

Notice to ICJR Applicants About Eligibility:

To be eligible to apply for an ICJR award, applicants must certify compliance with several statutory requirements, set forth in 34 U.S.C. § 10461(c).

- Certain requirements mandate that for an applicant to be eligible, there must be laws, policies, and practices in place. Other requirements can be met via laws, policies, or practices.
- For those applicants that cannot certify compliance with the statutory requirement at the time of their applications, they are nonetheless eligible to apply if they can certify that they will be compliant by the deadlines set forth in the solicitation.
- If an applicant certifies that they will be in compliance by the specified deadline and, after being chosen as a grant recipient, fails to comply by the deadline, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) may freeze the recipient's funds.
- For example, 34 U.S.C. § 10461(c)(1)(G) mandates those applicants other than courts certify that the laws, policies, and practices of their respective jurisdictions "prohibit the prosecution of a minor under the age of 18 with respect to prostitution." Consequently, it is not sufficient for a jurisdiction not to prosecute minors for prostitution; there must also be a law prohibiting it. To be eligible, applicants in jurisdiction that do not have such a law, can certify that they will be compliant by the last day of their next legislative session. But if an applicant is selected for an award and a law that complies with this requirement is not enacted, OVW may freeze that award.

Clarification About Eligibility Requirements:

Please see the FY 2024 Solicitation for descriptions of eligibility requirements and note the following as to whether each requirement must be met via laws, policies, and practices or can be met via laws, policies, or practices.

Certification Type:	Eligibility Requirements met via:
Encouraging Offender Arrests	Laws or official policies
Dual Victim and Offender Arrest Prohibitions	Laws, policies, or practices and training programs
Mutual Restraining Order Prohibitions	Laws, policies, or practices
Prosecution and Restraining Order Costs	Laws, policies, and practices
Sex Offense Victim Polygraph Prohibition	Laws, policies, or practices
Development of Prosecutors' Offices Training and Protocol	Laws, policies, and practices
Prohibition of Minors for Prostitution	Laws, policies, and practices