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Synopsis

Program Description Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking](#) (SMART Office), is seeking an application for funding under the FY 2024 Maintenance and Operation of the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW.gov). NSOPW.gov provides the public with information about registered sex offenders and facilitates information sharing among jurisdictional registry officials.

With this funding opportunity, the SMART Office seeks to continue assisting jurisdictions in making their sex offender data available in response to searches conducted on NSOPW.gov, along with related technology tools to assist jurisdictions with registering and tracking sex offenders, sharing information about registered sex offenders with other jurisdictions, and providing community notification and information about registered sex offenders to the public.

This program furthers the DOJ's mission to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe, and to protect civil rights.

Eligibility

- Other

Institute for Intergovernmental Research

Agency Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this funding opportunity, contact Samantha Opong, Associate Director of Programs and Planning, at 202-598-9406 or Samantha.Opong@usdoj.gov.

Application Submission Information

Registration

Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#).

Submission

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants. See the [Submission Dates and Time](#) section for the Grants.gov and JustGrants application deadlines.

Step 1: The applicant must register for this opportunity in Grants.gov at <https://grants.gov/register> and submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required [Application for Federal Assistance standard form \(SF-424\)](#) and a [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#). See the [Submission Dates and Time](#) section for application deadlines.

Step 2: The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov. See the [Submission Dates and Time](#) section for application deadlines.

Program Description

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The front-end operations of the NSOPW.gov website is maintained by the Office of Justice Programs. OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

With this funding opportunity, the SMART Office seeks to continue assisting jurisdictions in making their sex offender data available in response to searches conducted on NSOPW.gov, along with related technology tools to assist jurisdictions with registering and tracking sex offenders, sharing information about registered sex offenders with other jurisdictions, and providing community notification and information about registered sex offenders to the public.

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Statutory Authority This award is authorized pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, 34 U.S.C. § 20922 (the Adam Walsh Act), and funded pursuant to the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2024 (Pub. L. No. 118-42, 138 Stat. 25, 147).

Specific Information

The SMART Office assists jurisdictions with developing and enhancing programs designed to implement the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), Title I of the Adam Walsh Act. The Adam Walsh Act is designed to protect children and adults from sexual exploitation and violent crime, prevent child abuse and child pornography, promote internet safety and honor the memory of Adam Walsh and other crime victims. SORNA provides comprehensive national sex offender registration and notification standards designed to monitor, track and protect the public from sex offenders. NSOPW is a critical component of SORNA's scheme.

Under the NSOPW supplemental award, IIR will continue to develop and operate the search functionality of NSOPW.gov as well as develop and maintain its related technology tools, including the SORNA Exchange Portal, the Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System (TTSORS), and the Sex Offender Registry Tool (SORT). Based on the popularity of NSOPW and the public's reliance on the site for sex offender registration information, reliance by all

SORNA jurisdictions on working with IIR and utilizing the related technology tools developed by IIR, and extensive work with tribes and JMD through the Tribal Access Program (TAP), continuing to fund IIR would avoid significant disruptions in service associated with switching to a new organization.

IIR has been responsive to issues with NSOPW and users' evolving needs. In October 2023, IIR designed an application programming interface (API) to send search results to the front end of the website as part of an OJP required redesign of NSOPW.gov in which the front end of the NSOPW website was transitioned to an OJP-hosted platform. Additionally, tribal jurisdictions overwhelmingly rely on TTSORS as the primary method to submit sex offender records to the FBI's National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) through TAP. In partnership with TAP, IIR continues to develop and enhance the TTSORS-NSOR interconnection tool, enabling over 100 tribal sex offender registry databases to directly connect to NSOR and significantly increasing the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of tribal data shared with law enforcement nationwide. Any disruption to the ongoing IIR development and implementation of numerous enhancements to TTSORS would severely impact TAP and public safety throughout Indian Country. The ongoing developments and enhancements are directly addressing tribal law enforcement user challenges and are responsive to FBI CJIS recommendations. IIR is also planning to continue to provide additional TTA to tribal agencies by actively assisting with data entry errors and partnering with TAP personnel to provide hands-on TTA.

IIR consistently provides excellent service and is very responsive to any issues that may arise with the maintenance and operation of NSOPW, the SORNA Exchange Portal, TTSORS and SORT, as well as the mobile application and communication directly with the SORNA POCs. In light of IIR's extensive working knowledge of NSOPW and the electronic registry requirements mandated by SORNA, and given IIR's successful performance thus far under the award, the SMART Office believes it is most efficient to have IIR continue its work on NSOPW through the existing cooperative agreement.

Solicitation Goals and Objectives

Goals

The goals of NSOPW and related technologies are to provide the public with information about registered sex offenders and facilitate information sharing among jurisdictions.

Objectives

To provide jurisdictions with technology tools to register and track sex offenders and share information about registered sex offenders with other jurisdictions.

Deliverables

The NSOPW program deliverables include but are not limited to providing support for the maintenance and operation of NSOPW.gov and maintaining and operating a secure communication system (the SORNA Exchange Portal) jurisdiction registry manager for the purpose of information sharing between the jurisdictions.

Additionally, the program supports the maintenance and operation of the search functionality of NSOPW.gov including the application programming interface (API) sending results to the front end of the website. The grantee must comply with all U.S. Department of Justice security, accessibility, and other website requirements.

For information about what the applicant needs to submit regarding Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables please see the [How To Apply section on the Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline Web-Based Form.](#)

Federal Award Information

Awards, Amounts, and Durations

Anticipated Number of Awards: 1

Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount per Award: Award will be up to \$1,974,548

Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2024

Period of Performance Duration (Months): 12

Anticipated Total Amount To Be Awarded Under Solicitation: \$1,974,548

Additional Information:

Availability of Funds

This funding opportunity is subject to the availability of funding and to any changes 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.

Type of Award

OJP expects to make the award under this funding opportunity as a cooperative agreement, which provides for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the [“Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements”](#) section of the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, [see the Synopsis section.](#)

How To Apply

Application Resources

When preparing and submitting an application, the following resources may aid prospective applicants:

1. Grants.gov [“How to Apply for Grants”](#)
2. OJP [“How To Apply”](#) section in the [Application Resource Guide](#)
3. JustGrants [Application Submission Training](#)

This solicitation (notice of funding opportunity) incorporates guidance provided in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) (Application Resource Guide), which provides additional information for applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. **If this solicitation requires something different from any guidance provided in the [Application Resource Guide](#), the difference will be noted in this solicitation and the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation, rather than the guidance in the [Application Resource Guide](#) that is in conflict.**

How To Apply

Registration

Before submitting an application, the applicant must register with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). The applicant must renew its registration every 12 months. If an applicant does not renew their SAM.gov registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. The applicant is encouraged to start the SAM.gov registration process at least 30 days prior to the application deadlines. If the applicant fails to begin the registration or renewal process at least 10 business days prior to the Grants.gov deadline may not complete the process in time and will not be considered for late submission.

Submission

The application must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants.

Step 1: After registering with SAM.gov, the applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://grants.gov/register> by the Grants.gov deadline. **To leave time to address any technical issues that may arise, an applicant should submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible.** If the applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov by the deadline, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants. The applicant can confirm Grants.gov submission by verifying their application status shows as “submitted” or “agency tracking number assigned.”

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

OJP recommends that the applicant submit the complete application package in JustGrants as soon as possible. Some of the required sections of the application will be entered directly into JustGrants, and other sections will require documents to be uploaded and attached. Therefore, the applicant should allow enough time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare all the requirements of the application. The applicant may save their progress in the system and add to or change the application as needed prior to hitting the “Submit” button at the end of the application in JustGrants.

The applicant will receive emails when successfully submitting in Grants.gov and JustGrants and should maintain all emails and other confirmations received from SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants systems.

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

Submission Dates and Time

The **SF-424** and the **SF-LLL** must be submitted in Grants.gov by 3:00 p.m. ET, September 9, 2024.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by 5:00 p.m. ET, September 16, 2024.

To be considered timely, the **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. Failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration and application process in sufficient time (i.e., waiting until the due dates identified in this solicitation for those systems to begin the application steps) is not an acceptable reason to request a technical waiver.

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application (Technical Waivers)

OJP will only consider requests to submit an application after the deadline when the applicant can document that a technical issue with a government system prevented submission of the application on time.

If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical issues with SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. However, the waiver request will not be considered unless it includes documentation of attempts to receive technical assistance to resolve the issue prior to the application deadline. A tracking number is the most typical documentation and is generated when the applicant contacts the applicable service desks to report technical difficulties. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desks, and for this reason, long call wait times for support do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of getting a tracking number.

An applicant experiencing technical difficulties must contact the associated service desk indicated below to report the technical issue and receive a tracking number:

- SAM.gov: contact the [SAM.gov Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#), Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET at 866-606-8220.
- Grants.gov: contact the [Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline](#), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or support@grants.gov.
- JustGrants: contact the JustGrants Service Desk at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833-872-5175, Monday–Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET and Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

If the applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the SMART Office at AskSMART@usdoj.gov within **24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact the SMART Office at AskSMART@usdoj.gov within **24 hours of the JustGrants deadline** to request approval to submit after the deadline.

Waiver requests sent to AskSMART@usdoj.gov must—

- describe the technical difficulties experienced (provide screenshots if applicable);

- include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., date and time the error occurred, date and time of actions taken to resolve the issue and resubmit; and date and time support representatives responded);
- include an attachment of the complete grant application and all the required documentation and materials;
- include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI); and
- include any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking numbers documenting the technical issue.

OJP will review each waiver request and the required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request for late submission has been approved or denied. An applicant that does not provide documentation of a technical issue (including all information listed above), or that does not submit a waiver request within the required time period, will be denied.

For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the "Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues" section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Application and Submission Information

Content of the SF-424 in Grants.gov

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

In Section 8F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information (*email address*) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Intergovernmental Review: This funding opportunity **is not** subject to [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#). In completing the SF-424, an applicant should answer question 19 by selecting "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372."

Content of the JustGrants Application Submission

Entity and User Verification (First Time Applicant)

For first time JustGrants applicants, once the application is received from Grants.gov, DOJ will send an email (from DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) to the individual listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. This email should arrive within 24 hours after this individual receives confirmation from Grants.gov of their SF-424 and SF-LLL submissions. Register the Entity Administrator (the person who manages who can access JustGrants on behalf of the applicant), the Application Submitter, and Authorized Representative for the applicant with JustGrants as early as possible and (recommended) not later than 48-72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive a link in an email to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. Find additional information on JustGrants Application Submission in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Standard Applicant Information

The "Standard Applicant Information" section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, the applicant

will need to add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and verify and confirm the organization's unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

Proposal Abstract

A Proposal Abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project—including its purpose, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipients (if known)—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. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for an [example](#) of a proposal abstract.

Data Requested With Application

The following application elements should be submitted in the web-based forms in JustGrants.

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

The Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire helps OJP assess the financial management and internal control systems, and the associated potential risks of an applicant as part of the pre-award risk assessment process. Every OJP applicant (other than an individual applying in their personal capacity, not representing an applicant organization) is required to complete the web-based Questionnaire form in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide: Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire \(including Applicant Disclosure of High Risk Status\)](#) for additional guidance on how to complete the questionnaire.

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 size font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 35 numbered pages. If the Proposal Narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, the SMART Office may consider such noncompliance in its final award decision.

The Proposal Narrative must include the following sections

- a. Description of the Issue OR Statement of the Problem if Research Is Involved
The applicant must describe the models used by states, territories and tribes to operate their sex offender public websites/registries. In particular, applicants must discuss existing challenges and/or complexities unique to these websites/registries, including how they are managed and how they interface with NSOPW. Discussion should highlight the issues associated with working with governmental entities in the areas of law enforcement and public information sharing, public policy and technical support and a thorough understanding of the information-sharing requirements of SORNA.
- b. Project Design and Implementation
The applicant must detail how the project will operate during the funding period and describe the strategy that will be used to implement the proposed project. This

section should illustrate what activities are proposed for the project and describe how the strategy will support the goals and objectives. Applicants must outline how the proposed project will continue to manage, host and operate the SORNA Exchange Portal, Sex Offender Registry Tool and Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System during all phases of the project period from initial grant receipt to closeout so that there is seamless continuation of operation and project activities. This section must also address efforts to be undertaken with participating jurisdictions (individual connections) to ensure continuity of operations and connection maintenance requirements and should include related national administrative and operational/enterprise-level efforts.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

Applicant must describe the management structure and staffing of the project and include information that describes the roles and responsibilities of key organizational and functional components and personnel. This section must describe the experience and capability of the applicant and any contractors that will be used to implement the project and highlight any previous experience implementing projects of similar design and magnitude. Discussion must demonstrate the applicant's competence and experience in working with state, territory and tribal government agencies, particularly sex offender registries and law enforcement information technology projects, as well as experience in supporting national and complex information-sharing efforts. The management and organizational structure described should match the staff needs necessary to accomplish the tasks outlined in the project work plan. Position descriptions and résumés for key positions and personnel must be submitted as an attachment.

d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation's Performance Measures

Describe the process for measuring project performance. Identify who will collect the data; who is responsible for performance measurements; and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the impact of the project. Describe the process to accurately report data. 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 each award's reporting requirements. OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives and deliverables identified in the "Goals, Objectives, Deliverables and Timeline" section. A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found under the "Performance Measures" section. Applicants can also visit OJP's [Performance Measurement page](#) for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP. The SMART Office will require award recipients to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. The SMART Office will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process if selected for award.

Note: An applicant is **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included to provide notice that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require each award recipient to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the solicitation goals and objectives identified in the "[Goals and Objectives](#)" section. Applicant can visit [OJP's performance measurement page](#) at www.ojp.gov/performance for more information on performance measurement activities.

The SMART Office will require award recipients to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. The SMART Office will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, if the applicant is 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 in the "[Note on Project Evaluations](#)" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline Web-Based Form

The applicant will submit the project's goals, objectives, deliverables and timeline in the JustGrants web-based form. This is a summary of the goals, objectives, deliverables, and timeline that relate to the proposal narrative. The applicant will also enter the projected fiscal year and quarter that each objective and deliverable will be completed. Please refer to the [Application Submission Job Aid](#) for step-by-step directions.

- **Goals:** The applicant should describe the project's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem noted in the proposal narrative.
- **Program Objectives and Timeline:** The applicant should include objectives to accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, measurable actions to reach the project's desired results. The included timelines should be clearly linked to the goal.
- **Deliverables and Timeline:** Project deliverables refer to outputs—tangible (for example, a report or a website) or intangible (for example, greater feelings of safety reported by the community)—that are documented and submitted within the scope of a project. Deliverables include timelines.

Deliverables Expected by Award Recipients

Project deliverables refer to outputs—tangible or intangible—that are submitted within the scope of a project.

- Maintain and update the API used to send search results to the front end of NSOPW.gov.
- Assist jurisdictions with the implementation of web services used to share data through NSOPW.gov.
- Actively work with all jurisdictions to allow searching by geographic coordinates and modifying searching capabilities as improvements become available.
- Make changes to NSOPW.gov within 24 hours of a request as part of the maintenance portion of the project.
- Maintain and update the NSOPW mobile applications on Android and iOS.
- Maintain and operate TTSORS to assist tribes and territories with implementing SORNA registry system requirements.
- Enhance and maintain an automated function in TTSORS and SORT that submits data to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR), and provides the capability to query NSOR.

- Develop and implement enhancements to TTSORS that complement the workflow of the Tribal Access Program (TAP) workstation, enable integration with third-party software utilized by TAP and reduce duplicate entries by registration personnel.
- Assist states, the District of Columbia and territories with customizing and implementing SORT. This includes providing guidance on integrating SORT into a jurisdiction's existing registry system, which may have associated or ancillary costs that can include data migration, customization and integration into existing systems and tools.
- Maintain and operate a secure communication system via the SORNA Exchange Portal between SORNA jurisdiction registry personnel and federal law enforcement for the purpose of sharing information about individual offenders and other registry-related matters. Features include the ability to send and receive email, upload and transfer, and a discussion platform with chat capabilities.
- Develop and maintain the capability to allow verified users access to the SORNA Exchange Portal as a service on the Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP) with a single sign-on, as well as additional products as directed by the SMART Office (e.g., TTSORS).

Program objectives and deliverables should be included in one timeline.

Budget and Associated Documentation

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

Budget Detail and Narrative Web-Based Form

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form, which includes both detailed calculations and budget narrative sections.

For additional information about how to prepare a budget for federal funding, see the “[Application Resource Guide](#)” section on [Budget Preparation and Submission Information](#) and the technical steps to complete the budget form in JustGrants in the [Complete the Application in JustGrants: Budget](#) training.

For additional information about how to prepare a budget for federal funding, see the “[Application Resource Guide](#)” section on [Budget Preparation and Submission Information](#) and the technical steps to complete the budget form in JustGrants in the [Complete the Application in JustGrants: Budget](#) training.

Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

OJP strongly encourages every applicant that proposes to use award funds for any conference-, meeting-, or training-related activity (or similar event) to review carefully—before submitting an application—the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/training costs.

Costs Associated With Language Assistance (if applicable)

If an applicant proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to individuals, the costs of taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to those services or benefits for individuals with limited English proficiency may be allowable. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on costs associated with language assistance.

Budget/Financial Attachments

Pre-Agreement (Pre-Award) Costs (if applicable)

Pre-agreement costs are defined as costs requiring approval incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award. OJP does not typically approve pre-agreement costs. If a successful applicant, in anticipation of the federal award, but before the start date of the period of performance, incurs costs which are necessary for efficient and timely performance of the funded project, those costs may not be charged to the award. See the “Costs Requiring Prior Approval” section in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide Post-Award Requirements](#) for more information.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. Examples of costs usually treated as indirect include those incurred for facility operation and maintenance, depreciation, and administrative salaries. The requirements for the development and submission of indirect cost proposals and cost allocation plans are listed in Appendices III – VII of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. A non-federal applicant should follow the guidelines applicable to its type of organization. If applicable, an applicant with a current federally approved indirect cost rate agreement will upload it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) for additional information on [Indirect Cost Rate Agreement](#).

Consultant Rate (if applicable)

Costs for consultant services require prior approval from OJP. If the proposed project expects to fund consultant services, compensation for individual consultant services is to be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. See the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for information on the consultant rates, which require prior approval from OJP.

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable)

If an applicant proposes to hire employees with federal award funds, for any award of more than \$250,000 made under a funding opportunity, an award recipient may not use federal funds to pay total cash compensation (salary plus cash bonuses) to any employee of the recipient at a rate that exceeds 110 percent of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government’s Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the “Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver.”

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)

An applicant that is a nonprofit organization may be required to make certain disclosures relating to the processes it uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. If applicable, the applicant will upload a description of the process used to determine executive compensation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the “Application Attachments” section of the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

Additional Application Components

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes (if applicable)

Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project.

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents (if applicable)

Applicants should include for each named partner, a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), letter of intent, or subcontract that confirms the partner's agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs. For applications submitted from two or more entities, applicants are encouraged to develop and submit signed MOUs or signed letters of intent that provide a detailed description of how the agencies will work together to meet project requirements.

Each MOU or letter of intent should include the following: (1) names of the organizations involved in the agreement; (2) what service(s) and other work will be performed under the agreement by what organization; (3) duration of the agreement.

Subcontracts, MOUs, or letters of intent should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

The SF-LLL attachment that was completed and submitted in Grants.gov is attached to this section.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

To ensure funding coordination across grant making agencies, and to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate duplication among grant awards, the applicant will disclose if it has any pending applications for federal funding, including pending applications for subawards of federal funds. Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

[DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing](#)
Review and accept in JustGrants the DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees

If applicable, submit the DOJ High-Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ High-Risk Grantee is an award 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; noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards or is otherwise not responsible. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

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. For invited applications, OJP reviews for consistency with the invitation letter and invited applicant guidance. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the application review process.

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.gov.

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

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may consider not only the SMART Office recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

Generally, award notifications are made by the end of the current Federal fiscal year, September 30. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices (programs or practices that have been evaluated as effective), see the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the projects and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information on what should be included in the application, see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section entitled “Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities.”

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 the 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 [Application Resource Guide](#).

Civil Rights Compliance

If a successful applicant accepts funding from OJP—as a recipient of OJP funding—that award recipient must comply with certain federal civil rights laws that prohibit it from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in how the recipient delivers its program’s services or benefits and in its employment practices. The civil rights laws that may be applicable to the award include Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), the nondiscrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Safe Streets Act), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These and other federal civil rights laws are discussed in greater detail here: [Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2024 Awards](#) under the “Civil Rights Requirements” section, and additional resources are available from the [OJP Office for Civil Rights](#).

Part of complying with civil rights laws that prohibit national origin discrimination includes recipients taking reasonable steps to ensure that people who are limited in their English proficiency (LEP) because of their national origin have meaningful access to a recipient’s program and activity. An LEP person is one whose first language is not English and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. To help recipients meet this obligation to serve LEP persons, DOJ has published a number of resources, including a language access assessment and planning tool, which are available at <https://www.lep.gov/language-access-planning>. Additional resources are available at <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/limited-english-proficient-lep>. If the award recipient proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to LEP individuals, the recipient may use grant funds to support the costs of taking reasonable steps (e.g., interpretation or translation services) to provide meaningful access. Similarly, recipients are responsible for ensuring that their programs and activities are readily accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities. Applicants for OJP funding must allocate grant funds or explain how other available resources will be used to ensure meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services for deaf or hard of hearing individuals or the purchase of adaptive equipment for individuals with mobility or cognitive disabilities. For resources, see <http://www.ADA.gov> or contact OJP.

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

Information Technology Security Clauses

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

General Information About Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the “[Program Description](#)” section, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

Required reports. Award recipients must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual performance reports, final financial and performance reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit

report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent (in appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports).

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

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), contact information for Grants.gov, and contact information for JustGrants, see the solicitation Synopsis.

Other Information

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a)

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Performance Measures

Objective	Performance Measures	Data Recipient Provides
To provide the public with a single U.S. government website that links public, state, the District of Columbia, territorial and tribal sex offender registries in one national search site.	Number of inquiries against NSOPW	Number of inquiries against NSOPW each month during the reporting period
	Number of states (including the District of Columbia), territories and tribes participating in NSOPW	Number of states (including the District of Columbia), territories and tribes participating in NSOPW during each month of the reporting period
	Number of deliverables completed on time as determined by SMART Office	Deliverables defined in the solicitation submitted to SMART Office
	Number of deliverables that meet expectations as defined by SMART Office	Deliverables defined in the solicitation approved by SMART Office
To provide jurisdictions with technology tools to register and track sex offenders.	Number of technical assistance events/activities conducted	Number of technical assistance events/activities conducted during each month of the reporting period, by type: a) NSOPW b) TTSORS c) SORT d) SORNA Exchange Portal
To provide jurisdictions with technology tools to share information about registered sex offenders with other jurisdictions.		
To provide jurisdictions with technology tools to provide		

community notification about registered sex offenders.	Percentage of technical assistance requests completed with satisfactory resolution	Number of technical assistance requests closed out with satisfactory resolution during the reporting period
	Average response time for questions sent to webmaster or through the SMART Office inquiry line	Number of responses provided to questions sent to webmaster during each month of the reporting period Number of hours to respond to each question sent to webmaster during each month of the reporting period
	Total number of tribes and territories actively using TTSORS	Number of new tribes and territories utilizing TTSORS during each month of the reporting period Total number of tribes and territories utilizing TTSORS during the reporting period

Application Checklist

SMART FY 2024 Maintenance and Operation of the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW)

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, reference [The OJP Application Submission Steps in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

Pre-Application

Before Registering in Grants.gov

- Confirm your entity's registration in the [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#) is active through the solicitation period; submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov if needed (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Register in Grants.gov

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Find the Funding Opportunity

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s).
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#) (about [browser compatibility and special characters in file names](#)).
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedo/iii-postaward-requirements#6q3y8> (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Review the Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements

- Review the “[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2024 Awards](#)” in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

Review the Scope Requirement

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limits of \$1,974,548.

Review Eligibility Requirement

- Review “Eligibility” in the Synopsis section and “Eligibility Information” section in the solicitation.

Application Step 1

After registering with SAM.gov, submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov.

- In Section 8F of the SF-424, include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants and the SF-LLL in Grants.gov**.
- Submit Intergovernmental Review (if applicable).

Within 48 hours after the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive four (4) Grants.gov email notifications:

- A submission receipt.
- A validation receipt.
- A grantor agency retrieval receipt.
- An agency tracking number assignment.

If no Grants.gov receipt and validation email is received, or if error notifications are received:

- Contact the SMART Office or Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, [Grants.gov customer support](#), or support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see “[Application Resource Guide](#)” [section on Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues](#)).

Within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual in Section 8F of the SF-424 will receive an email from JustGrants with login instructions.

- Proceed to Application Step 2 and complete application in JustGrants.

Application Step 2

Submit the following information in JustGrants:

Application Components

- Standard Applicant information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative Attachment

- Proposal Narrative: Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline web-based form

Budget and Associated Documentation

- Budget Detail and Narrative web-based form OR Budget Worksheet and Narrative attachment
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation (see [Application Resource Guide](#))

Additional Application Components

- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable)
- Resumes of key personnel (if applicable)
- List of procurement contracts (if applicable)
- Organizational chart (if applicable)

Disclosures and Assurances

- [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see [Application Resource Guide](#))

Review, Certify, and Submit Application in JustGrants

- Any validation errors will immediately display on screen after submission.
- Correct validation errors, if necessary, and then return to the “Certify and Submit” screen to submit the application. Access the [Application Submission Validation Errors Quick Reference Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions to resolve errors prior to submission.
- Once the application is submitted and validated, a confirmation message will appear at the top of the page. Users will also receive a notification in the “bell” alerts confirming submission.

If no JustGrants application submission confirmation email or validation is received, or if error notification is received—

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov regarding technical difficulties. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Standard Solicitation Resources

[Application Resource Guide](#) provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding.

[DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) serves as the primary reference manual to assist award recipients in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to safeguard grant funds and to ensure funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded. It compiles a variety of laws, rules and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of DOJ awards. This guide serves as a starting point for all award recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards.

[JustGrants Resources Website](#) is an entryway into information about JustGrants and the grants management system itself. Through this portal both award recipients and applicants can access training resource and user support options, find frequently asked questions, and sign up for the [JustGrants Update e-newsletter](#).

[JustGrants Application Submission Training page](#) offers helpful information and resources on the application process. This training page includes e-learning videos, reference guides, checklists, and other resources to help applicants complete an application.

[Weekly Training Webinars](#) are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance, and support on JustGrants system functionality.