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Eligibility

Funding through this opportunity is available to State and Local governmental agencies; Non-profit organizations including community-based and faith-based; and Non-profit institutions of higher learning for new projects to improve the criminal justice system in Maryland.

Important Links

[Grants Management System \(GMS\) Application Instructions](#)

All applications must be submitted online in the [Grants Management System \(GMS\)](#)
Hard copy applications are not accepted.

***Note to Applicants:** In order to be considered as a successful application, an eligible entity must propose strategies consistent with guidelines provided in two documents, updated annually, by GOCPP: GMS Application Instructions (rev. January 2026) and program-specific Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). All required documents in the NOFA checklist must be received in the GMS Portal by the submission deadline. References to the adoption of federal addendum terms/conditions, and [2 CFR, Part 200](#), are listed based on the best knowledge available to GOCPP. See specific references to <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/part200uniformrequirements> and <https://acf.gov/grants/manage-grant/grant-award/award-terms>.

Purpose

Thank you for applying for the **SFY 2027 [Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(BJAG\) Program](#)** from the **Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office)**. The primary purpose of this program is to address needs and fill gaps across the criminal justice system through innovative, evidence-based, and data-driven strategies; violent crime reduction and community safety strategies; and youth crime prevention and diversion programs. The Office has undertaken a comprehensive, three-tier plan focused on expanded collaboration among law enforcement, crime prevention, justice system-involved youth, and victim service communities to create a safer Maryland.

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The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's success is measured by subrecipient success. It is critical that we hear from you, our customers. The Moore-Miller administration is committed to providing the best possible customer service to our citizens. To share your ideas on how the Office can best serve you and provide support, please email the above grant monitor or funding manager to provide your feedback or complete a three-question [customer experience survey](#).

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's Mission

To serve as a coordinating office that advises the Governor on criminal justice strategies. The Office plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims. For more information, please refer to [Maryland Comprehensive State Crime Control and Prevention Plan](#).

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I. Eligibility Criteria

The following entities in Maryland are eligible to submit no more than one (1) application for the SFY 2027 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) Program funding:

- Local Law Enforcement
- State Law Enforcement
- Local Government Agencies
- State Government Agencies
- Non-profit Organizations including Community-Based and Faith-Based
- Non-profit Institutions of Higher Learning

Note: Only one application may be submitted per agency/organization.

The Office will NOT support the continuation of past years' projects funded through the BJAG program.

Nonprofit – 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4)

An organization must provide proof of this status by submitting a copy of its status letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with the application. The requirements for obtaining 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) status can be found on the Internal Revenue Service website (www.irs.gov); search for Publication 557 “Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization.” If the IRS letter is not available, a letter from your organization’s authorized official listing officers, bylaws, and/or articles is permissible until such a time that a copy can be obtained from the IRS. The organization is responsible for providing an updated W-9 form to ensure prompt and proper payment by the grantor.

Faith-Based Organizations

Faith-based organizations applying for BJAG funding do not have to relinquish or modify their religious identity (e.g., remove religious symbols) to be considered eligible applicants. However, grant funding may not be used to fund any inherently religious activity, such as prayer or worship. Organizations may continue to engage in inherently religious activities; however, such activities may not coincide with activities funded by the grant—i.e., such religious activities must be separate (in time and place) from the grant funded activity. Further, any participation in religious activities by individuals receiving services provided under the grant must be voluntary.

Note: Every applicant entity must comply with all applicable System of Award Management (SAM.gov) and unique entity identifier (UEI) requirements throughout the grant cycle. Also refer to the [Grants Management System \(GMS\) Application Instructions](https://gocpp.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/gms-application-instructions.pdf) which is accessible at <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/gms-application-instructions.pdf>. Grant funds are reimbursed based on actual quarterly expenditures unless noted otherwise under [VIII. Funding Specification](#).

II. Program Description

A. Requiring Agency

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office)

B. Opportunity Title

SFY 2027 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) Program

C. Submission Date

Friday, July 31, 2026, by 11:59 PM

D. Anticipated Period of Performance

October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027

E. Funding Opportunity Description

The SFY 2027 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to address needs and fill gaps across the criminal justice system through innovative, evidence-based, and data-driven strategies; violent crime reduction and community safety strategies; and youth crime prevention and diversion programs. Previously, grant funding has been used to improve sentencing and corrections policies, reduce crime in communities, provide public safety, protect victims, remove firearms from violent offenders, train local law enforcement, and provide state-of-the-art technology for law enforcement initiatives.

Federal Purpose Areas

This grant program is funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (authorized under [34 U.S.C. 10151-10726](#)) and can be used to hire additional personnel and/or purchase equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice or civil proceedings, including for any one or more of the following **Federal Purpose Areas** listed below:

- Law Enforcement Programs
- Prosecution and Court Programs
- Prevention and Education Programs
- Corrections and Community Corrections Programs
- Drug Treatment and Enforcement Programs
- Planning, Evaluation, and Technology Improvement Programs
- Crime Victim and Witness Programs (*other than compensation*)
- Mental Health Programs and Related Law Enforcement and Corrections Programs (*including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams*)

Program Overview

In an effort to prevent and reduce crime and violence in Maryland, the Office has made available up to \$2,600,000 for the **BJAG State Priority Areas** as defined below. The Office considered and identified the priorities utilizing Maryland's crime data, federal recommendations, and state legislation. Preference will be given to those strategies that support at least one federal and state priority and are aligned with best practices, evidence-based practices, place-based interventions, and data-driven decision-making processes.

The SFY 2027 BJAG State Priority Areas are:

Innovative, Evidence-Based, and Data-Driven Strategies

- Support the development, implementation, or expansion of innovative, evidence-based, and data-driven practices designed to address emerging public safety challenges and improve criminal justice system effectiveness in Maryland.
 - *Real-Time Operational Capacity: Support initiatives that improve coordination, communication, and information-sharing among agencies through Real Time Intelligence Centers (RTICs), crime analysis, technology, data-sharing, and other tools that help agencies respond more effectively to crime and public safety concerns.*
 - *Geographic and Data-Informed Strategies: Support place-based strategies that focus resources on neighborhoods, communities, or areas experiencing higher levels of crime or violence. Projects should demonstrate how information and local data are used to identify needs, guide prevention efforts, and support collaborative solutions.*
 - *Technology and Transparency: Support technology and data improvement efforts that increase efficiency, strengthen collaboration among agencies, improve investigations, and provide appropriate public access to crime and public safety information.*

Violent Crime Reduction and Community Safety

- Support coordinated strategies that prevent and reduce violent crime, firearm violence, and group or repeat offending behavior in Maryland communities.
- Projects may include focused deterrence initiatives, violence reduction partnerships, crime analysis and investigative coordination, targeted enforcement strategies, violence interruption efforts, community violence prevention initiatives, or collaborative public safety models.
- Projects should demonstrate collaboration among law enforcement agencies, local governments, community organizations, service providers, and other stakeholders to improve public safety, strengthen trust, and reduce violence in disproportionately impacted communities.

Youth Crime Prevention and Diversion

- Support programs designed to reduce youth involvement in the juvenile and criminal legal systems through diversion, restorative practices, mentorship, education, and developmentally appropriate intervention strategies.
 - *Alternative Pathways and Diversion: Support initiatives that provide pre-arrest, pre-bookings, or community-based diversion opportunities for youth through mentorship, restorative justice practices, behavioral interventions, or community-based programming.*
 - *Educational Engagement and Workforce Development: Support programs that improve educational access, workforce readiness, credentialing opportunities, career exploration, or accredited educational support for justice-involved or at-risk youth.*

- *Restorative and Community-Based Approaches:* Support initiatives that emphasize accountability, family engagement, skill-building, positive youth development, and long-term stabilization through evidence-based or promising practices.

Funding Considerations

Preference will be given to projects that:

- Demonstrate measurable outcomes and a clear plan for evaluating project effectiveness;
- Utilize data, research, or other information to inform project design and implementation;
- Foster collaboration among government agencies, community organizations, service providers, and other stakeholders, as appropriate;
- Demonstrate operational coordination, sustainability, and the ability to continue successful practices beyond the grant period; and
- Align with evidence-based or promising practices and address identified public safety needs within the proposed service area.

Please Note:

- *Requests focused primarily on specialized public safety training should instead apply through GOCPP's [Law Enforcement Training Scholarship \(LETS\) Program](#).*
- *While requests for overtime are allowable under BJAG, requests should be limited to activities directly related to implementation of innovative practices, coordinated crime reduction strategies, or other clearly defined programmatic initiatives aligned with the identified [State Priority Areas](#).*

Potential Awardees and Award Ranges

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy anticipates the availability of \$2,600,000 for the SFY 2027 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) Program. The Office anticipates making up to 35 awards not to exceed the total of \$2,600,000 for the period of October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027. See below for more information on the multiple BJAG funding allocations and the eligibility requirements for each allocation:

General BJAG Formula Funds

Funding Available: \$1,234,874

Anticipated Number of Awards: Up to 16

Award Range: \$20,000 to \$100,000

Eligibility: Open only to state governmental and law enforcement agencies, non-profit organizations including community-based and faith-based, and non-profit institutions of higher learning.

Local BJAG Formula Funds

Funding Available: \$1,297,416

Anticipated Number of Awards: Up to 16

Award Range: \$20,000 to \$100,000

Eligibility: Open only to local governmental and law enforcement agencies

Small Jurisdiction BJAG Formula Funds

Funding Available: \$67,710

Anticipated Number of Awards: Up to 3

Award Range: \$10,000 to \$40,000

Eligibility: Open only to local governmental and law enforcement agencies that are ineligible for direct federal funding as identified by BJA. Please see the [List of BJA-Ineligible Jurisdictions](#) that qualify for Maryland's Small Jurisdictions funds. "Small Jurisdictions" also qualify for Local and General BJAG Formula allocations noted above.

Note: Only one application may be submitted per agency/organization. The Office will NOT support the continuation of past years' projects funded through the BJAG program.

Please note that incomplete applications as well as applications that do not meet the minimum range noted above or those that exceed the maximum award allocation noted above may be disqualified from funding consideration during the initial technical review.

Availability of Funds

All funding is contingent upon the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy receiving the specified grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

III. Program Requirements

The Office has made changes to the SFY 2027 BJAG application instructions. The requirements for each narrative section are outlined within this program-specific NOFA and must be followed when completing the application in the Grants Management System (GMS).

All applications must adhere to the specified word limits for each narrative response. Responses must be structured using the required numerical outline format (e.g., a., i., 1.) as outlined in each section of this NOFA. This format is intended to support clear, concise, and complete responses.

Note: The GMS will allow each response to exceed the word limit. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure each response is within the limit. All words beyond the limit will not be read, considered, or reviewed.**

Applications that do not adhere to these requirements, as well as those with incomplete narratives and attachments, may be disqualified and removed from consideration during the initial technical review.

The Office encourages applicants to draft their narrative in a word processing program (e.g., Microsoft Word, Google Docs, etc.) then transfer to the GMS to aid in ensuring technical requirements.

Application Tip: A double-spaced page of 12-point Times New Roman font typically contains 250 words.

Also, see the [VII. Application Evaluation](#) section below.

A. Overall Organization Information (Word Limit: 500)

Applicants must provide the following organization information in the outline format below:

- a. **Mission Statement:**
 - i. State your agency's mission.
 - ii. Upload the organization's most recent Organizational Chart into the GMS.
- b. **Brief Overview:**
 - i. Summarize the organization's history, primary services, and key milestones.
 - ii. Describe the organization's experience implementing criminal justice, public safety, behavioral health, reentry, diversion, violence reduction, victim services, technology, or community-based initiatives relevant to the proposed project.
- c. **Key Organizational Information (in bullet format):**
 - i. Total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees
 - ii. Total current organizational budget
 - iii. Percentage of your organizational budget this application is requesting
 - iv. Primary jurisdictions served, including specific counties, municipalities, neighborhoods, and ZIP codes
 - v. Primary client population served and duration of service (i.e., the length of time the organization has been serving this population)
- d. **Will this project serve clients or victims? If yes, please provide the following:**
 - i. **Total number of clients or victims** your organization **serves across all programs** (inclusive of all funding sources including grants, general funds, private donations, etc.) broken down by the level of service. For victims who received services across multiple levels, only count them in the highest level of service received. Estimates are acceptable on the level of service for this year.
 1. Brief (30 minutes or less: outreach events, a brief hotline call, referrals, introductions, financial assistance)
 - a. SFY 2025:
 - b. SFY 2026:
 - c. SFY 2027 - proposed:
 2. Intermediate (30 minutes to 24 hours: longer hotline call, a counseling session, an overnight hotel or shelter stay, a consultation, etc.)
 - a. SFY 2025:
 - b. SFY 2026:
 - c. SFY 2027 - proposed:
 3. Extended (exceeds 24 hours: long term sheltering, extended counseling, extended therapies, rehabilitative education, etc.)
 - a. SFY 2025:
 - b. SFY 2026:
 - c. SFY 2027 - proposed:

B. Problem Statement/Needs Justification (Word Limit: 500)

Applicants must clearly articulate the problem, service gap, or public safety need the proposed project will address. The identified need must align with at least one (1) [Federal Purpose Area](#) and one (1) [State Priority Area](#) identified within this NOFA.

At minimum, applicants must address the following:

a. Project Summary:

- i. What services are you proposing to provide through this project?
 - Must define the population to be served.
 - Must identify geographic service area, including specific zip codes.
- ii. How do the services fit into your agency's overall mission?
- iii. Explain why your organization is well-suited to carry out the project.
- iv. **Need for the Project:**
 - Provide local or regional data demonstrating the identified need.
 - Data should reflect recent trends, preferably over the past three (3) years where available.
 - Sources of data must be included.
 - Statistics should be local or regional in nature and directly connected to the proposed project area and target population.
- v. **Barriers and Challenges:**
 - Identify operational, systemic, service delivery, staffing, coordination, technology, or capacity barriers contributing to the identified need.
 - Demonstrate awareness of and connection to local efforts for which the proposed strategy is complementary and not duplicative.
 - Explain how the proposed project will address the identified barriers or gaps.
 - *Please Note: experienced challenges or barriers should not be "lack of funding."*
- vi. In SFY27, applicants partnering with organizations in the Governor's Office for Children's Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments and Households ([ENOUGH Grant Program](#)) initiative will receive bonus points. The 27 ENOUGH-eligible communities, which have high levels of concentrated poverty, [can be found here](#). If applicable, summarize your collaboration with the initiative and upload a letter of support from at least one project partner (ENOUGH Quarterbacks) in the designated community.

b. Summarize if the request is for new or continuation funding.

In an outline format, applicants must describe if this request is for New or Continuation Funding.

NOTE: Continuation projects that were previously funded with BJAG funding are **not eligible for funding under the SFY27 BJAG Program**. Applicants proposing projects

substantially similar to previously funded initiatives must clearly demonstrate how the proposed project represents a new or significantly enhanced strategy throughout the narrative as appropriate.

Applicants must also respond to the following:

- i. Did your agency receive GOCPP funding in the most recent funding cycle for a similar project? (Y/N)
 - If no, provide the efforts your organization has made to meet the needs identified in this request.
 - If yes, respond to the following questions about the grant-funded project using the outline format below:
 - a. How much was your award (match, if applicable, should not be included)?
 - b. List all funding sources and amounts that supported this project in the past fiscal year.
 - c. List the services provided last year with this funding.
 - d. If a similar project was funded with BJAG funding, describe how the proposed project represents a new or significantly enhanced strategy to qualify for eligibility, since this program does not fund continuation projects previously funded with the BJAG program.
 - e. Describe the status of spending on your current award: include the percentage of funds spent to date and whether you are on track to spend the full award by the end date.

C. Program Purpose Area (Word Limit: 150)

Applicants must clearly identify how the proposed project aligns with both a Federal Purpose Area and a State Priority Area identified within this funding opportunity.

At minimum, applicants must:

- Identify at least one (1) [Federal Purpose Area](#).
- Identify at least one (1) [State Priority Area](#).
- Briefly explain how the proposed project aligns with the selected purpose and priority areas.

Projects must clearly demonstrate alignment between the identified need, priority and purpose areas, proposed activities, and expected outcomes.

D. Project Design (Word Limit: 750)

Applicants must provide a detailed description of how the proposed project will be implemented and how it will address the identified need. Projects should emphasize implementation-focused strategies that improve public safety outcomes, strengthen coordination, increase operational effectiveness, and address identified service or system gaps. At minimum, the Project Design must include:

- a. **Project Implementation:**

- i. Describe the specific activities your organization will implement. Activities may include, but are not limited to:
 - Violence reduction initiatives
 - Data collection, analysis, and information-sharing improvements
 - Real-Time Information Centers (RTICs)
 - Coordinated enforcement or prevention initiatives
 - Community-based intervention strategies
 - Technology modernization and operational support initiatives
 - ii. Explain how the proposed project will address the identified [Federal Purpose Area](#) and [State Priority Area](#).
 - iii. Describe how individuals, agencies, or communities will engage with or benefit from the proposed project.
 - a. Describe how the project will improve current practices, operations, coordination, technology, service delivery, or outcomes.
 - b. Detail any operational, technological, or procedural improvements that will increase efficiency, accessibility, or impact.
- b. **Outreach:**
- i. Explain how your organization will make the project or its services known to the intended audience or target population.
- c. **Best Practices and Methodology**
- i. Demonstrate how, with relevant citations where applicable, the proposed project aligns with evidence-based or promising practices.
 - ii. If the project does not align with established models, provide sufficient justification and describe how effectiveness will be evaluated.
- d. **Collaboration and Partnerships**
- i. Identify key partners and stakeholders involved in the project.
 - ii. Describe the roles and responsibilities of each partner.
 - iii. Explain how cross-sector collaboration will improve project effectiveness and reduce duplication of services or efforts.
 - iv. If applicable, describe any formal agreements (e.g., MOUs, data sharing agreements) that will support project implementation.

Additional Guidance:

Projects should clearly demonstrate how proposed activities supplement and enhance existing criminal justice efforts and do not duplicate existing services or funding streams.

The Office strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in program development to improve criminal justice and public safety outcomes.

E. Goals & Objectives (Word Limit: 1,500)

Goals identify the applicant's intended short and long-term results for the proposed project. Goals are broad, overarching, often qualitative, targets that describe meaningful changes in systems, processes, or outcomes. Typically, each goal will have 3-5 related objectives.

Objectives are specific, measurable tasks and activities that support the achievement of each goal. They must be clear, time-bound, and quantifiable, and define the expected level of performance or impact.

The need for each budget line item must be clearly tied to specific project objectives. Budget items not described within this section may not be funded.

Applicants must clearly demonstrate how proposed objectives directly support and enhance the identified [Federal Purpose Area](#) and [State Priority Area](#).

Required Format

Applicants must use the following outline format:

- a. **Goal:** Enter a broad, overarching goal of your project
 - i. **Objective:** Enter a specific, measurable objective that supports the goal.
 1. **Project Activities:** Describe what the project will do to achieve the objective(s)
 2. **Resources:** List the key resources needed to complete these activities and ensure they align with your budget (e.g., staff, equipment, partnerships, supplies, technology)
 3. **Program Measurement:** Explain how success will be measured and report your agency's results from last year, if applicable. Include expected outputs and outcomes for each objective. Note: Grantees will report on these performance measures in quarterly progress reports.
 4. **Timeline:** Outline key tasks, responsible staff, target dates, and deliverables (e.g., reports, manuals, attendance logs).

Program goals and objectives must be achievable within the proposed grant period and clearly connected to the proposed project activities and budget.

F. Data Collection Plan (Word Limit: 250)

Applicants must outline their plan for collecting, tracking, and assessing program performance and effectiveness of the program measurements described in the Goals and Objectives section.

At minimum, the plan must include:

- a. **Data Collection Methods:**
 - i. Describe methods used to collect data (e.g., case management systems, surveys, attendance logs, referrals, reports, spreadsheets, databases, or technology platforms).
- b. **Data Systems and Tools**
 - i. Identify systems used to track outputs and outcomes (e.g., Excel, Apricot, Google Forms, case management platforms, etc.).
- c. **Performance Tracking**
 - i. Describe how your organization will measure project progress, outputs, and outcomes.

- ii. Describe how your organization will ensure timely and accurate submission of quarterly programmatic reports.
- d. **Reporting**
 - i. Describe how collected information will be reviewed and used to evaluate project effectiveness and guide project improvements.

It is important to note that all successful subrecipients will be required to report on the program measurements (outputs and outcomes) identified in the Goals and Objectives section as part of quarterly progress reporting questions in the GMS. Quarterly progress reporting also includes the federally mandated Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) using the Department of Justice's PMT tool at bjapmt.ojp.gov. This should be incorporated into the Data Collection Plan.

G. Grant Personnel (Word Limit: 500)

- 1) **Qualifications and Experience of Implementing Agencies:**
 - a) Describe your organization's experience and qualifications relevant to this proposed project.
 - b) For nonprofit applicants: describe organizational governance structure and board oversight.
- 2) **Key Grant Personnel**
 - a) Identify key staff, including Project Director, Fiscal Officer, and any consultants.
 - b) Describe their roles and experience.
 - c) If one staff member is serving in multiple key grant personnel roles, also provide information for a secondary contact.
- 3) **Grant-Funded Personnel**

You must include the following information for **each grant funded position requested within the budget** using the outline format below:

 - a) Position title (must be consistent with the title in the budget line item)
 - b) How the position is currently funded (i.e., provide the entire budget for each position. If funded by more than one source, list percentages for each funding source).
 - c) Proposed funding structure under this request (if the request differs from current funding)

Note: Refer to the [GMS Application Instructions](#) for any applicable notes regarding proration, [Time and Effort reporting](#) requirements, Public Information Act, Personally Identifiable Information, and staff limitation.

H. Sustainability (Word Limit: 200)

Applicants must outline their strategy to sustain the proposed project beyond the grant period. This should include:

- a. What percentage of your organization's FTE staff is supported by this request?
- b. Describe your organization's strategy to sustain the project beyond the grant period.
- c. Identify other specific funding sources sought or secured, if applicable.

- d. Describe plans for continued implementation, including partnerships and integration into existing systems.

For non-profit organizations, a brief description of financial diversification efforts should be provided.

All grant funds are reimbursed on a quarterly basis unless otherwise stated.

I. Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications Statement (Word Limit: 150)

Although supplanting is prohibited, the leveraging of federal funding is encouraged. Applicants must disclose any pending grant applications submitted within the last 12 months that request funding for the same project or identical cost items proposed under this solicitation. If applicable, applicants must provide the following information in the outline format below:

- a. The federal or state funding agency
- b. The solicitation name/project name
- c. The point of contact for information at the applicable funding agency
- d. The amount of the funding request as applicable

If your organization **does not have pending applications** as described above, include a statement to this effect in this section (e.g., “[Applicant Name] does not have pending applications submitted within the last 12 months for federally funded assistance that include requests for funding to support the same project being proposed under this solicitation and will cover the identical cost items outlined in the budget narrative and worksheet in the application under this solicitation.”).

J. Budget Details and Spending Plan (Word Limit: 750)

Applicants must provide a clear and detailed budget narrative supporting implementation of the proposed project. At minimum, applicants must address the following:

a. Budget Plan

- i. Describe how this request supplements, and does not supplant, existing funding.
 - *Supplanting* occurs when state or local funds are reduced due to the availability of federal funds.
 - *Supplementing* occurs when federal funds are used to enhance existing state or local funds for program activities.
- ii. Describe how requested funds will directly support project implementation, including staffing, service delivery, and system improvements.
- iii. Detail the methodology your organization uses to prorate costs, if applicable.
 - Identify proration rate(s) used for each applicable budget category.
 - Provide justification or formulas used to calculate proration.

Note: Failure to provide the proration rate and justification/formula will result in denial of the requested line item(s) or adjustment to the request at the discretion of the Office.

Please visit this page for additional guidance on suggested prorating

strategies for subgrantees from one of our federal partners.:

<https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/media/document/ovc-victim-assistance-prorating-strategies-for-subgrantees-winter-2020.pdf>

- iv. Ensure all requested costs are reasonable, allowable, and allocable, and clearly connected to project activities and objectives
- v. Funding requests must be limited to personnel, services, and activities **directly supported by** this application.

b. Spending Plan

- i. Provide a timeline for the implementation of **each** budget line item over the grant period.
- ii. Demonstrate how each budget item aligns with the project's Goals and Objectives.
- iii. Describe how funds will support timely and effective project implementation.

Outcome-Based Performance Measures

The Office strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policy making and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services.

In the narrative section of the GMS, the applicant shall describe the [Program Measurement](#) and the [Data Collection Plan](#). Successful grantees will be required to report on the progress of these self-identified performance measures to GOCPP as part of quarterly Progress Reporting throughout the life of the grant.

Outputs are the direct activities, services, or products generated by the project and are typically measurable counts of project activity. Outputs describe what the project does.

Examples of outputs may include, but are not limited to:

- Number of individuals served
- Number of referrals completed
- Number of trainings conducted
- Number of law enforcement operations implemented
- Number of case management sessions provided
- Number of technology systems or operational improvements implemented
- Number of collaborative meetings or outreach events conducted

Outcomes are the measurable changes, impacts, or improvements resulting from project activities. Outcomes describe what changed because of the project.

Examples of outcomes may include, but are not limited to:

- Reduction in violent crime or recidivism
- Increased service engagement or successful referrals
- Improved coordination between agencies or systems
- Increased operational efficiency or information-sharing capacity

- Improved behavioral health stabilization or diversion outcomes
- Increased workforce placement or housing stability among participants
- Increased community trust or public safety perceptions

Subrecipients are required to submit mandatory quarterly performance measures by the 20th of the month following the end of each reporting quarter.

The example performance measures listed above apply specifically to reporting within the GMS. Separately, all funded applicants must complete and submit the federally mandated Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) as outlined in the reporting requirements. The PMT is a separate reporting requirement and must be submitted using the Department of Justice (DOJ) PMT tool at <https://www.bjapmt.ojp.gov>. Applicants should ensure they are prepared to comply with both the GMS and PMT reporting requirements.

Review the Federal BJAG Performance Measure Questionnaire (PMT):

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/jag-measures.pdf>

K. NEW - Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (OCQ)

Link: https://gocpp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2mY8YNPFAAzOqmq

Applicants are required to complete an Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (OCQ) as part of GOCPP's grant oversight process per fiscal year. For SFY 2027, submission of the OCQ through Qualtrics is required for an application to be considered complete in the GMS, and it must be certified by the organization's Chief Executive or Chief Financial Officer. Information from the OCQ is used to assess organizational risk and determine the appropriate level of monitoring throughout the grant lifecycle.

For technical assistance with the questionnaire, please contact dlmsac.gocpyvs@maryland.gov or points of contact listed in this NOFA.

IV. Application Process

Applicants are required to apply for grant funding through the Office's web-based application process, which may be accessed on the Office's home page (<https://gocpp.maryland.gov>) and selecting the **Log in to the Grant Management System (GMS)** hyperlink, or by going directly to the login screen using the URL: <https://grants.goccp.maryland.gov>.

In order to use the Office's web-based application, you must have a User ID. If you have not previously applied through the web, select the following URL to receive instructions and the information required to obtain a User ID and password:
<https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/>.

The last day to request a User ID is July 22, 2026. If you have previously applied through the web, use your existing User ID and password.

If you have previously applied to the Office, but do not have your User ID, or are having technical issues with the system, contact the GMS Help Desk via email at support@goccp.freshdesk.com for assistance. If you need assistance completing the program-specific information required in the online application, please contact Sun Jang at Sun.Jang1@maryland.gov or Alexandra Smith at Alexandra.Smith@maryland.gov.

The GMS Help Desk operates Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. The normal response time is 24 - 72 hours.

V. Training/Technical Assistance

A recorded webinar on [Grants Management and Program Development Training](#) is available on the Office's grants page (<https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/>). This is a best practice reference tool to onboard grants management staff on all pre-award to post-award activities and to comply with revised federal [Uniform Guidance - 2 CFR, Part 200](#).

To help applicants prepare and submit applications that reflect the Office's established guidelines and procedures, training is provided through training videos, which are located on the Office's website at <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/gms-help-videos/>. Please review the training videos before you begin your application to familiarize yourself with system guidelines, fiscal review, tips, civil rights requirements, etc.

Additionally, instructions for completing the online application can be found at <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/gms-application-instructions.pdf>. Applicants are encouraged to review these instructions before completing the online application.

The Office will conduct a technical assistance conference call to provide further application assistance and to answer questions. A NOFA/Application technical assistance call will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. We encourage applicants to use the Google Meet link below:

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/wwi-dzcd-dqp>

Call-in Number: (US) +1 216-525-9234

PIN: 334 119 083#

VI. Important Dates

Application Technical Assistance Call	2:00 pm, Tuesday, June 23, 2026
Deadline to Request a User ID	July 22, 2026
Deadline to Submit an Online Application	July 31, 2026
Award Documents/Letters of Intent Emailed	September 2026
Sub-award Start Date	October 1, 2026
Sub-award End Date	September 30, 2027

VII. Application Evaluation

The Office, along with an internal or external review team, may assess the merits of the proposed program. Applicants should review this program-specific NOFA in concert with the [GMS Application Instructions](#), when developing the application to ensure all required elements are included and addressed. Scoring is as follows:

- Overall Organization Information (Weight: 10%)
- Problem Statement/Needs Justification & Program Purpose Area (Weight: 20%)
- Project Design (Weight: 25%)
- Goals & Objectives and Data Collection Plan (Weight: 25%)
- Key Grant Personnel (Weight: 5%)
- Budget Details, Spending Plan, and Sustainability (Weight: 15%)

The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) Program is a competitive application process. The Office may conduct a three-tier review, including internal staff and external independent reviewers, of each application submitted per this NOFA. As part of the internal review, the Office's staff will also review the following for each application:

- Relevant crime statistics aligned with funding priorities
- Scope (geographic size and location)
- Reach (ability to recognize and address the needs of underserved/marginalized populations)
- Audit findings (If applicable, upload Corrective Action Plan)
- Performance history with previous awards

VIII. Funding Specifications

A. Funding Cycle

Commencement of awards funded under BJAG for SFY 2027 will begin on October 1, 2026 and end on September 30, 2027. **These funds cannot be extended beyond September 30, 2027.**

B. Allowable Costs

General guidance on cost allocation and prorate: Applicants must determine the appropriate methodology for allocating shared costs that are budgeted and charged to multiple grants. Reimbursable funds charged to multiple costs in the accounting and financial management system must be distributed in proportion using the principles of reasonable, allowable, and allocable expenditures per budget category and line item, as applicable.

Sample Budget Spreadsheet Tool: For assistance in developing application budgets to include all required elements, the Office has developed this [GOCPP's Budget Assistance Spreadsheet](#) tool. Applicants are encouraged to complete this spreadsheet as a tool, then transfer all information in the online GMS. Please note that this tool is not required and **should not be uploaded** into the GMS. The budget entered into the GMS Budget Tab is the only budget that will be reviewed and considered for each application.

BUDGET CATEGORY

Please include prorated justification, as applicable, for each budget category and line item justification in the online GMS application.

PERSONNEL

- Salaries and fringe benefits for staff directly supporting the project.

OPERATING EXPENSES

- Rent, Communication, Postage
- Expenses must be directly related to the proposed project and prorated accordingly.
- NOTE: Office supplies and project supplies should not be listed under operating expenses and should only be listed in the 'Other' category.

TRAVEL

- Travel costs such as airfare, lodging, meal per diem, mileage, parking, and ground transportation (Uber, taxi, etc.)
- Refer to Maryland's meal per diem rates:
<https://dbm.maryland.gov/pages/mealtipreimbursement.aspx>
- Mileage reimbursement rate is 72.5 per mile as of January 1, 2026
- Refer to U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) guidelines for lodging rates:
<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

- Refer to the [Consultant Rate](#) section below

EQUIPMENT

- Purchase of equipment with a per-unit cost of \$10,000 or more
- Items with a per-unit cost less than \$10,000 should be recorded in the 'Other' category.

OTHER

- All other direct costs that are not captured in the categories above. This may include, but is not limited to:
 - Program and office supplies (must include examples and general breakdown in budget line justification)
 - Program materials
 - Equipment with a per-unit cost less than \$10,000
 - Database subscriptions or licensing fees (must be prorated for duration of award period)
- Indirect costs (if applicable) requires the applicant to upload a federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) in the 'Documents' section of the GMS.
 - Applicants without a federally approved indirect cost rate may elect to use up to the 15% de minimis indirect cost rate.

An applicant is strongly encouraged to refer to the [GMS Application Instructions](#) in tandem with this program-specific NOFA before submitting their application to our Office in the GMS. A checklist of required items can be found at the end of this document. Hard copy applications are not accepted.

Please visit the following pages for additional guidance on suggested prorating strategies for subgrantees from our federal partners:

- Suggested Prorating Strategies for Victim Assistance Subgrantees: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/media/document/ovc-victim-assistance-prorating-strategies-for-subgrantees-winter-2020.pdf>
- Cost Allocation Information: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1107321/dl?inline=>

Refer to the [Distribution of Funds & Reporting Requirements](#) section for post-award requirements. A successful applicant (post-award) must submit reimbursable financial reporting requests in the GMS. Costs must be incurred during the approved budget period and based on actual quarterly expenditures unless noted otherwise. To this end, funds in excess of those the applicant has the financial capacity to await quarterly reimbursement should not be requested.

C. Unallowable Costs

The following services, activities, and costs cannot be supported with BJAG funding:

- Any direct or indirect use of Byrne JAG award funds to provide any security enhancements or any equipment to any nongovernmental entity that is not engaged in criminal justice or public safety
- Luxury items
- Real estate
- Construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions)
- Fundraising
- Honorarium
- Lobbying costs (including membership fees to organizations whose primary activity is lobbying)
- Food/beverages (except for travel per diem)
- Any vehicles that do not have a commercial application, including all tracked and armored vehicles, unless the Law Enforcement Agency certifies that the vehicle will be used exclusively for disaster-related emergencies; active shooter scenarios; hostage or other search and rescue operations; or anti-terrorism preparedness, protection, prevention, response, recovery, and relief
- Weapons Systems covered by DOD Directive 3000.09 of November 21, 2012, as amended (Autonomy in Weapon Systems)
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, and vehicles of any kind
- Aircraft that are combat-configured or combat-coded, have no established commercial flight application, or have no application for disaster-related emergencies; active shooter scenarios; hostage or other search and rescue operations; or anti-terrorism preparedness, protection, prevention, response, recovery, or relief
- Long-range acoustic devices that do not have a commercial application

- Camouflage Uniforms (digital pattern). Woodland and desert patterns are allowable based on operational needs. Camouflage may not be worn in urban or populous areas.
- Trinkets (items such as hats, mugs, portfolios, t-shirts, coins, and gift bags)
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Please note that all costs must be reasonable, allocable, and allowable including indirect costs.

The list above is not exhaustive. Please refer to [JAG Prohibited and Controlled Equipment Guidance](#) for additional information. The Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy reserves the right to make additional budget reductions/restrictions and adjustments at its discretion.

D. Consultant Rates

The requirements related to consultant rates apply to all Office awards whether funded by State or federal funds. The maximum allowable compensation rate for consultant services is \$81.25 per hour or \$650 per day. Rates above this threshold will be considered on a case-by-case basis and require prior approval. Additional information and the required procedures for requesting prior approval are found at <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/preauth-for-consultant-fees/>. Please note that charges at a rate above the established maximum rate that are incurred prior to the issuance of an Office written approval will be disallowed.

E. Cost Share

There is no cost-share required for this funding source. **Do NOT enter a cost-share amount to your budget.** If you wish to show other financial or in-kind contributions to your program, it may be written into your narrative.

IX. Distribution of Funds & Reporting Requirements

The Office will distribute awarded funds to grantees on a quarterly reimbursement of expenditures basis following the timely submission of corresponding quarterly fiscal and programmatic reports. These reports must be submitted through the GMS. All programmatic electronic reports are due at the end of quarter. All programmatic electronic reports are due in the month following the end of the quarter. All reporting activity occurs through the GMS, using the same User ID and password used for the application process.

The Office provides an exception for monthly Financial reporting and reimbursement to nonprofit entities that have applied for BJAG with awards over \$50,000. Grantees that qualify may request monthly reimbursement through their fiscal specialist post-award.

For further post-award instructions, read the Special Conditions specific to your award in the GMS and read the General Conditions which can be found at:

<https://gocpp.maryland.gov/gms-application-instructions/>.

A. Electronic Funds Transfer

The Office encourages the use of electronic funds transfer (EFT). To obtain the appropriate form, the address to submit the form, and a general overview, including FAQs, refer to the following website: <https://marylandtaxes.gov/divisions/gad/eft-program.php>.

B. Supplanting, Transparency, and Accountability

Supplanting is the use of Office grant funds to replace State or local funds that were previously appropriated/budgeted for, or otherwise would have been spent on, the specific purpose(s) for which this sub-award has been awarded. Any salaries, positions, personnel expenses, contractual expenses, equipment, travel, and other expenses paid for with Office grant funds must be used to supplement your organization's existing budget and may not replace any funds already included in your entity's existing or projected budget.

A strong emphasis is being placed on accountability and transparency. Grantees must be prepared to track, report on, and document specific outcomes, benefits, and expenditures attributable to grant funds. Misuse of grant funds may result in a range of penalties including suspension of current and future funds and civil/criminal penalties.

X. Application Checklist

What an application **MUST** include by the deadline to be considered for funding:

- _____ Face Sheet
- _____ Project Summary
- _____ Narrative
 - _____ [A. Overall Organizational Information](#) (Word Limit: 500)
 - _____ [B. Problem Statement/Needs Justification](#) (Word Limit: 500)
 - _____ [C. Program Purpose Area](#) (Word Limit: 150)
 - _____ [D. Project Design](#) (Word Limit: 750)
 - _____ [E. Goals & Objectives](#) (Word Limit: 1,500)
 - _____ [F. Data Collection Plan](#) (Word Limit: 250)
 - _____ [G. Grant Personnel](#) (Word Limit: 500)
 - _____ [H. Sustainability](#) (Word Limit: 200)
 - _____ [I. Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications Statement](#) (Word Limit: 150)
 - _____ [J. Budget Details and Spending Plan](#) (Word Limit: 750)
- _____ Budget and Budget Justification
 - _____ Personnel
 - _____ Operating Expenses
 - _____ Travel
 - _____ Contractual Services (upload existing relevant contracts)
 - _____ Equipment
 - _____ Other
- _____ Budget Prioritization

The following documents must be uploaded into the GMS for an application to be considered complete:

- _____ Signed Certified Assurances **REQUIRED**
- _____ Signed Certification Regarding Lobbying **REQUIRED**
- _____ Most Recent Organizational Chart **REQUIRED**
- _____ Screenshot Upload of SAM.gov/Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Registration **REQUIRED**
- _____ Proof of 501(c)(3) Status **REQUIRED for all NEW nonprofit applicants**
- _____ **Current W-9 Form REQUIRED**
- _____ [Equal Employment Opportunity Form](#) **REQUIRED**
- _____ [Certification of Applicable Financial Reporting Requirements](#) **REQUIRED**
- _____ [Determination of Suitability to Interact with Minors Form](#) **REQUIRED**
- _____ **NEW: [ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY QUESTIONNAIRE \(OCQ\)](#) REQUIRED**

***More information on each item above can be found in the [GMS Application Instructions](#).**

Note: Applications that do not adhere to these requirements, and submit incomplete applications with missing required attachments, may be disqualified during the initial technical review.



Grants Management System (GMS) Application Instructions

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP)*
100 Community Place
Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2022
<https://gocpp.maryland.gov>
(410) 697-9338

Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor
Dorothy J. Lennig, Esq., Executive Director

Note: All applications must be submitted online in the [Grant Management System \(GMS\)](#).

Hard copy applications are not accepted.

*** Note to Applicants:** In order to be considered as a successful application, an eligible entity must propose strategies consistent with guidelines provided in two documents, updated annually, by GOCPP: *GMS Application Instructions* (rev. May 2026) and *program-specific Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)*. All required documents in the NOFA checklist must be received in the GMS Portal by the submission deadline. References to the adoption of federal addendum terms/conditions, and [2 CFR, Part 200](#) are listed based on the best knowledge available to GOCPP. See specific references to <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/part200uniformrequirements> and <https://acf.gov/grants/manage-grant/grant-award/award-terms>.

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INTRODUCTION

The [Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy \(Office\)](#) is the designated State Administering Agency (SAA) for Maryland. The Office allocates resources statewide and acts to distribute, monitor, and report on spending under many state and federal grant assistance programs. The Office plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims. The Office places a significant emphasis on instituting strategic planning to align priorities at the State and local levels, to ensure it remains ahead of threats that impact the State, and to continue to be good stewards of the funds administered. Refer to [Maryland's Comprehensive State Crime Control and Prevention Plan](#)

Grant funding is one of several tools that the Office utilizes to achieve its objectives per [Executive Order 01.01.2024.05](#), Code of MD Regulations (COMAR), and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) [2 CFR Part 200 - Federal Uniform Guidance](#) (UG)¹. Starting at the beginning of each calendar year, the Office issues a [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#)² for applicable [program-specific grant programs](#) based on an annual budget appropriation. Please refer to the technical assistance dates listed in each program-specific NOFA. Eligible entities are encouraged to review annual updates to the programmatic and financial requirements described in the program-specific NOFA. Instructions to help applicants navigate the online application portal and submit a complete application request are available at [Grants Management System \(GMS\) Application Instructions](#). For more information, contact the Program Staff as specified in the program-specific NOFA or email support@goccp.freshdesk.com by the NOFA due date.

Note: All applications must be submitted online in the [Grant Management System \(GMS\)](#) following the guidelines outlined below. Paper or email applications are not accepted. Post-award, grant funds are issued on a quarterly, reimbursable basis with selected exceptions if noted within specific NOFAs.

I. APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications for grants administered by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy must be submitted utilizing the web-based application process, which may be accessed at <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/> and clicking on **GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**, or by going directly to the login screen using the URL: <https://grants.goccp.maryland.gov>.

In order to use the Office's web-based application you must have a User ID.

For new applicants, go to the following web URL to obtain instructions and the information required to obtain a User ID and password: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/>

The last day to request a User ID is specified within each Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). If you have previously applied through the web, use your same User ID and password.

If you have previously applied to the Office using the GMS, **but do not have your User ID, or are having technical issues with the system**, contact the helpdesk via email at support@goccp.freshdesk.com for assistance. The Grant Management System (GMS) Help Desk operates Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. The normal response time is 24 - 72 hours.

If you need assistance completing the program-specific information required in the online application, please contact the **Program Staff** specified in the program-specific NOFA. Paper or

¹ Updates to 2 CFR 200 (UG) are effective on or after October 1, 2024. GMS Application Instructions and SFY 27 program-specific NOFA documents are updated to reflect relevant changes.

² Competitive NOFAs are available at <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/>.

email applications are not accepted.

II. APPLICATION WEBSITE WORKSHEET

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

The information collected on the grant application form is collected for the purposes of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's function. Failure to provide all of this information may result in the denial of your application. The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy is a government entity; upon submission, this application is considered public information. The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy does not sell collected grant information. Under the Maryland Public Information Act (PIA) (MD State Government Code Ann. 10-617 (h)(5)), you may request in writing to review grant award documentation. Please send those requests to the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2022. For more information on the Public Information Act, please click here: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/public-information-act/>

Please refer to the **Grant Menu Screen** in the GMS. All requested information must be provided in each section of the GMS in a narrative form.

1. FACE SHEET TAB INSTRUCTIONS

a. *Project Title*

The project title should be brief, precise, and reflect the proposed strategy. For example: "MCIN Howard County: Heroin Coordinator and Domestic Violence Shelter." (**Word Limit: 10**)

b. *Applicant Agency*

The unit of local government (county, city, town, or township), State agency, institution of higher learning, or state/local public, private, community based or non-profit entity that is eligible to apply for grant funds. Full details about the Applicant Agency (Federal ID, Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), etc.) may be viewed by clicking the corresponding underlined organization field. If any information needs to be revised, contact the Program Staff.

If the Government, Township, or Board of Commissioners mandates that the County Executive, Mayor, or Commissioner sign all grant award documents (for all subordinate agencies) then the Government, Township, or Board of Commissioners must be the Applicant Agency.

- **DUNS Number**³: Insert 00-000-0000 only (ie., 9 zeros)

On April 4, 2022, the DUNS number used across the federal government changed to a twelve-character identification code assigned by the federal [System of Award Management \(SAM\)](#) registration process. All entities seeking the Office's grant funds must have an active registration in the [SAM.gov](#) with a valid expiration date. Applicants must enter the 12 character identification in the narrative section of GMS.

- **SAM Expiration Date**⁴: Enter your SAM.gov expiration date only (MM/DD/YYYY format). If you are experiencing an issue, please enter 12/31/2099 in this data field and include a sentence or two explaining this [workaround](#) under the UEI and [SAM.gov](#) expiration narrative section in the GMS portal.

³ DUN & Bradstreet Number feature is defunct in GMS. Enter 9 zeros only and enter the 12 character identification in the narrative section.

⁴ For help with first-time registration, visit the Federal Service Desk, [fsd.gov](#)

SAM.gov Federal Registration Instruction: Every applicant entity must comply with all applicable SAM.gov unique entity identifier(UEI) requirements. SAM.gov is the repository for certain standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. The UEI is a unique twelve-character identification code assigned to your organization by the SAM.gov upon registration.

Once registered, entities must complete annual renewals to maintain an active status. It is recommended that you begin the SAM.gov registration or renewal process **30 days prior** to any NOFA deadlines to allow for the time necessary to complete the full process, including SAM.gov's entity validation process. If you intend to apply for a specific opportunity, refer to the grant program-specific NOFA, and plan your SAM.gov registration accordingly. For additional support, visit [SAM.gov Help](#). **A screenshot of an active registration must be uploaded in the document section of the GMS. Active registration must be maintained throughout the grant life cycle.**

SAM.gov Public Search Record: When registering, please check the box that allows the record to be a "public display record." This will enable periodic GOCPP compliance reviews of subgrantee SAM.gov status.

Access to SAM.GOV: [SAM.gov](#). There is no cost for this service.

c. *Authorized Official*

The Authorized Official must possess the authority to enter into a legal agreement on behalf of the entity and bind it to the award terms and conditions. The Authorized Official on the submitted application is the County Executive, Duly Authorized Official of the local unit of Government, Mayor, Commissioner, Town Administrator (if confirmed), President (if confirmed), or if agencies are permitted to apply directly, the head of the agency receiving the subaward.

An agency's Authorized Official may be viewed by clicking his/her underlined name. A popup box will appear after clicking their name. Procedures for revising an agency's authorized official can be obtained by contacting support@goccp.freshdesk.com; or by viewing the General Conditions at <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/general-conditions/>

d. *Implementing Agency*

The name of the entity that is responsible for the operation of the project. Full details about the Implementing Agency (Federal ID, Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), etc.) may be viewed by clicking the corresponding underlined organization field. Contact the Program Manager to make any revisions.

e. *'Is service site?' Checkbox*

Clicking these checkboxes automatically adds the Applicant and/or Implementing Agency to the Service Site tab, which documents the location/locations in which the project will be implemented (more details below in "[Service Site Tab Instructions](#)").

f. *Proposed Start/End Dates*

Start and end dates are determined by the parameters of the program-specific NOFA and are prepopulated. Projects may not exceed twelve (12) months, unless explicitly stated in the NOFA, or commence before the NOFA defined start date. Grants must start on the first day of a month and end on the last day of a month.

g. *Preparer Information*

Enter information about the person completing the application, including name, phone number, and email address.

h. Officers' Tab Instructions

To add a new officer or new contact to the Grant Management System, please view the instructions located here: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/>.

i. Project Director

Select the person who will be responsible for oversight and administration of the project on behalf of the Applicant Agency. The Project Director is a primary contact for the grant who will receive communications from the Office and will be responsible for disseminating information to others within the Applicant Agency as needed. Selections are limited to Implementing/Applicant Agency personnel in the Grant Management System. To make changes to personnel, view the instructions located here: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/>.

j. Fiscal Officer

Select the person who will be responsible for financial reporting and record keeping for the project. The Fiscal Officer is a primary contact for the grant who will receive communications from the Office and will be responsible for disseminating information to others within the Applicant Agency as needed. You may select any contact currently in the Grant Management System. Use the search windows to search by last name, organization, and/or job title. To make changes to personnel, view the instructions located here: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/>

k. Civil Rights Contact

Select the Applicant Agency's point of contact for handling internal civil rights violation complaints (usually a Human Resources or Personnel Manager). You may select any contact currently in the Grant Management System. Use the search windows to search by last name, organization, and/or job title. To make changes to personnel, view the instructions located here: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/>. For additional information, please refer to the guidance provided for this role on completing [Civil Rights Compliance](#) forms as applicable.

l. Service Sites Tab Instructions

If the service site is either the Applicant Agency and/or the Implementing Agency, select the associated "Is service site?" check box/boxes on the application Face Sheet. Otherwise, provide the site name and full address, **for the location/locations in which the project will be implemented**. If there is more than one location, please enter complete information for each site. If the project has a statewide or countywide impact, please enter "statewide," or "county-wide" in the 'Site Name' field and the county served in the 'City' field. Whether an address is provided, or "state-wide" or "county-wide" is entered, the 'City' field and nine (9) digit zip-code **must** be provided.

Example:

Site Name:	Anytown Police Department
Address:	123 Main Street
	Some City, MD 21000-0570

OR if the location is 'County-wide' or 'Statewide', **you must still list a City and 9-digit zip for funding source reporting.**

2. SUMMARY TAB INSTRUCTIONS : Per the NOFA, applicant must adhere to word limits for each narrative response, to include headers per section.

The Project Summary should provide a concise summary of your proposal and be limited to **100 words or less**. Use the template provided below for your project summary.

The ____ (Implementing Agency's Name) ¹ ____ (Project Title) ¹ ____ program helps to
____ ² in ____ ³. The program ____ ⁴. Program funds support personnel,
equipment, and training. ⁵

Make the following additions/changes to the above template:

1. The beginning of the first sentence contains the Implementing Agency's name and the Project Title. The project title should be brief, precise, and reflect what is being funded.
2. Indicate what the project proposes to accomplish in general terms (examples include: reduce existing gaps in services, foster collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders, provide direct services to...., etc.).
3. Indicate the service area covered by the project. Local projects should list the specific county. Multijurisdictional projects should list all counties covered, and statewide projects should list Maryland.
4. Include one to two sentences describing the project's main function and who the project benefits/serves.
5. The last sentence summarizes the budget categories proposed to be funded. Depending on the request this could include: personnel, operating expenses, travel, contractual services, equipment and/or other.

3. NARRATIVE TAB INSTRUCTIONS

GOCPP has made changes to the **SFY 27** application instructions. The requirements of the GMS narrative are explained below. All applications must adhere to word limits for each narrative response, **to include headers per section and subsection**. Much of the information is required to be submitted in a numerical, outline format, which should aid in a concise application to meet maximum word requirements.

Note: The applicant is responsible for ensuring each response adheres to the word limit and includes headers summarizing the content or data provided. Although the GMS allows responses to exceed the limit, the word and character counts are displayed in the bottom right-hand corner of the section. **Please note that any words exceeding the limit will not be read, reviewed, or considered.**

Applications that do not adhere to these requirements, as well as providing incomplete narratives and attachments, may be disqualified during the initial technical review. GOCPP encourages applicants to draft their narrative in a word processing program with headers for each section (Word, Google Docs, etc.), then transfer to the Grants Management System (GMS) to aid in ensuring technical requirements.

Application Tip: A double-spaced page of 12-point Times New Roman font typically contains between 250-350 words.

A. Overall Organization Information (Word Limit: 500)

Provide the **following** information **about your organization and/or unit** in the outline format below:

- a. **Mission Statement:** State your agency's mission and upload your most recent Organizational Chart into the GMS.
- b. **Brief Overview:** Include your organization's history, primary services, needs being addressed, and highlight any key milestones and achievements in the field.
- c. **Key Organizational Information (in bullet format):**
 - i. Total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees within your organization.
 - ii. Total current organizational budget.

- iii. Percentage of your organizational budget this application is requesting.
- iv. Primary jurisdictions your organization serves (e.g., counties, cities, neighborhoods).

Also, refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.

B. Problem Statement/Needs Justification (Word Limit: 500)

- a. Summarize the project you are requesting in this application. Include the following information in the outline format below:
 - i. What services are you proposing to provide through this project?
 - ii. How do the services fit into your agency's overall mission?
 - iii. Explain why your organization is well-suited to carry out the project.
 - iv. Explain the need for the project supported by statistics, preferably local or regional data.
 - v. Summarize any barriers you anticipate or have experienced specific to this project and state how this project will address the barriers.
 - vi. In SFY 27, applicants partnering with organizations in the Governor's Office for Children's Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments and Households [\(ENOUGH\) Grant Program](#) initiative will receive bonus points. The 27 ENOUGH-eligible communities, which have high levels of concentrated child poverty, can be found here: [map](#). If applicable, summarize your collaboration with the initiative and upload a letter of support from at least one project partner (ENOUGH Quarterbacks) in the designated community.
- b. **Summarize if the request is for new or continuation funding.**
 In an outline format, applicants must describe if this request is for New or Continuation Funding?
 - i. Did your agency receive GOCPP funding in the most recent funding cycle for a similar project? (Y/N)
 - 1. If no, provide the efforts your organization has made to meet the needs identified in this request.
 - 2. If yes, respond to the following questions about the grant-funded project using the outline format below:
 - a. How much was your award (match, if applicable, should not be included)?
 - b. List all funding sources and amounts that supported this project in the past fiscal year.
 - c. List the services provided last year with this funding.
 - d. If requesting an increase in funding through this application, detail the need for additional funds and provide a brief summary on how the additional funds will be used and lead to improved results.
 - e. Describe the status of spending on your current award: include the percentage of funds spent to date and whether you are on track to spend the full award by the end date.
 - f. Explain any delays or adjustments in spending. If there were any delays please note the attempts your organization made to get the project back on track.

Also, refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.

C. Program Purpose Area (Word Limit: 150)

In this section, detail how your requested project aligns with the priorities within this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). **If applicable**, also include the purpose/priority area statement(s) that align with the requirement section of the program-specific NOFA, and explain how the proposed project intends to address the purpose area(s). **Also, refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.**

D. Project Design (Word Limit: 750)

Describe in detail how the proposed project will address the problem identified. At a minimum, the design must include the following elements and demonstrate the anticipated impacts on the target population and within the community:

- a. **Project Implementation:** Describe how your organization will implement the project and the specific activities or services that will address the identified need. If the project is client- or victim-centered, explain how individuals will move through the services provided.
- b. **Outreach:** Explain how your organization will make the project or its services known to the intended audience or target population.
- c. **Best Practices and Methodology:** Describe how this project aligns with best practices, industry standards, and/or evidence-based approaches. If the project does not align with these standards, explain why and describe the rationale for your approach.
- d. **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Identify other programs, organizations, or stakeholders involved in or impacted by the project and describe their roles and contributions.

The Office strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on best practices or evidence-based programs, see the [OJP Resource Guide](#). **Also, refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.**

E. Goals & Objectives (Word Limit: 1,500)

Goals identify the program's intended short and long-term results. Goals are broad, overarching, often qualitative, targets of the requested project. They identify and describe the substantive changes in the targeted population's knowledge, behavior, or disposition. Typically each goal would have 3-5 related objectives.

Objectives are specific, measurable tasks and activities that help achieve each goal. They are clear, time-bound, and quantifiable, and specify the target level of achievement.

The need for each budget line item as it relates to specific project objectives must be addressed within the Goals and Objectives section of the narrative. Budget line items not described within the Goals and Objectives category may not be funded.

Please note that **if your agency is requesting the continuation** of a project previously funded, your application must include a description of how the goals and objectives continue or build upon previous efforts.

At a minimum, the implementation must include the following program elements in the outline format below:

- a. **Goal:** Enter a broad, overarching goal of your project.
 - i. **Objective:** Enter a specific, measurable objective that supports the goal.
 1. **Project Activities:** Describe what the project will do to achieve the objective(s).

2. Resources: List the key resources needed to complete these activities and ensure they align with your budget (e.g., staff, supplies, equipment, partnerships, technology).
3. Program Measurement: Explain how success will be measured and report your agency's results from last year, if applicable. Include expected [outputs and outcomes](#) for each objective. Note: Grantees will report on these performance measures in quarterly progress reports.
4. Past Performance (for continuation projects only): Provide data from prior progress reports or performance measures that support the expected results.
5. Timeline: Outline key tasks, responsible staff, target dates, and deliverables (e.g., reports, manuals, attendance logs).

Also, refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.

F. Data Collection Plan (Word Limit: 250)

In this section, detail how your organization will gather, track, and assess the effectiveness of the program measurements described in the Goals and Objectives section. This process should include collection methods (surveys, interviews, focus groups, attendance records, etc.) and the data systems (Excel, Apricot, Google forms) and tools that your organization will use to collect and measure the outputs and changes projected (outcomes).

It is important to note that all successful subrecipients will be required to report on the program measurements (outputs and outcomes) identified in the Goals and Objectives section as part of quarterly progress reporting questions. This should be incorporated into the Data Collection Plan.

Also, refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.

G. Grant Personnel (Word Limit: 500)

Qualifications and Experience of Implementing Agencies: Provide a brief description of the Implementing Agency's experience and achievements that qualify the agency to conduct **this specific project**. For nonprofit applicants, please describe your organizational structure to include governance/board oversight.

Key Grant Personnel: List the names and provide a short professional biography of the project director, key consultants, and the assigned fiscal officer. If one staff member is serving in multiple key grant personnel roles, also provide information for a secondary contact. Describe the role of personnel listed on the [FACE SHEET TAB INSTRUCTIONS](#) in the GMS.

Grant Funded Personnel

You must include the following information **for each grant funded position requested within the budget** using the outline format below:

- a. Position title which must be consistent with the title in the budget line item.
- b. How the position is currently funded (i.e., provide the entire budget for each position. If funded by more than one source, list percentages for each funding source). If the request differs from current funding, also include the proposed funding breakdown for the current request.

Please note:

1. Applicants must determine the appropriate methodology for allocating shared costs that are budgeted and charged to multiple grants. Reimbursable funds charged to multiple costs in the accounting and financial management system must be distributed in proportion using the principles of reasonable, allowable, and allocable expenditures per budget category and line item, as applicable.
2. Time and Effort reports (Timesheets) must be maintained for all personnel included in the grant project. Refer to <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/tips-and-guidance/> for more information.
3. **Note:** All documentation submitted to the Office is subject to the Public Information Act. If your organization prefers not to submit names of staff, it must develop a tracking system to be used across all GOCPP funding sources which clearly identifies positions using non personal identifiable information within the application. This information must be made available upon request.
4. Do not enter any sensitive personally identifiable information (PII), business identifiable information, or any other sensitive or personal information.
5. Funding request for line items must be limited to staff or project supported by this application.

Also, refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.

H. Sustainability (Word Limit: 200)

Sustainability ensures this project continues to have long term impacts even after grant funding ends. In this section, provide details in the following outline format:

- a. What percentage of your organization's full-time equivalent (FTE) staff is this application requesting?
- b. For non-profit and other relevant applicants, describe your organization's strategy to diversify funding sources.
- c. What other funding has been sought or secured to support this project?
- d. What prospects exist for continued financing of the project when grant funds are terminated (planned future funding sources, proposed jurisdictional planning efforts, partnerships, match funds, etc.).

Note: Post award, grant funds are reimbursed on a quarterly basis unless otherwise stated in the NOFA. **Also, refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.**

I. Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications Statement (Word Limit: 150)

Although supplanting is prohibited, the leveraging of federal funding is encouraged. In instances where leveraging occurs, all federal grant funds must be tracked and reported separately and may not be used to fund the same line items. Additionally, federal funds may not be used as a cost sharing match for other federal awards.

Your organization must disclose **all** pending grant applications for the same project (identical cost items) requested under this solicitation.

In this section, applicants that have pending applications as described above must provide the following information about pending applications submitted within the last 12 months in the outline format below:

- a. the federal or state funding agency
- b. the solicitation name/project name
- c. the point of contact for information at the applicable funding agency

- d. the amount of the funding request as applicable

If your organization **does not have pending applications** as described above, include a statement to this effect in this section (e.g. “[Applicant Name] does not have pending applications submitted within the last 12 months for federally funded assistance that include requests for funding to support the same project being proposed under this solicitation and will cover the identical cost items outlined in the budget narrative and worksheet in the application under this solicitation.”).

J. Budget Details and Spending Plan (Word Limit: 750)

- a. **Budget Plan:** Provide the following information in the outline format below:
 - i. Describe how this request supplements, and does not supplant, the existing budget. **Supplanting** occurs when a state or unit of local government reduces state or local funds for an activity, specifically because federal funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund that same activity. **Supplementing** occurs when federal funds are used to enhance existing state or local funds for program activities.
 - ii. Detail the methodology your organization uses to prorate the requested funds.
 - iii. Identify the proration rate(s) your organization uses for budget categories. Reimbursable funds charged to multiple costs must be distributed in proportion using the principles of reasonable, allowable, and allocable expenditures per budget category and line item, as applicable. Note: Your organization must have a written policy in place concerning prorating and/or the calculations used, and provide the policy upon request.
 - iv. Provide the justification and/or formula for the proration rate(s) used. **Note:** Failure to provide the proration rate and justification/formula will result in denial of the requested line item(s) or adjustment to the request at the discretion of the Office.
 - v. Funding requests for line items must be limited to staff or projects supported by this application.

Please visit the following page for additional guidance on suggested prorating strategies for subgrantees from one of our federal partners:

<https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/media/document/ovc-victim-assistance-prorating-strategies-for-subgrantees-winter-2020.pdf>

- b. **Spending Plan:** Detail the implementation **timeline of each budget line item** within the grant award period.

Note: The need for each budget line item as it relates to specific project objectives must be addressed within the Goals and Objectives section of the narrative. Budget line items not described within the Goals and Objectives category may not be funded. Also, **refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.**

K. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and SAM.gov Expiration Date:

Enter your entity's 12-character alphanumeric Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) issued by [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). List a valid expiration date. If you are experiencing an issue, please enter 12/31/2099 in this data field and include a sentence or two explaining this workaround under the UEI and [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) expiration narrative section in the GMS portal.

L. Person Completing the Project Narrative:

Include person completing project narrative: Include the following: Name, Job Title, Organization Name, Telephone, Fax, and E-mail address. **Note:** Please provide Organizational Capacity

Questionnaire (OCQ) attestation in the GMS text box. Refer to Section 12, OCQ Qualtrics instructions below.

4. LETTERS OF SUPPORT/COMMITMENT

If listed as a requirement in the NOFA, submit letters of commitment by partners who will participate in the execution of the project or whose cooperation or support is necessary for its success. Applications that do not adhere to these requirements, and submit incomplete applications with missing required attachments in the checklist, may be disqualified during the initial technical review. Letters of support/commitment will only be accepted when they are uploaded with the electronic application submission. Letters should be addressed to the Executive Director of the GOCPP. **If required, support letters must be updated in the Document section of the GMS by the due date.**

Also, refer to the NOFA and NOFA Checklist for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this section.

5. BUDGET TAB INSTRUCTIONS

Complete a detailed budget for the proposed project. All 'Total Budget' fields will be rounded by the Grant Management System to the nearest whole dollar.

Applicant designated prioritization of line items is required for all applications having multiple line items. This prioritization will be considered should budgets need to be reduced. This requirement is addressed following the Budget Tab Instructions under 'Budget Priority Tab.'

Budgets must be clear and specific. Budgets must reflect one year of spending, unless stated otherwise in the program specific NOFA and where applicable, be adjusted to reflect the start date and holidays. Funding requests for line items must be limited to staff or projects proposed in this application. The Office **reserves the right to reduce budgets**. Grant funds are reimbursed on a quarterly basis unless otherwise noted in the NOFA.

Cost Share/Match: Each budget line item must include a justification entry proportional to the application request. Total project cost for each budget category tab in GMS may include cost-share funds as required by the program-specific NOFA. Applicants may satisfy cost-share requirements with either Cash or In-Kind services, including volunteer hours, as applicable per program-specific NOFA requirements. Please refer to the [Grant Cost Share Calculator and Provisions](#) as applicable.

The cash cost-share may take the form of funds contributed by local governments such as agency or county budgets. The use of unrestricted funding is recommended for non-profits. Entities must maintain records which clearly show the source and amount of all cost share contributions.

Applicants must refer to each program-specific NOFA to determine other cost-share restrictions. The cost-share fund requirement may be waived if the local government or nonprofit organization can demonstrate good cause as determined by the Office's Executive Director.

The justification sections must contain brief statements (one to two sentences per line item) that explain **each line item** and its relevance to the project goals and objectives. **Do not state "See Narrative, Goals, or Objectives"**. Refer to the Grant Management System training videos for further instructions <https://goccp.maryland.gov/grants/gms-help-videos/>.

Allowable Costs⁵

General guidance on cost allocation and prorate - Applicants must determine the appropriate methodology for allocating shared costs that are budgeted and charged to multiple grants. Reimbursable funds charged to multiple costs in the accounting and financial management system must be distributed in proportion using the principles of reasonable, allowable, and allocable expenditures per budget category and line item, as applicable.

For example, organizations:

- Must explain the process used to prorate the funds between the sources which includes funding sources and the general operating budget
- Identify the different rates in the spending plan.
- The organization must have a written policy in place concerning prorating and/or the calculations used.
- A copy of the prorating policy must be provided when requested.

Please visit the following page for additional guidance on suggested prorating strategies for subgrantees from one of our federal partners:

<https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/media/document/ovc-victim-assistance-prorating-strategies-for-subgrantees-winter-2020.pdf>

New Resource: Sample Budget Spreadsheet Tool: For assistance in developing application budgets to include all required elements, the Office has developed a [Budget Assistance Spreadsheet](#) as a resource. Applicants are encouraged to complete this spreadsheet as a tool, then transfer all information in the online Grants Management System (GMS).

Note: *The use of this tool is not required and **should not be uploaded** in the GMS. The Budget entered into the GMS Budget Tab is the only budget that will be reviewed and considered for each application.*

Unallowable Costs

The following services, activities, and costs cannot be supported by the Office:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Bonuses or Commissions
- Construction/Capital Expenses/Land Acquisition
- Corporate Formation (costs associated with incorporation fees, brokers' fees, fees to promoters, organizers or management consultants, attorneys, accountants, or investment counselor in connection with establishment or reorganization of an organization)
- Fundraising
- Honorarium
- Lobbying costs (including membership fees to organizations whose primary activity is lobbying)
- Meals (exception to consider food consumed by clients must be pre-approved.)
- Previous Debt Obligations
- Trinkets (items such as hats, mugs, portfolios, t-shirts, coins, and gift bags)

Please note that all costs must be reasonable, allocable, and allowable. Additionally, the Office's funding is reimbursable quarterly unless otherwise stated. To this end, applicants must consider if the entity has the financial capacity to await reimbursement following each reporting period.

⁵ Financial reviews are conducted per 2 C.F.R. § 200.413 Direct costs Principles: Reasonable, Allowability and Allocability of expenditures aligned with each program-specific NOFA purpose. Budget justifications will be reviewed to include adequate statements by the applicant related to proportional allocation of costs referenced 2 CFR § 200.405.

The list above is not exhaustive. The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy reserves the right to make additional budget reductions/restrictions and adjustments at its discretion.

PERSONNEL

The salaries and fringe benefits for staff required to implement the project are listed in the personnel category. Note: Each requested position/title must be consistent with the title in the 'Key Grant Personnel' portion of the narrative. Consultants must be listed in Contractual Services.

Note: Time and Effort reports (Timesheets) must be maintained for **all personnel** included in the grant project. Refer to the bottom of the page at <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/tips-and-guidance/time-and-effort-reports/> for more information.

For budget categorizing, personnel expenses cover salaries and wages for staff employed directly by your agency, including associated costs like FICA and fringe benefits. In contrast, contractual services, which should be entered into the Contractual budget category, pertain to agreements with external organizations or individuals performing services, where FICA and fringe benefits are generally not applicable since these entities are not treated as employees.

For each personnel position, list salary and fringe benefits as separate line items.

Original Grant Application Budget										Print	Refresh
	Help	Budget Category	Total Grant Funds		Total Cash Match		Total In Kind		Total Budget		
▼		Personnel	\$22,000.00		\$11,000.00		\$0.00		\$33,000.00		
+ Add new record										Refresh	
	Description of Position		Salary Type	Funding	Wage Type	Wage Amount	Total Budget	Just.	Priority	Edit	Delete
▼	Community Outreach Coordinator									\$22,000.00	
	Community Outreach Coordinator		Salary	Grant Funds	Annual	\$60,000.00	\$20,000.00	View/Edit	2		
	Community Outreach Coordinator		Fringe	Grant Funds	Annual	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	View/Edit	3		
▼	Community Outreach Trainer									\$11,000.00	
	Community Outreach Trainer		Salary	Cash Match	Annual	\$40,000.00	\$10,000.00	View/Edit	4		
	Community Outreach Trainer		Fringe	Cash Match	Annual	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	View/Edit	5		

- The 'Description of Position' field must contain the title of the position.
- Position line items (salary and fringe) are grouped via the 'Description of Position' field.
- After completing the first Position's line item, use the dropdown to add additional budget items to the position. Include Grant Funds request and/or Cash cost-share contribution.
- The 'Description of Position' field is used to select existing positions and to add new positions.
- For multiple staff in the same position, use a suffix (i.e., Position 1, Position 2, etc.)
- Multiple positions with the same title and classification may be grouped (i.e., Overtime Patrols – 25 Officers). In addition to the requirements below, you must provide total dedicated hours for the grouped positions.
- Funding requests for line items must be limited to staff or projects supported by this application.
- For a salaried position request, you must provide a justification for the fringe benefit in a separate line as shown above. If the fringe is covered by an alternate funding source, a statement to that effect must be included in the justification line. For example, "Fringe will not be charged to this subaward as it is being covered by another funding source."

Notes:

- For each salary line item, you **must include the full annual salary amount, the percentage of time that will be spent on the project, and the hourly rate.** The hourly rate may be calculated by full salary divided by 2,080.
- Fringe benefits may not exceed 30% of reported salary costs unless prior approval is received. For each line item entered, you must include a justification that ties that item to the activities described in your narrative.

Example justifications based on the Personnel category:**Justification (line 1):**

The Community Outreach Coordinator helps prepare, schedule, and develop training targeted for hospitals and other medical facilities.

Annual salary is \$60,000. She will be devoting 33.33% of her time to this project. We are requesting $\$60,000 \times .3333 = \$19,998$, rounded to \$20,000, in grant funds to support her time on this project. Her hourly rate is \$28.85.

Justification (line 2):

Fringe benefits @ 10% of salary. $\$20,000 \times .10 = \$2,000$

Justification (line 3):

The Community Outreach Trainer makes presentations at hospitals and other medical facilities. This position is supported with cash cost-share funds from a private donor.

Annual salary is \$40,000. She will be devoting 25% of her time to this project. We are contributing $\$40,000 \times .25 = \$10,000$ to support her time on this project. Her hourly rate is \$19.23.

Justification (line 4):

Fringe benefits @ 10% of salary. $\$10,000 \times .10 = \$1,000$

OPERATING EXPENSES

Rental Space, Printing, and Communications. Communication expenses include items such as telephone, fax, postage, and other expenditures such as photocopying. Note: Office supplies and project supplies should NOT be listed under operating, and should be listed in the 'Other' category.

Each line item entered, must include a justification that ties that item to the activities described in your narrative.

Refer to the Funding Specifications section of the NOFA for a list of allowable and unallowable expenses specific to the program.

TRAVEL

Travel expenses may include mileage and/or other transportation costs, meals, and lodging consistent with the local jurisdiction's travel regulations and may not exceed the State of Maryland reimbursement rate specified below.

For each line item entered, you must include a justification that ties that item to the activities described in your narrative. **Dates for travel and training must be provided in the justification and must fall within the award period.**

- Refer to SFY travel/per diem rates [State of Maryland Policies and Procedures for meal reimbursement](#) and [travel reimbursement rate](#) (72.5 cents/mile - 1/1/26)

- Review Federal GSA guidelines [Per diem rates | GSA](#) and [IRS Standard Mileage Rate](#). Please be sure to check for annual updates effective January 1.

Description	Funding	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Budget	Just.	Edit	Delete
Mileage	Grant Funds	600.00	0.56	\$333.00	Just.		
Meals (B \$8, L \$10, D \$24)	Grant Funds	5.00	42.00	\$210.00	Just.		
Hotel	Grant Funds	5.00	\$101.40	\$507			

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

Consultant contracts for training or evaluation should be included here and shall be consistent with federal guidelines. Payments to an outside agency for an employee or any other services are considered Contractual Services.

For the line item description, enter the agency (consulting firm, temporary agency, etc.), a dash, and then the nature of the service to be provided (e.g., Consultants ABC – training for Seminar). Each line item entered requires a justification that ties that item to the activities described in your narrative.

Consultant Rates: The following requirements related to consultant rates apply to all GOCPP's awards whether funded by State or federal funds. The maximum allowable compensation rate for consultant services is \$81.25 per hour or \$650 per day. Rates above this threshold will be considered on a case-by-case basis and require prior approval.

Additional information and the required procedures for requesting prior approval are found in the [Request for Preauthorization of Consultant Fees Form](#). Please note that charges at a rate above the established maximum rate that are incurred prior to the issuance of GOCPP's written approval will be determined as a disallowed cost.

Important: Contracts in existence at the time of application must be uploaded into the Documents section of the GMS during the application process. Contracts finalized post award must be uploaded into the GMS once finalized and before any reimbursement for the related expenses will be awarded.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment is defined as having a useful life in excess of one year and a procurement cost of \$10,000 or more per unit. Costs may include taxes, delivery, installation and similarly related charges. Equipment with a unit cost less than \$10,000 should be recorded in the 'Other' category (see below). The procurement process used must be consistent with the Applicant Agency's written procurement guidelines. If such guidelines do not exist, refer to the State of Maryland guidelines by accessing [General Condition Regarding Procurement](#) on the Office's website under the Grant's Area.

Maintaining internal inventory records for equipment procured under this funding source is mandatory. For post award inventory requirements, access [General Condition Regarding Property Inventory Report Forms](#) on the Office's website. [Property Inventory Report Form \(PIRFs\)](#) is required for equipment that costs \$10,000 or more per unit cost, unless the Special Conditions in your grant packet state otherwise.

Each line item entered requires a justification that ties that item to the activities described in your narrative.

OTHER

Funding requests for line items must be limited to staff or projects supported by this application. Include all other anticipated expenditures which are not included in the previous categories, such as **registration fees, program and office supplies, Indirect Cost Rate (include a 15% de minimis or federal negotiated agreement), and equipment with a useful life less than one year and a procurement cost of less than \$10,000**. Include additional cost-share funds to support sustainability, as applicable. Refer to the [provisions for cost-share requirements](#). If applicable, upload a federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) in the Document section of the GMS.

Each line item entered requires a justification that ties that item to the activities described in your narrative.

INDIRECT COST RATE

Indirect costs may be charged to a subaward only if:

- The subrecipient has a current (unexpired) federally approved indirect cost rate; or
- The subrecipient is eligible to use, and elects to use, the de minimis indirect cost rate described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.414(f).

Important: Applicants **must** identify in the narrative and budget justification if they are utilizing the de minimis rate or if they are utilizing a negotiated indirect cost rate, and express mathematically how they are arriving at the budgeted amount for indirect costs.

An applicant with a current (unexpired) federally approved indirect cost rate **must** attach a copy of the indirect cost rate agreement to this application. An applicant that does not have a current federally approved NICRA has the option of electing to use the **15% de minimis** indirect cost rate. If an eligible applicant elects the de minimis rate, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs, but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. The revision to [2 CFR 200.414 \(f\)](#) expands the use of the de minimis rate of 15 percent of modified total direct costs (MTDC) to all non-Federal entities (except for those described in [Appendix VII to Part 200- State and Local Government and Indian Tribe Indirect Cost Proposals, paragraph D.1.b](#)).

Indirect Cost Distribution Bases:

*Modified Total Direct Cost, or MTDC (to be utilized if claiming **De minimis**):* This base includes all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and subawards up to the first \$50,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$50,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with the approval of the cognizant agency.

Direct Salaries and Wages: This base includes only the costs of direct salaries and wages incurred by the organization.

Direct Salaries and Wages plus Fringe Benefits: This base includes the costs of direct salary and wages and the direct fringe benefits incurred by the organization.

General guidance on cost allocation and prorate - Applicants must determine the appropriate methodology for allocating shared costs that are budgeted and charged to multiple grants. Reimbursable funds charged to multiple costs in the accounting and financial management system must be distributed in proportion using the principles of reasonable, allowable, and allocable expenditures per budget category and line item, as applicable.

6. BUDGET PRIORITIZATION TAB

After completing the Budget tab, click on the Budget Priority tab in the Grant Management System. This tab will provide a list of all budget line items that the applicant has entered in the previous Budget tab. The Budget Priority tab allows the applicant to 'drag and drop' the budget line items in order of priority for funding, beginning with the most essential line item.

Grant Menu	Grant Menu	BUDGET PRIORITY		
	Search	Below is a list of budget line items that have been entered for this project. Sort them, by dragging and dropping, so that the most essential items are at the top of the list.		
	Face Sheet			
	Officers			
	Service Sites			
	Summary			
	Narrative			
	Budget			
	Budget Priority			
	Print			
	Documents			
	Activity Log			
	Special Conditions			
	Performance Measures			
	Progress Reports			
	Federal Purpose			
	Keywords			

7. DOCUMENTS TAB INSTRUCTIONS

If there are any additional required forms (e.g. Letters of Support) or other documents that the applicants would like included with their application, use the Documents tab to attach those files by the due date. This could include: UEI/Current SAM registration, letters of support, Qualtrics OCQ, and other program-specific NOFA checklist requirements. Please see the [Documents Attachment Guidance under Quick Reference Sheets](#) additional information.

8. APPLICATION STATUS DROP DOWN INSTRUCTIONS

After completing and reviewing all sections of the application, use the 'Application Status' dropdown to submit your application electronically. Selecting 'Submit Application' from the dropdown performs a final validation check. If the validation check is successful, the application's status changes to 'Awaiting Hard Copy'.

HomeGrant ManagementAddress BookAdminLogout							
Grant Management > Application Search							
App. Number:		Grant Number:	Req. Funds:	Match Funds:	Match %:	Project Dates:	Title:
[Unassigned]			\$1,053.00	\$0.00	0.00 %	03/01/2013 - 03/31/2013	Financial Investigations Prac...
Grant Application Menu							Application Status:
							--> Submit Application
							Pending
							--> Cancel Application
						--> Submit Application	

The GMS will process and send an email confirmation to applicant's contacts. The email message will include a pdf attachment of a formatted grant application packet as shown below.



9. SIGNATURE PAGES

The Certified Assurances and Federal Anti-Lobbying Certification must be signed by an Authorized Representative. **Both forms may only be signed by the Applicant Agency's Authorized Official or the Alternative Authorized Official.** Both forms must be generated by the online application software. Please see the following [Quick Reference Sheets](#) for additional information on generating and uploading these documents for successful submission:

- [How to generate grant application signature pages](#)
- [How to attach documents to a grant application or grant award](#)

In order for an alternate signatory to be valid, the Office must receive a signed, written notification from the applicant agency's Authorized Official (on agency letterhead) stating that an alternate signatory has been designated. More information on changing the Authorized Official or adding an Alternative Authorized Official can be found in the [General Conditions](#) and on the Office's [Changing Authorized Official webpage](#).

10. SINGLE AUDIT REQUIREMENT/ CERTIFICATION OF APPLICABLE FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS and REQUIRED FINANCIAL REPORT UPLOADING

A non-federal entity that expends \$1,000,000 or more in Federal awards during the non-Federal entities fiscal year must have a single audit conducted in accordance with [2 CFR §200.514](#). If this applies to your organization, provide a screenshot of the audit report submitted to the [Federal Audit Clearinghouse](#) and upload to the documents section of the application.

To ensure subrecipient compliance with applicable fiscal audit/reporting requirements and the timely submission of copies of the subject documents to the Office, applicants must upload to the **Documents** section of the GMS application the:

- Executed [Certification of Applicable Financial Reporting Requirements Form](#); and
- Most recent editions of the financial reports that are indicated as applicable to the applicant on the submitted Certification of Applicable Financial Reporting Requirements Form.

If the applicant indicates on the Certification of Applicable Financial Reporting Requirements Form that their organization must file a single audit under [2 CFR §200.514](#), a screenshot verifying submission to the [Federal Audit Clearinghouse](#) must be uploaded to the documents section of the application.

Please note that the GOCPP is responsible for issuing a management decision for audit findings that relate to grants awarded with federal funds in compliance with [2 CFR §200.521\(c\)](#). Applicants must submit copies of any Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plans with the application. **Do not send a copy of your audited financial statements; ONLY the applicable audit findings and/or corrective action plan is required.**

11. PROOF OF 501(c)(3) STATUS

New non-profit organizations applying for funding must upload to the **Documents** section of the GMS application their U.S. Internal Revenue Service documentation that substantiates the organization's tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

12. [ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY QUESTIONNAIRE \(OCQ\)](#) **NEW**

As part of the Office's grant oversight process, applicants are required to complete an Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (OCQ). The OCQ is a monitoring tool used by the Office to collect information on an applicant's organizational stability, financial management practices, and program operations. Information collected through the OCQ supports the Office's determination of an applicant's risk level and appropriate monitoring approach.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027, submission of the OCQ through Qualtrics is a condition of a complete application by the due date in the online Grants Management System (GMS). Applications will not be considered complete without a submitted OCQ. Organizations must submit a new OCQ annually to ensure GOCPP has current and accurate information for monitoring purposes.

The OCQ must include reliable information provided by the applicant organization's Chief Executive or Chief Financial Officer. Based on the information submitted, the Office will assign a Risk Status in the GMS to provide oversight and monitor throughout the grant lifecycle. Applicants should refer to [Section L](#) for guidance for the individuals completing the project narrative. As required, the OCQ attestation section in the GMS must include the name, title, and date of the certifying official.

For technical assistance with the questionnaire, please contact dlmsac.gocpyvs@maryland.gov or points of contact listed in the NOFA.

Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (OCQ) Link:
https://gocpp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2mY8YNPFAAzOqmg

13. NOFA CHECKLIST

Please refer to the program-specific NOFA to comply with all requirements and upload of additional documents as applicable. **All required documents must be uploaded by the deadline to be considered as a complete application submission.**

14. POST AWARD INSTRUCTIONS

Distribution of Funds and Reporting Requirements

For further post-award instructions, review the [General Conditions](#) and Special Conditions specific to your award in the GMS.

The Office will distribute awarded funds to grantees on a quarterly reimbursement of expenditures basis following the timely submission of corresponding quarterly fiscal and programmatic reports. These reports must be submitted through the Grants Management System. All programmatic electronic reports are due in the month following the end of the quarter. All reporting activity occurs through the Grant Management System, using the same User ID and password used for the application process.

Note: For subawards ending on June 30, it is highly recommended that subrecipients submit the last quarter financial and programmatic reports as soon as possible, and within the subsequent 30 days following the end of June. This will help avoid delays in reimbursement, as the State will be in the process of closing out the Fiscal Year.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

The Office encourages the use of electronic funds transfer (EFT). To obtain the appropriate form, the address to submit the form, and a general overview, including FAQs, refer to the following website, Comptroller of Maryland [Electronic Funds Transfer \(EFT\) Program](#).

Notes:

- Grant financial reimbursement requests are processed on a quarterly schedule unless stated otherwise in the program-specific NOFA. Please allow up to 30 days for the Office and the [Comptroller of Maryland](#) to process financial reimbursement requests and complete bank transactions. Refer to the [Financial Reporting Tips](#) for more information. It is the applicant's responsibility to update the W-9 form to ensure prompt and proper payment. If applicable, applicant must ensure all liabilities are resolved to avoid delayed payments.
- Qualifying nonprofit entities may be eligible to apply for the Maryland Department of Commerce's Nonprofit, Interest-Free Micro Bridge Loan ([NIMBL](#)) Program. NIMBL Program will allow entities to fill a funding gap between the award dates of a government grant and the actual receipt date of those awarded funds that allow for the continued support of the entity's program. Fill out the [intake form](#) to request assistance or sign up for the [Nonprofit Navigator Newsletter](#).
- Refer to [General Conditions](#), [Grant Adjustment Notice \(GAN\) Guidance](#), [Grants Tips and Guidance](#), [Civil Rights Compliance](#), [2 CFR Subrecipient Monitoring and Management Guidance](#), and [Federal Grants Financial Guide \(DOJ sample\)](#) for additional resource information.
- To review additional resources on a grant life cycle, refer to [Grants.gov Grants Learning Center](#), grant fraud and GOCPP's [Grants Management and Program Development Training modules](#).
- See reference video and guide on [GMS Navigation: Uploading Documents](#) and [GMS Quick Reference Series: Organization Document Attachments](#)

OUTPUT VS. OUTCOMES EXAMPLE

OUTPUT: A statistic that quantifies the number of services or products provided/produced as a result of specific activities related to the program/project.

OUTCOME: A measurable change in the quality of life, change in behavior by a client, or an impact as a result of the program. Outcomes can be numerical counts, standardized measures, level of functioning scales, or client satisfaction.

SAMPLE OUTPUTS VS. OUTCOMES

Objective 1: Develop criminal justice strategies that are coordinated at the Local, State, and Federal level.

Output:

- # of agencies/organizations receiving and sharing information since the implementation of the technical solution

Outcomes:

- # of programs reporting an increase in program success due to coordination.
- During current fiscal / calendar year, # of project partners actively participating and collaborating in programs.

Objective 2: Improve victim services for Maryland residents.

Outputs:

- # of victims served.
- # of victims that received medical accompaniment.

Outcomes:

- # of victims that received services whose circumstances improved as a result of the services.
- # of victims that indicated services were helpful on client satisfaction surveys.

Objective 3: Reduce victimization and criminal behavior in Maryland's children.

Outputs:

- # of family engagement activities for youth in secure confinement.
- # of educational opportunities provided to youth upon re-entry from secure confinement.

Outcomes:

- # of youth who exhibited an improvement in family relationships during the reporting period.
- # of youth who have exhibited increased educational participation upon reentry from secure confinement during the reporting period.

Objective 4: Maximize the public safety returns on Maryland's corrections spending.

Output:

- Percentage decline in prison population.

Outcomes:

- # of dollars reinvested in treatment or evidence-based alternatives to incarceration.
- # of offenders rehabilitated and reintegrated into society.

Objective 5: Increase the availability of data to support data-driven approaches to criminal justice issues in Maryland.

Output:

- # of additional data sources provided to the Office.

Outcome:

- # of data-driven criminal justice policies enacted.

***Please provide a narrative in the GMS to justify [Section C. Narrative Tab Instructions](#).**

III. CERTIFIED ASSURANCES

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THE APPLICANT HEREBY ASSURES AND CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING:

1. That Federal funds made available under this grant will not be used to supplant State or local funds, but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of Federal Funds, be made available for program activities.
 2. That cost sharing funds required to pay the non-Federal portion of the cost of each project, for which grant funds are made available, shall be in addition to funds that would otherwise be made available for program activities by the recipient of the grant funds and shall be provided as required in the Grant Award document.
 3. That if the subrecipient has expended \$1,000,000 or more in federal funds during the entities fiscal year, a single audit has been conducted in accordance with [2 CFR §200.514](#) and submitted to the [Federal Audit Clearinghouse](#).
 4. That fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, evaluation procedures and such records as the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy shall prescribe to and shall be provided to assure fiscal control, proper management and efficient disbursement of funds received.
 5. That the Grantee shall maintain such data and information and submit such reports in such form, at such times, and containing such information as the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy may reasonably be required to administer the program.
 6. Subrecipients will comply (and will require any subgrantees or contractors to comply) with any applicable statutorily-imposed nondiscrimination requirements, which may include **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion or sex in the delivery of services (42 U.S.C. § 2000d), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 42, subpart C; **The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex in the delivery of services and employment practices (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)(1)), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subpart D; **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the delivery of services and employment practices (29 U.S.C § 794), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subpart G; **Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990**, which prohibits discrimination in the delivery of services and employment practices (42 U.S.C. § 12132), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 35; **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs (20 U.S.C. § 1681), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subpart I; **The DOJ regulations on the Partnerships with Faith-based and other Neighborhood Organizations**, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion in the delivery of services and prohibit organizations from using DOJ funding on explicitly religious activities (28 C.F.R. Part 38); **Age Discrimination Act of 1975**, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in the delivery of services (42 U.S.C. § 6102), and the DOJ implementing regulation at 28 C.F.R. pt. 42, subpart I; **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and religion in the delivery of services and employment practices (34 U.S.C. § 11182 (b)), and DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. §§ 31.202, .403 & part 42, subpart D; **Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, and disability in the delivery of services and employment practices (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)), and the DOJ implementing regulation at 28 C.F.R. § 94.114; and **Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity in the delivery of services and employment practices (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)). These laws prohibit agencies from retaliating against individuals for taking action to secure rights protected by these laws.
 7. That in the event a Federal or state court or administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability against the Grantee, a copy of the finding will be forwarded to the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy
 8. Subrecipients receiving Federal (Safe Streets Act which authorizes VAWA), VOCA, or Title II JJDPA) Department of Justice Funding are governmental or for-profit entities, that have fifty or more employees and that receive a single award of \$25,000 or more are required to prepare and submit electronically their Equal Opportunity Plan and certification utilizing the Equal Employment Opportunity Reporting tool located on the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) website at <https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm>
- Subrecipients receiving Federal (Safe Streets Act which authorizes VAWA), VOCA, or Title II JJDPA) Department of Justice Funding that are Medical or Educational Institution, Indian Tribe, or non profit, governmental or for-profit entities with largest individual grant received is less than \$25,000 and have less than 50 employees will need to submit an online certification form to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) utilizing the Employment Opportunity tool at <https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm> but would be exempt from completing the Equal Opportunity Plan.
- The Office for Civil Rights has training presentations available to recipients of OJP, OVW and COPS Office funding to assist them in meeting their federal civil rights obligations. These trainings can be accessed at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/assistance.htm

9. That the Grantee will comply with the provisions of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's General and Special Conditions for Grants. General Conditions are posted on the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, and Policy's website (<https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/general-conditions/>).

10. That the Grantee will comply with the provisions of [28 CFR Part 66](#) applicable to grants and cooperative agreements awarded with DOJ funding.

11. Subrecipients are obligated to provide services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals. Refer to the DOJ's Guidance Document. To access this document see U.S. Department of Justice, Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons (67 Federal Regulation 41455 (2002)). This regulation may be accessed at: <http://www.archives.gov/eo/laws/title-vi.html>

CERTIFICATION: I certify that this program will comply with the provisions set forth by the State of Maryland and the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP)

IV. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Acceptance of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 2 CFR Part 2867, "DOJ Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension," and 28 CFR Part 83, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension," and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace (Grants)." The certification shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as implemented by 28 C.F.R. Part 69, the Applicant certifies and assures (to the extent applicable) the following:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If the Applicant's request for Federal funds is in excess of \$100,000, and any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the Applicant shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its (and any DOJ awarding agency's) instructions; and

(c) The Applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subgrants and procurement contracts (and their subcontracts) funded with Federal award funds and shall ensure that any certifications or lobbying disclosures required of recipients of such subgrants and procurement contracts (or their subcontractors) are made and filed in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

A. Pursuant to Department regulations on nonprocurement debarment and suspension implemented at 2 C.F.R. Part 2867, and to other related requirements, the Applicant certifies, with respect to prospective participants in a primary tier "covered transaction," as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 2867.20(a), that neither it nor any of its principals—

(a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) has within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, or been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of

fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, tribal, or local) transaction or private agreement or transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion or receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice, or commission of any offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects its (or its principals') present responsibility;

(c) is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, tribal, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and/or

(d) has within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, tribal, or local) terminated for cause or default.

B. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application. Where the Applicant or any of its principals was convicted, within a three-year period preceding this application, of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, the Applicant also must disclose such felony criminal conviction in writing to the Department (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov; for OVW Applicants, to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; or for COPS Applicants, to COPS at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov), unless such disclosure has already been made.

3. FEDERAL TAXES

A. If the applicant is a corporation, the applicant certifies that either (1) the corporation has no unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, or (2) the corporation has provided written notice of such an unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to OJP at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov, and, after such disclosure, the applicant has received a specific written determination from OJP that neither suspension nor debarment of the applicant is necessary to protect the interests of the Government in this case.

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

4. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 83, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Sections 83.620 and 83.650:

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the Department, in writing, within 10 calendar days after having received notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title of any such convicted employee to the Department, as follows:

For OJP and OVW award recipients - U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 810 7th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531.

Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected award;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted --

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

Applicant must upload a signed copy of all Certified Assurances in the Document section of the GMS by program-specific NOFA due date.

1. Grantee Name and Address:
2. Application Number and/or Project Name
3. Grantee IRS/Vendor Number
4. Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative
5. Signature
6. Date