

FY 2021 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act  
American Rescue Plan Supplemental COVID-19 Testing,  
Vaccine Access, Mobile Health Units Access

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Office of Criminal Justice Services

# Introduction and Agenda Overview

- Purpose of Funding
- How to Apply
- Grantee Selection Process
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- Questions about the funding

# OCJS and Grant Programs

**The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.**

**By statute, OCJS is the lead justice planning and assistance office for the state, and is responsible for administering millions of dollars in state and federal criminal justice funding every year.**

# Federal FVPSA Program

Provides the primary federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents.

# FVPSA American Rescue Plan Funding Purpose:

- Prevent,
- Prepare and,
- Respond to Covid-19

# Allowable Use of Funds

- **COVID-19 Testing**
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Access**
- **Mobile Health Units Access** (Excludes vehicle purchases and leases)
- **Workforce Expansions, Capacity Building, and Supports**
  - Such expenses may include:
    - Hiring bonuses and retention payments,
    - Childcare,
    - Transportation subsidies, and
    - Other fringe or personal benefits authorized by HHS regulations ([45 CFR part 75](#)).

# How to Apply

## **Read the FVPSA ARP RFP**

Verify organization eligibility

Develop project strategy

Write application

Submit application

Applicants must submit an electronic version through

[www.ocjsgrants.com](http://www.ocjsgrants.com)

# Assistance and Notification

- **Application:** For technical assistance on any part of the application process you may email Katie Fenwick at [KLFenwick@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:KLFenwick@dps.ohio.gov) or you may contact your regional grant coordinator. The Regional contact list is accessed at on the OCJS website [www.ocjs.ohio.gov](http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov)
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- **Award:** If awarded, notifications will be mailed electronically via the OCJS grants management system to selected projects; and before final approval, all required forms and pre-award conditions must be completed and returned to OCJS through the grants management system.



# Eligibility

**Distribution of Funding priority will be given to community based projects carried out by nonprofit, private organizations and that do the following:**

- Operate shelters for victims of family violence, domestic violence and dating violence, and their dependents as their primary purpose; or
- Provide counseling advocacy, and self-help services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their dependents.

# Eligibility

- ✓ System for Award Management Profile (SAM.gov)
- ✓ Reporting Requirements Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

# Funding Information

- OCJS grants are reimbursement grants
- All costs must directly relate to preparation for, prevention of and/or response to COVID-19
- OCJS reserves the right to modify project budgets or provide partial funding
- Funding of projects through OCJS is subject to availability of federal pass-through funding resources

# Funding Requirements

- Additional funding requirements will be issued as Pre-Award Conditions if funding is approved
- A list of the requirements is provided in the RFP under the Notification section
- Failure to complete forms and/or properly complete forms could result in funding being revoked
- Review the Federal Subgrant Conditions Handbook on [www.ocjs.ohio.gov](http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov)

# Length of Funding

- Project Period:

July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

# Fiscal Considerations

- Match is not required
- No funding cap, however budgets should reflect costs that are realistic and allowable.
- All budget items must relate to COVID-19 prevention, preparation and response

# Submission

- **Applications are due by 5:00 pm EST on February 14, 2023**
  - Proposals must be in **Application Submitted** status to be considered for review
  - Late applications will not be reviewed

# Format and Submission

The screenshot shows the login page of the Online Grants System. The header includes the system name and logos for OECJS and DRC. A login form with fields for Username and Password is visible, along with a 'LOGIN' button and links for 'New User?' and 'Forgot Password?'. A large blue arrow points from the right towards the login form.

The screenshot displays a 'Global Errors' page. It features a 'Back' button, a 'Details' link for document information (2015-JG-D01-0005), and two error messages: 'You must complete this page Budget Request By Request.' and 'Information populated on this page is derived from other pages that were changed. Please review this page for accuracy. Title Page.' A large blue arrow points from the left towards the error messages.

The screenshot shows the 'Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2015 Menu - Status Options' page. It includes a 'Back' button, a 'Details' link for document information (2015-JG-D01-0005), and a section for 'Possible Statuses' with two options: 'APPLICATION SUBMITTED' and 'APPLICATION CANCELLED', each with an 'APPLY STATUS' button. A 'Top of the Page' button is at the bottom. A large blue arrow points from the bottom towards the status options.



# Narrative

- Provide local data/statistics that show how the community/population you serve has been impacted by Covid-19. **Responses should include the following:**
  - Population size, location, geography
  - Population composition in terms of race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, and other important demographic information
  - Calls for service (immediate shelter and/or related supportive services)
  - Number of people served (immediate shelter and/or related supportive services)
  - Number of people who request services who are turned away (explain why)

# Narrative

- Provide information to explain how your agency has been impacted by COVID-19.
- Explain why other resources in the community are not sufficient to address the problem you are experiencing.
- Describe what you are requesting funding for, and how your request is related to COVID-19 prevention, preparation, or response with the intentional focus of increasing access and supports for domestic violence survivors and their dependents. Refer to page 4 Allowable Use of Funds and Appendix A.

# Narrative

- Who on your staff will be responsible for overseeing the project? **Responses should include staff managing the proposed project activities and staff implementing project activities. If staff have not been hired describe positions and roles within the project.**
- Discuss how/whether you have worked with local/state/federal health departments, the CDC, or other entities in developing Covid-19 related policies and practices. If you have not, please explain why.

# Organization Capacity

## **Responses should include the following.**

- Describe the mission of the agency that will serve as the subgrantee and/or implementing agency.
- Describe the capacity of the subgrantee and implementing agency's ability to administer grants of similar size and scope.
  - Applicants should identify/name the specific grant programs and funding amounts that have been administered.
- Clearly describe adequate resources available (i.e. personnel/staff, infrastructure to support additional program, computers, software, etc.) to implement the project as proposed.

# Organization Capacity

- Clearly identify key staff, including any volunteers and/or contracted staff that will be participating in the proposed project.
- Clearly describe adequate resources available (i.e. personnel/staff, infrastructure to support additional program, computers, software, etc.) to implement the project as proposed.
- Discuss how successful completion of the project is realistic given the key staff implementing the project.

# External Audit or Financial Report

- **External Audit or Financial Report** – applicants are required to upload a copy of the organization's most recent external audit or most recent financial report to the Attachment Upload section of the application. This allows OCJS to ensure requirements are met for 2 C.F.R. § 200.331(f). Single Audit Act Amendment of 1996, and the OMB Circular A-133.

# Budget

Presents a clear and detailed budget with a narrative that explains and justifies

Justifies the costs of the proposed program and that the costs are considered reasonable and cost-effective in view of the types and range of activities to be conducted, the number of participants to be served, and the expected results and benefits

Includes information on related funding the agency may be applying for or receiving

# Budget – Travel Costs

- Lodging and meal per diem rates cannot exceed the rates set by the federal Government Services Administration. The rates can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>



# Budget Travel Costs

- Mileage rates cannot exceed the rates set by Ohio Budget Management. These rate can be found at

<https://obm.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/obm/areas-of-interest/agency-overview/obm-travel-rule/obm-travel-rule>

# Budget Guidance Tools

- Financial Budget Definition Reference Guide
- Fringe Benefits Summary

<https://ocjs.ohio.gov/grants-funding-monitoring/grants-monitoring-fiscal-compliance>

# Appendix A

- **Allowable Use of Funds Guidance**
  - **Covid-19 Testing**
  - **Covid-19 Vaccine Access**
  - **Mobile Health Units Access**
  - **Workforce Expansion, Capacity Building and Supports**

# Unallowable Costs

## Unallowable Costs:

- Direct payment to survivors;
- Moving expenses;
- Construction costs; and
- Renovation costs.
- Vehicle purchases and leases.
- Billboards

# Unallowable Costs

Do not include hotel/motel costs in the budget.

ODVN is coordinating hotel/motel needs and applicants are referred to ODVN for funding support.

# Unallowable Costs

Additional descriptions of costs that cannot be supported through this grant program can be accessed at the Unallowable Costs list accessed on the OCJS website.

<https://ocjs.ohio.gov/grants-funding-monitoring/grants-administration/grants-forms-and-resources>

# Additional Questions?

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