

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: FISCAL YEAR 2023 SECOND CHANCE ACT PROGRAMS

**Community-based Reentry Program
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Agenda



1. Overview
2. Fiscal Year 2023
Community-based
Reentry Program
solicitation
3. How To Apply and
Additional Information

Community-based Reentry
Program solicitation
available at:
[https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/
opportunities/o-bja-2023-171683](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171683)

SECTION 1

OVERVIEW

What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Office of Justice Programs

BJA - Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ - National Institute of Justice

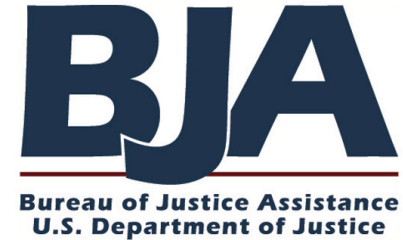
OVC - Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART - Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.



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Appointed by President Biden in February 2022, Director Moore leads BJA's programmatic and policy efforts on providing a wide range of resources, including training and technical assistance, to law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, reentry, justice information sharing, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide.

Policy Office

provides national leadership to criminal justice organizations that partner with BJA to identify effective program models for replication and infuse data-driven, evidence-based strategies into operational models, practices, and programs.

Programs Office

administers state, local, tribal, and territorial grant programs. It acts as BJA's direct line of communication to states, local jurisdictions, territories, and tribal governments by providing customer-focused grants management support and careful stewardship over federal funds.

Operations Office

coordinates all communication, formulates and executes the budget, manages contracts, measures grantees' performance, and provides administrative support to BJA.

Public Safety Officer Benefits Office

provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers, and disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

**BJA Director
Karlilton F. Moore**

Five Major Strategic Focus Areas

Improve public safety through measures which build trust with the community and ensure an effective criminal justice system

Reduction in recidivism and prevention of unnecessary confinement and interactions with the criminal justice system

Integration of evidence-based, research-driven strategies into the day-to-day operations of BJA and the programs BJA administers and supports

Increasing program effectiveness with a renewed emphasis on data analysis, information sharing, and performance management

Ensuring organizational excellence through outstanding administration and oversight of all of BJA's strategic investments

Fund – Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.

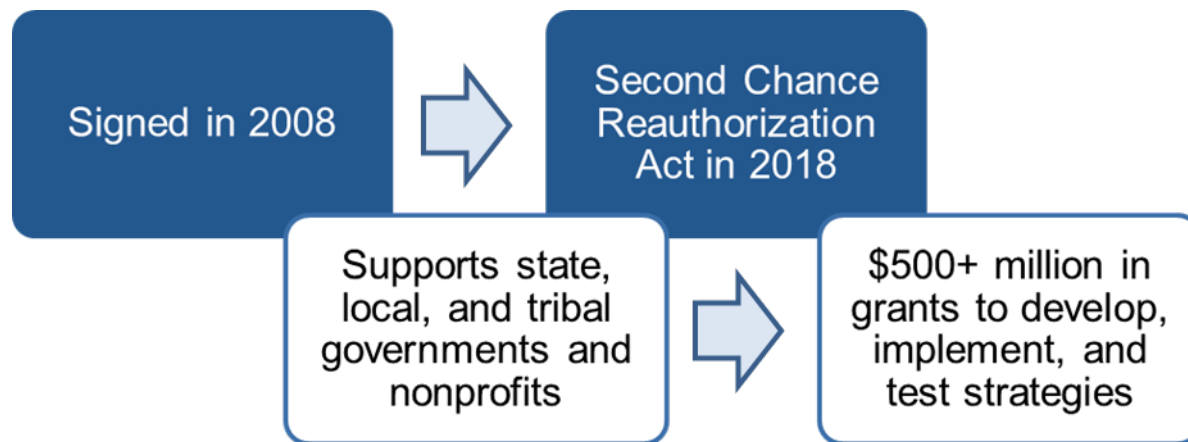
Educate – Research, develop, and deliver what works.

Equip – Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes.

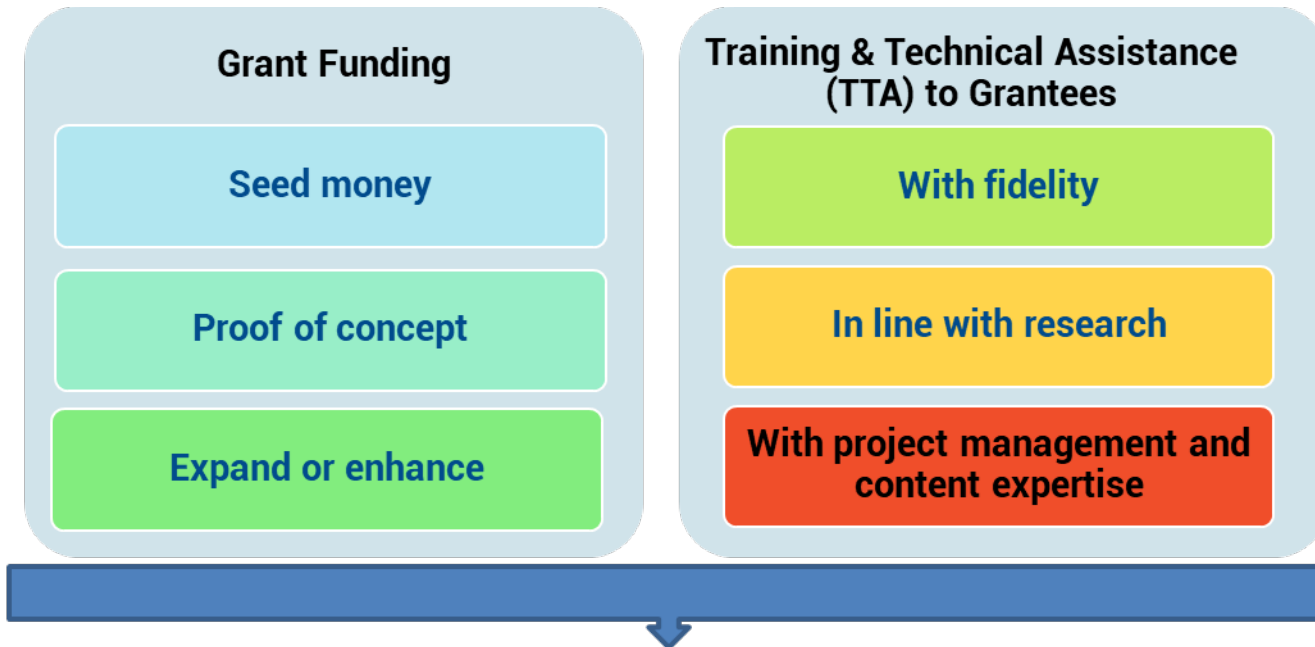
Partner – Consult, connect, and convene.

The Second Chance Act (SCA)

Funding to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth and adults leaving detention and incarceration to return to their communities.



BJA's SCA Funding



National Reentry Resource Center to support SCA TTA providers and the reentry field



Advancing Evidence.
Improving Lives.

Delivers TTA to community organizations focused on reducing recidivism and improving reentry success for individuals returning from incarceration.

- Content expertise (coaches and partners)
- Project management support
- Connections to peer networks and resources



National Reentry Resource Center

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) operates the National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC). The primary mission of the NRRC is to advance the knowledge base of the reentry field.

The NRRC serves as a convener and coordinator of SCA grantees.

The NRRC website is a resource center for grantees, individuals, and the field.

- Topics that intersect with reentry, including community supervision, housing, and employment.
- Resources include publications, tools, webinars, and information clearinghouses.
 - National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Conviction
 - Clean Slate Clearinghouse
 - Public Safety Risk Assessment
 - Reentry Service Directory
 - Email: info@nationalreentryresourcecenter.org

National Reentry Resource Center

Provides an interactive experience to assist with targeted resource searching.

<https://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org> or reentrymatters.org

April is Second Chance Month.

<https://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/events/second-chance-month-2023>

**Latest News and
Resources in Reentry**



**National Criminal
Justice Initiatives Map**



**Directories for State and
Local Reentry Services**



Corrections and Community Engagement Technical Assistance Center

AIR operates the Corrections and Community Engagement Technical Assistance Center (CCETAC). The primary mission of the CCETAC is to provide training and technical assistance to a segment of Second Chance Act grantees, including the Community-based track of grantees.

CCETAC coaches work closely with grantees to:

- Finalize action plans.
- Improve implementation and evaluation activities.
- Provide training and resources to promote achievement of established goals.
- Connect organizations with communities of practice.
- Connect organizations with subject matter experts.
- Provide monthly TTA calls with grantees.

SECTION 2

FISCAL YEAR 2023 SCA GRANT PROGRAMS

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: COMMUNITY-BASED REENTRY PROGRAM

SCA: Community-based Reentry Program

Purpose

- The purpose of this solicitation is to call for applications from community and faith-based organizations and tribal governments that have established partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, other reentry service providers, and stakeholders to implement or expand reentry programs. Applicants should work collaboratively with their partners to develop comprehensive case management plans that directly address criminogenic risk and needs that are informed by validated criminogenic risk assessments.
- Funds awarded under this program support individuals at moderate to high risk for recidivism. Applicants are encouraged to think holistically about the needs of the participants and the supports and resources needed in their local communities. Services may include cognitive behavioral therapy, substance use disorder treatment, employment services, housing assistance, family engagement, etc.

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Eligible Applicants



- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) and nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.
- An applicant entity may submit more than one application if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application.

Summary Information

Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

- **Goals**
 - Strengthen communities by improving outcomes for individuals who have been incarcerated and reduce recidivism.
- **Objectives**
 - Develop comprehensive case management plans that directly address criminogenic risks and needs, as identified by validated criminogenic risk assessments (e.g., LSI-R).
 - Deliver or facilitate services in a manner consistent with participants' learning styles and abilities (e.g., gender-specific programming).
 - Demonstrate increased collaboration between community- and faith-based organizations and corrections, community supervision, law enforcement, and other local reentry stakeholders (e.g., reentry task force).

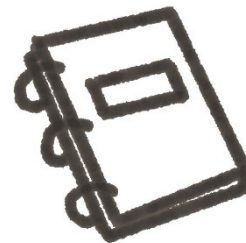


Summary Information

Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables (cont.)

Deliverables

- An action plan to be developed with input from BJA and CCETAC and submitted within 6 months of receiving final budget approval. Action plans include:
 - Project goals and objectives.
 - Defining the population to be served.
 - Services and support to be provided.
 - Project design.
 - Evaluation and sustainability.
- A final report at the end of the project period.
- If the applicant proposes and receives priority consideration under the evaluation priority (priority 2), they must deliver a final evaluation report.



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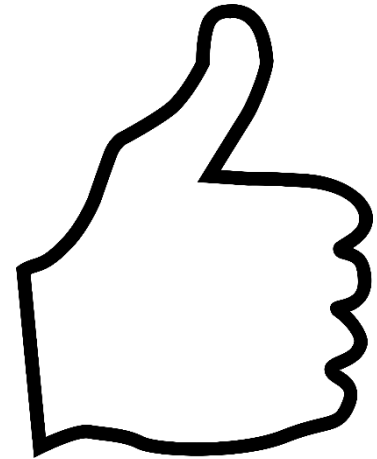
Grant Award Information

- Anticipated Number of Awards: 15
- Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards: \$750,000
- Period of Performance Starts: 10/1/2023
- Grant Cycle: 36 months
- Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation: \$11,250,000

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Grant funds can be used for:

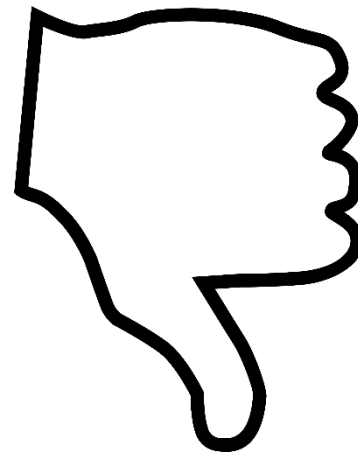
1. Service coordination and tracking
2. Gender-specific and trauma-informed programming and services
3. Individual and/or group mentoring
4. Peer supports
5. Educational, literacy, and vocational services
6. Substance use and mental health disorder treatment and recovery services
7. Connections to physical health care
8. Services to support family reunification and restoration
9. Assistance in securing safe and affordable housing
10. Civil legal assistance services
11. Staff training



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Unallowable Uses of Award Funds

- In addition to the unallowable costs identified in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, award funds may not be used for the following:
 - Prizes/rewards/entertainment/trinkets (or any type of monetary incentive)
 - Client stipends
 - Gift cards
 - Vehicles
 - Food and beverage
 - Cost sharing or matching requirement



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Pre-release Access

- Participants must be screened, assessed, and identified for program participation prior to their release from incarceration.
- Applicants should build pre-release access into their proposed programming plan, including case management services and evidence-based interventions.

Post-release

- Following release from incarceration, participants should receive case management services and be connected to evidence-based programming designed to ensure that the transition from prison or jail to the community is successful.

Partnerships

- In order to facilitate a full continuum of services, BJA expects applicants will have active partnerships with a range of local stakeholders, including corrections.

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Correctional Partner Memorandum of Agreement

- Applicants must include as an attachment a memorandum of agreement or understanding (MOA or MOU) that clearly demonstrates an established, collaborative relationship between the applicant and the correctional agencies that:
 1. Oversee the specific facility or facilities from which the applicant proposes to recruit the target reentering population.
 2. Oversee community corrections (probation and/or parole) for the target population.



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Correctional Partner Memorandum of Agreement (cont.)

- The MOAs/MOUs must include the following information:
 - The roles and responsibilities for staff from both agencies involved in the program.
 - Terms of access to the correctional facility or facilities for program staff. (If applicants are unable to conduct in-reach into correctional facilities, the application should explain the reason(s) that such access is not practicable.)
 - Information on pre-release programming and interventions provided by the correctional agency to each participant.
 - The data elements and performance measures that the partnering agencies will provide—or assist the grantee in obtaining—for the purpose of measuring the impact of grant activities.

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Documentation of Advancing DOJ Priorities

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that:

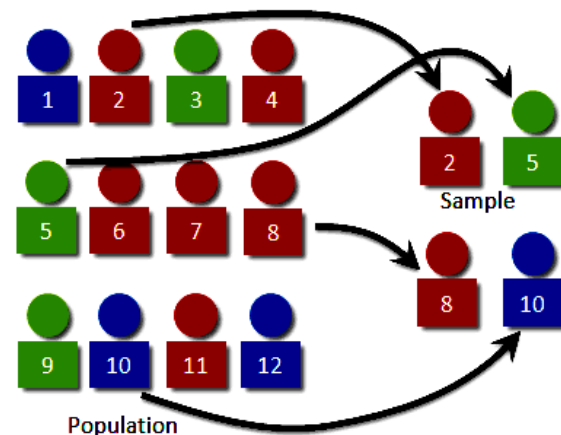
- Promotes racial equity.
- Increases access to justice.
- Supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system.
- Strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats.
- Builds trust between law enforcement and the community populations and communities.



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Additional Priority Consideration

2. As articulated in the Second Chance Act, priority consideration will be given to applications that provide for an **independent evaluation** that includes, to the maximum extent feasible, random assignment of program participants to program delivery and control groups.



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Tribal Authorizing Resolution

- If applicable, applicants will submit the Tribal Authorizing Resolution by uploading the resolution as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

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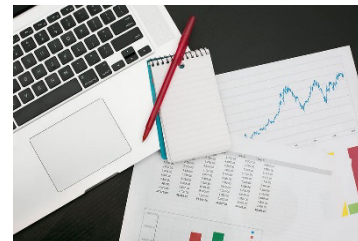
Plan for Data Collection

Applicants should:

- Describe how performance will be documented, monitored, and evaluated as well as the data and information that will be collected and by whom.
- Describe the process for assessing the program's effectiveness through the collection and reporting of the required performance data and the optional evaluation (priority consideration 2).
- Discuss how the program will be sustained after federal funding ends.



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Budget

- Applicants should budget funding to travel to a peer-learning event (such as a regional meeting).
- Applicants must estimate the costs of travel and accommodations for three staff members to attend one meeting per year in Washington, DC.
- All expenses must be reasonable, allowable, and necessary to the project.
- The estimates must provide a breakdown of all costs and must adhere to the federal per diem.
- Each grantee will have access to up to \$200,000 until their action plan is approved by BJA during the first 6 months of the grant period after the final budget is approved.

SECTION 3

HOW TO APPLY

Before You Apply

Registration

- Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the **System for Award Management (SAM)**. You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.

Two-Step Application Process

Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1 (Grants.gov)
 - After registering with SAM, the applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.
 - Grants.gov deadline: May 17, 2023 (8:59 p.m. ET)
- Step 2 (JustGrants)
 - Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>.
 - JustGrants deadline: May 24, 2023 (8:59 p.m. ET)

Additional Information

- For additional information, see the “How to Apply” section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide:
<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide#apply>

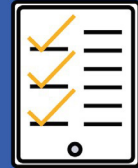
and

- The DOJ Application Submission Checklist:
<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh296/files/media/document/appln-submission-checklist.pdf>

Application Submission

- ✓ Identify the forms needed to submit an application.
- ✓ Complete a web-based budget form.
- ✓ Complete an application, including certifying the information.
- ✓ Submit the application.

GETTING STARTED



JustGrants Support

Access
Trainings!



[Trainings: "Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application" Webinar](#)

Archived webinars show applicants how to use JustGrants to apply for funding, including:

- How to search and find open DOJ funding opportunities.
- The steps/actions that applicants need to take before applying for funding (e.g., SAM.gov).
- The JustGrants roles (e.g., Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, etc.) required to submit an application.
- How to navigate and use the system (e.g., save your work, etc.).

JustGrants Support

- For technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. eastern time Monday–Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.
- For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only) or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov. The OJP Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., eastern time, Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the solicitation closing date.

Application Elements

- ✓ Application (Form SF-424)
- ✓ Proposal Abstract
- ✓ Proposal Narrative
- ✓ Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timelines
- ✓ Budget Information
- ✓ Correctional Partner Memorandum of Understanding or Agreements
- ✓ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- ✓ Financial Management Questionnaire
- ✓ Disclosures: Lobbying, Pending Applications, Research and Evaluation Independence, Executive Compensation

Review Criteria

| Selection Criteria | Weight |
|--|--------|
| Description of the issue | 15% |
| Project design and implementation | 35% |
| Capabilities and competencies | 25% |
| Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures | 15% |
| Budget | 10% |

Recommended Resources: BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2023: An Overview of What's Ahead
- The Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations

PDFs of the presentations and transcripts are available
at: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>.

Recommended Resources on the Web

OJP Funding Resource Center

<https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

<https://ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedojo/overview>

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

<https://www.ojp.gov/training/financial-management-training>

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

National Institute of Justice's CrimeSolutions.gov

<https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov>



Important Contacts



OJP Response Center Solicitation Content Assistance

1-800-851-3420

Grants@ncjrs.gov

10-6 ET, M-F



Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL

1-800-518-4726

Support@grants.gov

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Submit the full application

1-833-872-5175

JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

7-9 ET, M-F

9-5 ET, Weekends, Holidays

Second Chance Act solicitations are available at:
<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current>.

Application deadlines vary, so read carefully!

JustGrants Trainings can be accessed at:
<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-application-submission>.



**Access trainings
for a JustGrants
application
webinar.**

Thank you!