



# 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](#)

### **Document Versions:**

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

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# CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGIES



Application Due Dates:  
Grants.gov: 2/20/26  
JustGrants: 2/27/26

## The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities

Office of Justice Programs  
Funding Priorities



Notice of Funding Opportunity

### Eligible entities:

Local and State Governments, Native American Tribal Governments, Educational Organizations, Nonprofit Organizations, Health Care Agencies

**Total Available Funding:** \$2,438,604

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** 16

**Anticipated Award Amount:** \$150,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years

**Cost Sharing/Match Required?** No

### Description:

This program provides funding for public safety efforts to reduce deaths and injuries of people living with forms of dementia or developmental disabilities who wander from safe places. The goal of this grant program is to reduce deaths and injuries with solutions that minimize restrictive interventions, provide a direct link to individuals and families, and impose limits only when essential for a person's safety and well-being.

### What can be funded?

This program provides funding to health care agencies, law enforcement, and other public safety agencies to implement locative technologies that track missing individuals. It also provides funding to such agencies and partnering nonprofit organizations to develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase safety for vulnerable individuals, and facilitate rescues.

Specifically, this grant program supports:

- Projects to create, run, or improve local programs to prevent wandering or locate people living with forms of dementia or developmental disabilities.
- Projects to buy, develop, or use local tracking technology to help find people living with forms of dementia or developmental disabilities.

# VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES



Application Due Dates:  
Grants.gov: 3/11/26  
JustGrants: 3/18/26

## Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking

Office of Justice Programs  
Funding Priorities



Notice of Funding Opportunity

### Eligible entities:

Local and State Governments, Native American Tribal Governments, Educational Organizations, Public Housing Organizations, Nonprofit Organizations

**Total Available Funding:** \$22,000,000

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** Up to 30 across all 3 categories

**Anticipated Award Amount:** Category 1: \$700,000, Category 2: \$900,000, Category 3: \$1,000,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years

**Cost Sharing/Match Required?** Yes, 25% cash match

### Description:

This program provides funding to jurisdictions to develop and expand a multidisciplinary, collaborative task force approach to better respond to human trafficking through increased victim identification, service provision, and case investigations. Each lead applicant is required to submit their entity's application separately into JustGrants (one application submitted by an eligible lead law enforcement agency and one application submitted by an eligible lead victim service organization).

### What can be funded?

There are three categories of funding available:

- Category 1: Development of New Local or Tribal Human Trafficking Task Forces
  - Support for new task forces with starting a multidisciplinary task force and establishing a strong foundation of task force co-leadership structure, clear roles and responsibilities, and internal processes and protocols. Activities can include: formalizing task force structure, developing operational procedures, identifying professional development opportunities, conducting strategic planning activities to guide and outline outreach and training efforts, delivering training for key stakeholders, and conducting an assessment to identify potential areas where sex and labor trafficking may be occurring.
- Category 2: Expansion of Local or Tribal ECM Human Trafficking Task Forces Previously Funded by OJP
  - Support for previously funded local or Tribal ECM task forces. Activities can include supporting expanded task force partnerships, refining and implementing existing and new protocols, peer mentoring, and engaging survivors in meaningful ways. This commitment also entails continuing to implement a set of strategic approaches that are victim-centered and trauma- and survivor-informed.
- Category 3: Enhanced Support for Statewide Task Forces (New or Previously OJP-funded)
  - Support for a statewide, multidisciplinary response to human trafficking for a statewide task force at any stage of development.

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Application Due Dates:  
Grants.gov: 2/24/26  
JustGrants: 3/3/26

## Housing Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking

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### Eligible entities:

Local and State Governments, Native American Tribal Governments, Educational Organizations, Public Housing Organizations, Nonprofit Organizations

**Total Available Funding:** \$16,800,000

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** 17

**Anticipated Award Amount:** \$1,200,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years

**Cost Sharing/Match Required?** Yes, 25% cash match

### Description:

This program provides funding for housing and support services to victims of human trafficking. The primary focus of this program is to provide rapid rehousing (i.e., transitional housing and supportive services that assist human trafficking victims in moving as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieving stability).

### What can be funded?

Projects under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) transitional housing, including funding for the operating expenses of a newly developed or existing transitional housing program; and
- (2) short-term housing assistance, including rental or utilities payment assistance and assistance with related expenses, such as payment of security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing.

Projects must also include support services designed to enable victims of human trafficking and any dependents to: Locate and secure permanent housing;

- Locate and secure permanent housing;
- Secure employment, including obtaining employment counseling, occupational training, job retention counseling, and counseling concerning re-entry into the workforce; and
- Integrate into a community by providing victims and dependents with services, such as transportation, counseling, childcare services, case management, and other assistance. Participation in the support services shall be voluntary.

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Application Due Dates:  
Grants.gov: 3/11/26  
JustGrants: 3/18/26

## Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking

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### Eligible entities:

State governments, Native American Tribal Governments (federally recognized)

**Total Available Funding:** \$4,800,000

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** 3

**Anticipated Award Amount:** \$1,600,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 4 years

**Cost Sharing/Match Required?** Yes, 25% cash match

### Description:

This program provides funding to develop, enhance, and coordinate programs and activities geared toward improving outcomes for child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking. Outcomes for child and youth victims of human trafficking will be improved through the development and implementation of a statewide or Tribal jurisdiction-wide strategic plan addressing challenges related to identifying and serving child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking, as well as identifying, investigating, and prosecuting traffickers.

### What can be funded?

Grantees will conduct their project in two phases:

- Phase 1: Development or expansion of the jurisdiction-wide strategic plan.
- Phase 2: Implementation or expansion of identified strategies and ongoing refinement of the statewide or Tribal jurisdiction-wide strategic plan and its related strategies to improve services and outcomes for minor victims of human trafficking.
- Activities can include:
  - Developing policies, practices, and guidelines;
  - Carrying out resource or needs assessments;
  - Identifying and filling gaps in victim service delivery;
  - Aligning efforts across multidisciplinary teams, task forces, and steering committees;
  - Providing training and public awareness outreach;
  - Developing, adopting, and implementing victim screening and identification tools; and
  - Conducting assessments of program outcomes (including evaluations).

# VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES



Application Due Dates:  
Grants.gov: 2/24/26  
JustGrants: 3/3/26

## Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking

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### Eligible entities:

Local and State Governments, Native American Tribal Governments, Educational Organizations, Public Housing Organizations, Nonprofit Organizations

**Total Available Funding:** \$10,000,000

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** 12

**Anticipated Award Amount:** \$950,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years

**Cost Sharing/Match Required?** Yes, 25% cash match

### Description:

This program provides funding for programs to enhance the availability, quality, and delivery of services tailored to the developmental stages and needs of young (minor) victims of human trafficking. Eligibility for services under this grant is limited to victims who were trafficked and began receiving services while under age 18; however, receipt of services can extend beyond the age of 18, as needed. Services may also extend to the victim's eligible family members (a minor victim's children and/or supportive, nonoffending parents/caregivers) if these services impact the minor's safety, security, and healing.

### What can be funded?

- Provide services to meet the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking.
- Provide outreach and education to local partners (e.g., service providers, criminal and juvenile justice and child welfare professionals, community- and faith-based organizations, survivors) to ensure minor victims of sex and labor trafficking are properly identified, responded to, and provided with services.
- Establish community-based interventions with local partners (see above) to develop a continuum of care tailored to the specific needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking.
- Provide essential services (either directly or through referrals), including emergency aid (e.g., provision of food, clothing, drop-in shelters, and other direct services that address the immediate needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking) and longer-term support (i.e., education, job training, behavioral health treatment, and other direct services).
- Collect data and participate in assessment activities to determine if the program is meeting stated goals and objectives.

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Application Due Dates:  
Grants.gov: 2/24/26  
JustGrants: 3/3/26

## Preventing Trafficking of Girls

Office of Justice Programs  
Funding Priorities



Notice of Funding Opportunity

### Eligible entities:

Local and State Governments, Native American Tribal Governments, Educational Organizations, Public Housing Organizations, Nonprofit Organizations

**Total Available Funding:** \$3,400,000

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** 7

**Anticipated Award Amount:** \$497,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years

**Cost Sharing/Match Required?** No

### Description:

This program provides funding to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services for girls who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking. Funding will be provided to programs that replicate and scale up prevention and early intervention programs; and implement or enhance efforts to identify and provide comprehensive services to girls/young women who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking through activities such as street outreach, partnerships with organizations that serve youth, partnerships with juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and/or collaboration with other key community stakeholders.

### What can be funded?

Services may be provided to girls and young women up to and including age 25. Applicants should address how they will be prepared to serve survivors of all types of human trafficking, including both sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

#### Funding can be used to:

- Replicate and scale up prevention and early intervention programs for girls and young women who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking.
- Implement or enhance efforts to identify and provide comprehensive, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate services to girls/young women who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking. This may include street outreach efforts, partnerships with organizations that serve youth, partnerships with juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and/or collaboration with key community stakeholders
- Participate in peer-to-peer learning opportunities.

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Application Due Dates:  
Grants.gov: 3/11/26  
JustGrants: 3/18/26

## Services for Victims of Human Trafficking

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### Eligible entities:

Local and State Governments, Native American Tribal Governments, Educational Organizations, Public Housing Organizations, Nonprofit Organizations

**Total Available Funding:** \$27,700,000

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** Category 1: 5

Category 2: 27

**Anticipated Award Amount:** Category 1: \$440,000

Category 2: \$950,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years

**Cost Sharing/Match Required?** Yes, 25% cash match

### Description:

This program provides funding to develop, expand, and strengthen victim service programs for victims of all forms of human trafficking throughout the United States and its territories. This program provides funding for comprehensive and specialized services for victims of all forms of human trafficking and is intended for victim services programs serving adults or a combination of adults and minors/youth.

### What can be funded?

There are two categories of funding:

- Category 1: Developing Capacity To Serve Human Trafficking Victims
  - This category will support victim service organizations that have limited or no prior experience in serving victims of human trafficking and/or victim service organizations that have limited or no prior experience in receiving direct federal funding to serve victims of human trafficking.
  - Activities can include: building internal capacity to serve trafficking survivors and manage federal awards, hiring staff, and implementing services.
- Category 2: Services for Human Trafficking Victims
  - This category will support victim service organizations with a demonstrated history of serving human trafficking victims with either a comprehensive range of direct services or specialized services targeted at the unique needs of human trafficking victims.