

# BJA FY 2026 Intellectual Property Enforcement Program: Protecting Public Health, Safety, and the Economy from Counterfeit Goods and Product Piracy

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Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2026-172679

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## Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1. Complete SF-424 and submit in Grants.gov: **September 23, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**
  2. Submit full application in JustGrants: **September 30, 2026, by 8:59 PM ET**
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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 FY2026 Intellectual Property Enforcement Program: Protecting Public Health, Safety, and the Economy from Counterfeit Goods and Product Piracy**. This opportunity will support existing or the creation of new law enforcement agency intellectual property (IP) enforcement task forces. This program assists state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions in preventing and reducing intellectual property theft and related crime as well as supporting law enforcement in investigating and prosecuting IP crimes and reducing violent crime associated with IP cases and investigations. These matters typically involve copyrights, patents, trademarks, other forms of IP, and trade secrets, both in the United States and abroad, including tariff evasion linked to counterfeit goods trafficking.

See the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for eligibility details.

## Funding Details

|                                         |                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Announcement Type</b>                | Initial                                                                                       |
| <b>Assistance Listing Number</b>        | 16.752                                                                                        |
| <b>Statutory Authority</b>              | Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 31, para. 4) |
| <b>Grants.gov Opportunity Number</b>    | O-BJA-2026-172679                                                                             |
| <b>Expected Total Amount of Funding</b> | \$2,150,000                                                                                   |
| <b>Anticipated Number of Awards</b>     | 6                                                                                             |
| <b>Award Type(s)</b>                    | Grant                                                                                         |
| <b>Anticipated Award Amount</b>         | Up to \$375,000                                                                               |
| <b>Expected Award Period(s)</b>         | 24 months starting on October 1, 2026                                                         |

## Key Dates and Times

|                                      |                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NOFO Release Date</b>             | August 13, 2026                                                           |
| <b>SAM.gov Registration/Renewal</b>  | Begin the process by August 24, 2026, and no later than September 9, 2026 |
| <b>Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline</b>   | 11:59 p.m. ET on September 23, 2026                                       |
| <b>Step 2: JustGrants Deadline</b>   | 8:59 p.m. ET on September 30, 2026                                        |
| <b>Anticipated Notification Date</b> | 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

- o State governments
- o County governments
- o City or township governments
- o Special district governments
- o Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- o Native American Tribal governments (other than federally recognized)

#### Other

- o Units of local government

#### “Other” Entities Definition:

- For this NOFO “other” is defined as other units of local government, such as towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a State.

Eligible applicants include law enforcement agencies and prosecutors. For the purpose of this NOFO, the following definitions shall apply:

- **“Law enforcement”** shall include state, local, tribal, municipal, or campus law enforcement agencies, to include prosecutors in these jurisdictions.
- **“State”** means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

**Limit on Number of Applications:** 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. Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on subawards.

## Additional Eligibility Factors

**Required Partnership:** Engage with federal agencies as part of the task force or information-sharing practice, where appropriate, including local offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigation (ICE HSI), the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), and the United States Attorney's Office (USAO).

## 3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 31, para. 4)

### 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.

In addition to the Agency priorities listed above, priority consideration will be given under this NOFO for state/local law enforcement efforts that are coordinated with federal law enforcement efforts through: (i) established and full participation in, or (ii) commitment to enter into and fully participate in a 287(g) partnership and/or a Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF). To request priority consideration, applicants must provide a letter of support from DOJ through the U.S. Attorney's Office's Lead HSTF Attorney (for the applicable HSTF), certifying the applicant is currently or intends to participate in HSTF activities or major DOJ operations; with respect to a 287(g) partnership, the applicant must provide

documentary evidence that it is already an established 287(g) partner, or else, evidence of a bona fide commitment to engage in such a partnership.

**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:** Build and strengthen institutional capacity for intellectual property enforcement at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels through task force development and public awareness efforts.

- **Objective 1.1:** Establish new and enhance existing IP enforcement task forces at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels, including the integration of campus law enforcement agencies to expand investigative reach and expertise.

**Goal 2:** Enhance multi-jurisdictional coordination and collaboration of intellectual property enforcement efforts among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement authorities to effectively combat IP crimes.

- **Objective 2.1:** Facilitate regular collaboration among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial IP task force members and federal agencies to update, discuss, and coordinate IP investigations, prosecutions, training initiatives.
- **Objective 2.2:** Improve systematic information sharing on strategies and best practices for targeting, investigating, analyzing, and prosecuting IP crimes as they relate to violations of state and local criminal statutes and federal prosecutions.

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 NOFO-specific 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 need to submit any deliverables other than the standard items in the [Post-Award Requirements and Administration](#) section.

Recipients will be expected to submit the following:

- Provide BJA with an annual overview of IP cases and investigations highlighting successes and ones that showed promise but did not result in any arrests.

### Performance Reports

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

A list of performance measure questions for this funding opportunity can be found at [Intellectual Property Enforcement Program \(IPEP\) Performance Measures](#).

## 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 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Step 1: Grants.gov</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |
| <a href="#">Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424</a> <b>*Required*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Online Form     |
| <b>Step 2: JustGrants</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |
| <a href="#">Standard Applicant Information</a> <b>*Required*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Online Form     |
| <a href="#">Proposal Abstract</a> <b>*Required*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Text Box        |
| <a href="#">Data Requested With Application</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)</li> <li>Agency Funding Priorities Inventory</li> </ul>                                           | Online Form     |
| <a href="#">Proposal Narrative</a> <b>*Required*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Attachment      |
| <a href="#">Budget</a> <b>*Required*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Online Form     |
| <a href="#">Other Budget/Financial Attachments</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)</li> <li>Consultant Rate (if applicable)</li> <li>Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable)</li> </ul> | Attachment      |
| <a href="#">Memorandum of Understanding</a> <b>*Required*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 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 **\*Required\***

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 10 pages
- A cover page and appendix can be included, but will not count toward the page limit
- Any tables, charts, or graphs included in the narrative will be counted toward the 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 five 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 (10% 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 (30% 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 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 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 (30% 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.

**5. Sustainability plan (10%):** How will this IP task force/project will sustain the work of beyond the conclusion of the federal award.

- A description on how this IP task force/project will continue the work being funded to investigate and prosecute IP crimes.
- A summary of how open cases will be handled when federal funding comes to an end and what will happen to staff currently funded.

**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) or Separate Attachment (attach file in JustGrants) 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

- Vehicles of any type are not allowed under this NOFO, this includes purchase, rental, or lease.
- Foreign travel is not allowed under this NOFO.
- Storage rental for confiscated evidence is an allowable expense, but no funds can be used for construction of a storage facility.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

## 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.

Applicants to this funding opportunity are not required to provide this disclosure.

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Supporting Documents

### \*Required\*

Attach a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the applicant and each of the project partner(s). Read information on what to include in an [MOU](#).

MOUs should 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](#).
- **Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable):** Read information whether you may need to submit this [statement](#).

## 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 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?

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