# FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

# FOR JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES AND PARTNERS

The week of 7/28/25





# INTRODUCTION

#### **Purpose of Document**

This document provides an overview of current federal funding opportunities. It is designed to highlight key information to help jurisdictions evaluate whether to pursue these opportunities. Please refer to the linked Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) as the official source of guidance on application procedures, eligible and allowable expenses, and deadlines. If a funding opportunity appears relevant to your plans, carefully review the NOFO to ensure all requirements are addressed. Many Department of Justice funding opportunities involve a two-step application process, each with its own deadline. These deadlines are detailed within the descriptions.

#### **Audience**

The grant programs outlined in this document are open to a range of eligible applicants, including state, local, and tribal government entities, as well as nonprofit organizations. Eligibility varies by program, so it is essential to review the eligibility criteria. If your jurisdiction or organization does not qualify to apply directly, many programs permit and even encourage partnerships through sub-grants or contracts with eligible applicants.

#### **Grant Program Priorities**

Please note that many grant programs identify program-specific priorities. See specific instructions in each notice of funding to determine what information is required to receive the priority consideration. This resource will note if a NOFO indicates that there is rural priority or a rural-specific category. The priorities are defined as follows:

Office of Justice Programs Funding Priorities The Office of Justice Programs will provide priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the goals listed below. Applicants seeking priority consideration should specify in the proposal narrative (and in the budget detail form, if applicable) which of the following goal(s) the project is intended to advance and how it will do so: (a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations); (b) Combatting violent crime; (c) Supporting services to American citizens; (d) Protecting American children; and (e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Rural-Specific Category

This specifies whether a grant program includes a funding category exclusively for rural jurisdictions. Be aware that each program generally defines "rural jurisdiction" differently, so it is important to carefully review each NOFO to confirm whether your jurisdiction or target audience qualifies. If applicable, the specific language regarding rural categories is included in the grant program description.

Rural Priority

This identifies whether a grant program includes additional priority language prioritizing funding for rural jurisdictions. If applicable, the specific rural priority language is provided in the grant program description.

BIA Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S Department of Justice

COPS Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice

OJJDP Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S.

Department of Justice

**OVC** Office for Victims of Crime

**OVW** Office on Violence Against Women

SAMHSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services

#### **Other Relevant Resources:**

While the document links to the most relevant federal funding opportunities for rural jurisdictions and stakeholders, there may be other information available from federal partners to support the process of applying for funding. Please be sure to sign up for grant alerts and access these federal funding pages often. To learn more:

- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Current Funding Opportunities
- U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Current Funding Opportunities
- <u>U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Current Funding Opportunities</u>
- <u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Current Funding Opportunities</u>

In addition, many federal agencies offer application guidance through webinars and other support services. Below are links to division-specific webinars/resources to support jurisdictions during the funding process.

- Bureau of Justice Assistance Funding Webinars
- Office for Victims of Crime Funding Webinars
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinguency Prevention How to Apply for Funding
- Office on Violence Against Women Resources for Applicants
- Applying for a New SAMHSA Grant

#### **Connecting with Researchers:**

The Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN) has developed a resource for local jurisdictions to find and connect with researchers called <u>CONNECT</u>. CONNECT is a researcher and practitioner collaboration and discovery tool and aims to help facilitate multidisciplinary research and programmatic collaboration across the health and justice fields. You can browse or search information on researchers, practitioners, publications, and organizations.

#### **Training and Technical Assistance:**

If your community is not ready to apply for funding but still needs assistance, keep in mind that many federal agencies offer free training and technical assistance to connect you with subject matter experts to provide training or technical expertise on certain topics. You can request assistance through the following training and technical assistance centers available through the federal government:

- Bureau of Justice Assistance National Training and Technical Assistance Center
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Training and Technical Assistance Center
- Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center

#### **Document Versions:**

This document will be updated regularly as new grant programs are announced.

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# **GRANTS BY TOPIC**

# **VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES**

Increasing Availability of Medical Forensic Examinations for Victims of Sexual Assault
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# SEPTEMBER

Addressing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking at HSIs, HBCUs, and TCUs Initiative



#### Eligible entities:

Institutions of higher education that are HSIs, HBCUs, and TCUs.

Total Available Funding: \$12,500,000 Anticipated Number of Awards: 25

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$500,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 4 years Cost Sharing/Match Required? No



Notice of Funding Opportunity

#### Description:

This program provides funding to support Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) in strengthening their institutional response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Campus Set Aside Initiative will support activities focused on building the capacity of HSIs, HBCUs, and TCUs to develop and implement strategies to prevent and address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that meets the needs of its students, including effective response protocols and prevention programming.

#### What can be funded?

- Provide personnel, training, technical assistance, data collection, and other equipment with respect to the increased apprehension, investigation, and adjudication of persons committing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus.
- Develop, strengthen, and implement campus policies, protocols, and services that more effectively identify and respond to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Provide prevention and education programming about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including technological abuse and reproductive and sexual coercion, that is age-appropriate, culturally relevant, ongoing, delivered in multiple venues on campus, accessible, promotes respectful nonviolent behavior as a social norm, and engages men and boys.
- Develop, enlarge, or strengthen victim services programs and population specific services on the campuses of the institutions involved, including programs providing legal, medical, or psychological counseling, for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to improve delivery of victim assistance on campus.

Additional areas of funding can be found on pages 9-11 of the funding opportunity. In addition, please see pages 8-9 for program-specific priorities.

**Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and** Housing Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence Program



#### Eligible entities:

Local, state, and tribal governments; domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers; and organizations that work directly with pets, service animals, emotional support animals, or horses in collaboration with any of the aforementioned entities.

Total Available Funding: \$3,000,000 Anticipated Number of Awards: 10

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$500,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years Cost Sharing/Match Required? No



Notice of Funding Opportunity

#### Description:

This program provides funding for shelter and transitional housing and other assistance to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals, which under this program means pets, service animals, emotional support animals, and horses. A majority of domestic violence shelters do not allow pets, and the reasons for this may vary. This grant program will provide funding to enable those shelters that want to expand their programming to house domestic violence victims and their pets.

A pre-recorded, on-demand video about this funding opportunity is available for applicants on OVC's Funding Webinars page. You can submit any questions to askovc@ncjrs.gov with the subject "OVC FY25 Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence Program."

#### What can be funded?

- Increase the number of shelter beds and transitional housing options to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence who need shelter or housing for themselves and their companion animals. Examples of program activities include purchasing kennels, installing pet amenities, partnering with veterinarians to provide medical care, assisting with housing relocation, providing pet boarding services, undertaking shelter modifications, and other activities related to providing services to support housing domestic violence victims and their pets together.
- Provide assistance with expenses incurred for relocation or temporary shelter, housing, boarding, or fostering of the companion animals that are related to securing the safety of the animal(s).
- Locate and secure safe housing for a victim who is fleeing a situation of domestic violence and the victim's companion animal(s).
- Deliver training for law enforcement, victim service providers and other stakeholders on the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of animals, the needs of victims of domestic violence, best practices for providing support services to such victims, best practices for providing such victims with referrals to victim services, and the importance of confidentiality.

Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual **Assault Coalitions Program** 



#### Eligible entities:

Tribal coalitions that meet the following criteria, pursuant to 34 U.S.C § 10441(d)(2)(A): (i) meet the statutory definition of a "Tribal coalition;" (ii) are recognized by OVW; and (iii) provide services to Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian communities.

Total Available Funding: \$7,800,000 Anticipated Number of Awards: 21

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$371,888

**Length of Project:** Up to 1 year Cost Sharing/Match Required? No



Notice of Funding Opportunity

#### Description:

This program provides funding to support the development and operation of nonprofit, nongovernmental Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions. Eligible applicants will be invited by OVW to apply. Each recognized coalition will receive the same amount of base funding. Sexual assault coalitions and dual domestic violence/sexual assault coalitions will receive an additional amount for sexual assault-focused project activities.

#### What can be funded?

- Increasing awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against Indian or Native Hawaiian women;
- Enhancing the response to violence against Indian or Native Hawaiian women at the federal, state, and
- Identifying and providing technical assistance to coalition membership and Tribal communities or Native Hawaiian communities to enhance access to essential services to Indian or Native Hawaiian women victimized by domestic and sexual violence, including sex trafficking; and
- Assisting Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian communities in developing and promoting state, local, and Tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to violent crimes against Indian or Native Hawaiian women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.

Additional areas of funding can be found on page 8 of the funding opportunity. In addition, please see pages 8-9 for program-specific priorities.

Increasing Availability of Medical Forensic **Examinations for Victims of Sexual Assault** 



#### Eligible entities:

State, local, and tribal governments, educational organizations and nonprofit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$13,500,000 Anticipated Number of Awards: 7

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$500,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years Cost Sharing/Match Required? No



Notice of Funding Opportunity

#### Description:

This program provides funding to support the increase the availability of medical forensic exams for sexual assault victims. Ideal award recipients will develop or expand Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SANE/SAFE) programs; hire certified SANEs/SAFEs; establish or enhance coordination between law enforcement agencies, healthcare facilities, and victim advocates; and retain SANE nurses by addressing vicarious trauma and burnout.

A pre-recorded, on-demand video about this funding opportunity is available for applicants on OVC's Funding. Webinars page. You can submit any questions to askovc@ncirs.gov with the subject "OVC FY25 Increasing Availability of Medical Forensic Examinations for Victims of Sexual Assault."

#### What can be funded?

Funds can be used to establish or expand SANE/SAFE programs to provide trauma-informed medical forensic examinations and victim services in a variety of settings (e.g., hospital, community, campus, correctional, and law enforcement-based programs). Additional activities can include:

- Hiring qualified SANE professionals to provide services to victims of sexual assault.
- Increasing the availability of SANE exams for sexual assault victims. Innovative service delivery models (e.g., telehealth, mobile health units) can be explored to reach more victims.
- Establishing or enhancing coordination between law enforcement agencies, healthcare facilities, and victim advocates to provide a comprehensive response for sexual assault survivors.
- Protecting nurses from vicarious trauma and burnout so they can continue to serve crime victims.

Services for Victims of Crime



#### Eligible entities:

State, local, and tribal government entities, educational organizations, public housing organizations, and nonprofit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$15,900,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 45 (15 per category)

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$500,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years Cost Sharing/Match Required? No



### Description:

This program provides funding to support the development, expansion and strengthening of victim service programs for all victims of crime throughout the United States and its territories. Victim services may include, but are not limited to, emergency assistance, case management, shelter and housing, medical and dental care, victim advocacy, transportation, childcare, legal services, and employment assistance.

Entities may only submit one application. Entities may only apply to one category in their application. Additionally, the program office has a dedicated funding stream to support grants for services for victims of human trafficking. As such, human trafficking projects are not eligible for this funding opportunity.

#### What can be funded?

There are 3 categories of funding available:

- <u>Category 1: Services to Child and Youth Victims:</u> Awards under this category will be made to entities to serve child and youth victims of crime. Child and youth victims are persons who were age 17 or younger when the victimization took place.
- Category 2: Services to Victims of Elder Abuse, Fraud, and Exploitation: Awards under this category will be made to entities to serve victims of elder fraud, abuse, and exploitation. For purposes of this NOFO, victims of elder fraud, abuse, and exploitation are persons who were age 55 or older when the victimization took place.
- Category 3: Services to Other Crime Victims: Awards under this category will be made to entities to serve other victims of crimes (not child or elder victimization), excluding human trafficking.

Services for Victims of Technology-Facilitated Abuse



#### Eligible entities:

State, local, and tribal government entities, educational organizations, public housing organizations, and nonprofit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$8,800,000 Anticipated Number of Awards: 44

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$200,000

Length of Project: Up to 2 years Cost Sharing/Match Required? No



Notice of Funding Opportunity

#### Description:

This program provides funding to support victim services to address Technology-Facilitated Abuse (TFA). TFA includes, but is not limited to, crimes commonly referred to as image-based sexual abuse, non-consensual distribution of intimate images, sextortion, synthetic intimate images ("deepfakes"), online stalking, harassment, and abuse.

#### What can be funded?

- Develop a protocol to improve assistance provided to victims of TFA, including which service providers and community partners are involved in the response, what their specific role is, and when they are engaged.
- Provide TFA victim services. (e.g., privacy management, image/video removal, safety planning, mental health support).
- Advise victims on their rights.

Technology to Support Services for Victims of Crime



#### Eligible entities:

State, local, and tribal government entities, educational organizations, public housing organizations, and nonprofit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$5,000,000 **Anticipated Number of Awards:** 10 (Category 1: Up to

6; Category 2: Up to 4) **Anticipated Award Amount:** Category 1: Up to \$600,000 Category 2: Up to \$500,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years Cost Sharing/Match Required? No



Notice of Funding Opportunity

#### Description:

This program provides funding to support the use of technology to improve the overall effectiveness, accessibility, and coordination of victim services by strengthening infrastructure, building organizational capacity, and enhancing service delivery systems. There are two categories of funding:

Category 1: Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime Application Checklist: Awards under this category will be made to support innovative strategies to create, expand, or enhance the use of technology by victim service organizations to improve interaction with crime victims, elevate service quality, and ensure accessibility and responsiveness.

Category 2: Building State Technology Capacity to Serve Victims of Crime: Awards under this category will be made to SAAs to support statewide technology programs to enhance victims' access to services, foster innovation and efficiency in the provision of services, and improve the quality of services.

#### What can be funded?

- 1. Develop or expand the use of technology to enhance victims' access to services, foster innovation and efficiency in the provision of services, improve the quality of services, and improve the accessibility and responsiveness of victim service organizations.
- 2. Leverage and enhance technology to develop organizational capacity to support data collection needs, support victims of crime in new and innovative ways that protect victims' rights and enhance victim safety and confidentiality.
- 3. Collaborate with community stakeholders, victim service providers, subrecipient organizations (if applicable), and other allied professionals on the technology needs to best serve victims.
- 4. Produce a detailed roadmap detailing (1) the technological gaps in services to be addressed by the proposed project; (2) identifying if the proposed project will enhance or expand existing services, (3) a description of the technical tools or features to be developed; and (4) a strategy to measure project effectiveness in achieving the identified outcomes.