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The [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#), is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the OJJDP FY 2007 National Juvenile Justice Programs. This program will provide support to programs that have a national scope and national impact on combating juvenile delinquency, reducing the victimization of children, and improving the juvenile justice system. This program furthers the Department's mission by fostering innovations and advancements in juvenile justice related practice at the local, state and tribal government levels, as authorized by Part E of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. 5665-5667.

# OJJDP FY 2007 National Juvenile Justice Programs

## Eligibility

Applicants are limited to private organizations (including faith- and community-based nonprofit organizations).

(See "Eligibility," page 3)

## Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. E.T., on June 8 2007.

(See "Deadline: Application," page 3)

## Contact Information

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This application must be submitted through [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov). The funding opportunity number is OJJDP-2007-1633. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726

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# OJJDP FY 2007 National Juvenile Justice Programs CFDA # 16.541

## Overview

The purpose of the OJJDP FY 2007 National Juvenile Justice Programs is to provide support to programs that have a national scope and national impact on combating juvenile delinquency, reducing the victimization of children, and improving the juvenile justice system and support OJJDP's mission to provide national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization.

## Registration

Registering with [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) is a one-time process; however, if you are a first time registrant it could take up to several weeks to have your registration validated, confirmed and to receive your user password. It is highly recommended you start the registration process as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting your application package to our agency by the deadline specified. There are three steps that you must complete before you are able to register: 1) Register with Central Contractor Registry (CCR); 2) Register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and 3) Be authorized as an AOR by your organization. For more information, go to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). **Note: Your CCR Registration must be renewed once a year. Failure to renew your CCR registration may prohibit submission of a grant application through [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).**

## Deadline: Application

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. E.T., June 8, 2007.

## Eligibility

OJJDP invites applications from private organizations (including faith- and community-based nonprofit organizations). Joint applications from two or more eligible applicants are welcome; however, one applicant must be clearly indicated as the primary applicant (for correspondence, award, and management purposes) and the others indicated as co-applicants.

Applications are encouraged from multi-disciplinary collaboratives. If the project is of a collaborative nature, written assurances of the collaboration must be provided. Similarly, when specific programs or agencies are the subject of an applicant's project, the application should include letters of commitment or cooperation from the relevant program or agency. Applicants are encouraged to identify existing or potential funding partners for the proposed work and indicate whether the proposed idea has been submitted to any other funding sources. Finally, applicants must demonstrate that they have experience or ability to manage the project they propose to conduct.

**Faith-Based and Other Community Organizations:** Consistent with President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13279, dated December 12, 2002, and 28 C.F.R. Part 38, it is DOJ policy that faith-based and other community organizations that statutorily qualify as eligible applicants under DOJ programs are invited and encouraged to apply for assistance awards to fund eligible grant activities. Faith-based and other community organizations will be considered for awards on the same basis as other eligible applicants and, if they receive assistance awards, will be treated on an equal basis with all other grantees in the administration of such awards. No eligible applicant or grantee will be discriminated for or against on the basis of its religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors or persons working in the organization.

Faith-based organizations receiving DOJ assistance awards retain their independence and do not lose or have to modify their religious identity (e.g., removing religious symbols) to receive assistance awards. DOJ grant funds, however, may not be used to fund any inherently religious activity, such as prayer or worship. Inherently religious activity is permissible, although it cannot occur during an activity funded with DOJ grant funds; rather, such religious activity must be separate in time or place from the DOJ-funded program. Further, participation in such activity by individuals receiving services must be voluntary. Programs funded by DOJ are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion.

Applicants are encouraged to review the Civil Rights Compliance section under "Additional Requirements" in this announcement.

## **Program-Specific Information**

The purpose of the OJJDP FY 2007 National Juvenile Justice Program is to provide support to programs that have a national scope and national impact on combating juvenile delinquency, reducing the victimization of children, and improving the juvenile justice system. OJJDP funds should be used to implement a program strategy and develop a sustainability plan for continuing project activities when the award period ends. OJJDP will offer funding to organizations that provide program activities in support of OJJDP's mission to "[provide] national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization."

### **Award Categories**

Applications should be submitted under one of the following three categories. Applicants must clearly indicate on the front page of the program narrative the category to be addressed by their application. If an application spans multiple categories, the applicant should choose the category that best describes the project.

- **Category 1: Building Protective Factors To Combat Juvenile Delinquency**

Applications are solicited under Category 1 to support national scope programs that combat juvenile delinquency by addressing risk factors and supporting positive youth development. Key priorities include programs that:

- o provide youth opportunities to use their time in a positive manner through education, employment, community service, sports, and art
- o build on the strengths of children and their families
- o address special populations such as at-risk girls, tribal youth, and youth in the juvenile justice system with mental health problems.

- **Category 2: Reducing Child Victimization**

Applications are solicited under Category 2 to support national scope programs that reduce child victimization. Key priorities include programs that address:

- o Internet safety
- o commercial sexual exploitation of children
- o child abuse and neglect.

- **Category 3: Improving the Juvenile Justice System**

Applications are solicited under Category 3 to support national scope programs that improve the juvenile justice system. Key priorities include programs that address:\

- o disproportionate minority contact and improve juvenile detention and corrections systems
- o the operation of the juvenile court system
- o the court's handling of abuse and neglect cases
- o the collaboration between the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system.

- **Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to foster innovations and advancements in juvenile justice and child protection related practice at the national level, as part of OJJDP's overall effort to support programs that enhance juvenile justice, child protection, and delinquency prevention. The agency is interested in proposals that enlist diverse multidisciplinary agency and community involvement in solving problems and delivering services by using one of the following methodologies:

- o Innovative approaches that have yet to be tested through experimental research, but merit consideration because their relevance to public policy, practice, or theory may facilitate their practical application nationwide. Such innovations may incorporate results from quasi-experimental studies, multivariate analyses, and practitioner experience.
- o Advancements in the applicant's present program practices intended to address a new or continuing juvenile justice or child protection problem and foster improvements in efficiency, practical application, flexibility, cost effectiveness, operational standards, partnership-building and service delivery.

- **Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables**

The goal of this program is to advance juvenile justice, child protection, and/or delinquency prevention by expanding the knowledge base of juvenile justice, child protection, and/or prevention practices and demonstrating practical implications for juvenile and child protection policy and practice.

Applicants are encouraged to use the most appropriate and rigorous methodologies feasible for demonstrating promising advancements and innovative approaches in framing their project's goals and objectives.

Proposals should contain a description of all products that will be derived from the project. In addition to the required semi-annual progress reports in the Grants Management System (GMS), each grantee will be required to produce a final report, suitable for publication. Applicants are also encouraged to identify additional deliverables, such as articles in refereed journals.

- **Award Information**

It is anticipated that awards will range from \$500,000 to \$3 million for a period of up to 5 years.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. It is anticipated that any awards that may be made under this solicitation should be awarded no later than September 30, 2007.

**Match Requirement:** Match is not required for this program.

## **Performance Measures**

To assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), P.L. 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work. Performance measures for this solicitation are as follows:

Objective	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
<p>The program objectives will depend upon the specific project funded. Generally, most projects can be classified into one or more of the following categories:</p> <p><b>Direct Service Prevention Program.</b> Examples of objectives may include prevention of delinquency risk behaviors, improvement in family functioning, or prevention of child victimization (including abuse and neglect).</p> <p><b>Direct Service Intervention Program.</b> Examples of objectives may include intervening with delinquent youth or status offenders and/or system-involved families.</p> <p><b>Systems Improvement Project</b> (includes training and technical assistance). Examples of objectives may include to enhance organizational capacity, improve program quality, and improve system effectiveness through provision of training and/or technical assistance.</p>	<p>PART-related measures* are mandatory if applicable to the specific program goals and objectives. Examples follow.</p> <p><b>Direct Service Program (Prevention/Intervention)</b></p> <p>*Percent of program youth who offend or reoffend (arrested/rearrested).</p> <p>*Percent of program youth and/or families exhibiting desired change in targeted behaviors (depends on specific behavior targeted and might include substance use, antisocial behavior, school attendance, gang involvement, etc.).</p> <p>Number of program youth and/or families served.</p> <p>Number of service hours completed by program youth and/or families.</p> <p><b>Systems Improvement project</b></p> <p>*Number of youth and/or families with whom an evidence-based practice was used.</p> <p>Number of program materials developed.</p> <p>Number of planning activities conducted.</p> <p>Percent of program staff trained.</p>	<p>OJJDP is developing an online reporting system so that grantees will be able to submit data to OJJDP electronically.</p> <p><b>Direct Service Program (Prevention/Intervention)</b></p> <p>Number of program youth who offend or reoffend, compared to number of program youth served.</p> <p>Number of program youth and/or families exhibiting desired change in targeted behaviors, compared to number of program youth served.</p> <p>Number of program youth and/or families served.</p> <p>Number of service hours completed by program youth and/or families.</p> <p><b>Systems Improvement project</b></p> <p>Number of youth and/or families with whom an evidence-based practice was used.</p> <p>Number of program materials developed.</p> <p>Number of planning activities conducted.</p> <p>Number of program staff trained, compared to total number of program staff.</p>

## How To Apply

DOJ is participating in the e-Government initiative, one of 25 initiatives included in the President's Management Agenda. Part of this initiative—Grants.gov—is a “one-stop storefront” that provides a unified process for all customers of federal grants to find funding opportunities and apply for funding.

**Grants.Gov Instructions.** Complete instructions can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). If you experience difficulties at any point during this process, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

**CFDA Number.** The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.541 and the funding opportunity number is OJJDP-2007-1633.

**A DUNS number is required.** The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1-866-705-5711 or by applying online at [www.dunandbradstreet.com](http://www.dunandbradstreet.com). Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

## What an Application Must Include

### Standard Form–424

Applicants must complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF–424), a standard form that most federal agencies use, following the instructions it provides.

### Program Narrative

Applicants must submit a program narrative that presents a detailed description of the purpose, goals, objectives, strategies, design, and management of the proposed program. The program narrative must be double spaced, use a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman is preferred), have 1-inch margins, and not exceed 25 pages. (Please number pages “1 of 25,” “2 of 25,” and so forth.) Applications that do not adhere to the required format may be deemed ineligible.

The program narrative must address the following selection criteria: (1) statement of the problem/program narrative, (2) impact/outcomes and evaluation, (3) project/program design and implementation, and (4) capabilities/competencies. The connections between and among each of these sections should be clearly delineated. For example, the goals and objectives should derive directly from the problems to be addressed. Similarly, the project design section should clearly explain how the program's structure and activities will accomplish the goals and objectives identified in the previous section.

- **Statement of the Problem/Program Narrative**

Applicants must clearly describe the need for their project and how funding would advance juvenile justice, child protection, and/or delinquency prevention by expanding the knowledge base of juvenile justice and child protection practices and demonstrating practical implications for juvenile justice and child protection policy and practice. In this section, applicants must clearly state whether their intent is to use an innovative approach or advance their present practice (see "Purpose," page 5).

- **Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation**

Applicants must describe the goals of the proposed project and identify its objectives. When formulating the project's goals and objectives, applicants should be cognizant of the performance measures that will be required of successful applicants.

**Goals.** Applicants should provide a broad statement, written in general terms, that conveys the program's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem described. This section of the program narrative must outline the specific goals of the project.

**Program Objectives.** Applicants should explain how the program will accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, quantifiable statements of the desired results of the program, and they should be clearly connected to the problems identified in the preceding section. The objectives should be measurable.

**Performance Measures.** Award recipients are required to collect and report data in support of performance measures (see "Performance Measures," page 6). Recipients' assistance in obtaining this information will facilitate future program planning and will allow OJP to provide Congress with measurable results associated with federally funded programs. Performance measures must reflect the specific problems, goals and objectives, and design (see "Project/Program Design and Implementation" below) associated with this grant.

- **Project/Program Design and Implementation**

Applicants must describe the specific strategies that will be used to implement the proposed program. Applicants should develop a program design that will facilitate the gathering of data on the required performance measures.

This section of the program narrative should describe what applicants propose to do and how they intend to do it. Applicants should identify the program's target population and explain how the strategy will achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section.

This section should be detailed and describe how the project will operate throughout the duration of the funding period. Applicants are encouraged to select evidence-based practices for their programs. This section must also discuss plans for sustainability, i.e., how the program will continue to operate beyond the period of the OJJDP grant award.

Applicants should include a logic model that graphically illustrates how the chosen performance measures are related to the specific problems, goals, and program activities. Sample logic models are available at [ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grantees/performance.html](http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grantees/performance.html).

Applicants must describe the specific strategies that will be used to implement the proposed program. Applicants should develop a project design that will facilitate the gathering of data on the required performance measures.

Design elements should follow directly from the project's goals and objectives, and the data to be collected should clearly support these ends. The applicant should describe the program components and the program implementation strategy in detail and demonstrate how research and evaluation studies validate the approach.

In addressing project design, applicants should consider the following questions:

- What is the problem?
- What does the applicant propose and does it intend to do it?
- What other agencies and resources will the applicant involve?
- How will the applicant know if its approach works?
- What are the costs and cost benefits of implementing the strategy?
- What are the applicant's plans for sustaining the program or strategy past the ending of this funding?

In addition to the narrative description of the project design, applicants must also submit a timeline or milestone chart that indicates major tasks in the proposed design, assigns responsibility for each major task, and plots completion of these tasks by month or quarter for the period of the award. This timeline/milestone chart should be submitted as a separate attachment as stipulated in "Other Attachments," page 12.

- **Capabilities/Competencies**

Applicants should also demonstrate the organizational capacity to complete the work described in the preceding section. The applicant should include a description of any similar projects it has undertaken previously. This section should also demonstrate the applicant's knowledge and experience related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

Applicants must describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff and explain the program's organizational structure and operations. Applicants must demonstrate the existence of a management structure that will support the achievement of the project's goals and objectives in an efficient and cost-effective manner. In particular, applicants must ensure that the tasks delineated in the project timeline are adequately staffed. If additional staff will be hired to complete the project, the applicant should identify the selection criteria.

Applicants must support the description of their organizational and management capability by providing resumes of key personnel as stipulated in “Other Attachments,” page 11.

As stipulated in “Eligibility,” page 3, eligible organizations and collaboratives must show evidence of operation for at least 1 year. To validate this requirement, applicants should include the following information in this section:

- o Organizational mission statement of the organization or collaborative.
- o Background information about the organization or collaborative (e.g., date founded, names and titles of principals, etc.).
- o Funding sources over the past 12 months.
- o Description of planning activities carried out for the proposed program.
- o Letters of cooperation. Where appropriate, applicants should provide letters of support or commitment or memoranda of understanding (MOUs) from involved agencies and programs. Before an applicant receives an award, OJJDP may require applicant to submit a signed MOU. If an applicant fails to submit the document upon request, OJJDP will eliminate the applicant from consideration for an award.

### **Budget and Budget Narrative**

Applicants must provide a budget that: (1) is complete, allowable, and cost effective in relation to the proposed activities; (2) shows the cost calculations demonstrating how the applicant arrived at the total amount requested; and (3) provides a brief supporting narrative to link costs with project activities. Applicants must submit a budget that includes a detailed worksheet itemizing all costs and a narrative explaining and justifying each budget item. All funds listed in the budget will be subject to audit.

- **Budget Detail Worksheet**

The worksheet should provide the detailed computation for each budget line item. The worksheet must list the cost of each item and show how the cost was calculated. For example, costs for personnel should show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time devoted to the project for each employee paid through grant funds. The budget detail worksheet should present a complete and detailed itemization of all proposed costs. A Budget Detail Worksheet template is available at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget.pdf).

- **Budget Narrative**

The narrative should describe each budget item and relate it to the appropriate project activity. It should closely follow the content of the budget detail worksheet and provide justification for all proposed costs. In the budget narrative, the applicant should explain how fringe benefits were calculated, how travel costs were estimated, why particular items of equipment or supplies must be purchased, and how overhead or indirect costs (if applicable) were calculated. The budget narrative should justify the specific items listed in the budget detail worksheet (particularly, supplies, travel, and equipment) and demonstrate that all costs are reasonable.

**Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.** Applicants should attach a copy of their current federally approved indirect cost rate negotiated agreement, if indirect cost has been included in the budget. Applicants that do not have a federally negotiated indirect cost rate and wish to establish one, can submit a proposal to their cognizant federal agency. Generally, the cognizant federal agency is the agency that provides the preponderance of direct federal funding. This can be determined by reviewing an organization's schedule of federal financial assistance. If DOJ is your cognizant federal agency, obtain information needed to submit an indirect cost rate proposal at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/oc/indirectcosts.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/oc/indirectcosts.htm).

### **Other Attachments**

Applicants must submit the following materials as attachments to their application. While these attachments are not assigned specific point values, peer reviewers will consider relevant items when rating applications. For example, reviewers will consider résumés when assessing "Capabilities/Competencies." Peer reviewers will not consider any additional information other than that specified below.

Annualized project timeline containing each project goal, related objective, activity, expected completion date, and responsible person or organization. Please do not use actual calendar months/years in your timeline; instead prepare the timeline using "Year 1," "Month 1," etc. (See "Sample Project Timelines" at [ojdp.ncjrs.gov/grantees/timelines.html](http://ojdp.ncjrs.gov/grantees/timelines.html).)

- Résumés of all key personnel.
- Job descriptions outlining roles and responsibilities for all key positions.
- Letters of cooperation. Where appropriate, applicants should provide letters of support or commitment or memoranda of understanding (MOUs) from involved agencies and programs. Before an applicant receives an award, OJJDP may require applicant to submit a signed MOU. If an applicant fails to submit the document upon request, OJJDP will eliminate the applicant from consideration for an award.
- Sample informed consent forms, if appropriate.

**Geographic Information.** To help the Office of Justice Programs develop a geographic information system (GIS) strategic planning capacity, applicants must provide the following two

items of information on the geographic area served by the funded activity (“service area”) in the formats specified below:

- **Physical address.** If the mailing address is a P.O. Box, specify the physical address of the location where services are to be provided. If the mailing address is in a rural area with no street address, include the nearest street intersection. If the program has multiple service areas, include the required information for each.

(example with street address)  
ABC Associates  
123 First Street  
Shrewsbury, PA 17361

(example with no street address)  
ABC Associates  
First Street and Holiday Drive  
Shrewsbury, PA 17361

- **Map and street description.** Please provide a road map (with local detail) with the service area clearly depicted. The map should be marked with information identifying the grant application it is tied to, including applicant name, application number, and contact name and phone number. Also include a written description of streets bounding the service area. If GIS files are available, they can be e-mailed to OJJDP via Dennis Mondoro at [Dennis.Mondoro@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dennis.Mondoro@usdoj.gov).

## Selection Criteria

Applications that proceed to peer review will be rated on a 100-point scale, based on the following point values for the selection criteria.

- Statement of the Problem/Program Narrative (20 points)
- Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation (20 Points)
- Project/Program Design and Implementation (30)
- Capabilities/Competencies (20)
- Budget (10 Points)
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See “Program Narrative,” page 8, for detailed descriptions of the above criteria.

## Review Process

OJJDP is committed to ensuring a competitive and standardized process for awarding grants. Applications will be screened initially to determine whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel.

Peer reviewers’ ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. All final grant award decisions will be made by the U.S. Department of Justice, which may also give consideration to geographic distribution and regional balance when making awards.

## Additional Requirements

Successful applicants must agree to comply with additional requirements prior to receiving grant funding, including the following:

- Civil Rights Compliance
- Confidentiality and Human Subjects Protections regulations
- Anti-Lobbying Act
- Financial and Government Audit Requirements
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance
- DOJ Information Technology Standards
- Single Point of Contact Review
- Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements
- [Compliance with Office of the Comptroller Financial Guide](#)
- Suspension or Termination of Funding
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- Rights in Intellectual Property

OJJDP strongly encourages every applicant to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting their application. Additional information for each can be found at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm).