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Justice & Equity Grant Resource Guide

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About This Guide

This **Justice and Equity Grant Resource Guide** is intended to be used in conjunction with our more general **Grant Resource Guide**, which contains information about identifying and applying for federal grants. Each year, 26 federal agencies award federal grants to support community initiatives, research, infrastructure programs, and public interest projects, all relevant to the work and/or goals of that agency. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis or distributed under a formula. The majority of federal grant recipients are state and local government agencies who then distribute funds to smaller entities. The **Grant Resource Guide** includes the following topic areas:

- What is a Federal Grant?
- Finding Grant Opportunities
- Determining Eligibility
- Applying for Grants
- Awarding Grants: The Process
- Additional Resources
- Letter of Support

This **Justice and Equity Grant Resource Guide** provides information about federal agencies which offer grants in this field, as well as examples of grants currently offered.

For more information about the grant process, to discuss a letter of support, or for any other questions, please contact Shawn Meredith at Shawn.Meredith@mail.house.gov

Please note: Funding information and application deadlines are subject to change. Potential applicants should regularly check [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and the funding agency's grants webpage for the most up-to-date information.

Federal Agencies and Available Grants

U.S. Department of Education (ED)

ED offers three kinds of grants: Discretionary grants that are awarded using a competitive process; student loans or grants to help students attend college; and formula grants, which use formulas determined by Congress and have no application process.

For more information about ED grants, please visit the ED page on grants.gov or ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=pn

Training and Advisory Services Equity Assistance Centers

Current Grants.gov close date: March 29, 2021

Equity Assistance Centers are funded by the Department to provide technical assistance and training, upon request, in the areas of race, sex, national origin, and religion to public school districts and other responsible governmental agencies to promote equitable education opportunities. The centers work in the areas of civil rights, equity, and school reform. This assistance helps schools and communities ensure that equitable education opportunities are available and accessible for all children.

*For more information about this grant, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **ED-GRANTS-011321-002** or www2.ed.gov/programs/equitycenters/index.html*

Promise Neighborhoods (PN) Programs

Current Grants.gov close date: April 19, 2021

The purpose of the PN program is to significantly improve the academic and developmental outcomes of children living in the most distressed communities of the United States, including ensuring school readiness, high school graduation, and access to a community-based continuum of high-quality services. The program serves neighborhoods with high concentrations of low-income individuals; multiple signs of distress, which may include high rates of poverty, childhood obesity, academic failure, and juvenile delinquency, adjudication, or incarceration; and schools implementing comprehensive support and improvement activities or targeted support and improvement activities

*For more information about this grant, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **ED-GRANTS-011921-001** or www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/index.html*

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

HHS is the largest grant-making agency in the US. Most HHS grants are provided directly to states, territories, tribes, and educational and community organizations, then given to people and organizations who are eligible to receive funding.

For more information about HHS grants, please visit the HHS page on grants.gov hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html, or minorityhealth.hhs.gov/

Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities to Improve Health Outcomes

Forecasted

The Office of Minority Health is offering funding to support state and local collaborative teams in implementing a methodological framework and strategies for assessing and addressing structural racism in health policies, developed through a complementary policy academy initiative. In particular, awardees will: Obtain governmental and public buy-in for engaging in this policy collaborative endeavor; Create a multi-sector team (e.g., comprised of leadership from the governor's/mayor's office and health, behavioral health, child welfare, justice, education, commerce, community service and other agencies, and from community organizations); Conduct a review of existing policies to identify the areas primed for a structural racism assessment; Develop or revise a policy (or policies) to address structural racism and improve health outcomes; Implement the new/revised policy and evaluate its impact on health outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities within their jurisdiction; and Create and implement strategies to communicate, sustain and spread policies resulting in improved health outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities.

For more information about this grant, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **MP-CPI-21-003**

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

DOJ offers funding opportunities to support law enforcement and public safety activities in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions; to assist victims of crime; to provide training and technical assistance; to conduct research; and to implement programs that improve the criminal, civil, and juvenile justice systems.

For more information about DOJ grants, please visit the DOJ page on grants.gov or justice.gov/grants

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program

Current Grants.gov close date: March 29, 2021

The BCJI Program is a strategic approach to crime reduction that leverages community knowledge and expertise by focusing enforcement efforts on neighborhoods where crime is concentrated, or crime “hotspots.” The goal of the BCJI solicitation is to invest in jurisdictions with significant crime challenges that want long-term solutions, incorporating all four elements of the BCJI model. This includes programs aimed at developing or improving relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve, including through community outreach and listening sessions, and supporting nonprofit organizations that focus on improving stressed relationships between law enforcement officers and communities.

For more information about this grant, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-60003** or bjaojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-60003

Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Training and Technical Assistance Program

Current Grants.gov close date: March 31, 2021

The Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Training and Technical Assistance Program supports funding to state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies for costs associated with the investigation and prosecution of unsolved homicide cold case murders suspected of having been racially motivated, including support for victims' families and stakeholders impacted by these cases. The program also supports an award for national training and technical assistance.

For more information about this grant, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-45002** or bjaojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-45002

Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Site Based and Training and Technical Assistance Program

Current Grants.gov close date: April 7, 2021

This program supports Wrongful Conviction Review entities providing high quality and efficient post-conviction representation for defendants in post-conviction claims of innocence. Where possible, the program seeks to identify actual perpetrators of crimes, bring justice to victim(s), and enact measures to prevent future errors and ensure justice, thereby enhancing public safety.

For more information about this grant, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-60001** or bjaojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-60001

Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program

Current Grants.gov close date: April 13, 2021

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications to implement or expand on reentry programs that demonstrate strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, and other reentry service providers. These partnerships should develop comprehensive case management plans that directly address criminogenic risk and needs, as determined by validated criminogenic risk assessments, and include delivery or facilitation of services.

Grants made under this program may be used for:

- Mentoring adult offenders during incarceration, through transition back to the community, and post-release.
- Transitional services to assist in the reintegration of offenders into the community.
- Training regarding offender and victims' issues.

For more information about this grant, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-58002** or bjaojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-58002

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

DOL's stated mission is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights. Through funding opportunities, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems

For more information about DOL grants and programs, please visit the DOL page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants

State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation (SAEEI) Grant Program

Current Grants.gov close date: April 26, 2021

The purpose of this program is to support the expansion and diversification of Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs). Funds will be awarded to Governor-led, state initiatives that are expanding, diversifying and transforming registered apprenticeship. Funding will provide states with the flexibility to meet specific industry needs and demands. Collectively, these efforts will aim to achieve the following goals: 1) System expansion to support the development, modernization, and diversification of RAPs; 2) Equity in apprenticeship by increasing the number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs, including underrepresented populations; and 3) Partnership and alignment to support workforce system integration; 4) Innovation in program development and recruitment strategies.

*For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **FOA-ETA-21-07***

Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Technical Assistance (TA) Centers of Excellence

Forecasted

The purpose of this program is support four RA TA Centers of Excellence to expand Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs). The RA TA Centers of Excellence will provide technical expertise and services to current and future RAP customers to accelerate and support RAP expansion, improve equity in RAPs, and, ultimately, increase the effectiveness of the use of federal funding appropriated for the expansion of RAPs across the nation.

*For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **FOA-ETA-21-06***

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Every year, the EPA awards more than \$4 billion in funding to state and local governments, tribes, universities, nonprofit recipients, and other entities for grants and other assistance agreements to achieve their environmental goals. The EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment is accomplished, in large part, by the awarding of funds to other organizations to conduct environmental program or projects. When the EPA transfers funds for

a public purpose, it uses a legal instrument called an assistance agreement, which may be in the form of a grant or cooperative agreement.

For more information about EPA grants, please visit the EPA page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or epa.gov/grants

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

Current Grants.gov close date: May 7, 2021

EPA continues to make effective responses to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the climate crisis top priorities. To address these multiple crises, this announcement places emphasis on projects focusing on COVID-19 impacts, as well as climate and disaster resiliency. Additionally, EPA is emphasizing projects addressing diesel pollution in underserved communities living near ports and railyards as part of EPA's Ports Initiative (see details further described in this solicitation). Finally, to promote equitable accessibility to EPA grant funding and to assist small entities, approximately half of the total available funding under this announcement is intended to be reserved for small non-profit organizations with 10 or fewer full-time employees subject to the quality of applications received and other relevant considerations. Under this solicitation, therefore, there will be two separate ranking lists developed- one for small non-profit organizations of 10 or fewer full-time employees and one for all other eligible applicants as further described in this solicitation.

For more information about this grant, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **EPA-OP-OEJ-21-01** and also see the "**Related Documents**" tab

Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program

Current Grants.gov close date: May 7, 2021

This program provides funding to support community-based organizations in their efforts to collaborate and partner with local stakeholder groups as they develop community-driven solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities.

For more information about this grant, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **EPA-OP-OEJ-21-02** and also see the "**Related Documents**" tab

Additional Resources

Grants.gov Questions?

Contact the Grants.gov Support Center at 1-800-518-4726 (TTY: 301-240-6310), via [email](mailto:grants.gov), or visit the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website.

Beta.SAM

beta.SAM has replaced the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). It lists all federal grant opportunities and breaks them down by agency and identifier numbers. Like Grants.gov, you can view both ongoing and past grants. You cannot apply for federal grants via beta.SAM; the only place to apply for federal grants is Grants.gov

For more information, please visit: beta.sam.gov/

Congressional Research Service (CRS)

CRS contains guides to help grant applicants understand and complete their applications. These guides include:

- How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal
- Resources for Grantseekers
- Federal Grants-in-Aid Administration: A Primer
- Community Development Block Grants and Related Programs: A Primer

For more information, please visit: crs.gov/

A-Z Index of U.S. Departments and Agencies

To better develop a grant proposal, search a department or agency's Home Page to learn more about its programs and objectives.

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/federal-agencies/a

Government Benefits, Grants, and Loans

Includes contracting with the U.S. government, international trade and exporting, and small business. See also financial assistance links at the Small Business Administration website: sba.gov/funding-programs/grants

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans

Student Aid (via Dept. of Education)

Information on funding education beyond high school, including grants, loans, and work-study assistance to qualified students.

For more information, please visit: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/

Benefits.gov (via Dept. of Labor)

Includes information on over 1,000 government assistance programs, and how to apply. Covers direct payment, loan, insurance, training, or other services.

For more information, please visit: benefits.gov/

FTC Consumer Alert (via Federal Trade Commission)

The FTC Consumer Alert warns consumers to beware of paying "processing fees" for information that is available free to the public. Ads claiming federal grants are available for home repairs, home business, unpaid bills, or other personal expenses are often a scam.

For more information, please visit: ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt134.shtm

OMB Grants Management Web Site (via Office of Management and Budget)

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in *Catalog* program descriptions and may be printed out full text.

For more information, please visit: [whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/)

Representative Spanberger's Office

If your organization needs our office's assistance or would like to request a letter of support for your grant proposal, please contact our Grants Coordinator, Shawn Meredith, at shawn.meredith@mail.house.gov.