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# OJJDP FY 2026 Community and Schools Youth Drug Prevention Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OJJDP-2026-172734

## Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1. Complete SF-424 and submit in Grants.gov: **October 29, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. ET**
2. Submit full application in JustGrants: **November 5, 2026, by 8:59 p.m. ET**

OJJDP Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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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 **OJJDP FY 2026 Community and Schools Youth Drug Prevention Program**. This opportunity supports states, units of local government, federally recognized Native American Tribal governments and nonprofit organizations to deliver substance use prevention programs for youth in schools and extracurricular settings in coordination with law enforcement and community coalitions. This includes building community-based capacity and implementing a continuum of prevention strategies that address youth substance use, such as education, early intervention, mentoring, referral to treatment, and investigations in coordination with local law enforcement and community coalitions.

Funds will support activities that include but are not limited to the following:

- Designing and implementing comprehensive prevention programs for students from preschool through grade 12, including prevention education, early identification and intervention, mentoring, and referral to treatment services.
- Designing and implementing family engagement strategies to provide parents and caregivers with tools and approaches to prevent or address youth substance use.
- Offering training for school personnel, parents, law enforcement, and community members to strengthen coordinated prevention efforts.
- Supporting local law enforcement and community partners to establish and maintain "safe zones of passage" to ensure students can travel safely to and from school and activities.

See the Eligible Applicants section for eligibility details.

## Funding Details

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| **Announcement Type** | Initial |
| **Assistance Listing Number** | 16.838 |
| **Statutory Authority** | Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026, Public Law No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 32-33 |
| **Grants.gov Opportunity Number** | O-OJJDP-2026-172734 |
| **Expected Total Amount of Funding** | $12,000,000 |
| **Anticipated Number of Awards** | 16 |
| **Award Type(s)** | Grant |
| **Anticipated Award Amount** | Up to $750,000 |
| **Expected Award Period(s)** | 36 months starting on January 1, 2027 |

## Key Dates and Times

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| **NOFO Release Date** | September 21, 2026 |
| **SAM.gov Registration/Renewal** | Begin the process by September 29, 2026, and no later than October 15, 2026 |
| **Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline** | 11:59 p.m. ET on October 29, 2026 |
| **Step 2: JustGrants Deadline** | 8:59 p.m. ET on November 5, 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
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)

### Nonprofit Organizations

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education

- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Other**

- **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.

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

**Limit on Number of Applications:** An applicant may submit more than one application if each application proposes a different project in response to the NOFO. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient in more than one application.

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

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026, Public Law No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 32-33

## 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: Support new or enhance existing comprehensive drug prevention and intervention programs targeting youth in school and extracurricular settings.**

- **Objective:** Deliver substance use prevention and intervention programming in schools and extracurricular settings through coordination with local law enforcement and community coalitions. Approaches may include investigations, substance use treatment and/or referral services, and substance use education.

## 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 do not need to submit any deliverables other than the standard items in the Post-Award Requirements and Administration section.

**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.

# 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 |
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| **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<br>• Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)<br>• Agency Funding Priorities Inventory<br>• Proposal Questionnaire ***Required*** | Online Form |
| Budget ***Required*** | Online Form |
| Other Budget/Financial Attachments<br>• Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)<br>• Consultant Rate (if applicable)<br>• Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over $250,000; Waiver (if applicable) | Attachment |

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| • Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable) | |
| Additional Application Components<br>• Timeline | 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 Questionnaire *Required***

Complete the Proposal Questionnaire in JustGrants. The response to each question should be no more than 1 – 2 paragraphs. The questions are:

- **Description of the Need (5% of application score):**
  - What is the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project?
  - What supporting information, data, or evidence demonstrates the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community?
  - How does the need relate to the purpose of the NOFO?
- **Project Goals and Objectives (15% of application score):**
  - What are the project goals (goals are broad, visionary statements on what you hope to accomplish)?
  - What are the project objectives (objectives are specific outcomes you plan to achieve through project activities)?
  - How do your project goals and objectives relate to the goals and objectives of the funding opportunity?
- **Project Design and Implementation (35% of application score):**
  - What activities will you conduct to achieve the proposed goals and objectives?
  - How will you deliver or complete those activities?
  - When will the activities 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. What will be their role in conducting project activities?
- **Capabilities and Competencies (30% of application score):**
  - What is your capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the post-award requirements, if funded?
  - What projects or activities has your organization conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrate your ability to undertake the proposed project activities?
  - What is the relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project?

- **Note on 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%) *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]

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

## Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

[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.

- **Timeline:** Provide a timeline that details the Program Implementation Schedule, consisting of a 6-month planning phase after the initial award and a 1-year implementation phase thereafter.

### 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 you 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 Questionnaire 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?

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