OVW Fiscal Year 2025
Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth Program

FY 2025 Pre-Application Webinar (pre-recorded)

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Goals for this Session

✓ Introduce the FY 2025 Children and Youth notice of funding opportunity (NOFO)

✓ Clarify several important aspects of the NOFO and application process

✓ Provide guidance to help you submit a successful application

Suggestion: **Open or print out the NOFO so that you can reference important sections and take notes during the session.**

Helpful Acronyms to Know

Office on Violence Against Women	OVW
Violence Against Women Act	VAWA
Children and Youth	CY
Notice of Funding Opportunity	NOFO
Grants Financial Management Division	GFMD
Memorandum of understanding	MOU
Coordinated community response	CCR

Introduction: Children and Youth (CY)

CY supports comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The CY Program serves children and youth ages 0-24 and their non-offending caretaker.

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Award Period and Amount

- ✓ Grant award period is 36 months
- ✓ Grant period begins October 1, 2025
- ✓ Applicant may request up to $500,000 total for the 36-month grant period

In FY 2025, we anticipate making 19 awards for a total of $9,500,00.
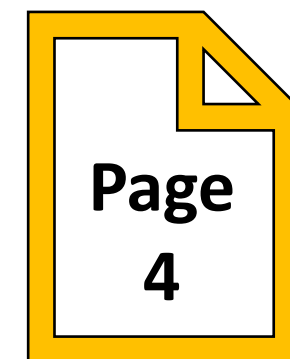
CY Purpose Areas

Purpose Area 1	Purpose Area 2	Purpose Area 3
➢ Providing services and Training to Address Children Exposed to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking ➢ Within ages 0-10	➢ Creating Safer Communities for Youth: Prevention, Intervention, treatment, and Response Services for Youth Impacted by Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking ➢ Within ages 11-24	➢ Providing School-Based Services: Prevention, Intervention, and Response to Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking ➢ Middle and high school students

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Required Partnerships

Purpose Area 1	Purpose Area 2	Purpose Area 3
Children Ages 0-10	Safer Communities for Youth Ages 11-24	School-based Services for Middle/High School Students
• Victim service provider • School or community-based organization	• Victim service provider • Community-based organization	• Victim service provider • School or school district

Please note: **The applicant or project partner can only satisfy <u>one</u> of these required partner roles. Another entity must satisfy the other required role.**

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Required Partnerships
Purpose Area 1: Children, 0-10

1. A victim service provider, <u>if not the applicant</u>; with:
   a. a demonstrated primary purpose of providing direct victim services for children who are victims of and/or exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking; **or,**
   b. a demonstrated primary purpose of serving adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, but has a designated program that provides direct victim services to children who are victims of and/or exposed to the aforementioned crimes;

   and

2. A school or a community-based organization with demonstrated expertise in developing or providing specialized programming or services to children, <u>if not the applicant</u>.

Required Partnerships
Purpose Area 2: Safer Communities for Youth, 11-24

1. A victim service provider, <u>if not the applicant</u>; with:
    a. a demonstrated primary purpose of providing direct victim services for youth who are victims of and/or exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking; **or**
    b. a demonstrated primary purpose of serving adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, but has a designated program that provides direct victim services to youth who are victims of and/or exposed to the aforementioned crimes;

    and

2. A community-based organization with demonstrated expertise in developing or providing specialized programming or services to youth, if not the applicant.

Required Partnerships
Purpose Area 3: School-based Services (middle/high school students)

1. A victim service provider, <u>if not the applicant</u>; with:
    a.   a demonstrated primary purpose of providing direct victim services for children and/or youth who are victims of and/or exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking; **or**
    b.   a demonstrated primary purpose of serving adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, but has a designated program that provides direct victim services to children and/or youth who are victims of and/or exposed to the aforementioned crimes;

    and

2. A school or school district.

Coordinated Community Response (CCR)

Examples of CCR members:

- Law Enforcement, Judges, and/or Prosecutors
- Juvenile Justice Programs
- Family and Juvenile Courts
- Pre-trial Services
- Juvenile and Adult Corrections and Probation
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Family Justice Centers
- Work Force Programs
- Transitional Housing Programs

- Hospitals & Healthcare Providers
- Faith-based Organizations/Programs
- Mentoring Organizations/Programs
- Libraries and Community Centers
- Schools/School Districts and Pre-Schools
- Early Childhood Development or Child Care Providers
- Youth-serving Organizations
- Public & Private Child Welfare Agencies
- Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs
- Foster Care and Adoption Organizations/Programs

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Planning Phase

Award announcement and acceptance

Planning phase: Three to six months

Project Implementation: Rest of award period

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Eligibility

- Units of local government
- Indian Tribal governments
- Tribal organizations
- Tribal nonprofits
- Schools and school districts
- Victim service providers
- Nonprofit, nongovernmental entities
- Faith-based organizations

Eligible Applicants ✓

- Foreign entities and programs
- Institutions of higher education
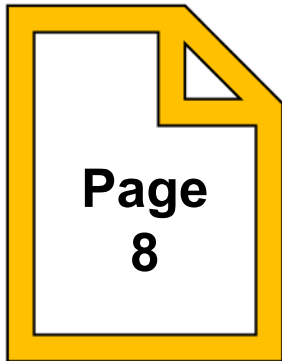- FY 23 and FY 24 CY grant recipients and subrecipients

Ineligible Applicants ✗
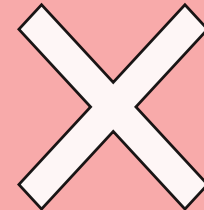
Types of Applications

➢ **New** applications are those that have never received funding under the CY program or whose funding under the program expired on or before July 2, 2024.

➢ **Continuation** applications are those that have an existing CY grant or whose grants closed after July 2, 2024.

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Eligible Service Areas

- Proposed activities must support only local, community-specific projects.
  - Grant funds **cannot** be used to conduct or support regional or statewide activities or projects.

- The applicant and its required project partners must be based in the project's service area.

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Important Dates and Actions

June 12, 2025 (recommended)   **SAM.gov and Grants.gov**

- Register for a Universal Entity Identified (UEI) at SAM.gov (~2-3 weeks to process).
- Register at Grants.gov (~1 week to process).

June 30, 2025 (required)   **Grants.gov**

- Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL by **11:59 PM ET.**
- Cannot initiate application in JustGrants before submitting these forms.

July 2, 2025 (required)   **JustGrants.usdoj.gov**

- Submit full application and all attachments by **8:59 PM ET.**
- Ensure account is active and up to date at this point.

Need Help?	
SAM.gov	866-606-8220 https://sam.gov/content/help Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM ET
Grants.gov	Phone: 800-518-4726 support@grants.gov https://www.grants.gov/support 24/7
JustGrants.usdoj.gov	866-655-4482 OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov Monday-Friday, 7 AM to 5PM ET

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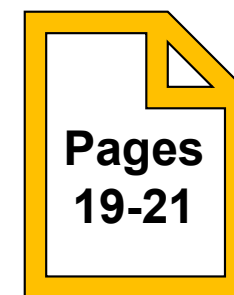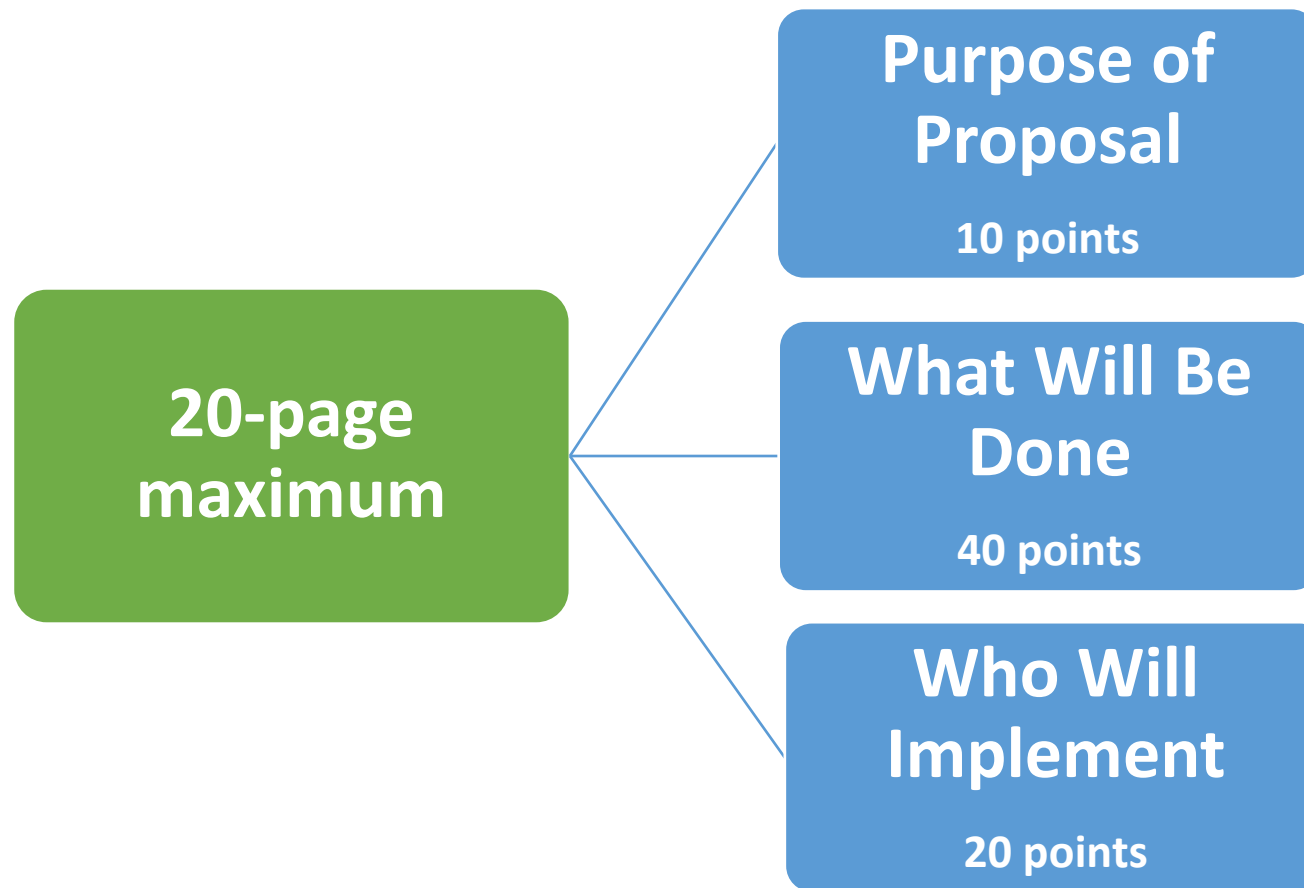5. How can I write a competitive application?

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Proposal Narrative: 70 Points

20-page maximum

Purpose of Proposal

10 points

What Will Be Done

40 points

Who Will Implement

20 points

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Option 1: Proposal Narrative

The document must meet all formatting and technical requirements:

1. Double-spaced text (charts may be single-spaced)

2. 8½ x 11-inch pages

3. One-inch margins

4. Arial font, type no smaller than 11-point, except for footnotes, which may be 9-point

5. Correctly numbered pages

6. No more than 20 pages for the Proposal Narrative

7. Documents in the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc), PDF files (.pdf), or Text Documents (.txt)

8. Headings and sub-headings that correspond to those identified below for each application component

Option 2: CY Narrative Template

The completed template must follow same formatting and technical requirements:

- ✓ Double-spaced text (charts may be single-spaced)
- ✓ Arial font, type no smaller than 11-point, except for footnotes, which may be 9-point
- ✓ 8½ x 11-inch pages
- ✓ One-inch margins
- ✓ Number all pages
- ✓ No more than 20 pages
- ✓ Word, PDF, or .txt

When completing the template, please do not adjust the size of the margins or the orientation of the pages.

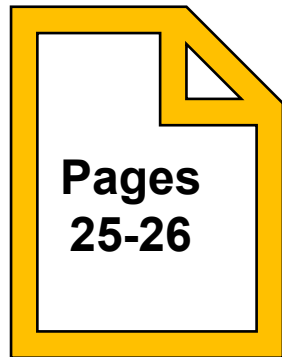# Budget Worksheet and Narrative: 15 points

➤ Scored out of 15 points.

➤ Must be included as an attachment in JustGrants.

➤ All budgets should include the required OVW TA set aside:

- $15,000 for applicants from the 48 contiguous states
- $20,000 for applicants from the territories, Hawaii, and Alaska

➤ All budgets should include sufficient funds to ensure meaningful access to people with limited English proficiency, people who are Deaf/hard of hearing, and people with disabilities.

➤ If you have other resources to cover these costs, please note that in your budget.

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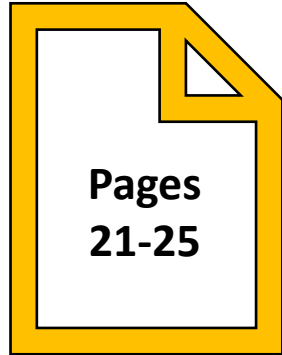
Memorandum of Understanding: 15 points

➢ Scored out of 15 points.
➢ The MOU contains the terms of the partnership and the roles and responsibilities between two or more parties.
➢ Submit one MOU, not multiple.
➢ Include signatures by all MOU partners.
➢ Include statement that all partners have reviewed budget.
➢ Must be included as an attachment in JustGrants.

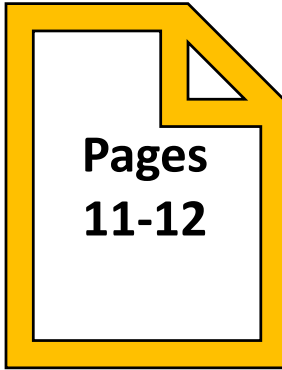*Please note:* A helpful sample MOU is available.

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Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification (if applicable)

➢ To be eligible for an award, a grant recipient or subrecipient that provides grant-funded legal assistance must submit a Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification letter.

➢A sample Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification letter can be found on the OVW website.

➢This can be submitted with your application or during your planning phase, if awarded.

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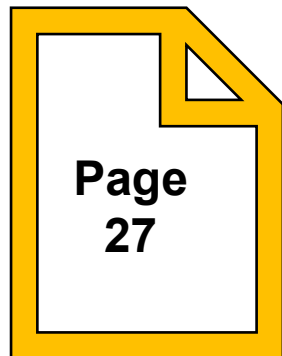
Priorities

- There are two priorities described in the NOFO.

- If your proposed project substantively addresses one or both of the priorities, it may receive priority consideration for funding.

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Out-of-Scope Activities and Unallowable Cost

- Out-of-scope activities cannot be funded by the grant (the full list is on pages 15 and 16)

- There are other unallowable costs that grant funds may not cover. These are:
    1. Lobbying.
    2. Fundraising.
    3. Purchase of real property.
    4. Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).
    5. Construction.
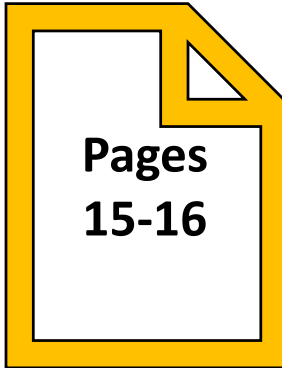
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Other Application Components

Grants Financial Management Division (GFMD)

Summary Data Sheet (questionnaire)

  Single Audit (threshold and fiscal year)

  IRS three-step safe-harbor procedure– Executive Compensation –

  Sample Disclosure Letter

    Address all four parts

Pre-Award Risk Assessment (questionnaire)

  Eleven questions; Multiple parts to each question

   Most Common issues:

    Brief list of policies and procedures not provided

    Budgeted vs. Actual process not provided

    Record Retention policy not provided

    Knowledge of rules and regulations

Resources

Training for OVW Applicants:

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants

Budget Information and Sample Budget Detail Worksheet:

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/media/1326736/dl?inline

Creating a Budget Webinar

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/video/creating-budget-training-ovw-applicants

Uniform Guidance - 2 CFR Part 200

https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1

DOJ Grants Financial Guide:

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/media/1375646/dl?inline

Program Specific funding opportunities:

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-notices-of-funding-opportunities

OVW GFMD Helpdesk:

1-888-514-8556
OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov

Application Review Process

Basic Minimum Review:
➤ Before your application is read and scored by peer reviewers, OVW ensures that all major application components have been submitted.
➤ Only complete applications are sent to peer review.

Peer Review:
➤ Your application is scored by external peer reviewers who have relevant expertise.
➤ Your score is based on how effectively you respond to the criteria listed in the Proposal Narrative, Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative, and MOU

Application Do's

- Use the OVW Resources for Applicants.
- Register early on with System for Award Management, Grants.gov, and JustGrants
- Start collaborating on your application with your project partner(s), including your MOU, as soon as possible.
- Make sure that all of your scored application components work together to communicate your proposed project
- Carefully review the application submission checklist on pages 31-32 and ensure you submit all required components.
- Consider reapplying if you're application is not successful this year.

Application Don'ts

- Use unnecessary acronyms, jargon, and generalizations.
- Ignore the NOFO Formatting and Technical Requirements.
- Overlook any of the criteria for the project narrative, budget, and MOU
- Submit additional materials not requested by the NOFO. Your peer reviewers will not read or score other materials that you submit.

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Resources for Applicants

Resource	Link
Resources for Applications	www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants
Application companion guide	https://www.justice.gov/ovw/fy-2025-application-companion-guide
Budget Information and Sample Budget Narrative	https://www.justice.gov/ovw/media/1326736/dl?inline
Creating a Budget webinar	https://www.justice.gov/ovw/video/creating-budget
Sample Memorandum of Understanding	https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2008/10/21/sample-mou.pdf

Have questions?

- **Programmatic Questions**: OVW.ChildrenYouth@usdoj.gov

- **Financial Questions**: Email OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or call 202-307-6026

- **Technical Questions**: Grants.gov Applicant Support:

  - Email support@grants.gov or call 800-518-4726

- **OVW JustGrants Support**: email OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov or call 866-655-4482

Thank you!

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