

Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2026 Demonstration Program on Trauma-informed, Victim-centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (Abby Honold Program)

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172637

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **July 27, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **July 29, 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 United States 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 **Demonstration Program on Trauma-informed, Victim-centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (Abby Honold Program)**. This program helps law enforcement improve how they respond to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from the time of a victim's initial report throughout the investigation. See [Eligibility](#) and [Program Description](#) for details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.058
Statutory Authority	34 U.S.C § 12513
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2026-172637
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$5,050,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	10
Award Type	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$500,000
Expected Award Period	36 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	June 9, 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 July 27, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	4:59 p.m. ET on July 29, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	By September 30, 2026

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Government entities

- State, territorial, local, and/or Tribal law enforcement agencies¹

Note: Indian Tribal governments,² states,³ and units of local government⁴ may apply on behalf of law enforcement agencies that lack authority to apply on their own.

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 only one application under this NOFO. If you submit multiple versions of the same application, only the most recent system-validated version will be reviewed.

Additional Eligibility Factors

Required partnership: Applicants must partner with a national, regional, or local victim service provider.⁵ Formal partnerships must be documented via a signed [Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Commitment](#), which must be submitted with the application.

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. § 12513, funds must be used for the following purposes:

1. Train covered individuals⁶ within the demonstration site of the eligible entity to use evidence-based, trauma-informed, and victim-centered techniques and knowledge of crime victims' rights throughout an investigation into domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking including by conducting effective victim interviews, learning to handle complex cases, developing multidisciplinary response teams, and correctly classifying reported crimes, among other items enumerated in 34 U.S.C. § 12513(c)(1); and

¹ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(23).

² Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(43).

³ Includes the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(37).

⁴ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(47).

⁵ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(50).

⁶ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12513(a)(2).

2. Promote the efforts of the eligible entity to improve the response of covered individuals to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking through various communication channels, such as the website of the eligible entity, social media, print materials, and community meetings, in order to ensure that all covered individuals within the demonstration site of the eligible entity are aware of those efforts and included in trainings, to the extent practicable.

Evaluation: Selected applicants will be required to participate in an evaluation that may include sharing data with evaluators, dedicating substantial time to data collection, or using pre- and post-training surveys supplied by OVW.

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.

Statutory Funding Priorities

Per 34 U.S.C. 12513(b)(2), OVW must award grants for use in a variety of settings and communities, including urban, suburban, Tribal, remote, and rural areas; college campuses; or traditionally underserved communities.

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
Data Requested with Application Pre-award Risk Assessment	Online Form
Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget/Financial Attachments Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)	Attachment
Memorandum of Understanding or Letters of Commitment *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Additional Application Components - Certification regarding out-of-scope activities - Summary Data Sheet - Confidentiality Notice Form - Certification regarding compliance with federal immigration law (if applicable)	Attachment

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.

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

The Proposal Narrative 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 commitment 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 or improves other services/training, fills service gaps, and/or responds to a need.
- Describe the communities that will be served.

2. What Will Be Done⁷ (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 who the OVW TTA providers will train to become trainers and then describe who will ultimately receive the training. Include an approximate number of people who will be trained to become trainers and the approximate number of people who will receive the training.

⁷ Note: Recipients will be trained directly by OVW training and technical assistance (TTA) providers using a train-the-trainer approach. Because of this, applicants should not propose new curriculum development or name specific training or training providers. Recipients will work with OVW and TTA providers to customize the training to the community being served.

- Describe how training and products 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, including a project coordinator who will coordinate with TTA providers and evaluators for the evaluation. 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 ***REQUIRED*** (weighted at 15%)

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 \$500,000.**
- 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.⁸
- Fairly and reasonably compensate project partners, unless a reason not to is explained in a memorandum of understanding or letter of commitment.
- Include funds to support a project coordinator who will coordinate with the national TTA providers, evaluators, and OVW. Project coordinators will be expected to work on all aspects of the project and meet bi-monthly with other grantees for OVW-facilitated cohort meetings.
- Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities.⁹
- Set aside a minimum of \$15,000 on the Travel line to participate in training and technical assistance.

⁸ See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on unallowable costs [here](#).

⁹ More information on this is [here](#).

Budget/Financial Attachments

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

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Letters of Commitment (LOC)

REQUIRED

If more than one entity is part of the proposed project, attach a memorandum of understanding (MOU) among the applicant and project partners or letter(s) of **commitment**. OVW's [website](#) has instructions for MOUs and letters.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- [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.AbbbyHonold@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