

OJJDP FY 2026 Strengthening Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Technological Investigative Capacity

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OJJDP-2026-172753

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 Strengthening Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Technological Investigative Capacity** program. This opportunity will increase the technological investigative capacity and associated training of ICAC task force personnel nationwide through the development, refinement, and advancement of widely used investigative tools, methods, and technologies that address child sexual abuse material (CSAM), exploitation, and sex trafficking.

OJJDP has supported the ICAC Task Force program since 1998. The ICAC Task Force program supports a national network of 61 multiagency, multijurisdictional task forces engaged in investigations, forensic examinations, and prosecutions related to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation. Additionally, the task forces provide forensic and investigative technical assistance to law enforcement and prosecutorial officials. The ICAC Task Force program also provides community education information to parents, educators, prosecutors, law enforcement, and others concerned with understanding the technological challenges of investigating and prosecuting child sexual exploitation matters.

This NOFO has three categories of funding:

Category 1: Investigative Tool and Technology Development

Develop new, innovative, and widely used investigative tools, methods, and technologies for law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals that address child sexual abuse material, child sexual exploitation, and child sex trafficking nationwide. This includes, but is not limited to, tools and technology that efficiently and effectively parse through digital evidence; assist law enforcement in identifying and responding to instances of generative artificial intelligence and its impacts on online child sexual exploitation; expedite evidence collection and the transfer of digital files; facilitate decryption; address mobile chat encryptions; automate data intelligence; overcome challenges in covert operations; provide national reporting and information-sharing capabilities among federal, state, local, and Tribal law enforcement (particularly ICAC task forces); support peer-to-peer investigations; and support ICAC case management, case deconfliction, and high-priority suspect identification.

Category 2: Investigative Tool and Technology Enhancement

Enhance and/or refine existing widely used investigative tools, methods, and technologies for law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals that address child sexual abuse material, child sexual exploitation, and child sex trafficking nationwide. This includes, but is not limited to, tools and technologies that increase effectiveness of interviewing tactics (including polygraphs) to ascertain whether an offender has previously engaged in hands-on abuse; identify and respond to instances of generative artificial intelligence and its impacts on online child sexual exploitation; case deconfliction tools; high-priority suspect identification; covert operation tools; national reporting and information-sharing capabilities among federal, state, local, and Tribal law enforcement (particularly ICAC task forces); evaluation of existing technical resources and tools; and peer-to-peer investigative tools.

Category 3: Investigative Tool and Technology Training

Develop and deliver new training and/or advanced skills training to law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies nationwide on tools, methods, and technologies that address child sexual abuse material, exploitation, and sex trafficking. Applicants are encouraged to propose the development and delivery of new training curricula through multiple cost-effective mechanisms.

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

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.543
Statutory Authority	Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 34-35.
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OJJDP-2026-172753
Competition ID Number	C-OJJDP-2026-00010-PROD Category 1: Investigative Tool and Technology Development C-OJJDP-2026-00011-PROD Category 2: Investigative Tool and Technology Enhancement C-OJJDP-2026-00012-PROD Category 3: Investigative Tool and Technology Training
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$2,550,000

Anticipated Number of Awards	Category 1: 2 Category 2: 1 Category 3: 1
Award Type(s)	Cooperative Agreement
Anticipated Award Amount	Category 1: Up to \$675,000 Category 2: Up to \$650,000 Category 3: Up to 550,000
Expected Award Period(s)	24 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
- Special district governments
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)

Educational Organizations

- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

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

For-Profit Organizations

- Organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses

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

Limit on Number of Applications: You may submit more than one application if each application proposes a different project. Each application should apply to only one category of the NOFO.

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, Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 34-35.

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:

- Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);
- Combatting violent crime;
- Supporting services to American citizens;
- Protecting American children; and
- Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

In addition, priority consideration will be given under this NOFO for state/local law enforcement efforts that are coordinated with federal law enforcement efforts through: (i) established and full participation in, or (ii) commitment to enter into and fully participate

in a 287(g) partnership and/or a Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF). To request priority consideration, applicants must provide a letter of support from DOJ through the U.S. Attorney's Office's Lead HSTF Attorney (for the applicable HSTF), certifying the applicant is currently or intends to participate in HSTF activities or major DOJ operations; with respect to a 287(g) partnership, the applicant must provide documentary evidence that it is already an established 287(g) partner, or else, evidence of a bona fide commitment to engage in such a partnership.

Note: Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Unallowable Activities: The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
2. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.
3. As specified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), in Chapter 3.13 “Unallowable Costs” (“Legal Services for Aliens”), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply: (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Goals and Objectives of This Funding Opportunity

Goal: Increase the technological investigative capacity of law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals nationwide to combat CSAM and online child sexual exploitation, including cases of child sex trafficking.

Category 1

- **Objective:** Develop new, innovative, and widely used investigative tools, methods, and technologies that address CSAM and online child sexual exploitation, including cases of child sex trafficking.

Category 2

- **Objective:** Enhance and/or refine widely used investigative tools, methods, and technologies that address CSAM and online child sexual exploitation, including cases of child sex trafficking.

Category 3

- **Objective:** Increase the amount and availability of new and/or advanced skill-based training for the law enforcement community and prosecutorial agencies nationwide on widely used tools, methods, and technologies that address CSAM and online child sexual exploitation, including cases of child sex trafficking.

Funding under this initiative may support technological tools development and maintenance; the staffing required to operate, update, and maintain the proposed platform or service; and training and technical assistance on the purpose and use of the technology (including outreach and marketing activities).

All training under this NOFO must be provided at no charge to the participants; costs associated with travel and lodging for the trainers must be included in the budget.

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:

- Develop a timeline/work plan for the development, refinement, and advancement of the proposed investigative tools, methods, technologies, or training.
- Develop a plan for how the proposed product or training will be marketed and made available to law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals on a nationwide basis.
- Create a sustainability plan for the proposed product.
- Category 1 Only: Develop a new, innovative, and widely used investigative tools, methods, and technologies that address CSAM and child sexual exploitation.

- Category 2 Only: Enhance and/or refine widely used investigative tools, methods, and technologies that address CSAM and child sexual exploitation.
- Categories 1 and 2 Only: Create a final report that documents the process, outcomes, findings, and lessons learned. This must include training modules and resource guides to enhance the capabilities of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies nationwide to effectively utilize the newly developed and/or enhanced technology.
- Category 3 Only: Develop and deliver new and/or advanced training for the law enforcement community and prosecutorial agencies nationwide on tools, methods, and technologies that address CSAM, exploitation, and sex trafficking. Applicants are expected to develop curricula, create an agenda, identify instructors/speakers, select training sites, provide logistical support, and execute each training event. Proposals may employ traditional classroom, hands-on laboratory-based, web-based, or other mechanisms for training delivery, depending on the objectives of the training program.

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	Text Box

Data Requested With Application	Online Form
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status) - Agency Funding Priorities Inventory	
Proposal Narrative *Required*	Attachment
Budget *Required*	Online Form
Other Budget/Financial Attachments	Attachment
- 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)	
Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable)	Attachment
Additional Application Components	Attachment
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) - Timeline - Position Descriptions	

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 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 20 pages
- Any tables, charts, pictures, etc., including all captions, legends, keys, subtext, etc., may be single-spaced and will count in the 20-page limit

If the Proposal Narrative does not follow this format, OJP may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the four sections listed below. If you want priority consideration, the Proposal Narrative must state which [priority\(ies\)](#) your project will advance and describe how it will do so.

1. Description of the Need (5% of application score): What critical issue or problem do you propose to address with this project? Please include:

- Describe the scope of technology-facilitated crimes against children across the country; the need to investigate these crimes; and the need for support, training, and tools to increase law enforcement and prosecutorial capacity to investigate and prosecute Internet crimes against children.
- Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community.
- How the need relates to the purpose of the NOFO.

2. Project Goals and Objectives (15% 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 (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.
 - Describe the investigative tools, methods, or technologies and/or the training for the law enforcement community and prosecutorial agencies nationwide.
 - Identify the gaps or planned improvements in existing investigative tools, methods, and technologies that the proposed product and/or training will address.
- How you will deliver or complete those activities. Indicate how the proposed product will target emerging technologies, target offender organizations, target high-value individual offenders, better identify victims, or enhance international collaboration.
- When the activities will take place.
- Who in your organization will staff the activities, including key staff.
- Who will participate in and benefit from the activity.
- What deliverables, reports, and other items will be produced as part of the project.
- If you plan to use subrecipients to help conduct the project, please name them (if they are known) or describe how you will identify them. Please describe their role in conducting project activities.

4. Capabilities and Competencies (30% of application score): What administrative and technical capacity and expertise do you bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:

- A short description of your capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the post-award requirements, if funded.
- A description of projects or activities your organization has conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrates your ability to undertake the proposed project activities.
- A summary of relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project.
- Applicants should highlight their experience/capability/capacity and success in the development and/or delivery of training for law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies nationally as well as their experience in managing subawards, including details on their system for fiscal accountability.

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:

- Applicants may be requested to participate in an ICAC Task Force program meeting to update task forces on tools and training developed. This could include travel costs. Applicants should budget funds to support as many as two staff members to travel to participate in a 2-day training/meeting, as OJJDP directs, in year two of the project period. Applicants should budget approximately \$2,000 per person to attend the meetings and record this as part of the travel line item in the budget. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer requires cost calculations for all line items in your budget, including this required travel. The cost breakdown

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.

should include airfare, per diem rate, lodging, number of travelers, number of days, etc. (for example, 2 people x airline ticket (\$500) = \$1,000, 2 people x 2 full travel days x per diem (\$76/day) = \$304, 2 people x lodging (\$251) x 2 nights = \$1,004). Use U.S. General Services Administration per diem rates.

- **Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs:** OJP strongly encourages every applicant that proposes to use award funds for any conference-, meeting-, or training-related activity (or similar event) to review carefully—before submitting an application—the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/training costs.

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.

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](#).
- **Timeline:** Provide a timeline listing key activities and milestones, and the quarters during which they will take place.
- **Position Descriptions:** Provide job descriptions outlining roles and responsibilities for all positions that will implement the project.

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 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.