

DOJ FY 2026 Assisting Neighborhoods and Governments with Enforcement of Laws (ANGEL) Grant Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2026-172778

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **October 20, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **October 27, 2026, by 8:59 p.m. 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.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **Department of Justice's (DOJ) FY 2026 Assisting Neighborhoods and Governments with Enforcement of Laws (ANGEL) Grant Program**.

This program, authorized under the Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (BIDEN) Reimbursement Fund established by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Public Law 119-21, Title X, Subtitle A, Part II (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 61101), provides funding for grants to eligible States, State agencies, and units of local government and tribal governments, pursuant to their existing statutory authorities to support the seven statutory purposes outlined in 34 U.S.C. § 61101.

This initiative seeks to protect American citizens from being victimized, harmed, or killed by criminal illegal aliens, and ensure that no additional families endure the trauma and life altering devastation experienced by our Angel Families. This funding opportunity will support state, local, and tribal government's activities to identify, disrupt, and prevent violent crime committed by criminal illegal aliens and enhance public safety through coordinated, intelligence-led law enforcement operations.

Awards from this program should be used to support significant participation in and support of Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) activities and other DOJ efforts to combat gangs, cartels, and other violent crime.

Within the context described above, examples of permissible activities include but are not limited to the following:

- **Sworn and Non-Sworn Law Enforcement Personnel**—Funding can be used to hire or rehire full-time sworn career law enforcement officers/deputies and civilian/non-sworn personnel as outlined below:
 - Hire new full-time officers/deputies and full-time civilian/non-sworn personnel, including by filling existing officer/deputy vacancies that are no longer funded in your agency's budget.
 - Rehire full-time officers/deputies and full-time civilian/non-sworn personnel who have been laid off by any jurisdiction as a result of state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget reductions.
 - Rehire full-time officers/deputies and full-time civilian/non-sworn personnel who are (at the time of application) currently scheduled to be laid off by your jurisdiction on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or BIA budget reductions.

- **Non-Law Enforcement Personnel**—Funding can be used for the hiring, retention, and training of critical personnel for the purposes cited above. Examples of personnel could include but need not be limited to the following: forensic, investigative, analytical; prosecution and legal support. Funding may not be used for co-responders, interpreters, or translators.

Funding will support salaries for up to three years of eligible positions to be expended within a five-year period of performance to accommodate time needed for recruitment and hiring.

- **Technology and Equipment**—Funding can be used to purchase and support multi-year implementation, ongoing subscriptions, training, and maintenance of equipment and advanced technology to address critical resource gaps and enhance capacity to support criminal justice operations related to the purposes cited above. Examples of technology and equipment could include but need not be limited to the following
 - Surveillance, Intelligence, and Investigative Technology
 - Forensic and Analytical Equipment
 - Officer Safety and Tactical Equipment

Note: If you apply for and receive funding for Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), body-worn cameras, body armor, and/or NIBIN machines, you will be required to submit equipment-specific certifications and other documentation as a condition of your award.

Note: The award structure and distribution details will be finalized following review of applications and assessment of anticipated needs giving rise to the application for the purposes of this NOFO (as defined above). The Department anticipates making awards with award sizes adjusted to jurisdictional need, population served, operational scope, and enforcement workload.

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

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.076
Statutory Authority	Pub. L. No. 119-21, Sec. 100055 (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 61101)
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-BJA-2026-172778
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$25,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	50
Award Type(s)	Grant

Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$500,000
Expected Award Period(s)	36–60 months starting on December 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	September 24, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Begin the process immediately and no later than October 6, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on October 20, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	8:59 p.m. ET on October 27, 2026

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants for this funding opportunity are limited to government entities described below that have direct responsibility for carrying out criminal justice functions, including the investigation, prosecution, detention and associated support activities (see [Purpose of the Funding](#) above).

Applicants must also have established and fully participate in a 287(g) partnership, or commit to entering into and fully participating in one. In addition, applicants must be fully participating in either HSTF operations or other major DOJ enforcement efforts, or commit to entering into and fully participating in those efforts.

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)
- Native American Tribal governments (other than federally recognized)

Other

- State agencies with law enforcement responsibilities
- Units of Local Government

“Other” Entities Definition:

- **Other Units of Local Government:** For the purposes of this notice of funding opportunity, other units of local government include towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state.

Additional Eligibility Factors

For sworn and non-sworn law enforcement personnel hiring, eligible applicants are limited to established and operational local, state, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority for the jurisdiction served.¹

Certifications: You must submit the following certifications. See [Additional Application Components](#) for how to submit.

In order to request a federal grant award under this program, an applicant that is a State or local government entity must submit a certification (using only the template provided in Appendix 1, entitled “[Certification by the Chief Executive Officer \(or senior official\) of the Applicant Government](#).” Tribal government entities and educational organizations (e.g., public or state-controlled institutions of higher education) are not required to submit this certification. This certification is a basic minimum requirement of this funding opportunity, such that applications from applicants that are required to submit it and fail to do so, will be denied.

Also, such applicants should anticipate that awards to state or local government entities under this NOFO will include an award condition addressing compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

Letter of Support: All applicants must also provide a letter of support from DOJ through the US 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.

Award Condition (Notice): Awards under this funding opportunity will include a condition (the specific terms of which will govern the award) related to the future reimbursement of the costs associated with federal law enforcement intervention or assistance provided to reduce crime or public disorder. The condition will, generally speaking, require an award recipient to fulfill any such future reimbursement obligation(s) incurred in accordance with its terms.

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

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 119-21, Sec. 100055 (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 61101)

¹ Note: If funds under this program are to be used as part of a written contracting agreement for law enforcement services (e.g., a town that contracts with a neighboring sheriff's department to receive services), the agency wishing to receive law enforcement services must be the legal applicant in this application.

Agency Funding Priorities

In order to advance public safety and help meet its mission, DOJ priorities include:

- (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.

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: Increase capacity to carry out location, apprehension, detention, investigation, prosecution, and other enforcement activities related to criminal illegal aliens.

- **Objective 1:** Increase hiring and retention of existing staff across the enforcement, investigations and prosecutions of criminal illegal aliens.

- **Objective 2:** Increase investigations and prosecutions of crimes committed by aliens.
- **Objective 3:** Increase law enforcement agencies' operational capabilities by providing equipment and technology that directly supports efforts to identify, locate, apprehend, investigate, and detain criminal illegal aliens.

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

Read the [Post-Award Requirements and Administration](#) section for more information. Recipients will receive further guidance on post-award deliverables dependent on categories of funding awarded.

Performance Reports

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

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 (if applicable)	Attachment
Additional Application Components - Certification by the Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government <i>*applicant state or local government entities only*</i> *Required* - Letter of support from DOJ or an alternative federal HSTF member certifying the applicant is currently or intends to participate in HSTF activities or major DOJ operations. *Required* - Current organizational chart for all jurisdiction entities proposed to receive funding through this project (e.g., police department, sheriff's office, courts, jails, etc.) - 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](#).

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 to exceed 10 pages.

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. In each section, applicants must address the following.

1. Description of the Need (5% of application score): What critical issue or problem do you propose to address with this funding request? This section should describe the current conditions and challenges your jurisdiction is facing related to enforcement, investigations, and prosecutions of crimes committed by criminal illegal aliens associated with the "Purposes of the Funding", and describe the hiring and retention,

equipment and technology, and/or transportation and detention resources needed to support those operations. Please include:

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

DOJ recognizes that jurisdictions vary widely in size, structure, and capacity. Applicants should describe their circumstances clearly and candidly, even where data may be limited.

2. Project Goals and Objectives (15% of application score): How will the proposed project activities address the need identified and address the purpose of the NOFO? Describe what the applicant intends to accomplish, including specific outcomes that will be achieved in support of the enforcement, investigations, and prosecutions of crimes committed by criminal illegal aliens. 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 (35% 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.
- What deliverables 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.
- How will your jurisdiction advance its established 287(g) partnership, HSTF operations, or other DOJ activities through this award?
- What challenges do you anticipate in implementing project activities, and how do you plan to address them?

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 activities and meet the post-award requirements, if funded. Describe your organization's

capacity to manage federal funding, including fiscal, administration, and programmatic oversight.

- 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. A summary of the relevant experience, qualifications, and roles of key personnel who will implement or oversee the project, and any other personnel with significant responsibility for project execution.

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.²
- Reimbursement costs should be clearly identified with dates the costs were incurred.

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 request.

² 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.

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](#).

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](#).
- **Additional Application Component Name:**
 - 1373 Certification signed by the Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government **applicant state or local government entities only** ***Required***
 - Letter of support from DOJ or an alternative federal HSTF member certifying the applicant is currently or intends to participate in HSTF activities or major DOJ operations. ***Required***
 - Current organizational chart for all jurisdiction entities proposed to receive funding through this project (e.g., police department, sheriff's office, courts, jails)

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 technical 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.
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APPENDIX 1—CERTIFICATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Certification by the Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government

On behalf of the applicant named below, and in support of its application, I certify under penalty of perjury to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), that all of the following are true and correct:

- (1) I am the chief executive officer of the State or local government ("the jurisdiction") of which the applicant entity named below is a part (or a senior official of the jurisdiction, with the legal authority to bind the same), I have received appropriate legal advice as to this certification, and I have the authority to make this certification on my own behalf as chief executive officer (or senior official) and on behalf of the jurisdiction and the applicant entity. I understand that OJP will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision to make an award to the applicant entity.
- (2) I have carefully reviewed (or have received pertinent legal advice concerning) 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373(a) & (b) and 1644, including the prohibitions on certain actions by State and local government entities, agencies, and officials regarding information on citizenship and immigration status.
- (3) I (and the applicant entity) understand that, for purposes of this certification, the term "program or activity" means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (*see* 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-4a), and that terms used in this certification that are defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101 mean what they mean under that section 1101, except that the term "State" also shall include American Samoa (*cf.* 34 U.S.C. § 10251(a)(2)).
- (4) I (and the applicant entity) assure that the applicant entity (and its officials and other personnel) will comply with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644 in any "program or activity" receiving federal financial assistance under any award made by OJP pursuant to this application. I further certify that any subrecipient (at any tier) of such federal financial assistance (and its officials and other personnel) will also comply with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 34 U.S.C. § 10271 or under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 or 1621, and may subject me and the applicant entity to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729–3730 and §§ 3801–3812). I also acknowledge that OJP awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by USDOJ, including by OJP and by the USDOJ Office of the Inspector General.

Signature of Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government

Date of Certification

Printed Name of Chief Executive Officer (or senior official)

Title of Chief Executive Officer (or senior official)

Name of Applicant Government Entity