

Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2026 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172670

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **September 25, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **September 29, 2026, by 4:59 PM ET**
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the U.S Department of Justice. OVW administers Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants designed to prevent and respond to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program (Disability Grant Program)**. This program helps states, local governments, Tribal governments and organizations, and certain nonprofit organizations provide training and information on domestic/dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and caregiver abuse against individuals with disabilities¹ and Deaf people and to enhance direct services to such individuals. See [Eligibility](#) and [Program Description](#) for details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.529
Statutory Authority	34 U.S.C § 20122
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2026-172670
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$10,500,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	18
Award Type	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$600,000
Expected Award Period	36 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	August 13, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Start the process at least 30 days before deadlines
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on September 25, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	4:59 p.m. ET on September 29, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	By September 30, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

¹ See Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12102.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Government Entities

- State governments²
- Indian Tribal governments³ or Tribal organizations⁴
- Units of local government⁵

Nonprofit Entities (with 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS))

- Victim service providers⁶
- Tribal nonprofit organizations⁷
- Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities and Deaf people

Recipients with grants ending by September 30, 2026 may apply but are unlikely to be funded if they have enough funds to carry the project through September 30, 2027.

Faith-based organizations that meet the eligibility requirements for this program are eligible to apply (more information is in the [Application Companion Guide](#)).

Cost sharing and application limit: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match). You may not submit more than one application under this NOFO. If an applicant submits multiple versions of the same application, only the most recent system-validated version will be reviewed.

Additional Eligibility Factors

501(c)(3) status: Any nonprofit organization applying for this program must be recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and must maintain that status during the award period.⁸

Required partnership(s): All applications must include BOTH a victim service provider or Tribal organization serving victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking AND a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization serving individuals with disabilities and/or Deaf people. The lead applicant may fill one **but not both** roles. The required partnership(s) must be documented in the [Proposal Narrative](#) and the [Memorandum of Understanding](#).

² The term “state” includes territories. See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(37).

³ Must be federally recognized, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(22), (43).

⁴ Defined at 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(45).

⁵ Defined as county, city, or township governments, as well as any town, borough, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a state, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(47).

⁶ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(50).

⁷ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(44).

⁸ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(i).

Eligible service area: Projects must be proposed at a state, Tribal, multi-county, or local level, **not** a regional, multi-state, or national level.

Disqualifying factors: Factors that may result in removal during the review process are described on the [OVW website](#). In addition, any nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code is ineligible.⁹

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Per 34 U.S.C. § 20122(b), funds must be used for **one or more of the following purposes**:

1. Provide personnel, training, technical assistance, advocacy, intervention, risk reduction (including using evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic/dating violence homicide) and prevention of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;
2. Conduct outreach activities to ensure that individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking receive appropriate assistance;
3. Conduct cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement and other first responders, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities about risk reduction, intervention, prevention, and the nature of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;
4. Provide technical assistance to assist with modifications to existing policies, protocols, and procedures to ensure equal access to the services, programs, and activities of victim service providers for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;
5. Provide training and technical assistance on the requirements of shelters and victim service providers under federal anti-discrimination laws, including –
 - a. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.); and
 - b. section 794 of Title 29 (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973).
6. Modify facilities, purchase equipment, and provide personnel so that shelters and victim service organizations can accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;¹⁰

⁹ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(ii).

¹⁰ Applicants proposing to address purpose number 6 must address another purpose as well. Additionally, grantees that modify facilities will be required to work with OVW to meet the requirements of relevant laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. Go [here](#) for more information.

7. Provide advocacy and intervention services for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or
8. Develop model programs to enhance the capacity of organizations serving individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Expected outcomes: OVW will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO. See the [VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative](#) for more information.

Unallowable activities: For information on program-specific unallowable activities and costs to help you develop your application and budget consistent with program requirements, see the [Application Companion Guide](#) and [Budget](#) section of this NOFO.

Agency Funding Priorities

OVW may give priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the following public-safety priorities (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO):

1. Combatting human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration, transnational criminal organizations, and cartel operations, including projects that strengthen law enforcement investigation and prosecution while supporting safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
2. Projects dedicated to direct victim services and/or criminal justice responses—including investigation, arrest, prosecution, and enforcement of protective orders—particularly in small towns and rural, remote, and Tribal communities.

Note: Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that OVW considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

OVW will only consider applications that contain parts marked ***REQUIRED*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions. All supporting documents and resources for this program are on the [OVW website](#).

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424 *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Proposal Abstract	Text Box
Data Requested with Application • Pre-award Risk Assessment	Online Form
Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget/Financial Attachments • Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) • Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable) • Executive Compensation Disclosure (if applicable)	Attachment
Memorandum of Understanding *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Additional Application Components • Certification regarding out-of-scope activities • Summary Data Sheet • Confidentiality Notice Form • Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification (if applicable) • Proof of 501(c)(3) status (if applicable)	Attachment

Standard Applicant Information ***REQUIRED***

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the [SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov](#) and add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

Proposal Abstract

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract (limited to 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project. See example [here](#). As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names).

Data Requested with Application: Pre-award Risk Assessment

Complete this questionnaire in JustGrants. The questions are available [here](#).

Proposal Narrative ***REQUIRED***

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Use the [Proposal Narrative Template](#) on the OVW website. It must be:

- No longer than 15 pages, double-spaced
- In a font no smaller than 12-point
- On correctly numbered pages with one-inch margins
- In a file format openable in Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader
- In a table format or use headings and subheadings that correspond to the sections listed below
- Written in plain language

If you do not follow this format, OVW may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the three sections listed below. If you want priority consideration, the Proposal Narrative must state which priority(ies) your project will advance and describe how it will do so.

For NOFOs that require a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or letters of support from project partners, they are reviewed in conjunction with the Proposal Narrative.

1. Purpose of the Project (weighted at 30%)

- Say why you are applying for the grant.
- Identify the project's goals/objectives. Summarize why the goals/objectives were selected, e.g., how the project complements other services, improves services, fills service gaps, and/or responds to a need.
- Identify the geographic area that will be served, including whether the project will be implemented at the state, Tribal, multi-county, or local level.
- Identify one to two disability types and one or more of the crime areas (e.g., domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or abuse by caregivers against individuals with disabilities) as the focus of the project.

2. What Will Be Done (weighted at 35%)

- For each project goal, describe:
 - Activities and who is responsible for them;
 - How the applicant will ensure victim safety and/or offender accountability; and
 - Outcomes for knowing the goal was achieved, and how these outcomes will be tracked.
- Describe how services, products, etc. will be accessible to those with the disability types identified in the Purpose of the Project section and to anyone else who may need them.

3. Who Will Implement the Project (weighted at 20%)

- Identify the people who will implement the project. Provide for each person their name, agency/organization, position/title, their role and responsibilities on the

proposed project, and a description of how they are equipped to fulfill their role/responsibility on the project.

- Describe anticipated coordination and collaboration among project partners and/or others and how working together will advance the project's goals.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget ***REQUIRED*** (weighted at 15%)

Use the [Sample Budget Narrative](#) (attach file in JustGrants) to submit the budget. Refer to [Budget Information](#) and the [Creating a Budget](#) webinar for more information:

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category. **Total funding requested for 36 months must be no more than \$600,000.**
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities.
- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.¹¹
- Fairly and reasonably compensate project partners, unless a reason not to is explained in a memorandum of understanding or letter of support.
- Limit minor renovation costs to 10% of the budget.¹²
- Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities.¹³
- Set aside a minimum of \$15,000 (contiguous states) or \$20,000 (territories, AK, and HI) on the Travel line to participate in training and technical assistance.

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs, upload your current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.
- [Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire](#) (if applicable): Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that have not previously (or within the last three years) received funding from OVW must complete and upload this form.
- [Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation](#) (nonprofits only): Nonprofit organizations that use the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Safe Harbor Procedure must submit a special disclosure to OVW.¹⁴

¹¹ See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on unallowable costs [here](#).

¹² More information on minor renovations is [here](#).

¹³ More information on this is [here](#).

¹⁴ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(iii). More information is [here](#).

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) ***REQUIRED***

An MOU is required to document the required partnership(s) as described in [Eligibility](#). OVW's [website](#) has instructions for MOUs.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- **Certification regarding out-of-scope activities** letter signed by the Authorized Representative.
 - Note: This certification is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-to-date information about the certification requirement, see the notice on OVW's [funding opportunities page](#).
- **Summary Data Sheet**, one to four pages.
- **Confidentiality Notice Form**, signed by the Authorized Representative, acknowledging the confidentiality requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2).
- **Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification**, signed by the Authorized Representative if the application proposes to provide legal assistance to victims.
- **501(c)(3) status determination letter** from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing the applicant's tax-exempt status, as described in [Eligibility](#). OVW cannot make an award to a nonprofit organization without this letter.

Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the [disclosures](#), [assurances](#), and [certifications](#) in JustGrants.

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit by the [deadlines](#). [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) applies to this funding opportunity. OVW's [How to Apply](#) page has a policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disaster.

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

OVW's [Discretionary Grant Application Review Process](#) page explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, review and selection process, including risk review, and deciding official.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process on OVW's [website](#).

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the [Application Companion Guide](#) for more information about [standard award terms and conditions](#), administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	Phone: 202-307-6026 Email: OVW.Disabilities@usdoj.gov
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: https://sam.gov/content/help Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday – Friday
Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: https://www.grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 866-655-4482 Email: OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday – Friday