

BJS FY 2026 State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJS-2026-172687

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1. Complete SF-424 and submit in Grants.gov: **September 22, by 11:59 PM ET**
 2. Submit full application in JustGrants: **September 29, 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 **BJS FY2026 State Justice Statistics (SJS) Program for Statistical Analysis Centers (SAC)**. The SJS program supports the collection, analysis, and dissemination of statistical information on crime and criminal justice at the state and local levels. Funds are used for core capacity-building projects and special-emphasis capacity-building projects focused on specific areas.

The FY 2026 SJS Program will continue to concentrate on building the core capacities of the state SAC and improving the sharing of state-level information nationally. SACs applying for funds may choose a Core Capacity-Building project focusing on enhancing or building access to new sources of data and improving analytic capability, rather than maintaining current efforts. Funds may also be used to support a specific Special Emphasis Capacity Building project from one of the program areas listed below.

Core Capacity-Building Program Areas:

1. Carrying out research and analyses using incident-based crime data that are compatible with the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)
 - Topical areas of interest for BJS include hate crimes; crimes committed on tribal lands; human trafficking; drug-related arrests, especially those involving methamphetamine, opioid, cocaine, or marijuana possession, trafficking, or distribution; and the citizenship or legal status of arrestees.
2. Measuring criminal justice system performance
 - Develop and improve criminal justice statistical processes and make analytical tools available to agencies to better address public safety and administration of justice goals.
 - Data collections that help inform or otherwise plan for the justice programs involving reentry, victim services, courts and prosecutor processes, record sealing and expungement practices, and law enforcement initiatives.
3. Increasing access to statistical data

- Electronic infrastructure development, enhancements, and linkages, including developing or using new sources of data; building or enhancing a website; providing computer support; and preparing reports for dissemination via the internet.
4. Other capacity building project identified by the SAC.
- Support research examining another topic, provided that the project builds the SAC's capacity to collect, analyze, and report on criminal justice statistics and share state-level information nationally. The application must be accompanied by persuasive documentation and justification that the subject is a top priority for the state's governor or senior criminal justice policy officials and that use of federal funds is appropriate to support the work.

Up to \$75,000 annually may be sought for core capacity-building projects. The time frame may range from 12 to 36 months based on the nature of the proposed project(s) and the quality of the supporting strategic plan. At the end of the project period, final deliverables must be submitted to BJS as part of the final progress report (including but not limited to any other final reports, evaluations, and website enhancements).

Special Emphasis on Capacity Building Program Areas:

1. Utilizing administrative or operational criminal justice data for research.
 - Implement new or enhance existing interfaces or data exchange technologies that improve statistical access to data and systems maintained by other state or local entities, including local jails, departments of correction, parole and probation agencies, prosecutor offices and courts, law enforcement agencies, and victim service providers.
2. Conducting targeted analyses that use the state's criminal history records.
 - Topic areas of interest for BJS include patterns of criminal behavior, such as sex offending, stalking, or domestic violence. arrests, prosecutions, and convictions for firearms-related offenses; the relationship between citizenship or legal status and patterns of criminal behavior; and recidivism of persons in prison or under community supervision.

An application for funding under the special-emphasis project area must include an impact statement that provides additional justification for each proposed project regarding how each project will directly support or enhance the priorities of BJS. The strength of the impact statement will be an important consideration in the final award decision on the SAC's application. For example, the national impact statement should address areas such as:

- How the project will support the sharing of state-level information nationally.
- Enhancement of the state's capability to collect, analyze, and interpret data on criminal justice issues relevant to the states and the nation.

- Enhancement or support of specific BJS collections by, for example, increasing access to new data sources, improving coverage, reducing respondent burden, or improving or implementing uniformity across states in analytical efforts.
- If and how the state will make maximum use of state-level data collected by BJS or other DOJ components to conduct analyses.
- How the project findings will be used to influence state criminal justice policy and practice, including describing who is interested in the data and the data's intended uses, and how the resulting work will be shared with other state entities, other state SACs, and the public.

BJS encourages collaboration among the SACs (*i.e.*, multi-SAC projects), particularly in projects that may leverage one SAC's expertise in another SAC's proposed project to help build capacity. At the end of the special-emphasis project period, final deliverables must be submitted to BJS as part of the final performance report, including final reports, evaluations, and website enhancements. Up to \$150,000 annually may be sought for a special-emphasis project; the time frame may range from 12 to 36 months based on the nature of the proposed project(s) and quality of the supporting justification, although funding may not be available for the full duration of the project in FY 2026. Depending on the strength of the proposals and availability of funds, BJS anticipates making up to 15 awards for special-emphasis projects.

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

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.550
Statutory Authority	34 U.S.C. §§ 10131–10132
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-BJS-2026-172687
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$3,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	35
Award Type(s)	Cooperative Agreements
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$225,000
Expected Award Period(s)	12 to 36 months starting on October 01, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	August 14, 2026
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SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Begin the process by as soon as possible
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on September 22, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	8:59 p.m. ET on September 29, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	By December 1, 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:

Other

- State SACs

“Other” Entities Definition:

- State SACs are the only entities eligible to apply for funds under the SJS program. Applicants must meet the requirements for a SAC as specified in these guidelines.

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

Limit on Number of Applications: If a project will be carried out by two or more entities (project partners), only one entity may submit the application. The other entities (project partners) must be proposed as subrecipients rather than co-applicants. An entity may be proposed as a subrecipient in more than one application. For additional information regarding subawards, see the [Application Resource Guide](#).

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

BJS is authorized to issue this NOFO under 34 U.S.C. §§ 10131–10132.

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 Chapter 3.13 of the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), “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: Strengthen each state's capacity to coordinate statistical activities, conduct research to assess the impacts of legislative and policy changes, and effectively support BJS by serving as a liaison for data collection from agencies within the state.

- **Objective 1:** Enhance the capabilities of states to collect, analyze, and report data on justice issues relevant to the states and the nation.

- **Objective 2:** Provide a mechanism that supports the collection and sharing of vital justice system data among the states, and between the states and the federal government.

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:

Applications should include the expected deliverables resulting from the proposed project and include information on how the results will be disseminated with other state entities, other state SACs, and the public.

- **Materials and Reports:** Recipients are required to submit all materials and reports drafted or produced, using funds under this NOFO, to BJS for review and comment prior to publication.
- **Final Deliverables:** Recipients must include final deliverables (*i.e.*, final project reports, evaluations, and website enhancements) as attachments in the final performance report.

Performance Reports

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

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

Substantial Involvement of Federal Agency: OJP expects to make some or all awards under this NOFO as cooperative agreements, which allows OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out the project. Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for a discussion of this involvement and related award conditions.

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 *Required*	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) - Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)	Attachment
Memorandum of Understanding	Attachment

<u>Additional Application Components</u>	Attachment
• Curriculum Vitae or Resumes: Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project or a description of the experience and skills of key personnel necessary to implement the project. • Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement: If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, read information about the requirements in the Application Resource Guide. • Human Subjects Protection: Read information about the requirements on the BJS website, Human Subjects Protection, Confidentiality, and Data Management Plan Requirements Bureau of Justice Statistics. https://bjs.ojp.gov/funding/human-subjects-and-confidentiality-requirements • Privacy Certificate: Read information about BJS's confidentiality requirements on the BJS website, Human Subjects Protection, Confidentiality, and Data Management Plan Requirements Bureau of Justice Statistics. https://bjs.ojp.gov/funding/human-subjects-and-confidentiality-requirements • Timeline: Provide a timeline listing key activities and milestones, and the months during which they will take place.	

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 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 goals, objectives, and research questions to be addressed.
- The research design and methods.
- Work products to be produced and a plan for disseminating those products.

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 25 pages.
- Tables, charts, and graphs that are single-spaced or smaller than 12-point size font are permissible. Applicants should make certain they are legible.

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): Clearly define the issue the project seeks to address. The narrative should include:

- An explanation of the SAC's placement within the state organizational structure. A brief summary of the qualifications of the SAC director and other key personnel.

- A description of the roles and responsibilities of key organizational or functional components involved in project activities.
- A list of key personnel responsible for managing and implementing the major elements of the program.

2. Project Goals and Objectives (20% 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 (25% of application score): How will you implement project activities that meet the project goals and objectives?

The program narrative should fully describe the expected design and implementation of the proposed project(s). In developing the narrative, refer to the program design and focus areas described in the NOFO. This section must include a specific justification for each proposed project that explains exactly how the project will respond to capacity-building needs identified by the SAC. This explanation should in effect be a long-range plan that includes (1) an assessment of the SAC's current data collection, analysis, and publication capabilities; (2) a description of how the project(s) proposed will enhance those capabilities; and (3) a description of how the capacity built will be maintained after the conclusion of the SJS award. The strength of the justification and plan included will be a consideration for BJS in making a final award decision on the SAC's application.

- Include a summary paragraph of each project. Indicate the program theme for each project and the amount of funds proposed to complete each task.
- Associate a product or deliverable to each task, such as a report or publication.

4. Statement (for Special-Emphasis Projects) (10% of application score): The program narrative should include an impact statement to describe specifically how each project will support or enhance the priorities of BJS and the nation. The narrative should include a timeline of activities indicating, for each proposed activity, the projected duration of the activity, expected completion date, and any products expected.

5. Capabilities and Competencies – Status of Prior SJS Projects (25% of application score): Applications should include the status of each award the SAC received from FY 2020 through FY 2024. The narrative should list by theme the project(s) and associated products that the SAC proposed to conduct or produce during the grant period. If any were significantly revised or replaced, the applicant should briefly describe the revisions or replacements. For each project, the narrative should indicate its status by the following categories: Completed, In Process, or

Revised/Replaced. It should also indicate whether it has been published, presented at a public meeting, or otherwise recognized by whatever means.

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:

- Provide details on individual tasks for each personnel position.
- A breakdown of budget categories per subaward/subgrant **MUST** be provided as additional documentation.
- A vendor's quote is required for equipment costs and contractual services.

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 determine whether you need to submit a waiver.
- **Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable):** An applicant that is a nonprofit organization may be required to make certain disclosures relating to the processes it uses to determine the compensation of its

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.

officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. Read information about this [disclosure and documentation](#) to upload.

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:

- **Curriculum Vitae or Resumes:** Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project or a description of the experience and skills of key personnel necessary to implement the project.
- **Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable):** Read information whether you may need to submit this [statement](#).
- **Human Subjects Protection Certification of Compliance Form:** See requirements at [Human Subjects Protection, Confidentiality, and Data Management Plan Requirements | Bureau of Justice Statistics](#).
- **Privacy Certification:** See requirements at [Human Subjects Protection, Confidentiality, and Data Management Plan Requirements | Bureau of Justice Statistics](#).
- **Timeline:** Provide a timeline listing key activities and milestones, and the months during which they will take place.

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?

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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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