

OJJDP FY 2026 Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OJJDP-2026-172741

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**
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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 Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program**. This opportunity will support states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Tribal governments to implement new or enhance existing juvenile drug treatment courts (JDTCs) to improve outcomes for youth with substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

This NOFO provides two categories of funding:

- **Category 1: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Planning and Implementation Program.** Category 1 supports states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Tribal governments to implement new JDTCs.
- **Category 2: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Enhancement Program.** Category 2 supports states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Tribal governments to enhance existing JDTCs.

Any court that receives funds under this program may not permit participation by any individual who is charged with or has committed a violent offense.¹ Funding will be immediately suspended if DOJ determines that an individual who is charged with or has committed a violent offense is participating in any program funded under this funding opportunity.

Juvenile drug treatment court grant recipients must meet 34 U.S.C. 10611(a) requirements, including:

- Continuing judicial supervision over youth, and other individuals under the jurisdiction of the court, with substance abuse problems, who are not individuals who are charged with or have committed a violent offense.
- Coordination with the appropriate state or local prosecutor.
- The integrated administration of treatment adjustments, complementary service modifications, or therapeutic measures, which shall include:

¹ See 34 U.S.C. 10613(a) and 34 U.S.C. 10613(b).

- Mandatory periodic testing for the use of controlled substances or other addictive substances during any period of supervised release or probation for each participant.
- Substance abuse treatment for each participant.
- Diversion, probation, or other supervised release based on noncompliance with program requirements or failure to show satisfactory progress.
- Participant management and aftercare services such as relapse prevention, healthcare, education, vocational training, job placement, housing placement, and childcare or other family support services for each participant who requires such services.
- Payment, in whole or in part, by the participant for treatment costs to the extent practicable, such as costs for urinalysis or counseling.
- Payment, in whole or in part, by the participant, of restitution, to the extent practicable, to either a victim of the participant's offense or to a restitution or similar victim support fund.

Although the authorizing statute requires participant payments for treatment and restitution (see above), the statute does not allow imposing a fee on a client participant at a level that would interfere with the client's participant's recovery. Applicants should include in their application provisions for determining if these costs would interfere with the engagement, recovery, and success for the youth and family.

Consistent with the authorizing statute, 34 U.S.C. 10611(c), JDTCs must require mandatory periodic drug testing that is accurate and practicable. Each participant must be tested for every controlled substance that the participant has been known to abuse and for any that the court may require. The courts must impose treatment adjustments, complementary service modifications, or therapeutic measures whenever a participant fails a drug test. Such adjustments/modifications and measures may include but are not limited to one or more of the following:

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| • Detoxification treatment. | • Anger management classes. |
| • Residential treatment. | • Incarceration. |
| • Increased time in the program. | • Increased court appearances. |
| • Termination from the program. | • Increased counseling. |
| • Increased drug screening requirements. | • Increased supervision. |
| • Family counseling. | • Electronic monitoring. |
| • Community service. | • In-home restriction. |

In addition, consistent with the authorizing statute, 34 USC 16014(d), applicants must (1) explain the inability to fund the program adequately without federal assistance; (2) certify that the federal support provided will be used to supplement, and not supplant, state, Indian Tribal, and local sources of funding that would otherwise be available; (3)

identify related governmental or community initiatives which complement or will be coordinated with the proposal; (4) specify plans for obtaining necessary support and continuing the proposed program following the conclusion of federal support; and (5) describe the methodology that will be used in evaluating the program

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

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.585
Statutory Authority	Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Part EE (codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 10611-10619); Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026, (Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5 32
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OJJDP-2026-172741
Competition ID Number	Category 1: C-OJJDP-2026-00005-PROD Category 2: C-OJJDP-2026-00006-PROD
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$4,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	Category 1: 2 Category 2: 2
Award Type(s)	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Category 1: Up to \$1,000,000 Category 2: Up to \$850,000
Expected Award Period(s)	36 months starting on January 1, 2027

Key Dates and Times

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)

Cost Sharing (Match) Requirement: This NOFO requires cost sharing (match). See [Program Description: Cost Sharing \(Match\) Requirement](#) for details on the cost sharing (match) calculation and what types of contributions are acceptable. If your application does not include the required cost sharing, it will be deemed ineligible for funding.

Limit on Number of Applications: You may submit more than one application under Category 1 and Category 2 if each application proposes a different project.

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

Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Part EE (codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 10611-10619); Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026, (Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 32.

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 to applicants in states and units of local government that actively meet the criteria below, to the maximum extent permitted by law:

- (i) Enforce prohibitions on open illicit drug use.
- (ii) Enforce prohibitions on urban camping and loitering.
- (iii) Enforce prohibitions on urban squatting.
- (iv) Enforce, and where necessary, adopt, standards that address individuals who are a danger to themselves or others and suffer from serious mental illness or substance use disorder, or who are living on the streets and cannot care for themselves, through assisted outpatient treatment or by moving them into treatment centers or other appropriate facilities via civil commitment or other available means, to the maximum extent permitted by law.
- (v) For state applicants, substantially implement and comply with, to the extent required, the registration and notification obligations of the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act, particularly in the case of registered sex offenders with no fixed address, including by adequately mapping and checking the location of homeless sex offenders.

Applicants seeking this additional priority consideration, should complete the Agency Funding Priorities Inventory – Ending Crime and Disorder in JustGrants to indicate which criteria they are actively meeting.

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

Category 1: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Planning and Implementation Program

Goal: Support jurisdictions that identified a need to establish and implement a JDTC.

- **Objective 1:** Provide treatment and accountability to youth with substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders by offering access to treatment and recovery services that will enhance public safety and improve outcomes for youth.
- **Objective 2:** Develop an initial planning process not to exceed 12 months that will educate the JDTC team about the basic components of a JDTC and create a program that integrates court and treatment functions.
- **Objective 3:** Establish a fully operational JDTC that is providing services at the conclusion of the planning process.

Applicants must include in their application draft or signed letters of commitment from each of the key drug court team members: judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, treatment provider, drug court coordinator, law enforcement, and community supervision representative. Unsigned draft letters of commitment may be submitted with the application, but you should describe in a cover page to the attachment why they are unsigned.

Category 2: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Enhancement Program

Goal: Expand youth substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services in existing JDTCs, including screening, assessment, case management, recovery support services, and program coordination to JDTC participants to reduce recidivism and substance use.

- **Objective 1:** Enhance a coordinated, multisystem approach that combines the judicial oversight authority of JDTCs with effective SUD treatment services. Funds may be used to hire a coordinator to support statewide strategies to implement the JDTC model, standardize JDTC practices, and increase access to and/or availability of SUD treatment and recovery services.
- **Objective 2:** Improve access and availability of treatment and other recovery support services to a larger number of clients, increase the number of individuals

served, and/or propose enhancements to improve the quality and types of treatment services to address unmet or emerging trends.

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:

Category 1: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Planning and Implementation Program

- A plan to hire a JDTC coordinator to manage the coordination of activities.
- Certification that all treatment programs and providers used in the drug court program are licensed, certified, or accredited by appropriate state government or professional agencies.

Category 2: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Enhancement Program

- A long-term strategy to enhance the JDTC and include an overview of (1) the JDTC's current practices, and (2) proposed enhancements to change or implement during the project period.

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.

Cost Sharing (Match) Requirements

This funding opportunity requires cost sharing (match) from the award recipient. Read the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for additional definitions and requirements of cost sharing (match), including the allowable sources of both in-kind and cash cost sharing.

Recipients must satisfy this cost sharing (match) requirement with cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Explanation of the Calculation

This funding opportunity requires a 25 percent match based on the total project costs. Federal funds awarded may not cover more than 75 percent, and you must cover at least 25 percent of the total project costs.

Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for steps on calculating the amount of match based on your budget.

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 - Proposal Questionnaire *Required*	Online Form
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
Letters of Commitment *Category 1: Required*	Attachment

Additional Application Components • Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) • Curriculum Vitae or Resumes • Timeline	Attachment
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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% 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

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.

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

Letters of Commitment and Supporting Documents ***Category 1: Required***

Category 1 applicants must attach draft or signed letters of commitment between the applicant and each of the project partner(s) (whether as a subrecipient that will receive

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.

federal funds to carry out part of the federal award, or otherwise), from each of the key drug court team members: judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, treatment provider, drug court coordinator, law enforcement, and community supervision representative.

For each named partner, applicants should include a draft or signed letter of commitment that confirms the partner's agreement to support staff time, space, services, or other project needs. A letter of commitment is a formalized commitment of staff and/or resources that must be signed by authorized representatives of both partner organizations.

Each letter of commitment should include the following:

- Names of the organizations involved in the agreement.
- What service(s) and other work will be performed under the agreement by what organization.
- Duration of the agreement.
- Signature of the authorized representative of both partner organizations.

Letters of commitment should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application. Unsigned draft Letters of Commitment 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](#).
- **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.
- **Timeline:** Provide a timeline listing key activities and milestones, and the months or quarters 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 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?

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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