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Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is seeking applications for funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

This solicitation incorporates the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants on how to prepare and submit applications for funding to OJP. **If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.**

This solicitation expressly modifies the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by not incorporating the "Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver" provisions in the "Financial Information" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Solicitation Category

Competition ID	Category	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-BJA-2021-00149-PROD	Category 1 - Applicants with eligible allocation	603	\$45,735,895.00	10/1/2020 12:00 AM	24

Competition ID	Category	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
	amounts of less than \$25,000				
C-BJA-2021-00150-PROD	Category 2 - Applicants with eligible allocation amounts of \$25,000 or more	582	\$44,143,102.00	10/1/2020 12:00 AM	48

Eligibility (Who may apply):

- Units of local government
- Other

By law, for purposes of the JAG Program, the term “units of local government” includes a town, township, village, parish, city, county, borough, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a state; or it may be a federally recognized Indian tribal government that performs law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). A unit of local government also may be any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district established under applicable state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes; for example, in Louisiana, a unit of local government means a district attorney or parish sheriff. The expected eligible allocations by state for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 JAG Program can be found at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/fy-2021-allocations>.

Eligible allocations under JAG are posted annually on the JAG web page. See the allocation determination and Units of Local Government requirements section for more information.

Applicants with eligible allocation amounts of less than \$25,000 will apply to Category 1, and applicants with eligible allocation amounts of \$25,000 or more will apply to Category 2.

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

Agency Contact Description

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

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

An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center (Response Center) at grants@ncjrs.gov

within 24 hours after the application deadline to request approval to submit its application after the deadline.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the Response Center by telephone at 800–851–3420 or TTY: 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only) or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov. Response Center hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. eastern time Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date. Applicants also may contact the appropriate BJA [grant manager](#).

Submission Information

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

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

Step 2: Applicants will submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>.

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

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

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2021 Local Formula Grant Solicitation CFDA # 16.738

Program Description

Overview

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

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. BJA will award JAG Program funds to eligible units of local government as described in this FY 2021 JAG Program Local Solicitation. (BJA will issue a separate solicitation for states.)

Statutory Authority

The JAG Program is authorized by Title I of Pub. L. No. 90-351 (generally codified at [34 U.S.C. 10151-10726](#)), including subpart 1 of part E (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10151-10158); see also 28 U.S.C. 530C(a).

Program-specific Information

Statutory Formula

JAG awards are based on a statutory formula that is fully described within the [JAG Technical Report](#). Once each fiscal year's overall JAG Program funding level is determined, BJA works with the Bureau of Justice Statistics to begin a four-step grant award calculation process, which, in general, consists of:

- (1) Computing an initial JAG allocation for each state, based on its share of violent crime and population (weighted equally).
- (2) Reviewing the initial JAG allocation amount to determine if the state allocation is less than the minimum award amount defined in the JAG legislation (0.25 percent of the total). If this is the case, the state is funded at the minimum level, and the funds required for this are deducted from the overall pool of JAG funds. Each of the remaining states receives the minimum award plus an additional amount based on its share of violent crime and population.
- (3) Dividing each state's final award amount (except for the territories and the District of Columbia) between the state and its units of local governments at rates of 60 and 40 percent, respectively.
- (4) Determining unit of local government award allocations, which are based on their proportion of the state's 3-year violent crime average. If the "eligible award amount" for a particular unit of local government, as determined on this basis, is \$10,000 or more, then the unit of local government is eligible to apply directly to OJP (under the JAG Local

Solicitation) for a JAG award. If the “eligible award amount” for a particular unit of local government, as determined on this basis, is less than \$10,000, however, the funds are not made available for a direct award to that particular unit of local government, but instead are added to the amount that is awarded to the state.

Allocation Determination and Units of Local Government Requirements Regarding Use of JAG Funds

Eligible allocations under JAG are posted annually on the [JAG web page](#). Award allocations are determined by a four-step statutory formula. Additional information can be found on the [JAG Resource Page](#) or the [JAG Technical Report](#).

According to the JAG Program statute, a “disparity” may exist between the funding eligibility of a county and its associated municipalities. See 34 U.S.C. § 10156(d)(4). Units of local government identified by BJA as disparate must select a fiscal agent that will submit a joint application for the allocation to include all disparate municipalities. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) that identifies which jurisdiction will serve as the applicant or fiscal agent for joint funds must be completed and signed by the authorized representative for each participating jurisdiction. Once an award is made, the fiscal agent will be responsible for distributing award funds to the other jurisdictions in the disparate group through subawards that include all appropriate award conditions. To verify eligibility on the [JAG web page](#), an applicant should click on its respective state and note the following regarding the state’s allocation table:

- (1) Disparate units of local government are listed in shaded groups, in alphabetic order by county. Units of local government identified as disparate must select one unit of local government to submit an application on behalf of the disparate group.
- (2) Counties that have an asterisk (*) under the “Direct Allocation” column did not submit the level of violent crime data to qualify for a direct award from BJA but are in the disparate grouping indicated by the shaded area. The JAG legislation requires these counties to remain a partner with the local jurisdictions receiving funds and must be a signatory on the required MOU.
- (3) Direct allocations are listed alphabetically below the shaded disparate groupings.

Please note that disparate jurisdictions do not need to abide by the listed individual allocations, which are provided for information only. Jurisdictions in a funding disparity are responsible for determining individual amounts within the Eligible Joint Allocation and documenting individual allocations in the MOU.

Statutory Program Areas

In general, JAG funds awarded to a unit of local government under the FY 2021 program may be used to hire additional personnel and/or purchase equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following program areas:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)

- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams

Note that the statute defines “criminal justice” as “activities pertaining to crime prevention, control, or reduction, or the enforcement of the criminal law, including, but not limited to, police efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or to apprehend criminals, including juveniles, activities of courts having criminal jurisdiction, and related agencies (including but not limited to prosecutorial and defender services, juvenile delinquency agencies, and pretrial service or release agencies), activities of corrections, probation, or parole authorities and related agencies assisting in the rehabilitation, supervision, and care of criminal offenders, and programs relating to the prevention, control, or reduction of narcotic addiction and juvenile delinquency.”

BJA Areas of Emphasis

BJA recognizes that many state and local criminal justice systems currently face challenging fiscal environments and that an important, cost-effective way to relieve those pressures is to share or leverage resources through cooperation among federal, state, and local law enforcement. BJA intends to focus much of its work on: Restoring Justice – Support for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Administration (SLTT) of Criminal Justice; Community Violence Intervention; Law Enforcement Accreditation, Policy Development, and Training; Technologies to Support Transparency and Information Sharing between Law Enforcement and Communities; Sustaining COVID-19 Criminal Justice Innovations; and Innovative Forensic Technologies such as Rapid DNA for Booking Stations. BJA encourages each state recipient of an FY 2021 JAG award to join federal law enforcement agencies across the board in addressing these challenges. Additional details on the BJA areas of emphasis can be found below:

- Restoring Justice – Support for SLTT Administration of Criminal Justice
In March 2020, SLTT governments began implementing various community mitigation policies to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19. As a part of these restrictions, throughout the country, courts at every level were forced to cancel or significantly scale back proceedings, which commonly included suspending in-person hearings, granting extensions of court deadlines and waivers of speedy trials, restricting access to court buildings, and postponing jury trials. This created a backlog of cases, which has impacts on criminal court operations and court staff, victims and witnesses, as well as defendants. BJA encourages state and local jurisdictions to invest JAG funds in efforts to restore justice by addressing this backlog. This could include purchase of technology to enhance the use of virtual tools to conduct outreach to witnesses and defendants, as well as for hearings and status conferences, staffing, and enhancing access to services; resources to assist the jurisdiction to develop or enhance its case management system to assess and work to eliminate the backlog of cases; building tools to support diversion and alternatives to incarceration as part of the review of backlogged cases; and technology and equipment to retrofit court houses and staff to mitigate risks to staff and those coming to court.
- Community Violence Intervention
Cities across the U.S. are experiencing a historic spike in homicides and gun violence that disproportionately impacts people of color. The recent high-profile mass shootings in Boulder (taking the lives of 10 individuals) and Atlanta (taking the lives of eight individuals, including six Asian American women) underscored the relentlessness of this epidemic. As a result, the Biden-Harris Administration and Department of Justice are undertaking a number of steps to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, reduce the risk of gun violence, and prioritize investment in community violence intervention (CVI). There are [proven](#) CVI strategies for reducing gun violence through tools other than

incarceration. For example, violence interruption programs deploy trusted messengers to work directly with individuals most likely to commit gun violence, intervene in conflicts, and connect people to social and economic services to reduce the likelihood of gun violence as an answer. Hospital-based violence interventions engage people who have been shot while they are still in the hospital, connecting them to services to decrease the likelihood that they commit gun violence or are victimized in the future. BJA encourages state and local jurisdictions to invest JAG funds to tailor programs and responses to CVI in an effort to build strong, sustained partnerships with community residents and organizations to support CVI work in communities most impacted by violent crime. CVI strategies will be highlighted on [BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center \(NTTAC\) website](#), and jurisdictions looking to implement those strategies can request training and technical assistance (TTA) on the [NTTAC website](#) as well.

- Law Enforcement Accreditation, Policy Development, and Training
The calls for police reform continue to grow, with an emphasis on protecting the sanctity of life and eliminating systemic biases, implicit or otherwise. In particular, racial profiling and related bias are particularly pernicious as they deprive communities of color of basic constitutional protections and erode confidence in policing — an essential cornerstone for crime reduction and safe communities. BJA encourages state and local jurisdictions to utilize JAG funds for the purposes of law enforcement accreditation, and developing and maintaining policies and law enforcement training focused on addressing those areas most likely to promote trust, transparency, and accountability, including use of force, racial profiling, implicit bias, procedural justice, and duty to intervene.
- Technologies to Support Transparency and Information Sharing between Law Enforcement and Communities
This will focus on software/hardware solutions designed to enhance agency transparency with the capability of facilitating information sharing with the public, promoting an agency's work, and developing data-driven programs that improve public safety and build trust. Examples could include the sharing of information about crime statistics, locations of criminal activity, aggregated information regarding internal affairs complaints, resolution of cases and issues in the community, support for community surveys, and outreach to residents to gather their feedback.
- Sustaining COVID-19 Criminal Justice Innovations
As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, SLTT criminal justice agencies made strides to create innovative ways to administer justice while balancing the need to mitigate the coronavirus and maintain social distancing. While many of these innovations had an upfront cost, they will prove to be cost saving and efficient over time. For example, correctional facilities have enabled virtual programming, education, medical appointments, and family visits, as well as increased and enhanced the use of electronic monitoring. Police departments have hosted virtual community engagement events and opportunities, and courts and community corrections have increased the use of virtual staffing, status hearings, client visits, and access to treatment and support services. In addition, resources have supported the purchase of technology like headsets and hotspots to ensure confidentiality of defense counsel with clients, as well as partnerships with community partners to host outdoor events like drug court graduations. It is important for SLTT agencies to sustain these cost-saving efficiencies that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, BJA encourages SLTT agencies to utilize JAG funds for these sustainment activities.
- Innovative Forensic Technologies such as Rapid DNA for Booking Stations

Rapid DNA, or Rapid DNA analysis, is a term used to describe the fully automated (hands free) process of developing a DNA profile from a reference sample mouth swab in 1-2 hours without the need of a DNA laboratory and without any human intervention. The overall goal of the Rapid DNA initiative is to immediately enroll qualifying arrestees in CODIS and search unsolved crimes of special concern in near real time during the [booking process](#). The FBI worked with numerous stakeholder groups to develop [Standards for the Operation of Rapid DNA Booking Systems by Law Enforcement Booking Agencies](#), the corresponding [Audit Document](#) for these standards, and the [National Rapid DNA Booking Operational Procedures Manual](#) for the FBI approval and operation of the Rapid DNA devices in booking agencies. Below is an abbreviated list of prerequisites for federal, state, and local booking agencies to participate in Rapid DNA:

- The state must have implemented an arrestee DNA collection law that authorizes DNA sample collection from a person arrested for a specified offense at the time of arrest and for which there are no additional requirements (i.e., determination of probable cause) for the analysis of that arrestee DNA sample. Federal booking agencies already meet this prerequisite.
- Electronic Fingerprint (Live Scan) integration during the booking process for obtaining State Identification Numbers (SID) (UCN for federal booking agencies) from the State Identification Bureau (FBI for federal) in near real time.
- The booking agency must have network connectivity with the State Identification Bureau (SIB)/CJIS Systems Agency (CSA).
- The booking agency and/or state must technically integrate Rapid DNA within their automated fingerprint process in a way that must ensure only qualifying arrestees are processed.

It will be critical for booking agencies to work with their state CODIS agency to ensure all requirements are met for participation in Rapid DNA (see [National Rapid DNA Booking Operational Procedures Manual](#)). BJA encourages those states with arrestee DNA collection laws that meet the prerequisites above to consider using JAG funds to implement Rapid DNA technology (or the defined prerequisites above, such as Live Scan integration) in booking stations within their states.

Additional Uses of JAG Funds

JAG funds awarded to a unit of local government under this FY 2021 solicitation may be used to:

- Enforce state and local laws that establish offenses similar to offenses established in 21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq. and/or improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenses, by providing additional personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for the more widespread apprehension, prosecution, adjudication, detention, and rehabilitation of persons who violate these laws, and assist the victims of such crimes (other than compensation).
- Support projects related to preventing, detecting, seizing, and/or stopping the presence and use of contraband cellphones by detainees and inmates. This includes the purchasing of managed access systems and other mitigation technologies (as permitted by applicable law).

- To purchase fentanyl detection equipment and training for law enforcement safety, as well as naloxone distribution.
- To purchase drug detection canines to combat the rise of drug trafficking, including that of methamphetamines.
- Additionally, JAG funds awarded under this FY 2021 solicitation may be used for any purpose indicated here:
<https://bjaojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-use-of-funds.pdf>.

Limitations on the Use of JAG Funds

Administrative Costs

Up to 10 percent of a JAG award, including up to 10 percent of any earned interest, may be used for costs associated with administering the award, which can include indirect costs.

Supplanting

JAG funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds but must be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available. See the [JAG FAQs](#) for examples of supplanting. Although supplanting is prohibited, the leveraging of federal funding is encouraged.

Matching Funds

Absent specific federal statutory authority to do so, JAG award funds may not be used as a match for other federal awards.

Prohibited Expenditures and Associated Procedures under JAG

JAG funds may not be used (whether directly or indirectly) for any purpose prohibited by federal statute or regulation, including those purposes specifically prohibited by the JAG Program statute as set out at [34 U.S.C. § 10152](#). JAG funds may not be used (directly or indirectly) for security enhancements or equipment for nongovernmental entities not engaged in criminal justice or public safety. Additionally, JAG funds may not be used (directly or indirectly) to pay for any of the following items unless DOJ certifies that extraordinary and exigent circumstances exist making them essential to the maintenance of public safety and good order:

- Vehicles, vessels, or aircraft*
- Luxury items
- Real estate
- Construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions)
- Any similar matters

*Police cruisers, police boats, and police helicopters are allowable vehicles under JAG and do not require BJA certification.

The JAG statute, 34 U.S.C. §§ 10151-10158, specifically identifies a list of prohibited items, including unmanned aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, and unmanned aerial systems, which cannot be purchased with JAG funds unless the BJA Director certifies that extraordinary and exigent circumstances exist that make the use of such funds to purchase these prohibited items essential to the maintenance of public safety and good order. Additional information on prohibited expenditures under JAG, including the process to obtain prior approval to purchase a prohibited item(s), can be found within the [JAG Prohibited Expenditures Guidance](#) or within the [JAG FAQs](#) document (see Use of Funds section).

Other Program Requirements

Trust Fund — States (or State Administering Agencies) or units of local government may draw down JAG funds either in advance or on a reimbursement basis. To draw down in advance, a trust fund must be established in which to deposit the funds. The trust fund must be in an interest-bearing account, unless one of the exceptions in 2 C.F.R. § 200.305(b)(8) apply. If subrecipients draw down JAG funds in advance, they also must establish a trust fund in which to deposit the funds. For additional information, see [2 C.F.R. § 200.305](#).

Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government (which incorporates the 30-day governing body review requirement) — A JAG application is not complete, and a unit of local government may not access award funds, unless the chief executive of the applicant unit of local government (e.g., the mayor or chairman) properly executes, and the unit of local government submits, the “Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government.” The most up-to-date version of this certification can be found at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/certifications-assurances>. Please note that this certification takes the place of the review narrative attachment and contains assurances that the governing body notification and public comment requirements, which are required under the JAG statute (at 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a)(2)), have been satisfied.

OJP will not deny an application for an FY 2021 award for failure to submit these “Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government” by the application deadline, but a unit of local government will not be able to access award funds (and its award will include a condition that withholds funds) until it submits these certifications and assurances, properly executed by the chief executive of the unit of local government (e.g., mayor or chairman).

Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs) — A JAG award recipient that proposes to use FY 2021 funds to purchase BWC equipment or implement or enhance BWC programs must provide to OJP a certification(s) that each direct recipient receiving the equipment or implementing the program has policies and procedures in place related to BWC equipment usage, data storage and access, privacy considerations, and training. The certification form related to BWC policies and procedures can be found at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/fy-21-jag-body-worn-camera-policy-cert.pdf>.

A JAG award recipient that proposes to use funds for BWC-related expenses will have funds withheld until the required certification is submitted and approved by OJP. If the JAG award recipient proposes to change project activities to utilize JAG funds for BWC-related expenses after the award is accepted, the JAG award recipient must submit the signed certification to OJP at that time.

Further, before making any subaward for BWC-related expenses, the JAG award recipient must collect a completed BWC certification from the proposed subrecipient. Any such certifications must be maintained by the JAG award recipient and made available to OJP upon request.

The BJA BWC Tool Kit provides model BWC policies and best practices to assist criminal justice departments in implementing BWC programs.

Apart from the JAG Program, BJA provides funds under the Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program (BWCPIP). BWCPIP allows jurisdictions to develop and implement policies and practices required for effective program adoption, and to address program factors including the purchase, deployment, and maintenance of camera systems and equipment; data

storage and access; and privacy considerations. Interested JAG award recipients may wish to refer to the BWC Program web page for more information. JAG award recipients that are also BWC award recipients may not use JAG funds for any part of the 50 percent match required by the BWC Program.

Body Armor — Body armor purchased with JAG funds may be purchased at any threat level, make, or model from any distributor or manufacturer, as long as the following requirements are met: The body armor must have been tested and found to comply with the latest applicable National Institute of Justice ballistic or stab standards. In addition, body armor purchased must be made in the United States. Finally, body armor purchased with JAG funds must be “uniquely fitted vests,” which means protective (ballistic or stab-resistant) armor vests that conform to the individual wearer to provide the best possible fit and coverage through a combination of: (1) correctly sized panels and carrier determined through appropriate measurement, and (2) properly adjusted straps, harnesses, fasteners, flaps, or other adjustable features. Note that the requirement that body armor be “uniquely fitted” does not necessarily require body armor that is individually manufactured based on the measurements of an individual wearer. In support of OJP’s efforts to improve officer safety, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International has made available the [Standard Practice for Body Armor Wearer Measurement and Fitting of Armor](#) (Active Standard ASTM E3003) at no cost. The [Personal Armor Fit Assessment checklist](#) is excerpted from ASTM E3003.

A JAG award recipient that proposes to use FY 2021 award funds to purchase body armor must provide OJP with a certification(s) that each law enforcement agency receiving body armor has a written “mandatory wear” policy in effect. See [34 U.S.C. § 10202\(c\)](#). The certification form related to mandatory wear can be found at <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/fy-21-jag-body-armor-mandatory-wear-cert.pdf>. Note: A JAG award recipient that proposes to use funds for the purchase of body armor will have funds withheld until the required certification is submitted and approved by OJP. If the JAG award recipient proposes to change project activities to utilize funds for the purchase of body armor after the award is accepted, the award recipient must submit the signed certification to OJP at that time.

Further, before making any subaward for the purchase of body armor, the JAG award recipient must collect a completed mandatory wear certification from the proposed subrecipient. Any such certifications must be maintained by the JAG award recipient and made available to OJP upon request.

A mandatory wear concept and issues paper and a model policy are available from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Customer Support Center, which can be contacted at vests@usdoj.gov or toll free at 1–877–758–3787. Additional information and FAQs related to the mandatory wear policy and certifications can be found at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/frequently-asked-questions>.

Apart from the JAG Program, BJA provides funds under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. The BVP Program provides funding to state and local law enforcement agencies for the purchase of ballistic-resistant and stab-resistant body armor. For more information on the BVP Program, including eligibility and an application, refer to the [BVP web page](#). JAG award recipients should note, however, that funds may not be used as any part of the 50 percent match required by the BVP Program.

Interoperable Communications — Units of local government (including any subrecipients) that

are using FY 2021 JAG funds for emergency communications activities should comply with the *SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants (SAFECOM Guidance)*, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications. The *SAFECOM Guidance* is an essential resource for entities applying for federal financial assistance for emergency communications projects. It provides general information on eligible activities, technical standards, and other terms and conditions that are common to most federal emergency communications programs. Specifically, the *SAFECOM Guidance* provides guidance to applicants on:

- Recommendations for planning, coordinating, and implementing projects
- Emergency communications activities that can be funded through federal grants
- Best practices, policies, and technical standards that help to improve interoperability
- Resources to help grant recipients comply with technical standards and grant requirements

SAFECOM Guidance is recognized as the primary guidance on emergency communications grants by the Administration, Office of Management and Budget, and federal grant program offices. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) updates the document every year in close coordination with federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial stakeholders and partners. *SAFECOM Guidance* is applicable to all federal grants funding emergency communications. The most recent version of the *SAFECOM Guidance* is available at: <https://www.cisa.gov/safecom/funding>.

Additionally, emergency communications projects funded with FY 2021 JAG funds should support the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) and be coordinated with the full-time statewide interoperability coordinator (SWIC) in the state of the project. As the central coordination point for a state's interoperability effort, the SWIC plays a critical role and can serve as a valuable resource. SWICs are responsible for the implementation of SCIP through coordination and collaboration with the emergency response community. CISA maintains a list of SWICs for each state and territory. Contact ecd@cisa.dhs.gov for more information. All communications equipment purchased with FY 2021 JAG Program funding should be identified during the quarterly performance measurement reporting.

Further, information-sharing projects funded with FY 2021 JAG funds must comply with DOJ's [Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative](#) guidelines, as applicable, in order to promote information sharing and enable interoperability among disparate systems across the justice and public safety communities. Recipients (and subrecipients) must conform to the Global Standards Package (GSP) and all constituent elements, where applicable, as described at https://it.ojp.gov/gsp_grantcondition. Recipients (and subrecipients) will be required to document their planned approaches to information sharing, describe their compliance with GSP, and document an appropriate privacy policy that protects shared information or provide detailed justification for why an alternative approach is recommended.

DNA Testing of Evidentiary Materials and Uploading DNA Profiles to a Database — If JAG Program funds are to be used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials, any resulting eligible DNA profiles must be uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS, the national DNA database operated by the FBI) by a government DNA lab with access to CODIS. No profiles generated with JAG funding may be entered into any other nongovernmental DNA database without prior written approval from BJA (exceptions include forensic genealogy). For more information about DNA testing as it pertains to JAG, please refer to the [JAG FAQs](#).

Entry of Records into State Repositories — As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law,

a special condition will be imposed that would require the following: Any program or activity that receives federal financial assistance under JAG that is likely to generate court dispositions or other records relevant to National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) determinations, including any dispositions or records that involve any noncitizen or migrant who is undocumented in the United States (18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5)(A)), must have a system in place to ensure that all such NICS-relevant dispositions or records are made available in a timely fashion.

Potential Set-Asides and/or Funding Reductions

National Incident-Based Reporting System 3 Percent Set-Aside

In FY 2016, the FBI formally announced its intention to sunset the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS) and replace it with the UCR Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). As of January 1, 2021, the FBI's NIBRS is the law enforcement crime data reporting standard for the nation, and SRS data are no longer accepted by the UCR Program. By statute, JAG Program awards are calculated using summary Part 1 violent crime data from the FBI's UCR Program. (See [34 U.S.C. § 10156](#).) Eventually, JAG Program awards will be calculated using NIBRS data and NIBRS compliance will impact JAG Program eligibility.

Beginning in FY 2018, BJA required, through the application of an award condition, direct JAG award recipients not certified by the FBI as NIBRS compliant to set aside 3 percent of their JAG award toward achieving full compliance with the FBI's NIBRS data submission requirements under the UCR Program. The 3 percent set-aside will continue in FY 2021 to help ensure remaining states and units of local government become NIBRS compliant.

Units of local government must clearly indicate in their application narratives and budgets what projects will be supported with this 3 percent set-aside.

The following are examples of costs and projects relating to NIBRS implementation at the state or local level that could be funded under the JAG Program: software, hardware, and labor that directly support or enhance a state or agency's technical capacity for collecting, processing, and analyzing data reported by local law enforcement (LE) agencies and then submitting NIBRS data to the FBI; training personnel responsible for the state's Incident-Based Reporting (IBR) program on receiving, processing, analyzing, and validating incident-based data from local LE agencies in their state; training local agencies on how to collect and submit NIBRS data; and technical assistance for LE agency personnel responsible for (1) managing the agency's crime incident data, (2) processing and validating the data, and (3) extracting and submitting IBR data to the state UCR Program according to the state's standard and/or directly to the FBI according to the NIBRS standard.

BJA will waive the set-aside requirement for units of local government that have been certified as NIBRS compliant by the FBI as of the posting date of the Local JAG Program solicitation. Units of local government that achieve full compliance with NIBRS after receiving an award should email evidence of NIBRS compliance (written documentation from the FBI that certifies NIBRS compliance) to their State Policy Advisor listed in the JustGrants System. Upon review of the documentation submitted, BJA will confirm the NIBRS compliance and then take the necessary action to clear any withholding special condition associated with the NIBRS set-aside requirement. Units of local government must retain documentation on file that demonstrates the FBI certification of NIBRS compliance. Such documentation must be made available for BJA review upon request. If approved, units of local government will not be subject to the 3 percent

set-aside requirement.

Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

Goals

In general, the FY 2021 JAG Program is designed to provide units of local government with additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice. Although the JAG Program provides assistance directly to states, through pass-through (and similar) requirements, the JAG Program also is designed to assist units of local government with respect to their criminal justice needs.

Objectives

The objectives are directly related to the JAG Program accountability measures described at <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-pmt-accountability-measures.pdf> and demonstrate the results of the work completed, as discussed under What an Application Should Include.

The goals and objectives are directly related to the performance measures that demonstrate the results of the work completed, as discussed under the Application and Submission Information section.

Deliverables

A unit of local government that receives an FY 2021 JAG award will be required to produce various types of reports, including quarterly financial reports, quarterly performance reports, and semiannual progress reports in JustGrants.

Evidence-based Programs or Practices

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

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

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

Federal Award Information

Total number of awards BJA expects to make: 1,185 potential awards

Maximum dollar amount for each award: \$4,095,916 (New York City)

Total amount to be awarded under solicitation: \$89,878,997

Period of performance start date: October 1, 2020

Period of performance duration: 24–48 months

Category 1 – Eligible Allocation Amounts of Less than \$25,000: Units of local government that are listed on the JAG web page as eligible for an allocation amount of less than \$25,000 should apply under Category 1. This includes direct and joint (disparate) allocations. Category 1 awards of less than \$25,000 are 2 years in length. Extensions of up to 2 years can be requested for these awards via JustGrants no fewer than 30 days prior to the grant end date and will be automatically granted upon request.

Category 2 – Eligible Allocation Amounts of \$25,000 or More: Units of local government that are listed on the JAG web page as eligible for an allocation amount of \$25,000 or more should apply under Category 2. This includes direct and joint (disparate) allocations. Category 2 awards of at least \$25,000 are 4 years in length. Extensions beyond this period may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Bureau of Justice Assistance and must be requested via JustGrants no fewer than 30 days prior to the grant end date.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by statute.

Availability of Funds

This solicitation, and awards (if any are made) under this solicitation, are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and 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.

The allocations by state for the FY 2021 JAG Program can be found at:
<https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/FY21-State-JAG-Allocations.pdf>.

Type of Award

BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants. See the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants (and cooperative agreements).

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. The “Part 200 Uniform Requirements” means the DOJ regulation at 2 C.F.R. Part 2800, which adopts (with certain modifications) the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. See [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Budget Information

This solicitation expressly modifies the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by not incorporating the “Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver” provision in the “Financial Information” section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

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).

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 matching requirements, see Federal Award Information.

Application and Submission Information

Content of Application Submission

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

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

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

In Section F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete application materials in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information (*email address*) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation (“funding opportunity”) is subject to [Executive Order 12372](#). An applicant may find the names and addresses of state Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) at the following website: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SPOC-4-13-20.pdf>. If the applicant’s state appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact the state SPOC to find out about, and comply with, the state’s process under E.O. 12372. In completing the SF-424, an applicant whose state appears on the SPOC list is to make the appropriate selection in response to question 19, once the applicant has complied with its state E.O. 12372 process. (An applicant whose state does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting the response that the: “Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.”)

Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency Information)

The Standard Applicant Information section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. Applicants will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, applicants will need to: add zip codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and verify the organizations legal name and address.

Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font, and have no less than 1-inch margins. Pages should be numbered and submitted as an attachment

Category 1 – Eligible Allocation Amounts of Less than \$25,000

The proposal narrative for Category 1 applications should include a description of the project(s), including subawards, if applicable, to be funded with JAG funds over the 2-year grant period.

Category 2 – Eligible Allocation Amounts of \$25,000 or More

The proposal narrative for Category 2 applications should include:

- a. Description of the Issue – Identify the unit of local government's strategy/funding priorities for the FY 2021 JAG funds, the subgrant award process (if applicable, including disparities) and timeline, any progress or challenges, and a description of the programs to be funded over the 2- to 4-year grant period.
- b. Project Design and Implementation – Describe the unit of local government's strategic planning process, if any, that guides its priorities and funding strategy. This should include a description of how the local community is engaged in the planning process and the data and analysis utilized to support the plan. It should identify the stakeholders currently participating in the strategic planning process, the gaps in the needed resources for criminal justice purposes, and how JAG funds will be coordinated with state and related justice funds.
- c. Capabilities and Competencies – Describe any additional strategic planning/coordination efforts in which the units of local government participate with other criminal justice/juvenile justice agencies in the state.
- d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures – OJP will require each successful applicant to submit specific performance data that demonstrate the results of the work carried out under the award. The performance data directly relate to the objectives previously identified under "Objectives."

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

The application should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements for this grant program and detail how the applicant will gather the required data should it receive funding.

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

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

Award recipients will be required to submit performance measure data in BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) located at <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/help/JAGDocs.html> and separately submit a semiannual performance report in JustGrants. Further guidance on the post-award submission process will be provided, if selected for award.

Note on Project Evaluations

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

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (attachment)

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

Please note that the budget narrative should include a full description of all costs, including funds set aside for the NIBRS project(s) and administrative costs (if applicable). Any costs associated with disparate localities should be noted in the "subaward" category of the budget detail worksheet

General requirement for federal authorization of any subaward; statutory authorization of subawards under the JAG Program statute. Generally, a recipient of an OJP award may not make subawards ("subgrants") unless the recipient has specific federal authorization to do so. Unless an applicable statute or DOJ regulation specifically authorizes (or requires) particular subawards, a recipient must have authorization from OJP before it may make a subaward.

However, JAG subawards that are required or specifically authorized by statute (see [34 U.S.C. § 10152\(a\)](#) and [34 U.S.C. § 10156](#)) do not require prior approval. This includes subawards made by states and units of local government under the JAG Program. For additional information regarding subawards and authorizations, please refer to the subaward section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement

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

This rule does not eliminate or alter the JAG-specific restriction in federal law that states charges for administrative costs may not exceed 10 percent of the award amount, regardless of the approved indirect cost rate.

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

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

Additional Application Components

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. Applicants will submit a description of their research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information regarding demonstrating research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government

A JAG application is not complete, and a unit of local government may not access award funds, unless the chief executive of the applicant unit of local government (e.g., mayor or chairman) properly executes, and the unit of local government submits, the “Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government” attached in the section above entitled Other Program Requirements. The most up-to-date certification form can be found at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/certifications-assurances>.

Disclosures and Assurances

Applications will complete the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

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

DOJ Certified Standard Assurance

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

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

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

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

If applicable, applicants will submit as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information. A DOJ High Risk Grantee is a recipient that has received a DOJ High Risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible.

How to Apply

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

Applicants will submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at <https://justgrants.usdoj.gov/>.

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

Submission Dates and Time

The **SF-424** and the **SF-LLL** will be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. ET on July 26, 2021. OJP urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date to allow time for the applicant to receive validation messages or rejection notifications from Grants.gov and to correct in a timely fashion any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

The **full application** will be submitted in JustGrants by 11:59 p.m. ET on August 9, 2021. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

Application Review Information

Review Process

OJP reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the solicitation. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the application review process for this solicitation.

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant that has one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

Important note on FAPIIS: An applicant, at its option, may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider any such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, the Assistant Attorney General will make all final award decisions.

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

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

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions, and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations (including applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance).

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

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

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

General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

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

Category 1 – Eligible Allocation Amounts of Less than \$25,000

Recipients must submit:

- Quarterly Federal Financial Reports (and one final Federal Financial Report after all funds have been obligated and expended) through OJP’s JustGrants System.
- Quarterly Performance Measurement Tool reports and a final Performance Measurement Tool report through BJA’s PMT. Please note that as soon as all project activity has concluded, that report may be marked final.
- An annual progress report and final progress report through OJP’s JustGrants. If all project activity has concluded at the time the first annual progress report is submitted, that report may be marked final.

Category 2 – Eligible Allocation Amounts of \$25,000 or More

Recipients must submit:

- Quarterly Federal Financial Reports (and one final Federal Financial Report after all funds have been obligated and expended) through OJP’s JustGrants System.
- Quarterly Performance Measurement Tool reports and a final Performance Measurement Tool report (at any time once all project activity has concluded) through BJA’s PMT.
- Semiannual progress reports and a final progress report (at any time once all project activity has concluded) through OJP’s JustGrants.

Future awards and/or fund drawdowns may be withheld if a recipient of an OJP award fails to report the required reports in a timely manner.

Accountability measurement data must be submitted through BJA’s Performance Measurement Tool, available at <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov>. The accountability measures are available at <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/help/jagdocs.html>. (Note that if a unit of local government provides funding to a law enforcement agency, the unit of the local government must submit quarterly accountability measurement data on training that officers have received on use of force, racial and ethnic bias, de-escalation of conflict, and constructive engagement with the public.)

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

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see solicitation cover page.

For contact information for Grants.gov and JustGrants, see 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.

Application Checklist
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program: FY 2021 Local Solicitation

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

What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to Registering in Grants.gov:

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

To Register with Grants.gov:

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

To Find Funding Opportunity:

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

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

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

Scope Requirement:

- ☐ The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of the FY 2021 JAG Allocations listed at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/fy-2021-allocations>.

Eligibility Requirement:

Only units of local government may apply under this solicitation. By law, for purposes of the JAG Program, the term “units of local government” includes a town, township, village, parish, city, county, borough, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a state; or it may be a federally recognized Indian tribal government that performs law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). A unit of local government also may be any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district established under applicable state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes; for example, in Louisiana, a unit of local government means a district attorney or parish sheriff.

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

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

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

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

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

Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants:

- ☐ Complete Application in JustGrants

Content of Application Submission

- ☐ Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- ☐ Intergovernmental Review
- ☐ Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- ☐ Proposal Narrative

Budget and Associated Documentation

- ☐ Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (attachment)
- ☐ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- ☐ Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Additional Application Components

- ☐ Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- ☐ [Certifications and Assurances by Chief Executive](#)

Disclosures and Assurances

- ☐ [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- ☐ Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- ☐ DOJ Certified Standard Assurance (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

- ☐ DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- ☐ Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Submit Application in JustGrants:

- ☐ Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

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

- ☐ Contact JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833-872-5175 regarding technical difficulties.