

FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FOR JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES AND PARTNERS

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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.

BJA	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.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Current Funding Opportunities](#)
- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Current Funding Opportunities](#)

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 Delinquency 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 [CONNECT](#). 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](#)

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FORENSIC SCIENCE RELATED SERVICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/22/25
JustGrants: 10/29/25

DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) – Competitive Grants Program



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state, and tribal governments, educational organizations

Total Available Funding: \$3,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: Category 1: 2

Category 2: 1

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Length of Project: Up to 2 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to support states and units of local government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to solve crimes and protect public safety by maximizing the effective utilization of DNA technology to process DNA samples for entry into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

What can be funded?

- Category 1: Increasing capacity and/or efficiency to process crime scene samples
 - Supports projects that enhance the operational capacity or efficiency of accredited public forensic DNA laboratories to process CODIS-eligible crime scene samples.
 - Funding may support a wide range of strategies tailored to a laboratory's unique needs, including but not limited to personnel, instrumentation, workflow modernization, Laboratory Information Management System improvements, method validation, or training, provided these investments directly reduce casework backlogs, improve turnaround times, and increase the number of eligible profiles uploaded to CODIS.
- Category 2: Rapid DNA in the booking station
 - Supports the implementation or expansion of Rapid DNA technology in booking stations to generate CODIS-eligible DNA profiles from arrestees.
 - Funding may be used for a variety of activities necessary to establish or enhance Rapid DNA workflows, including but not limited to the acquisition, validation, and integration of Rapid DNA instruments; training of booking personnel; development of secure data systems; or other infrastructure needed to support timely and compliant CODIS submissions.

FORENSIC SCIENCE RELATED SERVICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/10/25
JustGrants: 10/17/25

Missing and Unidentified Human Remains (MUHR) Program



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state, and tribal governments, educational organizations, nonprofit organizations, other: Accredited, publicly funded, combined DNA Index System (CODIS) forensic laboratories, medical examiner offices, accredited, publicly funded toxicology laboratories

Total Available Funding: \$5,472,691

Anticipated Number of Awards: Category 1: Up to 3, Category 2: Up to 4, Category 3: Up to 1

Anticipated Award Amount: Category 1: Up to \$1,000,000, Category 2: Up to \$500,000, Category 3: Up to \$1,000,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to support efforts to improve the reporting, transportation, forensic processing, and identification of missing persons (MP) and unidentified human remains (UHR) cases, including those involving migrants as authorized by Public Law 116-277. This program increases public safety by providing resources to locate and identify missing persons and unidentified human remains in the United States.

What can be funded?

There are three Categories applicants may apply to:

- Category 1: Statewide Projects
- Category 2: Local Projects
- Category 3: Services to Assist Small, Rural, and/or Tribal Entities on a National Scale
 - If an applicant seeks to assist these groups (small, rural, or Tribal entities) at the state and/or local levels only, they should apply under Category 1 (Statewide Projects) or Category 2 (Local Projects).

The goals of this program are to (1) implement collaborative partnerships to guide the enhanced response to both MP and UHR cases; and (2) establish or expand programs to improve the reporting, forensic processing, identification, and repatriation of both MP and UHR cases in the jurisdiction. The program goals and objectives remain the same across all Categories. The jurisdictional scale to which they are performed varies based on the funding Category.

FORENSIC SCIENCE RELATED SERVICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/27/25
JustGrants: 11/03/25

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement – Competitive Grants Program



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state, and tribal governments, see pages 6-7 for additional eligibility requirements.

Total Available Funding: \$4,313,113

Anticipated Number of Awards: 14

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 improve forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services, including services provided by laboratories operated by states and units of local government. Funding is to be used for forensic science laboratories and/or medical examiner/coroner offices. Under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, state administering agencies (SAAs) may apply for both formula and competitive funds. Units of local government may apply for competitive funds.

What can be funded?

The following activities can be funded:

- Program activities to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner/coroner services in the state, including those services provided by laboratories operated by the state and those operated by units of local government within the state.
- Program components that assist with the backlog in the analysis of forensic science evidence, including, among other things, a backlog with respect to firearms examination, latent prints, impression evidence, toxicology, digital evidence, fire evidence, controlled substances, forensic pathology, questioned documents, and trace evidence.
- Train, assist, and employ forensic laboratory personnel and medicolegal death investigators, as needed, to eliminate such a backlog.
- Support emerging forensic science issues (such as statistics, contextual bias, and uncertainty of measurement) and emerging forensic science technology (such as high throughput automation, statistical software, and new types of instrumentation).
- Educate and train forensic pathologists.
- Implementation of medicolegal death investigation systems to facilitate accreditation of medical examiner and coroner offices and certification of medicolegal death investigators.

FORENSIC SCIENCE RELATED SERVICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/10/25
JustGrants: 10/17/25

Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state, tribal governments and educational organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$8,832,940

Anticipated Number of Awards: Category 1: 12,
Category 2: 2

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to support defraying the costs associated with postconviction case review, evidence location, and DNA testing in violent felony cases (as defined by state law) where the results of such testing might show actual innocence.

What can be funded?

Category 1: Case reviews and DNA testing:

- Under this category, funds can be used to defray the costs (e.g., additional personnel, overtime, testing supplies, and services) associated with postconviction DNA testing for violent felony offenses (as defined by state law) in which actual innocence might be demonstrated.
- Funds may be used to review suitable postconviction cases and locate and analyze biological evidence.

Category 2: Improve preservation of biological evidence and/or modernization of record storage systems

- Under this category, funds can be used to assist entities to improve the preservation of biological evidence and/or modernize record retention for postconviction violent felony offenses (as defined by state law) in which actual innocence might be demonstrated.

FORENSIC SCIENCE RELATED SERVICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/27/25
JustGrants: 11/03/25

Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state and tribal governments. See pages 6-7 for additional eligibility requirements.

Total Available Funding: \$6,500,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 16

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 prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of violent cold case crimes where a suspect DNA profile is already developed. This initiative aims to enhance public safety and ensure appropriate case resolution for victims and their families. Law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies may utilize this funding for investigative and prosecutorial activities, as well as crime and forensic analyses that could increase the rate of successful prosecutions and/or other appropriate resolution of cases.

What can be funded?

The following activities can be funded:

- Traditional law enforcement and prosecutorial activities, as well as the creation and/or sustainment of a multidisciplinary team for case reviews, and resources for advanced DNA testing and forensic genetic genealogy.
- Assistance for prosecutors in addressing challenges in dealing with cold cases in the form of training and/or expert witness support, and trauma-informed resources for agencies to support victims and their families in their pursuit of justice.
- See pages for 9-13 for programmatic definitions and requirements for case eligibility and DNA Analysis and related activities.

FORENSIC SCIENCE RELATED SERVICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/6/25
JustGrants: 10/13/25

Strengthening the Medical Examiner Coroner System Program



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state, and tribal governments, educational organizations, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations

Total Available Funding: \$1,750,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: Category 1: Up to 6

Category 2: Up to 7

Anticipated Award Amount: Category 1: Up to \$300,000

Category 2: Up to \$100,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to address capacity challenges within the Medical Examiner/Coroner (ME/C) system brought on by strict industry caps on the number of autopsies that certified pathologists can perform in a calendar year. This funding will strengthen the ME/C system by increasing the number of certified forensic pathologists and enhancing the quality of medicolegal death investigations nationwide.

What can be funded?

- **Category 1: Forensic pathology fellowships:** This category will increase the number of qualified forensic pathology practitioners by recruiting candidates who have completed the necessary medical education and pathology residency requirements. Under this category, applicants can propose fill up to two staff positions.
- **Category 2: Resources necessary for ME/C offices to achieve and maintain accreditation:** This category will strengthen the quality and consistency of ME/C services by ensuring agencies performing postmortem examinations are following industry and professional standards and performance criteria, thereby increasing public trust in these services.

FORENSIC SCIENCE RELATED SERVICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/27/25
JustGrants: 11/3/25

Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state and tribal governments. See pages 6-7 for additional eligibility requirements.

Total Available Funding: \$83,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: Category 1: 10

Category 2: 69

Anticipated Award Amount: Category 1: Up to \$2,000,000, Category 2: Up to \$1,000,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding for programs designed to prevent and reduce school violence by implementing training, developing school threat assessment teams and/or intervention teams to identify violence risks, introducing technologies like anonymous reporting tools, or applying other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence. The goal is to equip K-12 students, teachers, and staff with tools to recognize, respond to, and prevent acts of violence.

What can be funded?

Category 1: States

- This category will support states to implement training, develop school threat assessment teams and/or intervention teams to identify violence risks, introduce technologies like anonymous reporting tools, or apply other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence.

Category 2: Localities, Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits, and School Districts

- This category will support localities, federally recognized tribal governments, nonprofits, and school districts to implement training, develop school threat assessment teams and/or intervention teams to identify violence risks, introduce technologies like anonymous reporting tools, or apply other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence.

IMPROVING POLICING PRACTICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/10/25
JustGrants: 10/17/25

Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state and tribal governments, educational organizations, publicly funded law enforcement agencies or correctional agencies.

Total Available Funding: \$22,820,940

Anticipated Number of Awards: Category 1: 30

Category 2: 6, Category 3: 4

Anticipated Award Amount: Categories 1 and 2: Up to \$2,000,000, Category 3: Up to \$1,000,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? Yes, categories 1 and 2 require a 50% cash match.

Description:

This program provides funding for publicly funded law enforcement and correctional agencies in establishing or expanding body-worn camera (BWC) programs. Properly implemented BWC programs can strengthen the evidentiary foundation for criminal prosecutions, provide reliable documentation of officer-citizen encounters, and deter assaults on officers.

What can be funded?

Category 1: Site-Based Awards to Publicly Funded Law Enforcement Agencies

- Funding can be used to support the implementation or expansion of BWC programs in publicly funded state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies, including projects led by multi-agency partnerships.

Category 2: Site-Based Awards to Publicly Funded Correctional Agencies

- Funding can be used to support the implementation or expansion of BWC programs in publicly funded state, local, tribal, and territorial correctional agencies, including deployments within correctional agencies or among officers engaged in community supervision.

Category 3: Digital Evidence Management, Sharing, and Integration Demonstration Projects

- Funding can be used to support agencies with established BWC programs that are enhancing their capacity to manage, analyze, and share digital evidence from BWCs and other sources to improve prosecutorial efficiency and case outcomes.

IMPROVING POLICING PRACTICES



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/27/25
JustGrants: 11/3/25

Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state and tribal governments

Total Available Funding: \$34,621,469

Anticipated Number of Awards: 17

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$2,000,000

Length of Project: Up to 4 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding for law enforcement efforts to reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations through a range of cross-sector enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies that leverage active collaboration with communities through sustained partnerships and engagement.

What can be funded?

The following strategies can be funded:

- Employing a range of data-driven, cross-sector strategies (enforcement, prevention, and intervention) to target resources and services and reduce crime and violence. Specific activities may include, but are not limited to:
 - Sworn law enforcement officers and related personnel hiring (e.g., crime analysts);
 - Equipment purchases that specifically support violence prevention and intervention efforts;
 - Focused deterrence-based strategies;
 - Youth violence intervention programs; and
 - Construction of community centers
- Building partnerships between law enforcement and local/community organizations and leaders to foster community engagement, build trust and accountability, strengthen relationships, and develop long-term solutions.
- Increasing the capacity of local government, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system to coordinate comprehensive crime reduction strategies, including communication and coordination, data collection, sharing, and analysis.
- Identifying and engaging individuals with the highest likelihood of being involved in, exposed to, and victimized by violence.

JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES PROGRAMS



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/27/25
JustGrants: 11/3/25

Community and Schools Youth Drug Prevention Program



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Nonprofit organizations

Total Available Funding: \$10,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 13

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$750,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to support the delivery of substance use prevention programs for youth in schools and extracurricular settings in coordination with local law enforcement and community coalitions. This program will support communities to implement a range of youth substance use prevention strategies, such as investigations, treatment, and education in coordination with local law enforcement and community coalitions.

What can be funded?

- Developing comprehensive prevention programs for students from preschool to grade 12, covering education, early intervention, mentoring, and treatment referral.
- Integrating family engagement strategies to prevent or address substance use.
- Offering training for school staff, parents, law enforcement, and community members.
- Supporting “safe zones of passage” for students.

JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES PROGRAMS

Enhancing Juvenile Indigent Defense



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/23/25
JustGrants: 10/30/25



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state, and tribal governments, educational organizations and nonprofit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$1,600,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 4

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$400,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to develop and implement sustainable strategies to improve juvenile indigent defense. This program supports organizations providing public defense practices and services to address barriers and gaps within the juvenile justice system for indigent youth that result in safer communities, reduced recidivism, improved youth outcomes, and increased public confidence in the juvenile justice system.

What can be funded?

- Applicants can propose activities directly correlated to improving juvenile indigent defense systems.
- Applicants are encouraged to develop program ideas based on the best practices for enhancing juvenile indigent defense outlines in the National Juvenile Defense Standards.
- Programmatic enhancements must ensure youth involved in the justice system have access to legal representation and tools, resources and information are available to entities and individuals providing juvenile indigent defense services.

JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES PROGRAMS



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/23/25
JustGrants: 10/30/25

Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Use



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state, and tribal governments, educational organizations, nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$15,100,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: Category 1: 8, Category 2: 5

Anticipated Award Amount: Category 1: Up to \$650,000, Category 2: Up to \$1,980,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to enhance and expand mentoring services for children and youth affected by opioids and other substance use, as well as their families.

Category 1 (Local Project Sites) will provide mentoring services as part of a prevention, treatment, recovery, and supportive approach for those youth impacted by substance use in a local jurisdiction. For more information, see the section titled Eligibility.

Category 2 (Statewide and Regional) will support a broad-based approach to building mentoring program capacity in targeted regions throughout the country to help youth impacted by substance use. This category will support statewide or regional approaches to expanding mentoring services for youth in areas with demonstrated high levels of substance use—especially rural communities.

What can be funded?

- Funded mentoring services may include one-on-one, group, or peer mentoring—or a combination of these approaches.
- In addition to mentoring services, this program may support supplemental activities that are consistent with the proposed mentoring model and have a clear connection to the mentoring program.
- Up to 20 percent of the total funds may be allocated for other non-mentoring direct services, such as mental health treatment, substance use treatment, or other supportive services identified and aligned with the project design.

JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES PROGRAMS



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/27/25
JustGrants: 11/03/25

Reducing Recidivism for Female Juvenile Delinquents



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state, and tribal governments, educational organizations and nonprofit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$3,760,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 7

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$525,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to support the development, enhancement, or expansion of intervention programs for female juvenile delinquents. Funding will be used to develop and implement direct service programs for female juvenile delinquents to reduce reoffending or enhance or expand existing programs to meet their specific needs.

What can be funded?

- Develop and implement new direct service programs for female juvenile delinquents to reduce recidivism.
- Enhance or expand existing prevention and early intervention programs to meet the specific needs of female juvenile delinquents.
- Develop, expand or enhance targeted curricula for staff (i.e., probation, detention center staff, law enforcement, judges) to ensure they have the skills necessary to implement these programs for female juvenile delinquents.

JUSTICE-INVOLVED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES PROGRAMS



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/21/25
JustGrants: 10/27/25

Strategies To Support Children Exposed to Violence



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Local, state, and tribal governments, educational organizations and nonprofit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$7,460,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 9

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$830,000

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to develop support services for children exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and communities; and to develop, enhance, and implement violent crime reduction strategies that focus on violent juvenile offenders. The goals of the program are to: 1) reduce the incidence of violence through accountability efforts for juvenile offenders; 2) respond to victimization of children whether because of violence that occurs in the school, community or family; and 3) increase protective factors to prevent juvenile violence, delinquency, and victimization.

What can be funded?

The following activities can be funded:

- Enhance and/or develop and implement supportive services for children exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and communities.
- Develop community-based approaches and crime-reduction strategies that focus on prevention and intervention of violent crime, and accountability for youth offenders.
- Implement outreach strategies to increase awareness and build the capacity of families and communities to help children exposed to violence. (Note, only up to 10% of funding may be used to support outreach strategies.)
- Create a multidisciplinary team of stakeholders, which may be either an existing collaborative group or one that is formed specifically for this project. A description of the team structure must be referenced in the program narrative and must be submitted as an attachment labeled "Planning Team." This planning team should meet regularly throughout the project period to identify and address service gaps and barriers and create a blueprint for a comprehensive network of services for children exposed to violence and their families; build the capacity of communities to help children exposed to violence; and prevent/reduce juvenile violent crime.

VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES

Restorative Practices Pilot Sites Program



Application Due Dates:
Grants.gov: 10/14/25
JustGrants: 10/16/25



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible entities:

Indian tribal governments, tribal organizations, tribal non-profit organizations, local government, institutions of higher education, victim service providers, private or public non-profit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$23,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 23

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Length of Project: Up to 4 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to support, strengthen, enhance, and expand existing restorative practice programs that prevent or address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, in accordance with the “restorative practices” as defined in the funding announcement.

What can be funded?

Funds under this program must be used to implement a program for restorative practices focused on preventing or addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This funding opportunity outlines specific application priority considerations. See page 10 for more information.

Proposed restorative practices to be funded through this program must be unaffiliated with any civil or criminal legal process, meaning that they cannot be housed within or administrated by a court, prosecutor’s office, law enforcement agency, or any component of the civil or criminal justice system, and the decision to participate in such a program is initiated voluntarily by the person harmed and is solely determined by that individual.