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BJA FY 2026 Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2026-172661

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1. Complete SF-424 and submit in Grants.gov: **October 15, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**
2. Submit full application in JustGrants: **October 22, 2026, by 8:59 PM ET**

Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is committed to advancing work that furthers the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) mission to keep our country safe and secure and uphold the rule of law and protect the rights of American citizens. OJP provides federal leadership, funding, and other critical resources to directly support law enforcement, combat violent crime, protect American children, provide services to American crime victims, and address public safety challenges, including human trafficking and the opioid crisis.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **BJA FY 2026 Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Program**. This opportunity supports states and units of local government, including tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions, in creating and expanding efforts to protect the safety and security of federal judges by preventing the release of covered information about at-risk individuals and their immediate family members to ensure federal judges are able to administer justice fairly without fear of personal reprisal from individuals affected by the decisions they make in the course of carrying out their public duties.

Many federal judges' personal information resides in state and local government records, databases, and registries that are publicly accessible and searchable and outside federal control. Grants to state and local entities support federal-state-local partnerships to protect federal judicial officers and their families.

Funds awarded under this grant program must be used exclusively for protecting federal judges and their immediate family members as defined in statute. Applicants that have existing judicial protection programs should clearly delineate how grant funds will be used solely for federal judges and describe cost allocation methodologies to ensure appropriate separation of expenses. Expenses that also benefit other judges are acceptable, provided that any costs specific to state, local, or tribal judges are separately tracked and are not charged to this grant.

This NOFO provides two categories of funding:

- **Category 1: Program Implementation**

Category 1 will support applicants establishing new programs to protect the safety and security of federal judges by preventing the release of covered information about at-risk individuals and their immediate family members.

- **Category 2: Program Enhancement**

Category 2 will support applicants with existing programs seeking to expand or enhance capabilities to protect the safety and security of federal judges by preventing the release of covered information about at-risk individuals and their immediate family members.

Within each category, applicants can tailor their requests to the scope and scale of their proposed activities, which may mean requesting less than the maximum amount of that category.

Allowable Uses of Funds
(a) Creation of Redaction/Removal Programs: Developing new programs to redact or remove judges' covered information, upon the request of an at-risk individual, from public records in state agencies. This specifically includes hiring third-party vendors or contractors to redact or remove judges' covered information from public records.

(b) Expansion of Existing Protection Programs: Expanding existing programs that the state or local jurisdiction may have already enacted in an effort to protect judges' covered information.

(c) Development or Improvement of Protocols and Policies: Creating new or improving existing protocols, procedures, and policies to prevent the unauthorized release of judges' covered information.

(d) Database and Registry Modification: Defraying the costs of modifying or improving existing databases and registries to ensure that judges' covered information is protected from release. This may include technical upgrades, software modifications, and system reconfigurations.

(e) Confidential Opt-Out Systems: Developing confidential opt-out systems that will enable at-risk individuals to make a single request to keep judges' covered information out of multiple databases or registries simultaneously.

Statutory Prohibitions on Data Brokers and Public Posting
Section 5934(d) of the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2022 establishes prohibitions related to judges' covered information:

- **Data Broker Prohibition**: It is unlawful for a data broker to knowingly sell, license, trade for consideration, transfer, or purchase covered information of an at-risk individual or immediate family members. The statute defines a “data broker” as a commercial entity that collects and sells to third parties the personal information of a consumer with whom the business does not have a direct relationship.
- **Public Posting Prohibition**: No person, business, or association may publicly post or publicly display on the internet covered information of an at-risk individual or immediate family member if the at-risk individual has made a written request for such information not to be disclosed.

Implications for Grant Activities:
- Grant funds may be used to hire legitimate third-party services to redact or remove judges' covered information from public records, as specifically authorized in Section 5934(c)(2)(A).
- Grant funds may not be used to purchase covered information from data brokers.

- Grant recipients must ensure that any contractors or subrecipients comply with these prohibitions. Activities may include developing enforcement mechanisms or compliance monitoring systems related to these prohibitions within the recipient's jurisdiction.

Request-Based Protection Process
Programs funded under this grant must operate on a request basis, consistent with the statutory language in Section 5934(c)(2)(A), which authorizes "the creation of programs to redact or remove judges' covered information, upon the request of an at-risk individual."

- Participation by federal judges and their families is voluntary; they must affirmatively request protection.
- At-risk individuals (federal judges and their immediate family members) must have the ability to request protection of their covered information.
- Programs should develop a standardized form to ensure consistency in the information protected from disclosure. This form should be readily accessible to as-risk individuals and support request for redation, removal, and the continued monitoring of their convered information.
- Programs should include outreach and notification procedures to inform eligible at-risk individuals of available protections.
- Confidentiality of requests must be maintained to avoid inadvertently identifying at-risk individuals.

Applicants should describe in their proposals:

- How at-risk individuals will be informed about the program.
- The process for submitting and verifying requests and for coordination with federal judicial security stakeholders to facilitate the request process.
- Timeframes for responding to requests.
- How the confidentiality of requestors will be protected.

See the Eligible Applicants section for eligibility details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.074
Statutory Authority	Pub. L. No. 117-263, Title LIX, Sec. 5934
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-BJA-2026-172661
Competition ID Number	C-BJA-2026-00003-PROD, Category 1: Program Implementation

	C-BJA-2026-00004-PROD, Category 2: Program Enhancement
Expected Total Amount of Funding	Up to $6,526,269
Anticipated Number of Awards	Category 1: 15 Category 2: 7
Award Type(s)	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Category 1: Up to $200,000 Category 2: Up to $500,000
Expected Award Period(s)	36 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	July 23, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Begin the process by August 4, 2026, and no later than August 20, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on October 15, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	8:59 p.m. ET on October 22, 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 governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)

Other

- Other state or units of local government
- Agencies of any of the above government entities

"Other" Entities Definition:

- **Other Units of Local Government:** For the purposes of this NOFO, other units of local government include towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state.
- **Agencies of any of the above government entities**: For the purposes of this NOFO, agencies of any of the above government entities includes agencies of state or local governments operating relevant databases/registries.

Mandatory Eligibility Requirement: In addition to being one of the entity types listed above, applicants must operate a state or local database or registry that contains covered information as defined by the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2022. This is a statutory requirement under Section 5934(c)(1)(A)(ii).

Cost Sharing (Match) Requirement: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match).

Limit on Number of Applications: You may submit only one application to only one category of the NOFO. If you submit multiple applications, only the most recent system-validated version will be reviewed.

Applications under which two or more entities (project partners) would carry out the project will be considered. However, only one entity may be the applicant; any others must be proposed as subrecipients. See the Application Resource Guide for additional information on subawards.

An entity may be proposed as a subrecipient in more than one application.

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 117-263, Title LIX, Sec. 5934

For the purposes of this NOFO, the terms "at-risk" and "covered information" as defined in statute mean the following:

(1) At-risk individual

A. A federal judge;
B. senior, recalled, or retired federal judge;
C. any individual who is the spouse, parent, sibling, or child of an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B);
D. any individual to whom an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B) stands in loco parentis, or;

E. any individual living in the household of an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(2) Covered Information

A. A home address, including primary residence or secondary residences;
B. a home or personal mobile telephone number;
C. personal email address;
D. a social security number or driver's license number;
E. a bank account or credit or debit card information;
F. a license plate number or other unique identifiers of a vehicle owned, leased, or regularly used by an at-risk individual;
G. the identification of children of an at-risk individual under the age of 18;
H. the full date of birth;
I. information regarding current or future school or day care attendance, including the name or address of the school or day care, schedules of attendance, or routes taken to or from the school or day care by an at-risk individual; or;
J. information regarding the employment location of an at-risk individual, including the name or address of the employer, employment schedules, or routes taken to or from the employer by an at-risk individual.

Agency Funding Priorities

To help meet its mission, OJP may give priority consideration to applications proposing (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO) projects designed to advance the goals listed below:

(a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);
(b) Combatting violent crime;
(c) Supporting services to American citizens;
(d) Protecting American children; and
(e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

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

Unallowable Activities: The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.

2. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.
3. As specified in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, in Chapter 3.13 "Unallowable Costs" ("Legal Services for Aliens"), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply: (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Goals and Objectives of This Funding Opportunity

Goal 1: Protect Federal judges and their immediate family members from privacy violations and security threats.

- **Objective 1:** Develop and improve protocols, procedures, and policies that prevent the unauthorized release of covered information for federal judges and their immediate family members.
- **Objective 2:** Create or expand existing programs to redact or remove judges' covered information, upon the request of an at-risk individual, from public records in state agencies and prevent future unauthorized disclosure of covered information for federal judges and their immediate family members.
- **Objective 3:** Modify or improve existing databases and registries to ensure that judges' covered information is protected from release.
- **Objective 4:** Develop and operationalize confidential opt-out systems across multiple databases and enabling at-risk individuals to protect their covered information through a single request.
- **Objective 5:** Establish information-sharing agreements between funded state/local jurisdictions and federal judicial security stakeholders to coordinate protection protocols and safeguard covered information across jurisdictional boundaries.

For a description of how awards under this NOFO will contribute to achieving these goals and objectives, see the Performance Reports section below.

Expected Outcomes

OJP expects recipients to submit deliverables and performance reports, as described below. Read the Application Resource Guide for more information. OJP 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.

Deliverables

Recipients will be expected to submit the following:

Mandatory Annual Reporting Requirements

To comply with Section 5934(c)(3)(B) of the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2022 which requires that States and local governments receiving funds under this program submit an annual report to the Comptroller General of the United States, the following detailed expenditure information will be collected and reported by BJA:

A detailed accounting of amounts spent by your State or unit of local government on protecting judges' covered information under this grant. This should include:

- Where the judges' covered information was found.
- The collection of any new types of personal data found to be used to identify judges who have received threats, including prior home addresses, employers, and institutional affiliations such as nonprofit boards.
- Any other novel data types discovered that could be used to locate or identify at-risk individuals.

Recipients should maintain detailed records throughout the grant period to facilitate this reporting requirement. Additional guidance on reporting format and submission procedures will be provided to award recipients.

Performance Reports

OJP requires recipients to submit regular performance reports that communicate progress toward achieving Program Goals and Objectives. Read information on performance reporting.

The award recipients will receive further guidance on post award reporting requirements.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

OJP will only consider applications that contain all required parts, which are marked ***Required*** below. Refer to the DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist for application instructions.

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 • Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status) • Agency Funding Priorities Inventory	Online Form
Proposal Narrative ***Required***	Attachment
Budget ***Required***	Online Form
Other Budget/Financial Attachments • Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) • Consultant Rate (if applicable) • Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over $250,000; Waiver (if applicable)	Attachment
Memorandum of Understanding ***Required***	Attachment
Additional Application Components • Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)	Attachment

In addition to the items marked ***Required*** in the table above, the following are considered basic minimum requirement elements that are considered in the responsiveness review:

- The application is submitted by an eligible applicant.
- The requested award amount does not exceed the award ceiling.
- The application is responsive to the scope of the NOFO.

Standard Applicant Information *Required*

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov. 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). The abstract should include the following information:

- The name of the applicant's proposed project.
- The purpose of the proposed project (i.e., what the project will do and why it is necessary).
- Where the project will take place (i.e., the service area, if applicable).
- Who will be served by the project (i.e., who will be helped or have their needs addressed by the project).
- What activities will be carried out to complete the project.
- The subrecipient(s)/partner organizations or entities, if known.
- Deliverables and expected outcomes (i.e., what the project will achieve).

View an example of a proposal abstract.

Data Requested With Application

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)

Review information on this questionnaire.

Agency Funding Priorities Inventory

Applicants seeking priority consideration under the Agency Funding Priorities section should answer the inventory questions in their entirety in the web-based form in JustGrants.

Proposal Narrative *Required*

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Submit the narrative as an attachment in JustGrants. The document should:

- Be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point size font
- Have no less than 1-inch margins
- Have numbered pages
- Not exceed 15 pages
- Tables, charts, and graphs included in the Program Narrative can be created in a legible font smaller than 12-point and will be included in the 15-page limit.

If the Proposal Narrative does not follow this format, OJP may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the four 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.

1. Description of the Need (5% of application score): What critical issue or problem do you propose to address with this project? Please include:

- A brief explanation of the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.
- Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community.
- How the need relates to the purpose of the NOFO.

2. Project Goals and Objectives (15% of application score): How will the proposed project address the need identified and address the purpose of the NOFO? Please include:

- Project goals (goals are broad, visionary statements on what you hope to accomplish).
- Project objectives (objectives are specific outcomes you plan to achieve through project activities).
- How your project goals and objectives relate to the goals and objectives of the funding opportunity.

3. Project Design and Implementation (40% of application score): How will you implement project activities that meet the project goals and objectives? Please include:

- What activities you will conduct to achieve the proposed goals and objectives.
- How at-risk individuals will be informed about the program.
- The process for submitting and verifying requests and for coordination with federal judicial security stakeholders to facilitate the request process and timeframes for responding to requests.
- How the confidentiality of requestors will be protected.
- How you will deliver or complete those activities.
- When the activities will take place.
- Who in your organization will staff the activities, including key staff.
- Who will participate in and benefit from the activity.
- What interagency cooperation currently exists or will be established to ensure that county and municipal systems (e.g., voter registration, Department of Motor Vehicles, property records, court records) integrate with the federal solution.

- Which specific agencies are engaged or proposed for engagement and what roles they will play.
- What formal agreements are in place or planned to facilitate coordination with agencies.
- How you will establish new partnerships with agencies critical to the project.
- How you will balance privacy protection with public interest in information access.
- What steps you will take to centralize and streamline data coordination.
- How you will implement protocol, policies, and procedures to ensure that covered information for at-risk individuals does not appear in government databases after initial deletion. This should address the following:
    - Procedures for managing routine databased updates
    - Safeguards during system migrations and upgrades
    - Controls governing interagency data sharing
    - Measures to prevent human error and address process gaps.
- What steps you will take to protect covered information from third-party commercial data aggregators that scrape, purchase, and resell judicial information.
- What deliverables, reports, and other items will be produced as part of the project.
- If you plan to use subrecipients to help conduct the project, please name them (if they are known) or describe how you will identify them. Please describe their role in conducting project activities.

4. Capabilities and Competencies (25% of application score): What administrative and technical capacity and expertise do you bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:

- A short description of your capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the post-award requirements, if funded.
- A description of projects or activities your organization has conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrates your ability to undertake the proposed project activities.
- A summary of relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project.

Project Evaluations: An applicant that proposes to use award funds to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance on project evaluations.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget (15% of application score) *Required*

Use the Budget Detail Worksheet (Web-Based Form) to submit the budget. Read information on budget preparation and JustGrants Application Submission Training.

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category.
- 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.[1]

The following information specific to this funding opportunity will help you develop your project budget:

- Grant funds **must** be used to support costs specific to protecting Federal judges and their immediate family.
- Grant funds may be used to support third-party services for redaction and database modification are allowable, but recipients cannot use grant funds to purchase services from data brokers as defined and prohibited in §5934.

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs calculated using a current, federally approved indirect cost rate, upload your indirect cost rate agreement. Read information about indirect costs.
- **Consultant Rate (if applicable):** Read information on limits to consultant rates and whether you need to request approval to exceed those limits.
- **Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over $250,000; Waiver (if applicable):** Read information on this limitation and to determine whether you need to submit a waiver.
- **Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation:** Applicants to this funding opportunity are not required to provide this disclosure.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Supporting Documents

Attach a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or letter of intent between the applicant and each of the project partner(s). Read information on what to include in an MOU/letter of intent.

Applicants should demonstrate how they already coordinate with, or intend to coordinate with, government agencies that manage systems with covered information.

[1] See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Read information on unallowable costs that apply to all funding opportunities.

They should also explain how these partnerships will continue throughout the grant period and how working with these agencies will support enhanced interagency coordination, oversight, and compliance under the funding opportunity.

MOUs must be submitted as one separate attachment to the application. Unsigned draft MOUs may be submitted with the application, but you should describe in a cover page to the attachment why they are unsigned.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- **Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable):** Read information on whether you may need to submit a Tribal Authorizing Resolution.
- https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide

Disclosures and Assurances

Read the disclosures and assurances and complete them in JustGrants:

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (if applicable)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
- DOJ Certifications
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable)

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist provides instructions for how to submit your application by the deadlines. Executive Order (E.O.) 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) does not apply to this funding opportunity: read the Application Resource Guide for details. Read OJP's policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disasters.

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

The Application Resource Guide explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, and review and selection process, including risk review, and deciding official. Refer to the Application Contents List for all required application components and other basic minimum requirement elements that are considered in the responsiveness review. The Proposal Narrative and Budget sections of this NOFO indicates the weight of peer review criteria.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process.

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the Application Resource Guide for more information about: standard award terms and conditions, administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	Name: OJP Response Center Phone: 800-851-3420 or 202-353-5556 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only) Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: sam.gov/help Hours: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday (closed federal holidays)
Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 833-872-5175 Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov Hours: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.