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Now Available: BJA FY 23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation

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The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce that the Fiscal Year (FY) 23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant Program - Local Solicitation, Grants.gov Opportunity Number O-BJA-2023-171790, is now available. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives, mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams, and implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives including, but not limited to, mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs. See the JAG Program Fact Sheet for additional information.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are limited to units of local government appearing on the FY 23 Local JAG Allocations list*. 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 American 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. More information, including JAG Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found on the BJA JAG web page.

*Units of local government that do not appear on the FY 23 Local JAG Allocations list can contact their State Administering Agency to determine if pass-through funding is available from State JAG funding.

Deadlines: The Grants.gov deadline to apply for funding under is 8:59 p.m. eastern time on **August 24, 2023**, and the JustGrants deadline to apply is 8:59 p.m. eastern time on **August 31, 2023**. Note: Applications must be submitted by the stated deadline, regardless of whether the Certifications and Assurances by Chief Executive (CE) of Applicant Government has been completed and attached. BJA will add to the grant award package a withholding of funds award condition to address any missing or incomplete CE certification post-award.

Solicitation Webinar: BJA will host a solicitation webinar on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. eastern time and the registration link is: <https://ojpmeetings.webex.com/webink/register/rb371b20265d4b9b9e67c624314b115c0>. The webinar will be limited to 1000 participants; however, the webinar will be recorded and posted on the BJA website and JAG web page. To learn more about the application submission process, visit JustGrants Training: Application Submission.

Application Submission Information: Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM). You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete. Note: To be eligible to receive funding, applications must be submitted by an entity with a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and active SAM registration

associated with the unit of local government that is eligible to apply to receive an award. See the Eligibility section of the solicitation for more information. Eligibility examples can be found in the JAG FAQs.

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

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

Note: There are two distinct categories under the FY 23 local JAG Program: **Category 1 - Applicants with eligible allocation amounts of less than \$25,000 (Competition ID #C-BJA-2023-00104-PROD and Category 2 – Applicants with eligible allocation amounts of \$25,000 or more (Competition ID #C-BJA-2023-00105-PROD)**. If your unit of local government is eligible for an award amount of less than \$25,000, please ensure an application is submitted under Category 1 (less than \$25,000). If your unit of local government is eligible for an award of \$25,000 or more, please ensure an application is submitted under Category 2 (\$25,000 and above).

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

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

Critical Elements:

- **Budget narrative and budget worksheet (attachment):** Applicants will be unable to successfully apply in JustGrants unless an attachment is uploaded in the budget narrative and budget worksheet section. If an applicant does not have a budget to submit at the time of application, an attachment must be uploaded noting as such, and BJA will add the appropriate special condition withholding funds for budget documentation.
- **Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (FCQ) (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status):** Applicants will be unable to successfully apply unless the FCQ is included with the application. The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and submit it by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information and the link to the questionnaire.
- **Proposal Abstract Requirement:** A brief Proposal Abstract (no more than 100 words), which concisely describes the intended use of JAG funds, must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables, written in the third person, and exclude personally identifiable information. Abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP and USASpending.gov websites if the project is awarded. Examples of brief Proposal Abstracts are included within the FY 23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant Program - Local Solicitation.

FY 23 Areas of Emphasis:

- Advancing Justice System Reform Efforts
- Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities
- Preventing and Combating Hate Crimes
- Crime and Violence Reduction Strategies
- Community Based Violence Intervention (CVI) Approaches

NEW Prohibited and Controlled Equipment Requirements: Consistent with Executive Order 14074 (*Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety*, May 25, 2022), award condition "Compliance with restrictions on the use of federal funds: Prohibited and Controlled Equipment under OJP awards" provides lists of items that are prohibited under all OJP awards, and items that are "controlled" under all OJP awards. Separately, the JAG statute, at 34 U.S.C. § 10152, prohibits the use of JAG funds for certain items, and prohibits the use of JAG funds for other items unless BJA grants a waiver. The JAG Prohibited and Controlled Equipment Guidance for Awards Made During or After (federal) Fiscal Year 2023 provides lists, details, definitions, and procedures for prohibited and controlled expenditures and equipment under the BJA JAG Program for awards made during or after FY 2023, consistent with both Executive Order 14074 and 34 U.S.C. § 10152. **Note: the use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV remains unallowable.**

Contact Information:

- **Grants.gov:** 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 or email at support@grants.gov.
- **JustGrants:** 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.
- **OJP Response Center:** For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only) or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov.
- **BJA Grant Managers:** You may also contact the BJA Grant Manager assigned to your jurisdiction.

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