



U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Violence Against Women Tribal Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Initiative – Invitation to Apply

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number

O-OVW-2025-172419

Assistance Listing Number

16.055

Application Due

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: September 9, 2025, by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: September 11, 2025, by 8:59 PM Eastern Time

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What is this NOFO about? (Basic Information)

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is accepting applications from **invited applicants only** in response to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). OVW administers programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation and provides national leadership on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (VAWA crimes). OVW funding supports coordinated community responses that provide services to victims and hold offenders accountable.

Executive Summary

This initiative supports Tribes and United States Attorneys' Offices (USAOs) in their investigation and prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, sex trafficking, and stalking cases in Indian country. Grant funds support dedicated Tribal prosecutors who are cross-designated as Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSAs) to work directly with their USAO partners. The goals of the initiative are to fill gaps in jurisdictional coverage; increase communication and coordination among Tribal, federal, and state law enforcement agencies; establish consistent relationships between federal prosecutors and Tribal community(ies); and improve the quality of investigation and prosecution of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking cases through training and best practices.

Funding Opportunity Details	
Federal Agency Name	U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
Funding Opportunity Title	OVW FY 2025 Violence Against Women Tribal Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Initiative
Announcement Type	Initial
Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2025-172419
Assistance Listing Number	16.055
Statutory Authority	Full-Yr. Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, Pub. L. No. 119-4, div. A, § 1101(a)(2), 139 Stat. 9, 10-11
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$3,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	3
Type of Award	Grant
Expected Award Amount	Up to \$1,000,000
Expected Award Period	60 months

Key Dates

This table contains deadlines and other important dates.

Key Dates	
Funding Opportunity Release Date	On or about August 27, 2025
<u>Sam.gov Registration/Renewal</u>	Recommend completing process by August 29, 2025
<u>Grants.gov Registration/Renewal</u>	Recommend completing process by August 29, 2025
<u>Grants.gov</u> Deadline	September 9, 2025 , by 11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET)
<u>JustGrants</u> Deadline	September 11, 2025 , by 8:59 PM ET
Anticipated Award Notification Date	October 1, 2025

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this Invitation to Apply, contacts are:

Contact Information	
OVW Contact	Phone: 202-307-6026 Email: OVW.TribalSAUSA@usdoj.gov
For assistance with SAM.gov	Phone: 866-606-8220 Website: https://sam.gov/content/help Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET Monday-Friday
For assistance with Grants.gov	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: https://www.grants.gov/support Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
For assistance with JustGrants	Phone: 866-655-4482 Email: OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov

Resources for Applying

- Applicant Resources
 - [Application Companion Guide](#)
 - [Resources for Applicants page](#)
- Budget Resources
 - Budget Information on [OVW Website](#)
 - [Sample Budget Narrative](#) (including Excel file)
 - [Creating a Budget](#) webinar

- JustGrants Resources
 - [JustGrants Application Submission Training](#)
- Application Submission [Checklist](#)

Who can apply? (Eligibility)

Eligible Applicants

Tribes that are invited to apply are:

- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
- The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Disqualifying Factors

Applications submitted by entities that were not invited to apply will not be funded. In addition, an application with problems in one or more of these areas may not be considered for funding:

- [Program-specific unallowable costs](#)
- [Risk review](#)
- [Completeness of application contents](#)
- [Meeting deadlines](#)
- [Not meeting unique entity identifier and SAM.gov requirements](#)
- [Past performance issues](#)
- Open criminal investigations

Cost Sharing: This program has no match or cost-sharing or requirement.

What will recipients do? (Program Description)

This funding opportunity is authorized by Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, Pub. L. No. 119-4, div. A, § 1101(a)(2), 139 Stat. 9, 10-11. For a brief description, see the [Executive Summary](#).

Purpose Areas

Funds must be used to support salary and fringe benefits for a Tribal prosecutor, mutually agreed upon by the Tribe and the USAO as appropriate for designation as a SAUSA, as well as training, travel, and other resources needed to support the work of the SAUSA. Funds must be used only to prosecute cases in either federal or Tribal court that are directly related to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, sex trafficking, or stalking.

A sample federal caseload for the Tribal SAUSA includes the following crimes if agreed upon with the USAO:

- Misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence and criminal violations of protection orders committed by non-Indians;

- Stalking;
- Dating violence;
- Felony assault of a spouse, intimate partner, or dating partner;
- Adult and youth sexual assault;
- Child sexual assault;
- Interstate domestic violence, stalking, or violation of a protection order (18 U.S.C. §§ 2261, 2261A, 2262);
- Domestic assault by a habitual offender (18 U.S.C. § 117); and
- Any other offenses directly related to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, sex trafficking, or stalking, such as kidnapping or firearm violations.

Priorities

Invited applicants are encouraged to substantively address one or more of the priorities listed below to the extent consistent with the program's authorizing statute:

1. Measures to combat human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration and cartel operations, that support safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and/or stalking; and
2. Projects to provide victim services, especially housing, and improve law enforcement response in rural and remote areas, Tribal nations, and small towns that often lack resources to effectively combat domestic violence and sexual assault.

Program Requirements

Applicants that receive funding under this Invitation to Apply will be required to engage in the following activities:

- Ensure that the Tribal SAUSA attends trainings provided by the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA)'s National Indian Country Training Initiative in addition to OVW-sponsored training and technical assistance (TTA).
- Collect and report of performance indicators. Forms, instructions, training, and related tools are available on the [VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative webpage](#). See also OVW's [reports to Congress](#) for information on how awards contribute to achieving program goals and objectives.
- Participate in an assessment or evaluation, if OVW conducts one that requires recipient involvement.
- Prior to funds being released, submit a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the recipient Tribe and its partner USAO. **Do not submit the MOU as a part of the initial application.** The MOU is a document containing the terms of the partnership between the USAO and the participating Tribe(s). The MOU must be a single document, must remain current for the entire duration of the grant award period, and must be signed and dated by a representative of the USAO and the Tribe's Authorized Representative. The MOU must be submitted for OVW review and approval within 60 days of the award date. After awards are made, OVW will provide recipients with a list of requirements the MOU must meet and a sample MOU to assist recipients and their partner USAOs in drafting an MOU.

- Hire the Tribal SAUSA within one year of approval of the MOU. The award will include a condition stating that the award will be closed if the grant funded position remains vacant one year after the MOU is executed.

Program-specific Unallowable Costs

Applicants proposing activities described below will be asked to remove them from the application and may have a delay in access to funds.

Unallowable Cost	Description
Activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability	OVW will not fund activities that compromise victim safety and recovery, deter healing for victims, and/or undermine offender accountability. See the Application Companion Guide for more information.
Out-of-scope activities	<p>*** This list of out-of-scope activities is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-to-date information about out-of-scope activities, please see the OVW website at: https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-notices-of-funding-opportunity.***</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research projects. Funds under this program may not be used to conduct research, defined by 28 C.F.R. § 46.102(d) as a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. However, assessments conducted for internal improvement purposes only may be allowable. For information on distinguishing between research and assessments, see the Application Companion Guide. 2. Promoting or facilitating the violation of federal immigration law. 3. Inculcating or promoting gender ideology as defined in Executive Order 14168, <i>Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government</i>. 4. Promoting or facilitating discriminatory programs or ideology, including illegal DEI and “diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility” programs that do not advance the policy of equal dignity and respect, as described in Executive Order 14173, <i>Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity</i>. This prohibition is not intended to interfere with any of OVW’s statutory obligations, such as funding for HBCUs, culturally specific services, and disability programs.
Out-of-scope activities, cont.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Activities that frame domestic violence or sexual assault as systemic social justice issues rather than criminal offenses (e.g., prioritizing criminal justice reform or social justice theories over victim safety and offender accountability).

Unallowable Cost	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Generic community engagement or economic development without a clear link to violence prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability. 7. Programs that discourage collaboration with law enforcement or oppose or limit the role of police, prosecutors, or immigration enforcement in addressing violence against women. 8. Awareness campaigns or media that do not lead to tangible improvements in prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability. 9. Initiatives that prioritize illegal aliens over U.S. citizens and legal residents in receiving victim services and support. 10. Excessive funding for consulting fees, training, administrative costs, or other expenses not related to measurable violence prevention, victim support, and offender accountability. 11. Any activity or program that unlawfully violates an Executive Order. 12. Purchase or lease of vehicles. 13. Prosecution of offenses not directly related to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, sex trafficking, or stalking, including drug offenses. <p>Note: Recipients should serve all eligible victims as required by statute, regulation, or award condition.</p>
Other unallowable costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lobbying 2. Fundraising. 3. Purchase of real property. 4. Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting). 5. Construction.
Non-supplanting	Grant funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, non-federal funds that would otherwise be available for activities under this program.

Limited Use of Funds

Recipients may only use up to three percent of the funds to assess the need for internal improvements. Examples include convening listening sessions to identify service gaps or surveying participants after a webinar to see what they learned.

The OVW research decision tree in the [Application Companion Guide](#) describes how applicants can ensure that such assessments are not prohibited human subjects research.

What do I need to submit? (Application Contents and Format)

Application Contents

Applications that do not include all items identified as required below will be considered substantially incomplete and may result in a delay in accessing funds or removal from consideration.

Application Contents and Submission Checklist

Application Item	Required?	Submission Type	Submission Website	Date Completed
<u>Abstract</u>	Yes	Text box in JustGrants	JustGrants	
<u>Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424</u>	Yes	Online Form	Grants.gov	
<u>Pre-Award Risk Assessment</u>	Yes	Online Form	JustGrants	
<u>Summary Data Sheet</u>	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
<u>Project Narrative</u>	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
<u>Budget</u>	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
<u>Indirect Cost Rate Agreement</u>	If applicable	Attachment	JustGrants	
<u>Certification Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities</u>	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
<u>Confidentiality Notice Form</u>	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
<u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities</u>	If applicable	Attachment	JustGrants	

Formatting and Technical Requirements

Applications must follow the requirements below for all attachments, unless otherwise noted.

- Double-spaced text (charts may be single-spaced)
- 8½ x 11-inch pages
- One-inch margins
- Arial font, type no smaller than 11-point, except for footnotes, which may be 9-point
- Correctly numbered pages
- No more than 10 pages for the Project Narrative
- Documents in the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc), PDF files (.pdf), or Text Documents (.txt)
- Headings and sub-headings that correspond to those identified below for each application component

Abstract

The abstract is a short summary (no more than 2,000 characters) of the proposed project, including names of lead applicant and project partners, project title, purpose of the project, primary activities for which funds are requested, who will benefit (including geographic area to be served), and products and deliverables. It should not summarize past accomplishments. The abstract must be entered in a text box in JustGrants.

Applicants can use the following paragraph as a template:

The **<Tribe Name>** is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in **<general geographic area (e.g., in the northwest corner of XYZ state)>**. For this project, the **<Tribe Name>** is partnering with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of **<district>** (USAO). The Tribe and the USAO have demonstrated a strong mutual interest in **<filling gaps in jurisdictional coverage; increasing communication and coordination among the Tribal, federal, and state law enforcement agencies; establishing consistent relationships between federal prosecutors and the Tribal community; and improving the quality of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, sex trafficking, and stalking cases through training and best practices>**. Through this project, the partners will:

- 1) Enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding detailing the terms of their partnership;
- 2) Mutually select or retain an agreed upon attorney to be cross designated as both a SAUSA and a Tribal prosecutor who will maintain an active Tribal and federal caseload; and
- 3) Participate in required training and technical assistance.

Funds through this award will support salary and fringe benefits for the SAUSA position, training, travel, and other resources needed to support the work of the SAUSA. The timing for performance of this award is 60 months.

Project Narrative

The Project Narrative must include the sections outlined below.

What Will Be Done

This section must:

1. If applicable, describe how the project will address [priority one](#) (human trafficking and transnational crime) and/or [priority two](#) (under-resourced rural and remote areas, Tribal nations, and small towns).
2. Explain how services will be accessible to the target population(s).
3. State the project's objectives and activities related to the Tribal SAUSA Initiative goals (see below) and include a timeline. The goals, objectives, activities, and timeline can be presented in table format if the applicant prefers. Consider the goals of the Tribal SAUSA Initiative:
 - a. Fill gaps in jurisdictional coverage;

- b. Increase communication and coordination among Tribal, federal, and state law enforcement agencies;
 - c. Establish consistent relationships between federal prosecutors and the Tribal community(ies); and
 - d. Improve the quality of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking cases through training and best practices.
4. Briefly discuss anticipated challenges or barriers to implementing the Tribal SAUSA project goals and objectives (e.g., USAO location will make frequent in-person meetings difficult, etc.)
 5. Briefly discuss the availability of direct victim services in the geographic area for American Indian/Alaska Native victims of VAWA crimes including sex trafficking, and how the project will involve direct victim service provider(s).

Who Will Implement

This section must:

1. Identify the key people and organizations that will implement the project.
2. Demonstrate that key people and organizations have the capacity to carry out the project.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative

Applicants must upload a detailed budget with narrative in JustGrants, as well as associated documentation described further below.

- The total amount budgeted should be the same as the total “estimated funding” on the SF-424 and reflect 60 months of project activity.
- The budget should be reasonable and necessary, based on the resources needed to implement the project in the applicant’s geographic location. Budgetary requirements vary among programs.
- OVW encourages using a spreadsheet (e.g., Excel, Numbers, etc.) for the budget worksheet and uploading the document as either a .xlsx or .pdf document. A sample budget worksheet can be downloaded [here](#).
- OVW awards are governed by the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and the [DOJ Financial Guide](#).

Note: OVW may make awards for greater or lesser amounts than requested. OVW also may negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants before or after making an award.

The budget must:

1. **Provide line-item descriptions.** Describe each line-item requested in the budget and explain all costs included in the budget, including how the costs of goods and services are determined and how they will fulfill the objectives of the project.

2. **Clearly link activities.** Present a clear link between the specific project activities and the proposed budget items. The budget should not contain items that are not supported by the Project Narrative.
3. **Include travel funds.** Estimate travel expenses, including lodging and mileage, for the SAUSA while in travel status for travel between the USAO and Tribal community(ies), if applicable.
4. **Include funds for accessibility.** Include sufficient funds to provide access for individuals with limited English proficiency and people with disabilities. See the [Application Companion Guide](#) for more information.
5. **Include funds to attend in-person TTA.** Set aside \$10,000 to attend OVW-sponsored TTA. This amount is for the entire 60 months and not per year. Applicants also may budget more than \$10,000 if they are aware of relevant non-OVW sponsored conferences or training for which they would like permission to use grant funds to support staff/project partner attendance. Costs associated with the required training provided by EOUSA's National Indian Country Training Initiative will be covered by EOUSA's Office of Legal Education. Do not include funds for this in the budget. Grant funds, with OVW approval, may be used for other training identified by the Tribe and the USAO as necessary for the SAUSA.
6. **Identify subawards and contracts.** Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities. For more information on distinguishing between subawards and contracts, see [Budget Information](#) and the [Application Companion Guide](#).

Conference Planning and Food/Beverage Costs

See [OVW Conference Cost Guidelines](#) for information on using federal funds for conferences. Food for victims is not subject to these guidelines but must be approved as part of the recipient's budget

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (If applicable)

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs through the use of a negotiated indirect cost rate must have a current, signed, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement and must upload and attach it to their application in JustGrants. Applicants that do not have a current federal negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate), may elect to charge a de minimis rate of up to 15% of modified total direct costs (MTDC).

Organizations that wish to negotiate an indirect cost rate should contact OVW's Grants Financial Management Division at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or 1-888-514-8556 for more information.

Additional Application Components

The following documents should be uploaded and attached to the application in JustGrants. Any certification must be a letter, on letterhead, signed, and dated by the authorized representative.

Additional Application Component	Description
Certification Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities (required)	<p>***This Certification Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-to-date information about the certification requirement, please see the OVW website at: https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-notices-of-funding-opportunity.***</p> <p>Applicants must attach a letter to OVW's Director certifying that grant funds will not be used for the out-of-scope activities listed in this NOFO. See sample Certification of Out-of-Scope Activities Letter. Note: Nothing in this certification prohibits recipients from serving all eligible victims as required by statute, regulation, or award condition.</p>
Confidentiality Notice Form	<p>All applicants are required to acknowledge that they have received notice that recipients and subrecipients must comply with the confidentiality and privacy requirements of VAWA, as amended. The completed acknowledgment form must be signed by the Authorized Representative.</p>

Disclosures and Assurances

All applicants must review, complete, and submit all disclosures, assurances, and certifications in JustGrants as described below.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Required if applicable)

Applicants are required to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure form (Standard Form/SF-LLL) **IF** they have paid or will pay any person to lobby in connection with the award for which they are applying **AND** their application is for more than \$100,000. This disclosure requirement is not applicable to such payments by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or any other Indian organization that are permitted by other federal law. For this requirement, lobbying means influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress. (See 31 U.S.C. § 1352; 28 C.F.R. part 69.) Applicants that are required to submit the SF-LLL must download the form from [here](#), complete and upload it with their application.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Applicants must read and acknowledge the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants, a copy of which is available [here](#).

DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Applicants must read and acknowledge these DOJ certifications in JustGrants, a copy of which is available [here](#).

How do I apply? (Submission Requirements and Deadlines)

The complete application package (i.e., this NOFO, including links to required forms) is available on Grants.gov and on the [OVW website](#). If you need to request a paper copy of these materials you can contact OVW at 202-307-6026 or OVW.TribalSAUSA@usdoj.gov.

Deadlines for the steps below are in the [Key Dates](#) section of this NOFO.

Prior to Application Submission

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)

Entities applying for the first time must register with the following systems:

- SAM.gov: Registration with [SAM.gov](#) includes receiving a UEI and takes an average of 2 to 3 weeks.
- Grants.gov: Registration with [Grants.gov](#) takes an average of 1 week.
- JustGrants: Registration with JustGrants needs to be completed **ONLY** after successful submission of [Step 1](#) of the application as described below under *How to Apply*.

Note: Registration time frames are estimates. Applicants having registration challenges should contact the system's [help desk](#).

Entities that have previously applied for funding from DOJ must ensure their accounts with SAM, Grants.gov, and JustGrants are active and up to date.

All applicants must maintain active registration in SAM.gov with current information whenever they have a federal award or an application under consideration by a federal agency. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they are registered with SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants. OVW encourages applicants to begin the registration process or ensure that all accounts are active and up to date. Failure to do so may prevent OVW from making an award or result in a delay in access to funds.

How to Apply

Step 1:

Submit the SF-424, which is generated when the applicant begins the submission process in Grants.gov. To view the form before completing it in Grants.gov, applicants should click the Package tab under the funding opportunity for which they are applying and select Preview. Preview then provides links to the form.

For Type of Applicant (box 9), do not select Other. The amount of federal funding requested in the "Estimated Funding" section of this form (box 18a) should match the amount of federal funding requested in the budget of the application. This program does not require a match; therefore, the value for the Applicant line (box 18b) should be zero. The individual who is listed as **"Authorized**

Representative” (box 21) must have the authority to apply for and accept grant awards on behalf of the organization or jurisdiction.

Intergovernmental Review (SF-424 Question 19): This funding opportunity is subject to Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. Applicants must check the Office of Management and Budget’s website for the names and addresses of state [Single Points of Contact](#) (SPOC) under Intergovernmental Review. If the applicant’s state appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact the state SPOC to comply with the state’s process under E.O. 12372. In completing the SF-424, the applicant must make the appropriate selection in response to question 19 once it has complied with its state E.O. 12372 process. An applicant whose state does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting the following response: “Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the state for review.”

Step 2:

Submit the full application, including attachments, in JustGrants at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>. Applicants begin Step 2 of the process by reviewing the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants, making edits as needed, confirming the Authorized Representative, verifying the legal name and address, and entering the ZIP code(s) for the areas affected by the project. OVW encourages applicants to review the [JustGrants](#) website for more information, resources, and training.

Tip: JustGrants functions better using a PC with Chrome or Edge web browser.

Note that the Grants.gov and JustGrants deadlines are typically only a few days apart.

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties, severe inclement weather, or natural or manmade disasters affecting submission should follow the steps described on OVW’s [website](#).

How will OVW review my application? (Application Review Information)

Review and Selection Process

This is a non-competitive invitation to apply; therefore, applications are not subject to peer review. Applications are subject, however, to a programmatic review to ensure that the application is complete and meets applicable statutory, regulatory, and other program requirements as described in this Invitation to Apply. Applicants must submit all information requested in the [Application Contents](#) and [Additional Application Components](#) sections. If any required elements are missing, OVW will contact the applicant to request prompt submission of relevant documents. Failure to include required information at the time of submission may prevent OVW from making an award or result in a delay in funding.

Past Performance Review

As part of the programmatic review, applicants with current or recently closed OVW awards under this program will be reviewed for past performance, based on the following:

Subject	Factors
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with terms of conditions of existing award(s) from OVW • Timely response to OVW requests
Programmatic Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the grant program's statutory purposes and requirements • Implementation of project according to plan, within original period of performance, and as designed without unjustified modification • Attendance at/participation in all required training and technical assistance events • Timely resolution of issues identified during programmatic monitoring • Development of deliverables that support project goals and are of acceptable quality
Financial Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawdown of funds in line with level of project activities completed • Uninterrupted access to funds • Timely resolution of issues identified during financial monitoring
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely submission of financial and performance reports • Submission of complete and accurate performance reports
Closeout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely resolution of issues necessary to close out prior awards • Completion of closeout within 120 days of project end date

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all award decisions will be made by the OVW Director. All award decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Risk Review

OVW reviews information related to applicant risk as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.206(b). OVW uses the applicant's responses to the [Pre-award Risk Assessment Questions](#) to conduct this assessment. OVW also must review and consider integrity and performance information about applicants that is available in SAM.gov. Applicants may review and comment on information about themselves that currently appears in SAM.gov and was entered by another federal awarding agency. OVW considers the applicant's comments, in addition to the other information available in SAM.gov, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

High-risk Recipients

Based on DOJ's assessment of each recipient's current or past funding, unresolved audit issues, delinquent programmatic and fiscal reporting, and prior performance, a recipient may be designated "high-risk." Awards to high-risk recipients may carry special conditions such as increased monitoring and/or prohibitions on drawing down funds until certain requirements are met. Current or prior recipients, whether designated high-risk or not, that have substantial or persistent performance or compliance issues, long-standing open audits, or open criminal investigations may not be considered for funding.

How will I know if I receive an award? (Award Notices)

OVW notifies applicants through JustGrants (not Grants.gov) when they receive an award. Successful applicants then log into JustGrants to review and accept the award. The Authorized Representative must acknowledge that they have read and understood all sections of the award instrument and they must submit the required declaration and certification to accept the award. These steps must be completed electronically in JustGrants.

Availability of Funds

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds as well as any modifications or additional requirements imposed by law. There is no guarantee that funds will be available in the future. Depending on availability of funding and an application's merit, OVW may fund an application not selected under this funding opportunity in a future fiscal year or under another OVW program.

Post-Award Requirements and Administration

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

Applicants selected for awards must agree to comply with additional legal, administrative, and national policy requirements. OVW strongly encourages applicants to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to applying. This information can be found in the *Requirements for All OVW Applicants and Recipients* section of the [Application Companion Guide](#).

[Terms and conditions](#) for OVW awards are available on the OVW website. These terms are subject to change prior to the issuance of the awards.

Post-award Reporting Requirements

OVW recipients must submit semi-annual performance reports and quarterly Federal Financial Reports (SF-425). Performance report forms will be provided to all award recipients. Forms will be submitted electronically. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. For more information on post-award reporting requirements, including requirements for certain recipients to report information on civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings in SAM, see the [Application Companion Guide](#) and the award condition on recipient integrity and performance matters available on the [OVW website](#).