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Synopsis

Program Description Overview

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> (DOJ), <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), <u>Office of Sex Offender</u> <u>Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking</u> (SMART Office) seeks applications for funding under the SMART FY 2024 Keep Young Athletes Safe program.

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 solicitation, the SMART Office seeks applicants to design and implement a program that aims to safeguard amateur athletes through the prevention of sexual, physical and emotional abuse in the athletic programs of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and the national governing bodies (NGB). Under the KYAS program, the grantee will design and implement measures to protect young athletes through the development of educational materials, training programs and policies, and necessary tools to help prevent and address identified abuse. Additionally, the grantee will develop background screening policies for new and existing USOPC organizational staff, including coaches, instructors and volunteers, and oversee regular and random audits to ensure that, once implemented, the policies and procedures to prevent and identify amateur athlete abuse are followed correctly. The KYAS program requires reporting of any allegations of sexual and physical abuse, following applicable state and federal reporting requirements.

This program furthers the DOJ's mission to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe, and to protect civil rights. It also furthers OJP's priority of strengthening public safety by promoting best practices in preventing abusive behaviors and protecting the public from sexual violence.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants to this solicitation include the following:

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.
- Other Eligible applicants are nonprofits, nongovernmental entities with nationally recognized expertise in the identification and prevention of sexual, physical and emotional abuse in the athletic programs of the USOPC and each NGB. Applicants must have a recognized background investigating allegations of abuse and reporting to law enforcement, and such practices must inform the applicants' training and prevention activities. Applicants must also have the capacity to develop and implement trainings nationally, statewide and at local levels, as well as oversee regular and random audits to ensure the policies and procedures used to identify and prevent abuse are followed correctly.

The SMART Office will consider applications under which two or more entities (project partners) would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant for the solicitation. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). See the <u>information</u> <u>on subawards</u> section of the Grant Application Resource Guide for additional details.

Agency Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this funding opportunity, contact the SMART Office at 202-514-4689 or <u>AskSMART@usdoj.gov</u>.

For procedures related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant that impact submission by the deadlines, see the "How To Apply" section, <u>Experiencing Unforeseen</u> <u>Technical Issues</u>.

For assistance with submitting the <u>Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424)</u> and a <u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)</u> in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, <u>Grants.gov Customer Support</u>, or <u>support@grants.gov</u>. The Grants.gov Support Hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>. The JustGrants Service Desk operates from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.

Application Submission Information

Registration

Before submitting an application, an applicant must have a registration in the <u>System for Award</u> <u>Management (SAM.gov)</u>.

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 <u>Submission Dates and Time</u> 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 <u>Application for</u> Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424) and a <u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)</u>. See the <u>Submission Dates and Time</u> section for application deadlines.

Step 2: The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u> by the JustGrants application deadline. See the <u>Submission Dates and</u> <u>Time</u> section for application deadlines.

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Statutory Authority

This program is authorized pursuant to the Keep Young Athletes Safe Act (KYAS Act) 36 U.S.C. § 220531.

Specific Information

In 2018, Congress passed the KYAS Act to help prevent the occurrence of abuse and to protect young athletes from abuse in sports by funding an entity to develop the necessary educational materials, investigatory tools, training programs and policies to prevent and address abuse, once identified.

Through the KYAS program, new training materials are developed and tested to identify, investigate and educate about the prevention of sexual, physical and emotional abuse in amateur athletic programs, and ongoing, comprehensive training is provided. Additionally, through the KYAS program, policies and standards are developed to safeguard athletes from sexual, physical and emotional abuse occurring as a result of participation in amateur athletic programs, including implementation of background screening policies and evidence-based training and abuse prevention policies and standards at national, state and local levels. To ensure policies and procedures are followed correctly, regular and random audits are conducted. Through the KYAS program, information about safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse is disseminated. Finally, the KYAS program requires reporting of any allegations of sexual and physical abuse, following applicable state and federal reporting requirements.

Solicitation Goals and Objectives

To further its mission, the SMART Office is seeking proposals to develop and implement a series of programs to prevent the sexual, physical and emotional abuse of amateur athletes in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic movements. The SMART Office is interested in applications that support strategies to develop and enhance efforts designed to prevent abuse.

Goals

Under the KYAS program, the SMART Office funds activities that support the prevention of sexual, physical and emotional abuse and provide education to staff, coaches, parents, volunteers and young athletes about recognizing and preventing all forms of abuse. The KYAS program works to protect young athletes through the development of educational materials,

training programs and policies, and necessary tools to help prevent and address identified abuse.

Objectives

The objective of the KYAS program is to help prevent the occurrence of abuse and to protect young athletes from abuse in sports. The Goals, Objectives, Deliverables and Timeline web-based form provides the ability for an applicant to identify how their proposed activities will meet this objective.

The application should include a project abstract and description of how the entity will carry out the following goals and activities:

- Develop and test new training materials for sexual, physical and emotional abuse identification, as well as training materials for investigation and prevention education in amateur athletic programs that are evidence-based and incorporate input from survivors' lived experiences;
- Provide ongoing, comprehensive training on abuse prevention to organizational leadership, coaches, instructors and volunteers;
- Develop, maintain and disseminate information about safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse;
- Develop background-screening policies for new and existing organizational staff, including coaches, instructors and volunteers;
- Develop policies and standards related to safeguarding athletes from sexual, physical and emotional abuse occurring as a result of participation in amateur athletic programs;
- Assist in the implementation of training and abuse prevention policies and standards at national, state and local levels;
- Report allegations of sexual and physical abuse and comply with applicable state and federal reporting requirements regarding child abuse, including sexual abuse;
- Oversee regular and random audits to ensure policies and procedures used to prevent and identify the abuse of amateur athletes are followed correctly; and
- Identify and implement evidence-based practices and procedures to document and demonstrate the program's effectiveness.

For information about what the applicant needs to submit regarding Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables, please see the <u>How to Apply section on the Application Goals, Objectives,</u> <u>Deliverables, and Timeline Web-Based Form.</u>

Federal Award Information

Awards, Amounts, and Durations

Anticipated Number of Awards: 1 Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount per Award: Up to \$2,123,869 Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2024 Period of Performance Duration (Months): 36 Anticipated Total Amount To Be Awarded Under This Solicitation: \$2,123,869

Continuation Funding Intent

The SMART Office may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this funding opportunity through continuation awards. The SMART Office will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of

the award, and the progress of the work funded under the award, when making continuation award decisions.

Availability of Funds

This funding opportunity, and awards under this funding opportunity, are 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 an award under this funding opportunity as a grant. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This funding opportunity 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 <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u> (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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>, 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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> that is in conflict.

How To Apply

Registration

Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). An applicant must renew their 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. Applicants are encouraged to start the SAM.gov registration process at least 30 days prior to the application deadlines. Applicants who fail 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

Applications 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 <u>https://grants.gov/register</u> 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 and recommended not later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov by the deadline, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants. Applicants 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 <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u> by the JustGrants deadline.

OJP recommends that applicants submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline. 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, applicants should allow enough time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare all the requirements of the application. Applicants 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.

An 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> and the <u>DOJ Application Submission Checklist</u>.

Submission Dates and Time

The SF-424 and the SF-LLL must be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. on August 9, 2024.

The full application must be submitted in JustGrants by 5:00 p.m. on August 26, 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 <u>SAM.gov Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)</u>, Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET at 866-606-8220.
- Grants.gov: contact the <u>Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline</u>, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays, at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or <u>support@grants.gov</u>.
- JustGrants: contact the JustGrants Service Desk at <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> 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 an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the SMART Office at <u>AskSMART@usdoj.gov</u> 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 <u>AskSMART@usdoj.gov</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

Application and Submission Information

Content of Application Submission and Available Surveys

The following application elements **must** be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- SF-424 and SF-LLL (in Grants.gov)
- Proposal Abstract (in JustGrants)
- Proposal Narrative (in JustGrants)
- Budget Web-Based Form, which includes the budget details and the budget narrative (in JustGrants)

If OJP determines that an application does not include these elements, it will not proceed to peer review and will not receive any further consideration.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Executive Order (E.O.)</u> <u>12372</u>. 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for an <u>example</u> 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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide: Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire</u> (including Applicant Disclosure of High Risk Status) for additional guidance on how to complete the questionnaire.

Brief Applicant Entity Questionnaire

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is collecting the following information to help assess its efforts to attract a broader range of applicants. These questions apply to the applicant entity and its work and scope only, and not to the specific project(s) being proposed within the application. Responses to the questions will not be considered in the application review process. The questions included in the questionnaire are available in the <u>Standard Forms & Instructions: Brief Applicant Entity Questionnaire</u>.

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, OJP may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

The Proposal Narrative must include the following sections:

a. Description of the Issue

Applicants must describe the existing challenges and complexities involved in fully understanding and mitigating sexual, physical, and emotional abuse in youth athletic programs in order to safeguard amateur athletes, as well as in investigating reports of abuse in these programs. Applicants must demonstrate an understanding of the issues and relevant project management expertise. Discussion should highlight the issues associated with working with this population and in overseeing the development and implementation of policies and procedures to be used by USOPC and each NGB to prevent and investigate reports of abuse. Additionally, the applicant should describe its plan for incorporating feedback based on survivors' lived experiences and how those experiences will be incorporated into curricula, training materials and technical assistance activities.

b. Project Design and Implementation

Applicants must describe the goals of the proposed project and clearly identify the project's objectives and intended outcomes. Applicants must detail how the project will operate during the funding period, how it will align resources to effectively and efficiently implement the proposed project design, and the strategy it will use to implement the proposed project. This section should illustrate what phases and activities are proposed for the project. Applicants should describe their ability to convene experts to discuss and review findings and make recommendations on future directions. Applicants should propose a dissemination plan to reach broad audiences across a variety of professions. Applicants should include a project timeline and identify staff responsible for each major task. The key staff performing these responsibilities and percentages of time that they dedicate to these activities should be clearly noted in the budget detail worksheet.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

Applicants must document their experience and capabilities to implement the project and the competencies of the staff assigned to the project. This section should include the following: a description of the management structure and staffing of the project, including 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 implementing projects of similar design and magnitude, particularly those that focus on the same issues. The management and organizational structure described should match the staffing 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

Applicants must describe the process for measuring project performance. Applicants should 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. Applicants should describe the process to accurately report data.

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 the award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require the award recipient to submit regular performance data to demonstrate the completed work results. The performance data directly relate to the solicitation goals and objectives identified in the "<u>Goals and Objectives</u>" section. Applicants can visit <u>OJP's performance measurement page</u> at <u>www.ojp.gov/performance</u> for more information on performance measurement activities.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at <u>Performance</u> <u>Measures</u> section of this solicitation. The SMART Office will require the award recipient to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. The SMART Office will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, to the selected award recipient.

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 "<u>Note on Project Evaluations</u>" section in the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 <u>Application Submission Job Aid</u> 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 Successful Applicants

Deliverables should specifically relate to the solicitation's program description. The deliverables should be tangible (for example, a report or a website) or intangible (for example, greater feelings of safety reported by the community).

Program objectives and deliverables should be included in one timeline.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Funding Restrictions

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 "<u>Application Resource Guide</u>" section on <u>Budget Preparation and Submission Information</u> and the technical steps to complete the budget form in JustGrants in the <u>Complete the Application in</u> <u>JustGrants: Budget</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide Post-Award Requirements</u> 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 <u>DOJ Grants</u> <u>Financial Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for information.

Additional Application Components

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Curriculum Vitae or Résumés (if applicable)

Provide résumés 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.

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable)

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. The applicant will upload documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

List of Individuals in the Application

To assist OJP in assessing actual or apparent conflicts of interest (including conflicts on the part of prospective reviewers), include a complete list of the individuals named or otherwise identified anywhere in the application (including in the budget or in any other attachment) who will or may work, advise, or consult on the proposed project. This applies to all individuals, including any proposed subrecipient, entities, contractors and consultants.

Organizational Chart

Attach an organizational chart showing the applicant's internal structure, positions and hierarchy.

List of Procurement Contracts

If the application (including the budget) identifies any proposed noncompetitive agreements that are or may be considered procurement "contracts" (rather than subawards) for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements, the applicant also must list the entities with which the applicant proposes to contract. Applicants should provide this list as a separate sheet

entitled "Proposed noncompetitive procurement contracts." Visit the OJP Grant Application Guide for more information on proposed procurement contracts.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

Basic Minimum Review Criteria

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements prior to conducting the peer review. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are requirements for all OJP solicitations:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within any stated programmatic funding limits or boundaries.
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

Merit Review Criteria

Applications that meet the basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

- Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (10%): Applicant's understanding of the issue to be addressed.
- **Project Design and Implementation (45%):** Adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones and deliverables.
- **Capabilities and Competencies (25%):** Administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives. Applicants should describe the management structure and staffing of the project and include information describing the roles and responsibility of key organizational components and personnel. In addition, applicants should describe the experience and capacity of existing/proposed staff who will be responsible for the successful management of this federal grant award.
- Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%): Applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data. Applicants should describe the process for measuring program performance. Identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurement and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the program's impact. Applicants should identify and describe both the outputs and outcomes they anticipate as a result of their proposed implementation strategy and a process for measuring them.
- **Budget (10%):** Applicants should provide a budget that is complete, cost effective and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable and necessary for project activities). Budget descriptions should demonstrate cost effectiveness in relation to the goals of the project. Generally, a reasonable cost is a cost that, in its nature or amount, does not exceed that which would be expected to be sustained under the circumstances at the time the decision was made to incur the cost.
- Other Specify (5%): Project abstract, project timeline, position descriptions for personnel anticipated to be supported by project funds, indirect cost rate agreement (if applicable).

Other Review Criteria/Factors

Other important considerations for OJP include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), available funding, past performance and the extent to which the Budget web-based form accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles. Costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the federal award, and when they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements (to include the conditions of the award), including the cost principles set out in the <u>Uniform Requirements 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E</u>.

Risk Criteria/Factors

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory

record of performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM.gov as excluded from receiving a federal award.

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 may review and comment on any information about its organization 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.

Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet the basic minimum requirements will be evaluated for technical merit by a peer review panel(s) in accordance with OJP peer review policies and procedures using the review criteria listed above. 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 peer review ratings and 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, 2024. See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 OJPapproved 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

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 https://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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for more information.

General Information About Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the "<u>Program Description</u>" 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> 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 <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Performance Measures

Objective	Performance Measure(s)	Data Recipient Provides
Prevent the occurrence of abuse in athletic programs of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee sports organizations by establishing and implementing effective policies, standards and procedures	Number of policies, standards and/or procedures developed Percentage of policies, standards and procedures developed and implemented	 For the current reporting period: Number of policies, standards and/or procedures developed to prevent abuse, such as for background screening, abuse investigation and prevention policies developed for new and existing organizational staff, coaches, instructors and volunteers
		 Of those, the number of policies, standards and/or procedures implemented
Report allegations of sexual and physical abuse and comply with applicable state and federal reporting requirements regarding child abuse including sexual abuse	Number of suspected incidents of abuse of young athletes in sports referred to law enforcement	Number of suspected incidents of abuse of young athletes in sports referred to law enforcement for investigation
Oversee regular and random audits to ensure policies and procedures used to prevent and identify the abuse of an amateur athlete are followed correctly	Number of random audits conducted to ensure policies and procedures are followed correctly	Number of random audits conducted to ensure policies and procedures used to prevent and identify abuse of young athletes are being followed Number of policies, standards and procedures established to prevent abuse to be appropriately based upon the results of the random audits

Assist in the implementation of training, prevention and standards at	Number of ongoing trainings on abuse and prevention to organizational leadership, coaches, instructors and	Number of trainings Number of individuals who:
national, state and local levels	volunteers Number of Olympic personnel trained on prevention and reporting allegations	 Attended the training (in- person) or started the training (web-based) Completed the training
	Percentage of participants who successfully completed the training	 Completed an evaluation and rated the training as satisfactory or better
Number of curricula the pilot tested Percentage of curricula	Number of curricula developed	 Reported the training provided information that could be utilized in their job
	Number of curricula that were pilot tested	Number of training curricula: Developed
	Percentage of curricula that were revised after pilot testing	Pilot tested Revised after being pilot tested

Application Checklist

SMART FY 2024 Keep Young Athletes Safe

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, reference <u>The OJP Application Submission Steps in the OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> and the <u>DOJ Application Submission Checklist</u>.

Pre-Application

Before Registering in Grants.gov

 Confirm your entity's registration in the <u>System Award Management (SAM.gov)</u> is active through the solicitation period; submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov if needed (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>).

Register in Grants.gov

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

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 <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see Application Resource Guide).
- Read <u>Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov</u> (about <u>browser compatibility</u> <u>and special characters in file names</u>).
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at <u>https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-</u> requirements#6g3y8 (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>).

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 limit(s) of \$2,123,869.

Review Eligibility Requirement

• Review the "Eligibility" section in the Synopsis and "Eligibility Information" section in the solicitation.

Application Step 1

After registering with SAM.gov (*unless applicant is an individual*), 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.

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, <u>Grants.gov customer support</u>, or <u>support@grants.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties (see "<u>Application Resource Guide</u>" <u>section on Experiencing Unforeseen</u> <u>Technical Issues</u>).

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

- Entity and User Verification (First Time Applicant)
- Standard Applicant information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Proposal Abstract*
- Proposal Narrative*
- Application Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline web-based form

Budget and Associated Documentation

- Budget Detail Narrative and web-based form*
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation (see <u>Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u>)

Additional Application Components

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (if applicable) [insert if listed in the solicitation] (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable)
- Resumes of key personnel (if applicable)
- List of procurement contracts (if applicable)
- Organizational chart (if applicable)

Disclosures and Assurances

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

*Note: Items designated with an asterisk must be submitted for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the designated items, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

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 <u>Application Submission Validation Errors Quick</u> <u>Reference Guide</u> 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 <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties. See the <u>Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Standard Solicitation Resources

<u>Application Resource Guide</u> provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding.

<u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide</u> 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.

<u>JustGrants Resources Website</u> 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 and find frequently asked questions.

<u>JustGrants Application Submission Training page</u> 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.

<u>Weekly Training Webinars</u> are advertised here and provide opportunities for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance, and support on JustGrants system functionality.