

Peer reviewers will be reviewing the applications submitted under this solicitation that meet eligibility and basic minimum requirements. Each relevant DOJ component may use either internal peer reviewers, external peer reviewers, or a combination to review the applications under this solicitation. An external peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given grant program who is *not* a current federal employee. An internal reviewer is a current federal employee who is well-versed or has expertise in the subject matter of the particular grant program. Applications that meet eligibility and basic minimum requirements will be evaluated, scored, and rated by peer reviewers. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only, although their views are considered carefully.

Prior to award, applications for potential awards will receive a financial integrity review to evaluate the fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants and to examine proposed costs and the extent to which the Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative accurately supports and explains project costs. This review also will assess whether costs are reasonable, necessary, and allocable under applicable federal cost principles and agency regulations. This financial review will be either conducted by DOJ officials in consultation with the applicable DOJ component or directly conducted by the DOJ component staff. DOJ will also take into consideration the total amount of funding requested and the capacity of the tribe to manage the funds.

In addition, prior to making an award greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (currently set at \$150,000), any information about applicants that is in the designated integrity and performance system accessible through the System for Award Management (SAM) will be reviewed and considered. An applicant may review and comment on any information about the applicant in SAM that a federal awarding agency previously entered in the designated integrity and performance system, and such applicant comments will also be reviewed and considered.

Past performance with DOJ grant funding will be considered in this review process. Past performance review may include a reduction in score for prior poor performance. Factors that may be included in the past performance review are whether progress reports demonstrate effectiveness of the project, whether past activities of the applicant have been limited to program purpose areas, the extent to which the applicant has adhered to all special conditions in the prior awards, the extent to which the applicant has complied with programmatic and financial reporting requirements, the extent to which the applicant has completed closeout of prior awards in a timely manner, whether the applicant has received financial clearances in a timely manner, whether the applicant has resolved any issues identified in an audit or on site monitoring visit in a timely manner, whether the applicant has adhered to single audit requirements, and the extent to which the applicant has spent prior grant funds in a timely manner.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the head of the DOJ awarding agency component (i.e., by the head of the OJP, OVW, or COPS Office, as applicable), who may also give consideration to factors including awardees that have completed a strategic plan under a purpose area #2 award, prior funding history, current award balances, underserved populations, population served, geographic diversity, strategic priorities, past programmatic performance, **significant concerns of DOJ components regarding ability of the applicant to administer Federal funds**, and available funding when making awards.

— Other attachments as necessary (letters of support, resumes, job descriptions for unfilled positions, Memoranda of Understanding, letter of nonsupplanting (for purpose area #5 applicants), Confidentiality Notice form (for purpose area #5 applicants), documentation of collaboration (for purpose area #5 applicants))

See section F (Listing of Purpose Areas) on page 19 for specific application requirements by purpose area.

Format for timeline

— See timeline template at <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>.

Note that the following supporting documents are available at <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>:

- Sample timeline template
- Sample Application Overview
- Table of statutory authority
- Information about the US Department of Justice and the program offices offering funding through this solicitation
- Allowable and unallowable cost lists for COPS Office purpose area #1
- Acronyms and abbreviations
- FAQs