

Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants

FY22 Justice Grants Juvenile and Criminal Justice Consolidated RFA Questions and Answers

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Question 1: I am curious about the requirement that we identify the funding source we're applying for. If we are interested in "Community Corrections and Reentry" is that the funding source or is it LOCAL?

Answer: In ZoomGrants, question #14 addresses funding source and it is connected to the purpose area being proposed:

14. PROGRAM PURPOSE AREA

Check all that apply.

- Juvenile Justice: Delinquency Prevention
 - Juvenile Justice: Restorative Justice
 - Juvenile Justice: Youth Rehabilitation Amendment Act
 - Juvenile Justice: Juvenile Reentry
 - Juvenile Justice: JJDPA Core Requirements (District agencies only)
 - Juvenile Justice: Title II PREA (District agencies only)
 - Criminal Justice: Adult Reentry
 - Criminal Justice: Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
 - Criminal Justice: IRAA/Second Chance Amendment Act Implementation and Support (only current IRAA grantees are eligible)
 - Criminal Justice: Strategic Planning, Program Evaluation, Technology, Information Sharing (District agencies only)
 - Criminal Justice: Byrne JAG PREA (District agencies only)
 - Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (District agencies only)
 - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (District agencies only)
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Question 2: Is it possible to look at successful grant applications?

Answer: OVSJG does not provide copies of successful grant applications. Current funding recipients can be seen here: <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/page/ovsjg-funding-recipients> and an applicant could contact a current grantee to request to see their grant application.

Question 3: Does [ZoomGrants] count spaces as characters?

Answer: Spaces are counted as characters. 5,000 characters = 800 words or 1.5 pages single-spaced.

Question 4: If we're using in-text citations, where would you prefer the references (in the same section or in a separate document attached)?

Answer: Please put references in the same section. We will not review attachments that are not those that are required.

Question 5: Can evidence for our own program (i.e., prior year data) be used as part of the support for evidence based?

Answer: Yes, if you have any evaluation data or evidence on your own program that can be included.

Question 6: My organization is currently fiscally sponsored by a church. They are also a 501c3 but I don't think they have a business license since churches aren't required to get those. Does that automatically disqualify us or is there an exception for churches? Is it something they can apply for in the next month? We will also be transitioning to our own 501c3 by the end of this year, so would then have a business license.

Answer: If you don't have a business license at the time of application, you can submit a letter noting that you are applying for one. If selected for funding, you will need to have the business license in place prior to an award being executed.

Question 7: We are interested in applying for several components of the Justice Grants RFA. Do they need to be individual applications, or can we submit a combined application?

Answer: An organization can submit one combined application for multiple purpose areas under this RFA.

Question 8: If my organization is planning to partner with the DC Department of Corrections and we do not have an executed MOU in place by the time of application submission can I submit the application without it.

Answer: Yes. Your organization can submit its grant application without an executed MOU from the DC Department of Corrections – Program and Case Management and/or Ready Center; however, your organization must obtain an acknowledgement receipt stating that an MOU has been initiated and currently being processed.

Question 9: Can you please tell me how much funding is available for the Justice Grants Juvenile and Criminal Justice Services Consolidated RFA?

Answer: The FY22 District budget has not yet been approved; therefore, we cannot say how much funding is available.

Question 10: We are interested in applying for several components of the Justice Grants RFA. Do they need to be individual applications or can we submit a combined application? The three areas that we are looking at are:

1. 2.1 Juvenile Justice Funds, 2.1.1 Delinquency Prevention
2. 2.1 Juvenile Justice Funds, 2.1.2 Restorative Justice

3. 2.2 Criminal Justice Funds, 2.2.2 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)

We also wanted to know if PSN is connected to the Mayor's Building Blocks initiative.

Answer: Your organization may submit one grant application for multiple funding purpose areas under this RFA.

Depending on the geographic location an applicant may propose for PSN funding, there may be an intersection with a Building Blocks identified area.

Question 11: I attended the Pre-bidder's webinar and wanted to ask a question for clarification. Is it correct that there is no funding cap for requests for the Re-entry purpose area this year or is that just for pass-through federal funds that only District agencies can apply for?

Answer: That is correct there is no funding cap in the RFA; except for the program focus areas that stipulate a funding cap in the RFA.