

Grant Name: OVW FY 2017 Justice for Families Program

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA #): 16.021 – Justice Systems Response to Families

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women

Description: The Grants to Support Families in the Justice System program (referred to as the Justice for Families Program) was authorized in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) of 2013 to improve the response of all aspects of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program supports the following activities for improving the capacity of communities and courts to respond to families affected by the four crimes: court-based and court-related programs; supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents; training and technical assistance for people who work with families in the court system; civil legal services; provision of resources in juvenile court matters; and development or promotion of legislation, model codes, policies, and best practices.

Amount of Funds Available: The Justice for Families Program typically makes awards in the range of \$500,000-\$700,000 based on the scope and purpose areas of the proposed project. OVW estimates that it will make up to 18 standard awards and 3-5 comprehensive awards for an estimated \$11,000,000.

Match Requirement: None

Eligible Applicants:

1. **States**, meaning any of the states and the District of Columbia, and except as otherwise provided, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.
2. **Units of local government**, meaning any city, county, township, town, borough, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a state.
3. **Courts (including juvenile courts)**, meaning any civil or criminal, tribal, and Alaska Native village, federal, state, local or territorial court having jurisdiction to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, including immigration, family, juvenile, and dependency courts.
4. **Indian tribal governments**, meaning a tribe, band, pueblo, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation (as defined in, or established pursuant to, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)), that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.
5. **Nonprofit organizations**, meaning an organization that is described in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.
6. **Legal services providers**, meaning entities that provide legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; including private nonprofit entities, law schools, bar associations, and organizations that receive Legal Service Corporation funding. This does *not* include for-profit organizations.
7. **Victim service providers**, meaning nonprofit, nongovernmental or tribal organizations or rape crisis centers, including state or tribal coalitions, that assist or advocate for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victims, including domestic violence shelters, faith-based organizations, and other organizations, with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Application Deadline: January 12, 2017

Contact Information: For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the Justice for Families Unit at OVW.JFF@USDOJ.GOV or (202) 307-6026.

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