NEWS AND UPDATES



On October 15, 2020, the Department of Justice (DOJ) grant making components — the <u>Office of Community Oriented</u> <u>Policing Services (COPS Office)</u>, the <u>Office of Justice Programs (OJP)</u>, and the <u>Office on Violence Against Women</u> (<u>OVW</u>) — transitioned to one grants management system (JustGrants) for all three grant making components and a new payment management system (ASAP).

This e-newsletter provides updates and shares information to assist everyone with the transition to these new systems.



JustGrants Is Back Online

As of this morning, JustGrants is back online after the fiscal year-end reconciliation of the Department's financial management system.

For technical support or to report issues with JustGrants —

- COPS Office and OJP applicants and award recipients should contact <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> or 833-872-5175, Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET); Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- OVW applicants and award recipients should contact <u>OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov</u> or 866-655-4482.

You may also visit the <u>Justice Grants Website User Support page</u> to learn more about selfservice options and other support resources.

Accepting Fiscal Year 2021 Awards in JustGrants

Please refer to the September 9, 2021, <u>FY 2021 Department of Justice Grants Award Timeline</u> <u>and JustGrants Processing</u> communication regarding the Department's timeline for awards.

The three grant making components will update their websites as FY 2021 awards are made. Please check the following links for award updates:

- <u>COPS Office Award Announcements</u>
- OJP Award Data
- OVW Awards by State and Program

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When successful applicants are notified of their awards, the Authorized Representative, Application Submitter, and Entity Administrator will receive an email notification that there is an award to accept. The entire process of reviewing and accepting FY 2021 awards will be completed within JustGrants.

You do not need to print and sign a PDF to accept the award. Instead, your Authorized Representative will accept or decline the award electronically in JustGrants.

A few important points to note are listed below:

- Entities must set up their JustGrants account and enroll in ASAP to accept and manage their awards.
- Prior to accepting an award, the Entity Administrator must assign a Financial Manager and a Grant Award Administrator. The Entity Administrator should also review the Authorized Representative assignment made at the time of application to ensure the assignment is correct. Review the <u>JustGrants Roles</u> overview for more information.
- COPS Office grantees will have two Authorized Representatives, and both must accept the award.

To accept an award in JustGrants, the Authorized Representative will —

- 1. sign in to <u>JustGrants</u>.
- 2. select an award from My Worklist.
- 3. open and accept the information for each tab of the Award Package page.
- 4. click Accept. (After the Authorized Representative clicks Accept, the system will display a banner indicating that the award has been accepted.)

To decline an award, the Authorized Representative will —

1. select the Decline button and enter an explanation.

Learn more about accepting awards in JustGrants by viewing this <u>training video</u> and <u>reference</u> <u>guide</u>.

Award Acceptance Resources

Receive Real-Time Technical Assistance Through Virtual Q&A Sessions

<u>Register</u> for a Virtual Q&A session with the JustGrants team for real-time technical assistance and support on how to use JustGrants. Sessions focus on Entity Management, Post-Award Management and Award Acceptance for DOJ award recipients. Recurring weekly sessions include —

- Post-Award Management: Mondays, 1:00–2:30 p.m. ET
- Entity Management: Tuesdays, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET

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• (NEW) Award Acceptance: Thursdays, 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET (Due to the October 11 federal holiday and scheduling conflicts that week, the first session will be Wednesday, October 13, and then sessions will return to the regular cadence.)

You may also review previous Virtual Q&A session recordings and materials.

Register for a Session

Do you know someone else who could use this information? They can subscribe to email updates regarding JustGrants at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_586.

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