers, as needed.
- Developing and delivering joint TTA, such as webinars, grantee meeting sessions, etc.
- Working collaboratively with other OVC-funded TTA providers as required by OVC.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration for Priority A, it should address in this section how the proposed projects will promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, and identify how the project design and implementation will specifically incorporate the input or participation of these communities.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

This section must:

1. Demonstrate the institutional experience and expertise (or submit formal agreements with partners with experience and expertise with the application) to effectively implement the requirements of this solicitation.
2. Identify the key individuals and organizations involved in the proposed project.
3. Demonstrate that the individuals and organizations identified have the capacity to address the stated need, including the expertise necessary to successfully implement the proposed project activities.
4. Describe specific roles and responsibilities of all project partners and key staff.
5. Demonstrate that project staff have appropriate training and experience to implement project activities as described in the proposal, including the knowledge and expertise necessary to implement culturally responsive projects (or partner appropriately to do so) with the identified underserved communities, and document plans and position descriptions for staff to be hired.
6. Clearly describe who will implement activities as described in the Project Design and Implementation section.
7. Describe their experience managing federal grants and document their current capacity to manage federal grants. For **Category 1** applicants, if the applicant has other grants for providing services to victims of human trafficking, the applicant must describe the scope of each of these grants and describe how activities and data collection on these projects will be tracked separately to avoid duplication.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority B, it should describe within this section how being a culturally specific organization (or funding a culturally specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 40% of the project budget) will enhance its ability to implement the proposed project(s), should also specify which populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed project(s), and should include the website address (if applicable) and formal or informal mission statement or principles of the culturally specific organization.

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 the performance measures data required by this solicitation.

2. A description of the qualifications of key staff who will be responsible for collecting data and reporting performance measures.

In addition, this plan must describe how the applicant will use the collected data to confirm whether the applicant is identifying and responding to labor trafficking victims as described in the application's Project Design and Implementation.

Note: An applicant is **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as a notification that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements. Some measures are presented as examples, while others are the exact measures that every recipient will be expected to address.

OJP will require each award recipient to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" discussion. Applicants can visit OJP's performance measurement page at [www.ojp.gov/performance](http://www.ojp.gov/performance) for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at:

**Category 1:**

<https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/human-trafficking/human-trafficking-performance-measures-questionnaire.pdf>, and

**Category 2:**

<https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/human-trafficking/tta-providers-questionnaire.pdf>.

OVC will require **Category 1** award recipients to submit quarterly performance measure data in the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and separately submit a semiannual performance report in JustGrants. **Category 2** will submit semiannual performance measures in JustGrants. A list of resources and trainings can be found at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/human-trafficking>.

OVC will provide further guidance on the postaward submission process, after making awards.

e. Stakeholder Collaboration

For services that are proposed to be subawarded to project partners, the applicant

must name the project partner that will provide the specific services in the program narrative and include an attachment (for example, a subcontract/subgrant, Letter of Intent, or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)) that describes the organization's commitment to provide a specific service, who will be served (sex trafficking victims, labor trafficking victims, or both), and a description of the fee for the service or cost to the grant for each service.

### **Note on Project Evaluations**

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

### **Goal, Objective and Deliverables**

The applicant will submit the project's goals, objectives, deliverables and timeline in the JustGrants web-based form. The applicant will also enter the projected fiscal year and quarter that each objective and deliverable will be completed. Please refer to the [Application Submission Job Aid](#) for step-by-step directions.

**Goals.** The applicant should describe the project's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem noted in the previous section and outline the project's goals.

**Program Objectives.** The applicant should explain how the program will accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, quantifiable statements of the project's desired results. They should be measurable and clearly linked to the goal.

**Deliverables.** Project deliverables refer to outputs—tangible or intangible—that are submitted within the scope of a project.

### **Budget and Associated Documentation**

Please note Unallowable Costs and Limitations on the Use of Funds in the Program-Specific section.

#### **Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)**

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [Complete the Application in JustGrants – Budget](#) training.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority A and has proposed activities (such as community or stakeholder meetings, community outreach or public

awareness campaigns, community participation in project design, implementation, or evaluation, etc.) to incorporate the input and participation of communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, financial support for the identified activities and participation must be reflected in the web-based budget form.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority B based on the identification of at least one proposed subrecipient as a culturally specific organization, the proposed funding for the subrecipient in the web-based budget form **must reflect a minimum of 40% of award funding**. The budget narrative must also describe how the activities that will be funded with the (minimum) 40% of award funding provided to the subrecipient **specifically relate to the priority consideration requested** and described in the Capabilities and Competencies section of the application.

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

See the section on Costs Requiring Prior Approval in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide Post Award Requirements](#) for more information.

### **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)**

If applicable, the applicant will upload their indirect cost rate agreement as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for more information on indirect costs.

### **Consultant Rate**

See the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for information on the consultant rates which require prior approval from OJP.

### **Limitation on Employee Compensation; Waiver**

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver.

### **Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)**

The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and upload it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for the link to the questionnaire and additional information.

### **Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation**

If applicable, the applicant will upload a description of the process used to determine



executive compensation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the “Application Attachments” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

### **Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents**

Applicants should include for each named partner, a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Letter of Intent, or subcontract that confirms the partner’s agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs. For applications submitted from two or more entities, applicants are encouraged to develop and submit signed MOUs or signed Letters of Intent that provide a detailed description of how the agencies will work together to meet project requirements.

Each MOU or Letter of Intent should include the following: (1) names of the organizations involved in the agreement; (2) scope of the direct service(s) and other work to be performed under the agreement; (3) duration of the agreement. Subcontracts, MOUs, or Letters of Intent should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

### **Additional Application Components**

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

#### **Curriculum Vitae or Resumes**

Provide resumes of key personnel.

#### **Tribal Authorizing Resolution**

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment. If applicable, the applicant will upload the tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment in JustGrants. 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. The applicant will upload documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

#### **Disclosures and Assurances**

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

#### **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

Complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. Once the applicant submits in Grants.gov, this information will pre-pend into JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

### **DOJ Certified Standard Assurances**

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

### **Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items**

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; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing**

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

### **Applicant Disclosure and Justification - DOJ High Risk Grantees**

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

### **How to Apply**

**Registration:** Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM). 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.

**Submission:** Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process via Grants.gov and JustGrants.

**Step 1:** After registering with SAM, the applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> by the Grants.gov deadline. **Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but no later than 48**

**hours before the Grants.gov deadline.** If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.

**Step 2:** The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by the JustGrants deadline.

Within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual in Section 8F of the SF-424 will receive an email from [DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov](mailto:DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. Register the Entity Administrator and the Application Submitter with JustGrants as early as possible but no later than 48-72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive an emailed link to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. The Entity Administrator also will need to log into JustGrants to review and invite the applicant's Authorized Representative(s) before an application can be submitted.

Submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 24 – 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline. Some of the application components will be entered directly into JustGrants, and others will require uploading attached documents. Therefore, applicants will need to allow ample time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare each component. Applicants may save their progress in the system and revise the application as needed prior to hitting the Submit button at the end of the application in JustGrants.

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** must be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 16, 2023.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 p.m. eastern time on May 23, 2023.

OJP urges applicants to submit their Grants.gov and JustGrants submissions prior to the due dates with sufficient time to correct any errors and resubmit by the submission deadlines if a rejection notification is received. To be considered timely, the **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. Failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration process in sufficient time (i.e., waiting until the date identified in this solicitation) is not an acceptable reason for late submission.

### **Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application**

OJP will only consider requests to submit an application after the deadline when the applicant can document that a technical issue with a government system prevented application submission.

If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical issues with SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. However, the waiver request will not be considered unless it includes a tracking number generated when the applicant contacts the applicable service desks to report technical difficulties. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desks; and for this reason applicants are encouraged to email the appropriate service desk, even if they also intend to call the service desk for phone support. Experiencing wait times for phone support does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of getting a tracking number.

An applicant experiencing technical difficulties must contact the associated service desk indicated below to report the technical issue and receive a tracking number:

- SAM.gov - contact the [SAM Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#), Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET at 866-606-8220.
- Grants.gov - contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](#), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).
- JustGrants - contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175, Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET and Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) within **24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov) within **24 hours of the JustGrants deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

Waiver requests sent to the OJP Response Center must -

- describe the technical difficulties experienced,
- include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., date and time the error occurred, date and time of actions taken to resolve the issue and resubmit; and date and time support representatives responded),
- include an attachment of the complete grant application and all the required documentation and materials,
- include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and
- include any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking numbers documenting the technical issue.

OJP will review each waiver request and the required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request for late submission has been approved or denied. An applicant that does not provide documentation of a technical issue or that does not submit a waiver request within the required time period will be denied.

For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the “Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

## Application Review Information

### Review Criteria

#### Merit Review Criteria

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

Description of the Issue (15%) - evaluate the applicant’s understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.

Project Design and Implementation (40%) - evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.

Capabilities and Competencies (20%) - evaluate the applicant’s administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.

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.

Budget (10%) - evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

Other: Stakeholder Collaboration (10%) - evaluate proposed partner organizations’ commitment, appropriateness, and expertise in providing a specific service or activity.

#### Other Review Criteria/Factors

Other important considerations for OVC include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Web-Based Form accurately explains 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 the 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 review criteria listed above.

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

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

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

## Federal Award Administration Information

### Federal Award Notices

Generally, award notifications are made by the end of the current Federal fiscal year, September 30th. 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 the 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 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 more information.

## **General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements**

In addition to the deliverables described in the “Program Description” section, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

Required reports. Award recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semiannual performance reports, final financial and performance 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 postaward reporting requirements, including performance measure data.

## **Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)**

For OJP contact(s), contact information for Grants.gov, and contact information for JustGrants, see the solicitation cover 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 the 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

OVC will require **Category 1** award recipients to submit quarterly performance measure data in the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and separately submit a semiannual performance report in JustGrants. **Category 2** will submit semiannual performance measures in JustGrants. A list of resources and trainings can be found at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/human-trafficking>.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at:

**Category 1:** <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/human-trafficking/human-trafficking-performance-measures-questionnaire.pdf> and

**Category 2:** <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/human-trafficking/tta-providers-questionnaire.pdf>.



## Application Checklist

### **OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance**

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, reference [The OJP Application Submission Steps in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

#### **Pre-Application**

##### ***Before Registering in Grants.gov:***

- Acquire or renew your Entity's [System for Award Management \(SAM\) Registration Information](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

##### ***Register in Grants.gov***

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

##### ***Find the Funding Opportunity***

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s)
- Select the correct Competition ID
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the [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, and reporting available at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8> (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

##### ***Review the Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements***

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2023 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

##### ***Review the Scope Requirement***

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s):
  - Under Category 1: up to \$500,000
  - Under Category 2: up to \$1,500,000

##### ***Review Eligibility Requirement:***

Review the Eligibility section on the cover page and Eligibility Information section in the solicitation.

## Application Step 1

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

- In Section 8F of the SF-424, include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants and the SF-LLL in Grants.gov**

*Within 48 hours after the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive four (4) Grants.gov email notifications:*

- a submission receipt
- a validation receipt
- a grantor agency retrieval receipt
- an agency tracking number assignment

*If no Grants.gov receipt and validation email is received, or if error notifications are received:*

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

Within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual in Section 8F of the SF-424 will receive an email from JustGrants with login instructions.

- Proceed to Application Step 2 and complete application in JustGrants

## Application Step 2

Submit the following information in JustGrants

Application Components

- Standard Applicant information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- **Proposal Abstract\***
- **Proposal Narrative\***

Budget and Associated Documentation

- **Budget 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 (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](#))
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Timeline
- Memorandum of understanding (if applicable)
- Resumes of key personnel (if applicable)
- List of procurement contracts (if applicable)
- Organizational chart (if applicable)

## Disclosures and Assurances

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

**\* Note: Items designated with an asterisk must be submitted for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the designated items, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.**

## Review, Certify and Submit Application in JustGrants

- Any validation errors will immediately display on screen after submission.
- Correct validation errors, if necessary, and then return to the “Certify and Submit” screen to submit the application. Access the [Application Submission Validation Errors Quick Reference Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions to resolve errors prior to submission.
- Once the application is submitted and validated, a confirmation message will appear at the top of the page. Users will also receive a notification in the “bell” alerts confirming submission.

*If no JustGrants application submission confirmation email or validation is received, or if error notification is received:*

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) regarding technical difficulties. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

## Standard Solicitation Resources

[OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding.

[DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) serves as the primary reference manual to assist award recipients in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to safeguard grant funds and to ensure funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded. It compiles a variety of laws, rules and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of DOJ awards. This guide serves as a starting point for all award recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards.

[JustGrants Resources Website](#) is an entryway into information about JustGrants and the grants management system itself. Through this portal both award recipients and applicants can access training resource and user support options, find frequently asked questions and sign-up for the [JustGrants Update e-newsletter](#).

[JustGrants Application Submission Training Page](#) offers helpful information and resources on the application process. This training page includes e-learning videos, reference guides, checklists and other resources to help applicants complete an application.

[Virtual Q&A Sessions](#) are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance and support on JustGrants system functionality.

## Appendix A: Types of Victim Services That OVC Funds

Type of Service	Service Provision Terms
Information and Referral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Information about the criminal justice process</li><li>■ Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.</li><li>■ Referral to other victim service programs</li><li>■ Referral to other services, supports, and resources</li><li>■ Information about substance use disorder treatment and support</li></ul>

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<p>Personal Advocacy/Accompaniment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care or forensic exam</li> <li>■ Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment</li> <li>■ Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits or other low-cost alternatives)</li> <li>■ Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview, or medical evidence collection</li> <li>■ Advocacy for immigration assistance</li> <li>■ Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution</li> <li>■ Child or dependent care assistance</li> <li>■ Transportation assistance</li> <li>■ Interpreter and translation services</li> <li>■ Family reunification</li> </ul>
<p>Emotional Support, Safety, and Health Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Crisis intervention</li> <li>■ Hotline/Crisis line counseling</li> <li>■ On-scene crisis response</li> <li>■ Individual therapy/mental health services</li> <li>■ Support groups</li> <li>■ Other therapy (e.g., traditional, cultural, or alternative healing)</li> <li>■ Emergency financial assistance</li> <li>■ Provision of emergency medical care</li> <li>■ Provision of long-term, non-therapeutic medical care</li> <li>■ Substance use disorder services</li> <li>■ Protection/Safety planning</li> <li>■ Case management</li> </ul>
<p>Shelter/Housing Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Emergency shelter or placement</li> <li>■ Transitional housing</li> <li>■ Relocation assistance</li> <li>■ Rapid rehousing</li> <li>■ Rental assistance</li> <li>■ Host homes</li> </ul>

<p>Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Other shelter/housing</li> <li>■ Notification of criminal justice events</li> <li>■ Victim impact statement assistance</li> <li>■ Assistance with restitution</li> <li>■ Civil legal assistance</li> <li>■ Legal support with immigration assistance</li> <li>■ Law enforcement or Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment</li> <li>■ Repatriation</li> <li>■ Public benefits law</li> <li>■ Criminal record relief</li> <li>■ Victim's rights representation</li> </ul>
<p>Education/Employment/Skill Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Education</li> <li>■ Job/Vocational training</li> <li>■ Job readiness/employment services</li> <li>■ Skill building (e.g., life skills)</li> <li>■ Supported employment</li> </ul>