

Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2026 Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172629

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **September 1, 2026 by 11:59 pm ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **September 3, 2026 by 4:59 pm ET**
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice. OVW administers Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants designed to prevent and respond to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program (Cybercrimes Enforcement Program)**.

This program supports efforts by States, Indian Tribes, and units of local government to prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals. Cybercrimes against individuals are defined as criminal offenses that involve the use of a computer to harass, threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear to, or intimidate an individual, or without consent distribute intimate images of an adult, except that use of a computer need not be an element of the offense.¹ See [Eligibility](#) and [Program Description](#).

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.060
Statutory Authority	34 U.S.C. § 30107
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2026-172629
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$6,750,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	10
Award Type	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$750,000
Expected Award Period	36 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	June 4, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Start the process at least 30 days before deadlines
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on September 1, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	4:59 p.m. ET on September 3, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	By September 30, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

¹ See 34 U.S.C. § 30107(a)(2). Cybercrimes against individuals do not include the use of a computer to cause harm to a commercial entity, government agency, or nonnatural person. The term “computer” includes a computer network and an interactive electronic device. See *id.* § 30107(a)(1).

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Government Entities

- State governments²
- Indian Tribes³
- Units of local government⁴

Recipients with grants ending by September 30, 2026 may apply but are unlikely to be funded if they have enough funds to carry the project through September 30, 2027.

Cost sharing and application limit: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match). You may submit more than one application if each application proposes a different project. Each application should apply to only one category of the NOFO.

Additional Eligibility Factors

Certifications and Assurances: You must submit a certification pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 30107(c). It must be signed by the chief executive officer of a state, Tribal government, or unit of local government. A sample letter is on the [OVW website](#). See [Additional Application Components](#) for how to submit.

Disqualifying Factors: Factors that may result in removal during the review process are described on the [OVW website](#).

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Per 34 U.S.C. § 30107, funds must be used for **one or more of the following purposes**:

1. Training for State, Tribal, or local law enforcement personnel relating to cybercrimes against individuals, including:

² Includes the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(37).

³ Must be federally recognized, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(22).

⁴ Defined as county, city, or township governments, as well as any town, borough, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a state, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(47). Per 28 C.F.R. § 90.2(g), the following are **not** considered units of local government: (1) police departments; (2) pre-trial service agencies; (3) district or city attorneys' offices; (4) sheriffs' departments; (5) probation and parole departments; (6) shelters; (7) nonprofit, nongovernmental victim service agencies; and (8) universities. A law enforcement or prosecution agency interested in funding under this program must have an eligible entity apply as the lead applicant on their behalf.

- A. training such personnel to identify and protect victims of cybercrimes against individuals, provided that the training is developed in collaboration with victim service providers;
 - B. training such personnel to utilize Federal, State, Tribal, local, and other resources to assist victims of cybercrimes against individuals;
 - C. training such personnel to identify and investigate cybercrimes against individuals;
 - D. training such personnel to enforce and utilize the laws that prohibit cybercrimes against individuals;
 - E. training such personnel to utilize technology to assist in the investigation of cybercrimes against individuals and enforcement of laws that prohibit such crimes; and
 - F. the payment of overtime incurred as a result of such training;
2. Training for State, Tribal, or local prosecutors, judges, and judicial personnel relating to cybercrimes against individuals, including:
 - A. training such personnel to identify, investigate, prosecute, or adjudicate cybercrimes against individuals;
 - B. training such personnel to utilize laws that prohibit cybercrimes against individuals;
 - C. training such personnel to utilize Federal, State, Tribal, local, and other resources to assist victims of cybercrimes against individuals; and
 - D. training such personnel to utilize technology to assist in the prosecution or adjudication of acts of cybercrimes against individuals, including the use of technology to protect victims of such crimes;
 3. Training for State, Tribal, or local emergency dispatch personnel relating to cybercrimes against individuals, including:
 - A. training such personnel to identify and protect victims of cybercrimes against individuals;
 - B. training such personnel to utilize Federal, State, Tribal, local, and other resources to assist victims of cybercrimes against individuals;
 - C. training such personnel to utilize technology to assist in the identification of and response to cybercrimes against individuals; and
 - D. the payment of overtime incurred as a result of such training;
 4. Assistance to State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agencies in enforcing laws that prohibit cybercrimes against individuals, including expenses incurred in performing enforcement operations, such as overtime payments;
 5. Assistance to State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agencies in educating the public in order to prevent, deter, and identify violations of laws that prohibit cybercrimes against individuals;

6. Assistance to State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agencies to support the placement of victim assistants to serve as liaisons between victims of cybercrimes against individuals and personnel of law enforcement agencies;
7. Assistance to State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agencies to establish task forces that operate solely to conduct investigations, forensic analyses of evidence, and prosecutions in matters involving cybercrimes against individuals;
8. Assistance to State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in acquiring computers, computer equipment, and other equipment necessary to conduct investigations and forensic analysis of evidence in matters involving cybercrimes against individuals, including expenses incurred in the training, maintenance, or acquisition of technical updates necessary for the use of such equipment for the duration of a reasonable period of use of such equipment;
9. Assistance in the facilitation and promotion of sharing, with State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors, of the expertise and information of Federal law enforcement agencies about the investigation, analysis, and prosecution of matters involving laws that prohibit cybercrimes against individuals, including the use of multijurisdictional task forces; or
10. Assistance to State, Tribal, and local law enforcement and prosecutors in processing interstate extradition requests for violations of laws involving cybercrimes against individuals, including expenses incurred in the extradition of an offender from one State to another.

Expected Outcomes: OVW will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO. See the [VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative](#) for more information.

Unallowable Activities: For information on program-specific unallowable activities and costs to help you develop your application and budget consistent with program requirements, see the [Application Companion Guide](#) and [Budget section](#) of this NOFO.

Agency Funding Priorities

OVW may give priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the following public-safety priorities (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO):

1. Combatting human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration, transnational criminal organizations, and cartel operations, including projects that strengthen law enforcement investigation and prosecution while supporting safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
2. Projects dedicated to criminal justice responses—including investigation, arrest, prosecution, and enforcement of protective orders—particularly in small towns and rural, remote, and Tribal communities.

OVW also may give priority consideration to applications submitted by states or units of local government that certify they comply with federal immigration law, including 8 U.S.C. § 1373, and/or participate in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s [287\(g\) Program](#).

Note: Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that OVW considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

OVW will only consider applications that contain parts marked ***REQUIRED*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions. All supporting documents and resources for this program are on the [OVW website](#).

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424 *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Proposal Abstract	Text Box
Data Requested with Application	Online Form
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-award Risk Assessment 	
Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget/Financial Attachments	Attachment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) 	
Memorandum of Understanding *REQUIRED for purpose #1*	Attachment
Additional Application Components	Attachment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification letter *REQUIRED* • Certification regarding out-of-scope activities • Summary Data Sheet • Confidentiality Notice Form • Certification regarding compliance with federal immigration law (if applicable) 	

Standard Applicant Information ***REQUIRED***

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the [SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov](#) and add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

Proposal Abstract

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract (limited to 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project. See example [here](#). As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names).

Data Requested with Application: Pre-award Risk Assessment

Complete this questionnaire in JustGrants. The questions are available [here](#).

Proposal Narrative ***REQUIRED***

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Use the [Proposal Narrative Template](#) on the OVW website. It must be:

- No longer than 10 pages, single-spaced
- In a font no smaller than 11-point
- On correctly numbered pages with one-inch margins
- In a file format openable in Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader
- In a table format or use headings and subheadings that correspond to the sections listed below
- Written in plain language

If you do not follow this format, OVW may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the three sections listed below. If you want priority consideration, the Proposal Narrative must state which priority(ies) your project will advance and describe how it will do so.

For NOFOs that require a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or letters of support from project partners, they are reviewed in conjunction with the Proposal Narrative.

1. Purpose of the Project (weighted at 30%)

- Say why you are applying for the grant.
- Identify the project's goals/objectives. Summarize why the goals/objectives were selected, e.g., how the project complements other services, improves services, fills gaps, and/or responds to a need.
- Describe the communities that will be served.

2. What Will Be Done (weighted at 35%)

- For each project goal, describe:
 - Activities and who is responsible for them;
 - How the applicant will ensure victim safety and/or offender accountability; and

- Outcomes for knowing the goal was achieved, and how these outcomes will be tracked.
- Describe how services, products, etc. will be accessible to anyone who may need them.

3. Who Will Implement the Project (weighted at 20%)

- Identify the people who will implement the project. Provide for each person their name, agency/organization, position/title, their role and responsibilities on the proposed project, and a description of how they are equipped to fulfill their role/responsibility on the project.
- Describe anticipated coordination and collaboration among project partners and/or others and how working together will advance the project's goals.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget (weighted at 15%) ***REQUIRED***

Use the [Sample Budget Narrative](#) (attach file in JustGrants) to submit the budget. Refer to [Budget Information](#) and the [Creating a Budget](#) webinar for more information:

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category. **Total funding requested for 36 months must be no more than \$750,000 if proposing purpose #1 or #2 and no more than \$500,000 if proposing purpose/s #3-10.**
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities.
- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.⁵
- Fairly and reasonably compensate project partners, unless a reason not to is explained in a memorandum of understanding or letter of support.
- Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities.⁶
- Set aside a minimum of \$5,000 on the Travel line to participate in training and technical assistance.

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs, upload your current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.

⁵ See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on unallowable costs [here](#).

⁶ More information on this is [here](#).

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Supporting Documents

REQUIRED

If proposing purpose #1, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a victim services provider is required. Further, if more than one entity is part of the proposed project, attach an MOU among the applicant and project partners or letter(s) of support. OVW's [website](#) has instructions for MOUs and letters.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- [Certification letter](#), as described in Eligibility. ***REQUIRED***
- [Certification regarding out-of-scope activities](#) letter signed by the Authorized Representative.
 - Note: This certification is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-to-date information about the certification requirement, see the notice on OVW's [funding opportunities page](#).
- [Summary Data Sheet](#), one to four pages.
- [Confidentiality Notice Form](#), signed by the Authorized Representative, acknowledging the confidentiality requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2).
- **Certification regarding compliance with federal immigration law.** State or local government applicants seeking **priority consideration** for certifying compliance with federal immigration law, including 8 U.S.C. § 1373, must submit a letter signed by the Authorized Representative making this certification.

Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the [disclosures](#), [assurances](#), and [certifications](#) in JustGrants.

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit by the deadlines. [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) applies to this funding opportunity. OVW's [How to Apply](#) page has a policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disaster.

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

OVW's [Discretionary Grant Application Review Process](#) page explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, review and selection process, including risk review, and deciding official.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process on OVW’s [website](#).

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the [Application Companion Guide](#) for more information about [standard award terms and conditions](#), administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	Phone: 202-307-6026 Email: OVW.Cybercrimes@usdoj.gov
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: https://sam.gov/content/help Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday – Friday
Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: https://www.grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 866-655-4482 Email: OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday – Friday