

Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2026 Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172663

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **September 14, 2026 by 11:59 PM ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **September 16, 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 **Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life Program)**. This program assists states, Tribal governments and organizations, local governments, and nonprofit entities in supporting a comprehensive approach to addressing abuse in later life, including domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, abandonment, economic abuse, or willful harm committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older (older victims). See [Eligibility](#) and [Program Description](#) for details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.528
Statutory Authority	34 U.S.C. § 12421
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2026-172663
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$8,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	12
Award Type	Grant
Anticipated Award Amounts	\$450,000 - \$750,000
Expected Award Period	36 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	July 27, 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 14, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	4:59 p.m. ET on September 16, 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 governments¹
- Tribal governments² or Tribal organizations³
- Units of local government⁴

Nonprofit Entities (with 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service)

- Victim service providers⁵
- Tribal nonprofit organizations⁶
- Population specific organizations⁷
- State, Tribal, or territorial coalitions⁸

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.

Faith-based organizations that meet the eligibility requirements for this program are eligible to apply (more information is in the [Application Companion Guide](#)).

Cost sharing and application limit: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match). You may submit more than one application under this NOFO if each application proposes a different project in a different service area. If you submit multiple versions of the same application, only the most recent system-validated version will be reviewed.

Additional Eligibility Factors

501(c)(3) status: Any nonprofit organization applying for this program must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and must maintain that status during the award period.⁹

¹ Including territories, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(37).

² Must be federally recognized, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(43).

³ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(45).

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).

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

⁶ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(44).

⁷ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(26).

⁸ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(38), (39), and (42).

⁹ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(i).

Required partnership: Per 34 U.S.C. § 12421(2)(B), each applicant must demonstrate that it is part of a multidisciplinary partnership. This partnership must include:

- At least one law enforcement agency;
- At least one prosecutor's office;
- At least one victim service provider (as defined above); and
- At least one nonprofit program or government agency with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals 50 years of age or over.

The required partnerships must be detailed in a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU), signed by the Authorized Representative of each of the four required MOU partners. Applications without the required partnerships will not be considered for funding. Tribal governments may submit letters of commitment instead of an MOU.

Disqualifying factors: Factors that may result in removal during the review process are described on the [OVW website](#). In addition, any nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code is ineligible.¹⁰

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Per 34 U.S.C. § 12421(1)(A), funds **must** be used for **all the following purposes**:

1. Provide training programs to assist law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, agencies of States or units of local government, population specific organizations, victim service providers, victim advocates, or relevant officers in Federal, Tribal, State, territorial, and local courts in recognizing and addressing instances of abuse in later life;
2. Provide or enhance services for victims of abuse in later life;
3. Establish or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to victims of abuse in later life; and
4. Conduct cross-training for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, agencies of States or units of local government, attorneys, health care providers, population specific organizations, faith-based leaders, victim advocates, victim service providers, courts, and first responders to better serve older victims.

Per 34 U.S.C. § 12421(1)(C), applicants may request that OVW waive one or more of the mandatory purposes on the basis that it would duplicate services already available in the community. OVW will decide whether to grant the waiver during review of the application. If OVW denies the waiver, the applicant must then submit a revised budget and proposal narrative.

¹⁰ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(ii).

Program requirements: OVW has created required training and curricula for carrying out the mandatory purposes of this program. There are specific requirements for both new and continuation grantees. Go [here](#) for more information.

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 direct victim services and/or criminal justice responses—including investigation, arrest, prosecution, and enforcement of protective orders—particularly in small towns and rural, remote, and Tribal communities.

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 Pre-award Risk Assessment	Online Form
Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget/Financial Attachments - Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) - Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable) - Executive Compensation Disclosure (if applicable)	Attachment
Memorandum of Understanding *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Additional Application Components - Waiver request letter (if applicable) - Certification regarding out-of-scope activities - Summary Data Sheet - Confidentiality Notice Form - Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification (if applicable) - Proof of 501(c)(3) status (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.

Proposal Abstract

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract (limited to 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project. 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

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 service 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 ***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. Funding levels under this program are:**

Service area population	Funding level
Up to 400,000	\$450,000
400,001 – 700,000	\$600,000
Above 700,001 and statewide regardless of population	\$750,000

- 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.¹¹
- Fairly and reasonably compensate project partners, unless a reason not to is explained in a memorandum of understanding or letter of support.
- New applicants must dedicate a minimum of 40% of total award to direct services; continuation applicants must dedicate a minimum of 50% to direct services.
- Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities.¹²
- Set aside funding to send staff and partners to required program trainings, as well as additional trainings relevant to the program. See the Sample Budget Narrative for an estimated amount to allocate under the Travel line for participation 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.
- [Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire](#) (if applicable): Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that have not previously (or within the last three years) received funding from OVW must complete and upload this form.

¹¹ See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on unallowable costs [here](#).

¹² More information on this is [here](#).

- [Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation](#) (nonprofits only): Nonprofit organizations that use the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Safe Harbor Procedure must submit a special disclosure to OVW.¹³

Memorandum of Understanding and Supporting Documents

REQUIRED

As described in [Eligibility](#), attach a memorandum of understanding (MOU) among the applicant and project partners. Tribal governments may submit letters of commitment instead. OVW's [website](#) has instructions for MOUs and letters.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- **Waiver request (if applicable)**, letter requesting to waive one or more of the mandatory purposes, as described in [Program Description](#).
- [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).
- [Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification](#), signed by the Authorized Representative, if the application proposes to provide legal assistance to victims.
- **501(c)(3) status determination letter** from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing the applicant's tax-exempt status, as described in [Eligibility](#). OVW cannot make an award to a nonprofit organization without this letter.

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.

¹³ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(iii). More information is [here](#).

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.Elder@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