

## **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Grant Special Conditions**

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<p><b>FY2025 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Grant Program Funding Opportunity# 526169</b></p>
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Acceptance of this grant award by the subgrantee constitutes its agreement that it assumes full responsibility for the management of all aspects of the grant and the activities funded by the grant, including assuring proper fiscal management of and accounting for grant funds; assuring that personnel paid with grant funds are hired, supervised and evaluated in accordance with established employment and personnel policies; and assuring that all terms, conditions and assurances submitted with the grant application, and those issued with this award are complied with.

By signing the Statement of Grant Award/Acceptance, the subgrantee agrees to:

- use the grant funds to carry out the activities described in the grant application, as modified by the terms and conditions attached to this award or by subsequent amendments approved by DCJS;
- adhere to the approved budget contained in this award and amendments made to it in accord with these terms and conditions; and,
- comply with all terms, conditions and assurances either attached to this award or submitted with the grant application.

### **1. Requirements of the award; remedies for non-compliance or for materially false statements**

The conditions of this award are material requirements of the award. Compliance with any certifications or assurances submitted by or on behalf of the subgrantee that relate to conduct during the period of performance also is a material requirement of this award.

Failure to comply with any one or more of these award requirements -- whether a condition set out in full below, a condition incorporated by reference below, or a certification or assurance related to conduct during the award period -- may result in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) or the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) taking appropriate action with respect to the subgrantee and the award. Among other things, the OJP and DCJS may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. The Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including OJP, also may take other legal action as appropriate.

Any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to the federal government related to this award (or concealment or omission of a material fact) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. 10271-10273),

and also may lead to imposition of civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

Should any provision of a requirement of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law. Should it be held, instead, that the provision is utterly invalid or -unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severable from this award.

## **2. Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements**

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") apply to this award.

For more information and resources on the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as they relate to OJP awards and subawards ("subgrants"), see the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Part200UniformRequirements.htm>.

In the event that an award-related question arises from documents or other materials prepared or distributed by OJP that may appear to conflict with, or differ in some way from, the provisions of the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, the subgrantee is to contact DCJS promptly for clarification.

## **3. Compliance with DOJ Grants Financial Guide**

References to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide are to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OJP website (currently, the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide" available at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm> including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance. The subgrantee agrees to comply with the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.

## **4. Reclassification of various statutory provisions to a new Title 34 of the United States Code**

On September 1, 2017, various statutory provisions previously codified elsewhere in the U.S. Code were editorially reclassified to a new Title 34, entitled "Crime Control and Law Enforcement." The reclassification encompassed a number of statutory provisions pertinent to OJP awards (that is, OJP grants and cooperative agreements), including many provisions previously codified in Title 42 of the U.S. Code.

Effective as of September 1, 2017, any reference in this award document to a statutory provision that has been reclassified to the new Title 34 of the U.S. Code is to be read as a reference to that statutory provision as reclassified to Title 34. This rule of construction specifically includes references set out in award conditions, references set out in material incorporated by reference through award conditions, and references set out in other award requirements.

## **5. Requirements related to "de minimis" indirect cost rate**

A subgrantee that is eligible under the Part 200 Uniform Requirements and other applicable law to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate described in 2 C.F.R. 200.414(f), and that elects to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate, must advise DCJS in writing of both its eligibility and its election, and must comply with all associated requirements in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements. The "de minimis" rate may be applied only to modified total direct costs (MTDC) as defined by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements.

## **6. Requirement to report potentially duplicative funding**

If the subgrantee currently has other active awards of federal funds, or if the subgrantee receives any other award of federal funds during the period of performance for this award, the subgrantee promptly must determine whether funds from any of those other federal awards have been, are being, or are to be used (in whole or in part) for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are provided under this award. If so, the subgrantee must promptly notify DCJS in writing of the potential duplication, and, if so requested by DCJS, must seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

## **7. Requirements related to System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements**

The subrecipient must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining the currency of information in SAM.

The subrecipient must maintain a valid UEI number (a unique twelve alphanumeric characters used for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds). Subrecipients must be registered in SAM to receive an award and must maintain an active registration for the entire period of the award. A person or entity debarred or suspended is excluded from federal financial assistance and benefits under federal programs and activities.

If the search returns that any organization has an active exclusion record, DCJS will not award or permit any award at any level to any party which is debarred or suspended from participation in Federal assistance programs.

If the grantee is found to have exclusion after the grant has been awarded, encumbrances will be placed on all active awards. Stop payment will begin on any pending payment claims. Audits will begin to verify compliance of all awards. DCJS will pursue repayment of funds that were expended during the exclusion period. If the subrecipient fails to remit funds owed to DCJS, the funds will then be deemed uncollectible debt by DCJS. Uncollectible debt will be reported to the Virginia Department of Taxation Debt Set Off program, Office of the Attorney General and third-party collections. DCJS may add fees, fines and penalties to the original amount of the debt owed.



## **8. Employment eligibility verification for hiring under the award**

### 1. The subgrantee at any tier must—

- A. Ensure that, as part of the hiring process for any position within the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds, the subgrantee properly verifies the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2).
- B. Notify all persons associated with the subgrantee who are or will be involved in activities under this award of both—
  - (1) this award requirement for verification of employment eligibility, and
  - (2) the associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2) that, generally speaking, make it unlawful, in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.
- C. Provide training (to the extent necessary) to those persons required by this condition to be notified of the award requirement for employment eligibility verification and of the associated provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2).
- D. As part of the recordkeeping for the award (including pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), maintain records of all employment eligibility verifications pertinent to compliance with this award condition in accordance with Form I-9 record retention requirements, as well as records of all pertinent notifications and trainings.

### 2. Monitoring

The subgrantee's monitoring responsibilities include compliance with this condition.

### 3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

### 4. Rules of construction

#### A. Staff involved in the hiring process

For purposes of this condition, persons "who are or will be involved in activities under this award" specifically includes (without limitation) any and all subgrantee officials or other staff who are or will be involved in the hiring process with respect to a position that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.

## B. Employment eligibility confirmation with E-Verify

For purposes of satisfying the requirement of this condition regarding verification of employment eligibility, the subgrantee may choose to participate in, and use, E-Verify ([www.e-verify.gov](http://www.e-verify.gov)), provided an appropriate person authorized to act on behalf of the subgrantee uses E-Verify (and follows the proper E-Verify procedures, including in the event of a "Tentative Nonconfirmation" or a "Final Nonconfirmation") to confirm employment eligibility for each hiring for a position in the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.

C. "United States" specifically includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

D. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any subgrantee at any tier, or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

E. Nothing in this condition, including in paragraph 4.B., shall be understood to relieve any subgrantee at any tier, or any person or other entity, of any obligation otherwise imposed by law, including 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2).

Questions about E-Verify should be directed to DHS. For more information about E-Verify visit the E-Verify website (<https://www.e-verify.gov/>) or email E-Verify at [E-Verify@dhs.gov](mailto:E-Verify@dhs.gov).

E-Verify employer agents can email EVerify at [E-VerifyEmployerAgent@dhs.gov](mailto:E-VerifyEmployerAgent@dhs.gov).

Questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to DCJS and OJP, before award acceptance.

## **9. Requirement to report actual or imminent breach of personally identifiable information (PII)**

The subgrantee must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent "breach" (OMB M-17-12) if it -- 1) creates, collects, uses, processes, stores, maintains, disseminates, discloses, or disposes of "personally identifiable information (PII)" (2 CFR 200.79) within the scope of an OJP grant-funded program or activity, or 2) uses or operates a "Federal information system" (OMB Circular A-130). The subgrantee's breach procedures must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to DCJS no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

## **10. All subawards ("subgrants") must have specific federal authorization**

The subgrantee, must comply with all applicable requirements for authorization of any subaward. This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a "subaward" (and therefore does not consider a procurement "contract").

The details of the requirement for authorization of any subaward are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SubawardAuthorization.htm> (Award condition: All subawards ("subgrants") must have specific federal authorization), and are incorporated by reference here.

## **11. Specific post-award approval required to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed \$250,000**

The subgrantee, must comply with all applicable requirements to obtain specific advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently, \$250,000). This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a procurement "contract" (and therefore does not consider a subaward).

The details of the requirement for advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract under an OJP award are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/NoncompetitiveProcurement.htm> (Award condition: Specific post-award approval required to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract (if contract would exceed \$250,000)), and are incorporated by reference here.

## **12. Unreasonable restrictions on competition under the award; association with federal government**

SCOPE. This condition applies with respect to any procurement of property or services that is funded (in whole or in part) by this award, whether by the subgrantee at any tier, and regardless of the dollar amount of the purchase or acquisition, the method of procurement, or the nature of any legal instrument used. The provisions of this condition must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).

1. No discrimination, in procurement transactions, against associates of the federal government

Consistent with the (DOJ) Part 200 Uniform Requirements -- including as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.300 (requiring awards to be "manage[d] and administer[ed] in a manner so as to ensure that Federal funding is expended and associated programs are implemented in full accordance with U.S. statutory and public policy requirements") and 200.319(a) (generally requiring "[a]ll procurement transactions [to] be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition" and forbidding practices "restrictive of competition," such as "[p]lacing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business" and taking "[a]ny arbitrary action in the procurement process") --

no subgrantee at any tier may (in any procurement transaction) discriminate against any person or entity on the basis of such person or entity's status as an "associate of the federal government" (or on the basis of such person or entity's status as a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary of such an associate), except as expressly set out in 2 C.F.R. 200.319(a) or as specifically authorized by USDOJ.

## 2. Monitoring

The subgrantee's monitoring responsibilities include compliance with this condition.

## 3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

## 4. Rules of construction

A. The term "associate of the federal government" means any person or entity engaged or employed (in the past or at present) by or on behalf of the federal government -- as an employee, contractor or subcontractor (at any tier), subgrantee at any tier, agent, or otherwise -- in undertaking any work, project, or activity for or on behalf of (or in providing goods or services to or on behalf of) the federal government, and includes any applicant for such employment or engagement, and any person or entity committed by legal instrument to undertake any such work, project, or activity (or to provide such goods or services) in future.

B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any subgrantee at any tier, or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

## **13. Requirements pertaining to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)**

The subgrantee must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of subgrantees, or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of any subgrantee.

The details of the subgrantee's obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/ProhibitedConduct-Trafficking.htm> (Award condition: Prohibited conduct by subgrantees related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

#### **14. Determination of suitability to interact with participating minors**

SCOPE. This condition applies to this award if it is indicated -- in the application for the award (as approved by DOJ)(or in the application for any subaward, at any tier), the DOJ funding announcement (solicitation), or an associated federal statute -- that a purpose of some or all of the activities to be carried out under the award (whether by the subgrantee, at any tier) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

The subgrantee at any tier, must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status.

The details of this requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm> (Award condition: Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors), and are incorporated by reference here.

#### **15. Compliance with applicable rules regarding approval, planning, and reporting of conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events**

The subgrantee must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (currently, as section 3.10 of "Post award Requirements" in the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide").

#### **16. Requirement for data on performance and effectiveness under the award**

The subgrantee must collect and maintain data that measure the performance and effectiveness of work under this award. The data must be provided to DCJS as specified by DCJS in the program solicitation or other applicable written guidance. Data collection supports compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, and other applicable laws.

#### **17. OJP Training Guiding Principles**

Any training or training materials that the subgrantee develops or delivers with OJP award funds must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/implement/training-guiding-principles-grantees-and-subgrantees>.

## **18. Effect of failure to address audit issues**

The subgrantee understands and agrees that DCJS or the DOJ awarding agency may withhold award funds, or may impose other related requirements, if (as determined by DCJS or the DOJ awarding agency) the subgrantee does not satisfactorily and promptly address outstanding issues from audits required by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements (or by the terms of this award), or other outstanding issues that arise in connection with audits, investigations, or reviews of DOJ awards.

## **19. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38**

The subgrantee must comply with all applicable requirements of 28C.F.R. Part 38, specifically including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries.

Among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38 also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to subgrantee organizations that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to subgrantees that are faith-based or religious organizations.

The text of the regulation, now entitled "Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations," is available via the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations currently accessible at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-1/part-38> , by browsing to Title 28-Judicial Administration, Chapter 1, Part 38, under e-CFR "current" data.

## **20. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42**

The subgrantee must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

## **21. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54**

The subgrantee must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "education programs."

## **22. Restrictions on "lobbying"**

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds awarded by OJP may not be used by the subgrantee, either directly or indirectly, to support or oppose the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See 18 U.S.C. 1913. (There may be exceptions if an applicable federal statute specifically authorizes certain activities that otherwise would be barred by law.)

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds awarded by OJP from being used by the subgrantee, to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a subgrantee would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the subgrantee is to contact DCJS for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of DCJS and OJP.

## **23. Compliance with general appropriations-law restrictions on the use of federal funds (FY 2020, FY 2021, FY 2022)**

The subgrantee must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions, including from various "general provisions" in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, are set out at , and are incorporated by reference here.

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FY22AppropriationsRestrictions.htm>

Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a subgrantee would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, the subgrantee is to contact DCJS for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of DCJS and OJP.

## **24. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct**

The subgrantee at any tier, must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subgrantee, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this award -- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award should be reported to the OIG by--

(1) online submission accessible via the OIG webpage at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/contact-grants.htm>

(select "Submit Report Online");

(2) mail directed to: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, Investigations Division, ATTN: Grantee Reporting, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20530; and/or

(3) by facsimile directed to the DOJ OIG Investigations Division (Attn: Grantee Reporting) at (202) 616-9881 (fax).

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline>.

## **25. Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters**

No subgrantee under this award, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

1. In accepting this award, the subgrantee--

a. represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

b. certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

2. If the subgrantee does or is authorized under this award to make subawards ("subgrants"), procurement contracts, or both--

a. it represents that--

(1) it has determined that no other entity that the subgrantee's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

(2) it has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and

b. it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subgrantee, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any

c. further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

## **26. Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)**

The subgrantee must comply with, and is subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

The subgrantee also must inform its employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

Should a question arise as to the applicability of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712 to this award, the subgrantee is to contact DCJS for guidance.

## **27. Encouragement of policies to ban text messaging while driving**

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), DOJ encourages subgrantees to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

## **28. Discrimination Findings**

The subgrantee assures that in the event that a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the ground of race, religion, national origin, sex, or disability against a recipient of victim assistance formula funds under this award, the subgrantee will forward a copy of the findings to the Office for Civil Rights of OJP and DCJS.

## **29. National Environmental Policy Act Compliance**

The subgrantee understands that all OJP awards are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. section 4321 et seq.) and other related Federal laws (including the National Historic Preservation Act), if applicable. The subgrantee agrees to assist OJP in carrying out its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws, if the subgrantee plans to use VOCA funds (directly or through subaward or contract) to undertake any activity that triggers these requirements, such as renovation or construction. (See 28 C.F.R. Part 61, App. D.) The subgrantee also agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this award.

The specified activities requiring environmental analysis are:

- (1) New construction
- (2) Any renovation or remodeling of a property located in an environmentally or historically sensitive area, including property (a) listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or (b) located within a 100-year flood plain, a wetland, or habitat for an endangered species
- (3) A renovation that will change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size
- (4) Research and technology whose anticipated and future application could be expected to have an effect on the environment
- (5) Implementation of a program involving the use of chemicals (including the identification, seizure, or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories)

Complying with NEPA may require the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement, as directed by OJP. Further, for programs

relating to methamphetamine laboratory operations, the preparation of a detailed Mitigation Plan will be required.

For more information please see <https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/get-involved/citizens-guide-to-nepa-2021.pdf>.

Questions about this determination may be directed to your grant monitor at DCJS.

### **30. Financial Management Systems**

All subgrantees are required to establish and maintain adequate accounting systems and financial records and to accurately account for funds awarded to them. They must have a financial management system in place that is able to record and report on the receipt, obligation, and expenditure of grant funds. Subgrantees must properly track the use of award funds and maintain adequate supporting documentation including maintaining proper documentation for all paid grant and match staff and volunteer time reported.

Further information is available in the DOJ Financial Guide at [https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/pdfs/DOJ\\_FinancialGuide.pdf](https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/pdfs/DOJ_FinancialGuide.pdf).

### **31. Grant Record Access and Retention**

The subgrantee agrees promptly to provide, upon request, documentation related to this award. Subgrantee must provide access, including performance measurement information, in addition to the financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other pertinent records indicated at 2 C.F.R. 200.333. The subgrantee must authorize DCJS, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and/or the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), and its representatives, access to and the right to examine all records, books, paper, or documents related to this CASA grant.

Records pertinent to the award must be retained for a period of three (3) years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report.

### **32. Non-Supplanting Requirement**

Funds made available through this award will not be used to replace state or local funds that would, in the absence of this grant, be made available for the same purposes. Guidance on the non-supplanting requirement is available here:

[https://ojp.gov/archives/financial\\_guides/financialguide11/PreawardRequirements/chapter5page6.htm](https://ojp.gov/archives/financial_guides/financialguide11/PreawardRequirements/chapter5page6.htm)

### **33. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP)**

The subgrantee agrees to comply with the requirements regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Plans (EEOP). In certain cases, subgrantee must develop an EEOP. Your organization is required to submit a Certification Report and/or the Utilization Report section of your plan to the Office for Civil Rights via the online tool at <https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm>.

Further guidance can also be found at <https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm>.

### **34. Access to services – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)**

Subrecipients must ensure that Limited English Proficiency persons have meaningful access to the services under this program. National origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI and the Safe Streets Act, recipients are required to take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons having meaningful access to their programs. Meaningful access to their programs. Meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral and written translations when necessary. The U.S. Department of Justice has issued guidance for subgrantees to help them comply with Title VI requirements. The guidance document can be accessed on the Internet at [www.lep.gov](http://www.lep.gov).

### **35. Additional Monitoring Requirements**

The subgrantee understands that it may be subject to additional financial and programmatic on-site monitoring, which may be on short notice, and agrees that it will cooperate with any such monitoring.

### **36. Civil Rights Training Requirement**

The subgrantee agrees to meet the civil rights training requirements through viewing the online training modules offered through the Office for Civil Rights at <https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/assistance.htm>. The subgrantee must review these training modules at least once per grant cycle and must view the civil rights overview, standard assurances modules, and the module on the obligations to provide services to limited English proficient (LEP) individuals.

### **37. Subgrantee's integrity and performance matters: Requirement to report information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings to SAM and FAPIIS**

The subgrantee must comply with any and all applicable requirements regarding reporting of information on civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings connected with (or connected to the performance of) either this OJP award or any other grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the federal government. Under certain circumstances, subgrantees of OJP awards are required to report information about such proceedings, through the federal System for Award Management (known as "SAM"), to the designated federal integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIIS").

The details of subgrantee obligations regarding the required reporting (and updating) of information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings to the federal designated integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIIS") within SAM are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/FAPIIS.htm> (Award condition: Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, including Recipient Reporting to FAPIIS), and are incorporated by reference here.

### **38. Performance and Obligation Periods**

Grant funds, including state and local match, may be expended and/or obligated during the grant award period of performance. Subgrantees may only charge to the award allowable costs incurred during this grant award period. All properly incurred obligations must be liquidated no later than 45 days after the end of the award period. No new obligations may be made during the liquidation period. The subgrantee agrees to submit a final financial report and return all received and unexpended grant funds to DCJS within 45 days of the end of the grant award period.

### **39. Travel Policy**

Subgrantees may follow their own established travel rates if they have an established travel policy. DCJS reserves the right to determine the reasonableness of an organization's travel policy. If the subgrantee does not have an established policy, then they must adhere to federal travel policy. DCJS allows reimbursement for actual reasonable expenses and meals according to per diem. Please refer to the following IRS website for the most current mileage rate: <https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates>. Transportation costs for air and rail must be at coach rates.

### **40. Project Initiation**

Within 60 days of the starting date of the grant, the subgrantee must initiate the project funded. If not, the subgrantee must report to DCJS, in writing, the steps taken to initiate the project, the reasons for the delay, and the expected starting date. If the project is not operational within 90 days of the start date, the subgrantee must obtain approval in writing from DCJS for a new implementation date or DCJS may cancel and terminate the project and redistribute the funds.

#### **41. Contract amendments**

Contract/budget amendments must be submitted for review in the On-line Grants Management System (OGMS). These contract amendments include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Budget Amendment – Revision
- Budget Amendment – In Line Adjustment
- Change in Grant Funded Staff
- Change in Authorized Official
- Change in Award Sponsorship
- Project Scope of Work Revision
- Reporting Extension

Check with your grant monitor for details regarding submitting contract amendments via OGMS.

No amendment to the approved budget may be made without the prior approval of DCJS. No more than two (2) budget amendments will be permitted during the grant period. Budget Revision – Amendment requests, along with accompanying narrative, are to be submitted using the On-line Grants Management System (OGMS). The submission deadline for budget amendments is 45 days prior to the end of the grant period. Changes in grant funded staff and authorized officials must be made in a contract amendment within 30 days of the change occurring.

#### **42. Financial Audits**

The subgrantee agrees to forward a copy to DCJS of the subgrantee's scheduled financial statement audit for the fiscal year that covers the grant award period. If the subgrantee is a local government or non-profit organization and expends \$750,000 or more in federal awards (from all sources) during its fiscal year, the subgrantee is required to submit the appropriate single or program specific audit in accordance with the provisions outlined in 2CFR Part 200 Subpart F.

#### **43. Procurement**

The subgrantee agrees to provide for fair and open competition when procuring goods and services with award funds and to maintain documented procurement policies and procedures. Permission to make a sole source procurement requires the prior approval of DCJS. Any request for exemption to this regulation must be filed in writing.

#### **44. Conflict of Interest**

All subgrantees must have a written conflict of interest policy. The subgrantee certifies that it will disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to DCJS in accordance with applicable federal awarding agency policy as required in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E § 200.112.

## **45. Project Income**

Any funds generated as a direct result of DCJS grant-funded projects are deemed project income. Project income must be reported to DCJS. Examples of project income might include service fees; client fees; usage or rental fees; sales of materials; and income received from sale of seized and forfeited assets (cash, personal or real property included).

## **46. Required Reports**

The subgrantee agrees to submit, on or before scheduled due dates, such reports as required by DCJS. This includes filing required reports using the online On-line Grants Management Information System (OGMS). Failure to submit reports by the deadline dates may result in delay for reimbursement requests and/or cancellation of the subaward.

## **47. Delegation of Responsibility**

Any delegation of responsibility for carrying out grant-funded activities to any entity must be pursuant to a written memorandum of understanding by which the implementing organization agrees to comply with all applicable grant terms, conditions and assurances. Any such delegation notwithstanding, the applicant acknowledges by its acceptance of the award its ultimate responsibility for compliance with all terms, conditions and assurances of the grant award.

## **48. VOCA Requirements**

The grantee assures that the State and its subgrantees will comply with the conditions of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984, sections 1404(a)(2), and 1404(b)(1) and (2), 34 U.S.C. 20103(a)(2) and (b)(1) and (2) (and the applicable program guidelines and regulations), as required. Specifically, the State certifies that funds under this award will:

- a) be awarded only to eligible victim assistance organizations, 34 U.S.C. 20103(a)(2);
- b) not be used to supplant State and local public funds that would otherwise be available for crime victim assistance, 34 U.S.C. 20103(a)(2); and
- c) be allocated in accordance with program guidelines or regulations implementing 34 U.S.C. 20103(a)(2)(A) and 34 U.S.C. 20103(a)(2)(B) to, at a minimum, assist victims in the following categories: sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, and underserved victims of violent crimes as identified by the State.

## **49. Demographic Data**

The subgrantee will collect and maintain information on race, sex, national origin, age, and disability of victims receiving assistance, where such information is voluntarily furnished by the victim.

## **50. Performance Measurement Reporting**

The subgrantee agrees to submit quarterly performance reports on the performance metrics identified by DCJS and OVC and in a manner required by DCJS and OVC. This information on the activities supported by the award funding will assist in assessing the effects that VOCA Victim Assistance funds have had on services to crime victims within the jurisdiction.

## **51. VOCA Rule Compliance**

The subgrantee agrees to comply with the “Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Program Final Rule, 28 CFR 94, effective August 8, 2016”, available here:

<https://ecfr.io/Title-28/pt28.2.94#sp28.2.94.b>

## **52. Memberships**

In accordance with VOCA guidelines, grant funds may support membership in no more than three appropriate organizations. Memberships must be in the name of the organization, not the individual.

## **53. CASA Annual Reports**

The subgrantee must submit all CASA annual reports by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **54. CASA Regulations Compliance**

The subgrantee agrees to comply with all CASA regulations.

## **55. Site Visit and Desk Audit Reports**

The subgrantee agrees to submit a response, if applicable, to completed site visit or desk audit reports within two weeks of receipt.

## **56. CASA Manager Database**

The subgrantee agrees to maintain CASA Manager Database subscription and to submit requested statistical reports using the CASA Manager Database.

## **57. VOCA funds for direct services to eligible victims of abuse and neglect**

The subgrantee shall use VOCA funds for direct services to eligible victims of abuse and neglect. Examples of eligible victim groups are:

- Children who have been identified by local departments of social services as victims of child abuse and neglect.
- Children who have been referred to local departments of social services as possible victims of child abuse and neglect are also eligible if the referral results in an investigation or family assessment (must be determined a valid complaint).
- Children identified by the court as a victim of abuse or neglect.

## **58. FFATA reporting: Subawards and executive compensation**

- The recipient must comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards ("subgrants") of \$30,000 or more and, in certain circumstances, to report the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the recipient and first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees") of award funds. The details of recipient obligations, which derive from the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FFATA.htm> (Award condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation), and are incorporated by reference here.
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- This condition, including its reporting requirement, does not apply to-- (1) an award of less than \$30,000, or (2) an award made to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).
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## **59. Requirement to disclose whether recipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ.**

If the subrecipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ, currently or at any time during the course of the period of performance under this award, the subrecipient must disclose that fact and certain related information to DCJS by email. For purposes of this disclosure, high risk includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the subrecipient's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the subrecipient. The subrecipient's disclosure must include the following: 1. The federal awarding agency that currently designates the subrecipient high risk, 2. The date the subrecipient was designated high risk, 3. The high-risk point of contact at that federal awarding agency (name, phone number, and email address), and 4. The reasons for the high-risk status, as set out by the federal awarding agency.

## **60. Compliance with restrictions on the use of federal funds – prohibited and controlled equipment under OJP awards**

Consistent with Executive order 14074, “Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety,” OJP has prohibited the use of federal funds under this award for purchase or transfers of specified equipment by law enforcement agencies. In addition, OJP and DCJS requires the subrecipient, to put in place specified controls prior to using federal funds under this award to acquired or transfer any property identified on the “controlled equipment” list. The details of the requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/prohibited-and-controlled-equipment> (Award condition: Compliance with restrictions on the use of federal funds-prohibited and controlled equipment under OJP awards), and are incorporated by reference here.

## **61. Additional “Action Item” encumbrances**

Any additional “action item” encumbrances related to your award will be shown online via the DCJS On-Line Grant Management System (OGMS) website under menu item Grants> Encumbrances. The subgrantee must comply with any items listed there prior to DCJS disbursing funds.

Unless otherwise stated, these encumbrances must be met by August 31, 2024. If they remain unmet after this date, then the subgrantee must report to the DCJS, by letter, the steps taken to achieve compliance, the reasons for non-compliance, and the expected date of compliance. DCJS may terminate grant funding based upon unexplained or unreasonable failure to substantially comply with encumbrances within reasonable specified time frames.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECTED DUE DATES

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services  
1100 Bank Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

<p><b>FY2025 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Grant Program Funding Opportunity #526169</b></p>
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### ***REPORTING REQUIREMENTS***

By accepting the accompanying grant award, you are agreeing to submit online quarterly financial reports and programmatic progress reports for this grant throughout the grant period, as well as final reports to close the grant. No eligible current subgrantee of funding will be considered for continuation funding if, as of the continuation application due date, any of the required financial and progress reports for the current grant are more than 30 days overdue. For good cause, submitted in writing by the grant subgrantee, DCJS may waive this provision.

To submit reports, requests, and to view your grant award, refer to the On-line Grants Management System (OGMS) at our website: [ogms.dcjs.virginia.gov](https://ogms.dcjs.virginia.gov). In order to use this web-based system, if you have not previously done so, you must register in OGMS.

- FINANCIAL REPORTS & REIMBURSEMENTS (Claims) – OGMS Detail of Expenditure/ Reimbursement forms are due within 15 days after the end of each calendar quarter. Forms are due even if no expenditures occurred during the quarter. If the due date falls on a weekend or non-business day, the report is due on the next business day. For financial questions, contact Joseph Thompson at (804) 225-2782 or via email at [Joseph.thompson@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:Joseph.thompson@dcjs.virginia.gov)
- .PROGRESS (Status) REPORTS for most grant programs are due within 15 days after the end of each calendar quarter and must be approved by your DCJS Grant Monitor.
- BUDGET (Contract) AMENDMENTS may be submitted for consideration through OGMS. Please refer to “#41. Contract amendments”, above. Please review your Special Conditions carefully to determine the requirements and procedures for amending budgets. For contract amendment questions, contact your assigned Grant Monitor.
- GRANT CLOSEOUT: The subgrantee has up to 45 days from the end of the award period to liquidate any unpaid obligations and submit a final claims report. The liquidation period exists to allow projects time to receive final invoices and make final payments -- no new obligations may be incurred during this period. Unclaimed funds will have the potential to be reappropriated by DCJS, 60 days from the end of the award period. Closeout questions should be directed to Joseph Thompson at (804) 225-2782 or via email at [Joseph.thompson@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:Joseph.thompson@dcjs.virginia.gov).

**PROJECT FINANCIAL REPORTING SCHEDULE**

<b>Calendar Quarter Ending Dates</b>	<b>Report Due Dates</b>
<b>9/30/2024</b>	10/15/2024
<b>12/31/2024</b>	1/15/2025
<b>3/31/2025</b>	4/15/2025
<b>6/30/2025</b>	7/15/2025
<b>Final Financial Report (Claim)</b>	8/15/2025

**PROJECT PROGRESS REPORTING SCHEDULE**

<b>Calendar Quarter Ending Dates</b>	<b>Report Due Dates</b>
<b>9/30/2024</b>	10/15/2024
<b>12/31/2024</b>	1/15/2025
<b>3/31/2025</b>	4/15/2025
<b>6/30/2025</b>	7/15/2025
<b>Annual Report</b>	8/15/2025

For technical assistance regarding OGMS, please e-mail: [ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov).

For grant related questions or requests, please contact your assigned DCJS Grant Monitor.