



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members
From: Sorsha Anderson, Senior Staff Associate
Date: October 24, 2024
Subject: Grant – JFO #3222

Enclosed please find one (1) item, which the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the Administration. ***This item is being held for the Joint Fiscal Committee meeting scheduled for November 6, 2024.***

JFO #3222: \$2,500,000.00 to the VT Judiciary from the U.S. Department of Justice. This grant is a continuation of [JFO #3000](#) to enhance infrastructure for the State's treatment dockets. Funds will expand infrastructure by adopting quality assurance protocols, increase targeted training and regional and state partnerships to increase referrals, equitable access, and resources; as well as implement the certification program to ensure best practices standards are met, approved by the VT Supreme Court in April 2024. Grant period is 10/1/2024 through 9/30/2028. *[Received 10/14/2024]*

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Sorsha Anderson, sanderson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions before the meeting.

STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:	Judiciary Courts State of Vermont			
2. Department:	Vermont Supreme Court, Court Administrator's Office			
3. Program:	Division of Planning and Court Services, Treatment Court Programs			
4. Legal Title of Grant:	BJA FY24 Adult Treatment Court Program			
5. Federal Catalog #:	16.585 - Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program			
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: Office of Justice Programs				
7. Grant Period:	From:	10/1/2024	To:	9/30/2028
8. Purpose of Grant:				
Purpose of Grant: This project is a continuation of the BJA-funded work done by the Judiciary between 2019 and 2024 to enhance the infrastructure for the state's treatment dockets. That work involved the following key initiatives: the development and implementation of a web-based treatment docket data information management system (DIMS); the completion of a comprehensive statewide evaluation of adult treatment dockets; the development of a Statewide Policy and Procedure Manual; the establishment of a state-level governance structure; and the implementation of statewide training protocols.				
Scope of Grant: The project will improve the adult treatment dockets programs statewide by:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. expanding the infrastructure advancements by adopting quality assurance protocols; implementing individual and statewide quality improvement plans to improve performance and outcomes; 2. providing targeted training and technical assistance to create consistent application of the Second Edition (2023) of the Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards; 3. implementing a certification program (approved by Supreme Court in April 2024) to ensure best practice standards are met; 4. advancing earlier access to treatment services and medications for opioid use disorder to prevent overdoses; 5. establishing and strengthening regional and state partnerships through the development of Regional Advisory Committees and state partnerships to increase referrals, equitable access, and needed resources; and 6. enhancing recovery by adding Peer Recovery Support Specialists to each team. 				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:				
The impact of not accepting the grant is decreasing the capacity of the existing (4) regional treatment court programs, to administer (6) adult treatment dockets. This budget covers (3), .50 FTE coordinators and 1 FTE coordinator that manage the regional treatment court programs. VDH through an agreement with the Judiciary fund .5 FTE of (3) coordinators working. The DUI coordinator receives no funding through the VDH agreement. The Washington County Treatment court would also lose a .5 FTE case manager. There would be no budget to pay for the data system that was established in 2023 to collect data and analyze outcomes.				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	
Personal Services	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$133,415 FY 2028
Operating Expenses	\$665,803	\$685,564	\$717,309	\$711,242 FY 2028
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 FY 2028
Total	\$805,803	\$825,564	\$857,309	\$844,657 FY 2028

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Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cash	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind	\$201,451	\$206,391	\$214,327	\$211,164 FY 2028
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$604,352	\$619,173	\$642,982	\$633,493 FY2028
(Statewide Indirect)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 FY2028
(Departmental Indirect)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 FY2028
Other Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 FY2028
Grant (source)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 FY 2028
Total	\$805,803	\$825,564	\$857,309	\$844,657 FY 2028

Appropriation No:	2120000000	Amount:	\$2,500,000
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		Total	\$2,500,000

PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? Yes No
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.
 Appointing Authority Name: Therese Corsones Agreed by: TMC (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
	3	Regional Program Coordinators, at .50 FTE, Pos #s 237768, 237767, 237771
	1	Regional Program Coordinator at 1.0 FTE, Pos # 237770
	1	Projects Coordinator at 1.0 FTE, Pos # 237346
Total Positions	5	

12a. Equipment and space for these positions: Is presently available. Can be obtained with available funds.

13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-IPN (if applicable):	Signature: <u>Kim Owens</u>	Date: 10/14/2024
	Title: Programs Manager	
	Signature: <u>Therese Corsones</u>	Date: 10/14/24
	Title: <u>State Court Administrator</u>	

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature)	Date:
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15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check One Box: Accepted		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejected	(Governor's signature)	Date:

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation

<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
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End Form AA-1

(*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A. §5).

Request for Grant Award Acceptance
Treatment Docket Quality Improvement Project

- **Date of Request:** October 7, 2024
- **Grant Manager Name and Division:** Kim Owens, Planning and Court Services
- **Grant Awarded For:** Treatment Docket Quality Improvement Project
- **Granting Agency or Organization:** U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- **Grant Number:** 15PBJA-24-GG-03915-DGCT
- **Grant Acceptance Deadline:** Nov 8, 2024
- **Purpose of Grant:**

This project is a continuation of the BJA-funded work done by the Judiciary between 2019 and 2024 to enhance the infrastructure for the state’s treatment dockets. That work involved the following key initiatives:

- the development and implementation of a web-based treatment docket data information management system (DIMS);
- the completion of a comprehensive statewide evaluation of adult treatment dockets;
- the development of a Statewide Policy and Procedure Manual;
- the establishment of a state-level governance structure; and
- the implementation of statewide training protocols.

- **Scope of Grant:**

The project will improve the adult treatment dockets programs statewide by:

- expanding the infrastructure advancements by adopting quality assurance protocols;
- implementing individual and statewide quality improvement plans to improve performance and outcomes;
- providing targeted training and technical assistance to create consistent application of the Second Edition (2023) of the Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards;
- implementing a certification program (approved by Supreme Court in April 2024) to ensure best practice standards are met;
- advancing earlier access to treatment services and medications for opioid use disorder to prevent overdoses;
- establishing and strengthening regional and state partnerships through the development of Regional Advisory Committees and state partnerships to increase referrals, equitable access, and needed resources; and
- enhancing recovery by adding Peer Recovery Support Specialists to each team.

- **Benefits to the Judiciary of the grant project:**

Key benefits are as follows:

- Securing \$2,500,000 in federal resources to support the existing four regional adult drug dockets, one mental health docket, and the Southeast Regional DUI Docket.
- Responding to process and outcome recommendations in the NPC revaluation reports through implementation of quality improvement plans.

- **Relationship to Judiciary's mission or any Judiciary strategic plan(s), ongoing activities:**

This project relates to the Judiciary's mission by providing equal access to justice in the Chittenden County Adult Treatment, Co-Occurring, and Mental Health dockets; the Rutland County Adult Treatment Docket; the Washington County Adult Treatment Docket; and the Southeast Regional DUI Treatment docket.

This project relates to the Judiciary's vision by being responsive to the needs of the adult treatment dockets and the regions they serve, through well-managed drug and DUI treatment programs that are continually improving through certification and related quality assurance strategies.

The project relates to the Judiciary's strategic plan as follows:

- Strategic Area # 1 – Equal access to justice
 - Goal 2. Judiciary programs and services are responsive to the existing and emerging needs of customers.
- Strategic Area # 4 – Educated, skilled, and professional judiciary personnel
 - Goal 1. Personnel are knowledgeable and competent in all aspects of their jobs.

- **Demands upon Judiciary resources (include any matching funds, in kind, etc.):**

A 25% match is required. The match will be met in-kind by allocating time from the Court Administrator (72 hrs./yr.), Chief Superior Judge (72 hrs./yr.), Chief of Planning and Court Services (5% salary and fringe), Programs Manager (80% salary and fringe), Treatment Court Judge (348 hrs./yr.), Treatment Court Staff (80 hrs./yr.), Finance Staff (103 hrs./yr.) and Peer Support Recovery Specialists (82 hrs./yr.).

- **List all the divisions or departments or courts impacted (having to contribute materials, time, or other resources to accomplish the grant's goals) if this grant is awarded.**

As is customary, Finance staff will assist Planning and Court Services staff with financial monitoring and reporting. Technology Services Center staff will continue to monitor and

address issues with DIMS and Enterprise Justice data integration. Trial Court Operations staff will continue to support the treatment courts by scheduling hearings.

- **Are any new positions created because of the grant? Describe the type of position (contracted, permanent, temporary), duties, is the vision for this position to become a permanent part of the judiciary.**

This award does not fund any new positions.

- **Will there be ongoing financial or resource obligations after the grant funds are exhausted?**

With this award, the Judiciary is funding contracts for training and technical assistance, the maintenance of DIMS, and case management services.

Salary and fringe benefits for the four regional Treatment Court Coordinators and one statewide Grant Project Coordinator are included in the grant budget.

- **Are the grant funds sufficient to achieve the desired end result? For example, an expectation that a position created by the grant will be funded by the Judiciary after the grant funds are exhausted.**

Grant funds are sufficient to sustain operations of the treatment dockets, continue quality improvement efforts, implement the certification protocol, and meet the project deliverables required in the grant.

- **What is the granting agency's agenda?**

- To plan, implement, and enhance the operations of adult treatment courts, including management and service coordination for treatment court participants, fidelity to the adult treatment court model, and recovery support services.
- To address the treatment needs of the criminal defendants with substance use disorder, reduce recidivism, increase access to treatment and recovery support, and prevent overdose.

- **What outcomes does the granting agency hope to achieve through this grant?**

Examples of the outcomes the granting entity intends to achieve include the following:

- conducting an audit of the practice and technical assistance for adherence to the key components and best practice standards;
- collecting data and conducting analyses to assess the practice, as well as tracking recidivism and participant outcomes;
- delivering statewide training and technical assistance; and
- supporting a statewide management information system.

- **How will you evaluate/assess/measure whether you met the objectives and goals set in your grant?**

Using DIMS, staff will generate data to enable the Judiciary to respond to the grant's reporting requirements. It will also allow Judiciary staff to analyze trends in, and the overall performance of the dockets.

As part of this project, Judiciary staff will address quality assurance through certification, data analysis, and the development and use of quality improvement plans that are based on the results of the recently completed evaluations.

Contract deliverables under this grant will be monitored and evaluated by Planning and Court Services staff.

- **Please provide a draft timeline for the grant. Include: expected outcomes, reporting, etc. (this should be an attachment to this form)**

See Attachment A.

- **Please provide a draft budget for the grant. Include: Personnel, equipment, in-kind, etc (this should be an attachment to this form)**

See Attachment B.

I attest that the information provided in this form is accurate and true.

Signature: /s/ *Kim Owens*

Date: October 7, 2024



Department of Justice (DOJ)

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Washington, D.C. 20531

Name and Address of Recipient:		JUDICIARY COURTS OF STATE OF VERMONT 109 STATE ST	
City, State and Zip:		MONTPELIER, VT 05602	
Recipient UEI:		KFAEUJZ33SU8	
Project Title: Vermont Treatment Courts Quality Improvement Project		Award Number: 15PBJA-24-GG-03915-DGCT	
Solicitation Title: BJA FY24 Adult Treatment Court Program			
Federal Award Amount: \$2,500,000.00		Federal Award Date: 9/27/24	
Awarding Agency:		Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance	
Funding Instrument Type:		Grant	
Opportunity Category: D			
Assistance Listing: 16.585 - Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program			
Project Period Start Date: 10/1/24		Project Period End Date: 9/30/28	
Budget Period Start Date: 10/1/24		Budget Period End Date: 9/30/28	
Project Description:			
<p>The Vermont Judiciary requests federal funding for the Vermont Treatment Court Quality Improvement Project to improve outcomes for participants in the adult treatment court programs and accountability with the Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards (BPS). The goals are to implement a statewide quality improvement plan; create a certification program; advance earlier access to treatment services and medications for opioid use disorder; establish regional governance structure and state partnerships; provide targeted training and technical assistance; and enhance peer recovery support services. The expected outcomes are fidelity to best practice standards; increased referrals; faster entry to treatment court; earlier screening for risk and need to access treatment and medications for opioid use disorder services, adequate treatment, and community resources; and training and technical assistance for treatment teams.</p>			

Award Letter

September 27, 2024

Dear Scott Griffith,

On behalf of Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, it is my pleasure to inform you the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has approved the application submitted by JUDICIARY COURTS OF STATE OF VERMONT for an award under the funding opportunity entitled 2024 BJA FY24 Adult Treatment Court Program. The approved award amount is \$2,500,000.

Review the Award Instrument below carefully and familiarize yourself with all conditions and requirements before accepting your award. The Award Instrument includes the Award Offer (Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions) and Award Acceptance. For COPS Office and OVW funding the Award Offer also includes any Other Award Documents.

Please note that award requirements include not only the conditions and limitations set forth in the Award Offer, but also compliance with assurances and certifications that relate to conduct during the period of performance for the award. These requirements encompass financial, administrative, and programmatic matters, as well as other important matters (e.g., specific restrictions on use of funds). Therefore, all key staff should receive the award conditions, the assurances and certifications, and the application as approved by OJP, so that they understand the award requirements. Information on all pertinent award requirements also must be provided to any subrecipient of the award.

Should you accept the award and then fail to comply with an award requirement, DOJ will pursue appropriate remedies for non-compliance, which may include termination of the award and/or a requirement to repay award funds.

Prior to accepting the award, your Entity Administrator must assign a Financial Manager, Grant Award Administrator, and Authorized Representative(s) in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants). The Entity Administrator will need to ensure the assigned Authorized Representative(s) is current and has the legal authority to accept awards and bind the entity to the award terms and conditions. To accept the award, the Authorized Representative(s) must accept all parts of the Award Offer in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants), including by executing the required declaration and certification, within 45 days from the award date.

To access your funds, you will need to enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system, if you haven't already completed the enrollment process in ASAP. The Entity Administrator should have already received an email from ASAP to initiate this process.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Brent J. Cohen
Acting Assistant Attorney General

Office for Civil Rights Notice for All Recipients

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) enforces federal civil rights laws and other provisions that prohibit discrimination by recipients of federal financial assistance from OJP, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

Several civil rights laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, require recipients of federal financial assistance (recipients) to give assurances that they will comply with those laws. Taken together, these and other civil rights laws prohibit recipients from discriminating in the provision of services and employment because of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, and sex or from discriminating in the provision of services on the bases of age.

Some recipients of DOJ financial assistance have additional obligations to comply with other applicable nondiscrimination provisions like the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion in addition to race, color, national origin, and sex. Recipients may also have related requirements regarding the development and implementation of equal employment opportunity programs.

OCR provides technical assistance, training, and other resources to help recipients comply with civil rights obligations. Further, OCR administratively enforces civil rights laws and nondiscrimination provisions by investigating DOJ recipients that are the subject of discrimination complaints. In addition, OCR conducts compliance reviews of DOJ recipients based on regulatory criteria. These investigations and compliance reviews permit OCR to evaluate whether DOJ recipients are providing services to the public and engaging in employment practices in a nondiscriminatory manner.

For more information about OCR, your civil rights and nondiscrimination responsibilities, how to notify your employees or beneficiaries of their civil rights protections and responsibilities and how to file a complaint, as well as technical assistance, training, and other resources, please visit www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/outreach. If you would like OCR to assist you in fulfilling your civil rights or nondiscrimination responsibilities, please contact us at askOCR@ojp.usdoj.gov or www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/about#ocr-contacts.

Memorandum Regarding NEPA

NEPA Letter Type

OJP - Categorical Exclusion

NEPA Letter

None of the following activities will be conducted whether under the Office of Justice Programs federal action or a related third party action:

- (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)

Additionally, the proposed action is neither a phase nor a segment of a project that when reviewed in its entirety would not meet the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

Consequently, the subject federal action meets the Office of Justice Programs' criteria for a categorical exclusion as contained in paragraph 4(b) of Appendix D to Part 61 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Questions about this determination may be directed to your grant manager or Orbin Terry, Environmental Coordinator for the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

NEPA Coordinator

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Orbin		Terry

Award Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

Recipient Information

Recipient Name

JUDICIARY COURTS OF STATE OF VERMONT

UEI

KFAEUJZ33SU8

Street 1

109 STATE ST

Street 2**City**

MONTPELIER

State/U.S. Territory

Vermont

Zip/Postal Code

05602

Country

United States

County/Parish**Province****Award Details****Federal Award Date**

9/27/24

Award Type

Initial

Award Number

15PBJA-24-GG-03915-DGCT

Supplement Number

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Federal Award Amount

\$2,500,000.00

Funding Instrument Type

Grant

**Assistance Listing
Number****Assistance Listings Program Title**

16.585

Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Part EE (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10611 - 10619); Department of Justice Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Project Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

Solicitation Title

2024 BJA FY24 Adult Treatment Court Program

Awarding Agency

OJP

Application Number

GRANT14132553

Program Office

BJA

Grant Manager Name

Kerri Vitalo-Logan

Phone Number

[202-598-7407](tel:202-598-7407)

E-mail Address

Kerri.Vitalo-Logan@usdoj.gov

Project Title

Vermont Treatment Courts Quality Improvement Project

Performance Period Start**Date**

10/01/2024

Performance Period End Date

09/30/2028

Budget Period Start Date

10/01/2024

Budget Period End Date

09/30/2028

Project Description

The Vermont Judiciary requests federal funding for the Vermont Treatment Court Quality Improvement Project to improve outcomes for participants in the adult treatment court programs and accountability with the Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards (BPS). The goals are to implement a statewide quality improvement plan; create a certification program; advance earlier access to treatment services and medications for opioid use disorder; establish regional governance structure and state partnerships; provide targeted training and technical assistance; and enhance peer recovery support services. The expected outcomes are fidelity to best practice standards; increased referrals; faster entry to treatment court; earlier screening for risk and need to access treatment and medications for opioid use disorder services, adequate treatment, and community resources; and training and technical assistance for treatment teams.

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Financial Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

The recipient budget is currently under review.

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Award Conditions

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

1

Meaningful access requirement for individuals with limited English proficiency

The recipient, and any subrecipient at any tier, must take reasonable steps to ensure that individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP) have meaningful access to their programs and activities to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of national origin, including discrimination against individuals with LEP. Such steps may require providing language assistance services, such as interpretation or translation services. The Department of Justice guidance on compliance with this requirement may be found at "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (67 Fed. Reg. 41455-41472) (<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/02-15207>) and is incorporated by reference here.

2

Compliance with general appropriations-law restrictions on the use of federal funds (FY 2024)

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions that may be set out in applicable appropriations acts are indicated at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FY24AppropriationsRestrictions.htm>, and are incorporated by reference here.

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

3

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 assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance also is a material requirement of this award.

Limited Exceptions. In certain special circumstances, the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") may determine that it will not enforce, or enforce only in part, one or more requirements otherwise applicable to the award. Any such exceptions regarding enforcement, including any such exceptions made during the period of performance, are (or will be during the period of performance) set out through the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP") webpage entitled "Legal Notices: Special circumstances as to particular award conditions" (ojp.gov/funding/Explore/LegalNotices-AwardReqs.htm), and incorporated by reference into the award.

By signing and accepting this award on behalf of the recipient, the authorized recipient official accepts all material requirements of the award, and specifically adopts, as if personally executed by the authorized recipient official, all assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance.

Failure to comply with one or more award requirements -- whether a condition set out in full below, a condition incorporated by reference below, or an assurance or certification related to conduct during the award period -- may result in OJP taking appropriate action with respect to the recipient and the award. Among other things, the OJP may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. 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.

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Effect of failure to address audit issues

The recipient understands and agrees that the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) may withhold award funds, or may impose other related requirements, if (as determined by the DOJ awarding agency) the recipient 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.

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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 from OJP.

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>.

Record retention and access: Records pertinent to the award that the recipient (and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier) must retain -- typically for a period of 3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report (SF 425), unless a different retention period applies -- and to which the recipient (and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier) must provide access, include performance measurement information, in addition to the financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other pertinent records indicated at 2 C.F.R. 200.334.

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 recipient is to contact OJP promptly for clarification.

6

Reporting potential fraud, waste, and abuse, and similar misconduct

The recipient, and any subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier, must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, 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>.

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

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38.

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 recipient and subrecipient ("subgrantee") organizations that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to recipients and subrecipients that are faith-based or religious organizations.

Recipients and subrecipients that provide social services under this award must give written notice to beneficiaries and prospective beneficiaries prior to the provision of services (if practicable) which shall include language substantially similar to the language in 28 CFR Part 38, Appendix C, sections (1) through (4). A sample written notice may be found at <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/partnerships-faith-based-and-other-neighborhood-organizations>.

In certain instances, a faith-based or religious organization may be able to take religion into account when making hiring decisions, provided it satisfies certain requirements. For more information, please see <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/legaloverview2024/civilrightsrequirements>.

8

Requirements related to "de minimis" indirect cost rate

A recipient 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 OJP 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.

9

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

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, 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 "Postaward Requirements" in the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide").

10

Requirement for data on performance and effectiveness under the award

The recipient must collect and maintain data that measure the performance and effectiveness of work under this award. The data must be provided to OJP in the manner (including within the timeframes) specified by OJP 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.

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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 recipient agrees to comply with the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.

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

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, 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.

Among other items, 28 C.F.R. § 42.106(d), 28 C.F.R. § 42.405(c), and 28 C.F.R. § 42.505(f) contain notice requirements that covered recipients must follow regarding the dissemination of information regarding federal nondiscrimination requirements.

13

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 recipient, or a subrecipient at any tier) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

The recipient, and any subrecipient 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.

14

Requirement to disclose whether recipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ

If the recipient 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 recipient must disclose that fact and certain related information to OJP by email at OJP.ComplianceReporting@ojp.usdoj.gov. For purposes of this disclosure, high risk includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the recipient's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the recipient. The recipient's disclosure must include the following: 1. The federal awarding agency that currently designates the recipient high risk, 2. The date the recipient 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.

15

Employment eligibility verification for hiring under the award

1. The recipient (and any subrecipient 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 recipient (or any subrecipient) properly verifies the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

B. Notify all persons associated with the recipient (or any subrecipient) 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) 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).

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 recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient 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 recipient (or any subrecipient) 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 recipient (or any subrecipient) may choose to participate in, and use, E-Verify (www.e-verify.gov), provided an appropriate person authorized to act on behalf of the recipient (or subrecipient) 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 recipient, any subrecipient 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 recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, of any obligation otherwise imposed by law, including 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

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. E-Verify employer agents can email E-Verify at E-VerifyEmployerAgent@dhs.gov.

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

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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 recipients and subrecipients ("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.

17

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 (that is, moved and renumbered) 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.

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Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters

No recipient or subrecipient ("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 recipient--

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 recipient 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 recipient'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 subrecipient, 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 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.

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OJP Training Guiding Principles

Any training or training materials that the recipient -- or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier -- 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>.

20

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

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, 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.

21

Requirement to report potentially duplicative funding

If the recipient currently has other active awards of federal funds, or if the recipient receives any other award of federal funds during the period of performance for this award, the recipient 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 recipient must promptly notify the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) in writing of the potential duplication, and, if so requested by the DOJ awarding agency, must seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope Grant Award Modification (GAM) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

22

Required training for Grant Award Administrator and Financial Manager

The Grant Award Administrator and all Financial Managers for this award must have successfully completed an "OJP financial management and grant administration training" by 120 days after the date of the recipient's acceptance of the award. Successful completion of such a training on or after January 1, 2021, will satisfy this condition.

In the event that either the Grant Award Administrator or a Financial Manager for this award changes during the period of performance, the new Grant Award Administrator or Financial Manager must have successfully completed an "OJP financial management and grant administration training" by 120 calendar days after the date the Entity Administrator enters updated Grant Award Administrator or Financial Manager information in JustGrants. Successful completion of such a training on or after January 1, 2021, will satisfy this condition.

A list of OJP trainings that OJP will consider "OJP financial management and grant administration training" for purposes of this condition is available at <https://onlinegfmt.training.ojp.gov/>. All trainings that satisfy this condition include a session on grant fraud prevention and detection.

The recipient should anticipate that OJP will immediately withhold ("freeze") award funds if the recipient fails to comply with this condition. The recipient's failure to comply also may lead OJP to impose additional appropriate conditions on this award.

23

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

The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) 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 recipient 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 recipient is to contact the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) for guidance.

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

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, 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 recipients, subrecipients ("subgrantees"), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of the recipient or of any subrecipient.

The details of the recipient'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 recipients and subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

25

Potential imposition of additional requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) during the period of performance for this award, if the recipient is designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

26

Requirement to report actual or imminent breach of personally identifiable information (PII)

The recipient (and any "subrecipient" at any tier) must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent "breach" (OMB M-17-12) if it (or a subrecipient) -- (1) creates, collects, uses, processes, stores, maintains, disseminates, discloses, or disposes of "Personally Identifiable Information (PII)" (2 CFR 200.1) 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 recipient's breach procedures must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to an OJP Program Manager no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

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Requirements related to System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

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

The recipient also must comply with applicable restrictions on subawards ("subgrants") to first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees"), including restrictions on subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to the recipient) the unique entity identifier required for SAM registration.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SAM.htm> (Award condition: System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition does not apply to an award 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).

28

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 purchases or transfers of specified equipment by law enforcement agencies. In addition, OJP requires the recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, to put in place specified controls prior to using federal funds under this award to acquire 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.

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Restrictions on "lobbying"

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds awarded by OJP may not be used by the recipient, or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, 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 recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier, 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 recipient (or subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact OJP for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OJP.

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All subawards ("subgrants") must have specific federal authorization

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, 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.

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

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, 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."

Among other items, 28 C.F.R. § 54.140 contains notice requirements that covered recipients must follow regarding the dissemination of information regarding federal nondiscrimination requirements.

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The recipient understands that, in accepting this award, the Authorized Representative declares and certifies, among other things, that he or she possesses the requisite legal authority to accept the award on behalf of the recipient entity and, in so doing, accepts (or adopts) all material requirements that relate to conduct throughout the period of performance under this award. The recipient further understands, and agrees, that it will not assign anyone to the role of Authorized Representative during the period of performance under the award without first ensuring that the individual has the requisite legal authority.

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Verification and updating of recipient contact information

The recipient must verify its Grant Award Administrator, Financial Manager, and Authorized Representative contact information in JustGrants, including telephone number and e-mail address. If any information is incorrect or has changed, the award recipient's Entity Administrator must make changes to contact information through DIAMD. Instructions on how to update contact information in JustGrants can be found at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-entity-management>.

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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.

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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The recipient agrees to comply with OJP grant monitoring guidelines, protocols, and procedures, and to cooperate with BJA and OCFO on all grant monitoring requests, including requests related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, and/or site visits. The recipient agrees to provide to BJA and OCFO all documentation necessary to complete monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by BJA and OCFO for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with BJA's/OCFO's grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the recipient's DOJ awards, including, but not limited to: withholdings and/or other restrictions on the recipient's access to grant funds; referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review; designation of the recipient as a DOJ High Risk grantee; or termination of an award(s).

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The recipient agrees to submit to BJA for review and approval any product (e.g., curricula, training materials, publications, reports, videos, or any other written, web-based, or audio-visual, or other materials) that will be developed and published under this award at least thirty (30) working days prior to the targeted dissemination date. The current edition of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide provides guidance on allowable printing and publication activities. Any products developed under this award, (with the exception of press releases, web sites, and mobile applications), shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No. <Award_Number> awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice." (Note: A separate disclaimer has been developed and is required for web sites and mobile applications. No disclaimer is required for press releases.)

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Any Web site that is funded in whole or in part under this award must include the following statement on the home page, on all major entry pages (i.e., pages (exclusive of documents) whose primary purpose is to navigate the user to interior content), and on any pages from which a visitor may access or use a Web-based service, including any pages that provide results or outputs from the service: "This Web site is funded in whole or in part through a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Neither the U.S. Department of Justice nor any of its components operate, control, are responsible for, or necessarily endorse, this Web site (including, without limitation, its content, technical infrastructure, and policies, and any services or tools provided)." The full text of the foregoing statement must be clearly visible on the home page. On other pages, the statement may be included through a link, entitled "Notice of Federal Funding and Federal Disclaimer," to the full text of the statement.

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Applicants must ensure that Limited English Proficiency persons have meaningful access to the services under this

program(s). 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 have meaningful access to their programs. Meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral and written translation when necessary. The U.S. Department of Justice has issued guidance for grantees to help them comply with Title VI requirements. The guidance document can be accessed on the Internet at www.lep.gov.

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The recipient agrees to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.

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Justification of consultant rate

Approval of this award does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of \$650 per day. A detailed justification must be submitted to and approved by the OJP program office prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds.

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The recipient agrees that no funds under this grant award (including via subcontract or subaward, at any tier) may be used for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), which includes unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), or for any accompanying accessories to support UAS.

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Recipient understands and agrees that it must submit quarterly Federal Financial Reports (SF-425) and semi-annual performance reports through JustGrants (justgrants.usdoj.gov), and that it must submit quarterly performance metrics reports through BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) website (<https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/>). For more detailed information on reporting and other requirements, refer to BJA's website. Failure to submit required reports by established deadlines may result in the freezing of grant funds and High Risk designation.

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All BJA-funded adult drug courts must be operated based on the 10 key components for drug courts, which are found in BJA's and National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) publication: Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components at <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/205621.pdf>. During the grant period of performance, if BJA concludes that a funded drug court is not conforming to the 10 key components, it retains the right to place the award recipient on a corrective action plan to bring the drug court into conformance. Continued failure to maintain conformance to the key components may result in a hold placed on award funds or suspension/termination of the grant award agreement.

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Regarding medication-assisted treatment (MAT), the award recipient understands and agrees to the following: 1) all clients in a BJA-funded drug court have a right to access MAT under the care and prescription of a physician to the extent MAT is clinically indicated; 2) BJA-funded drug courts must not deny any eligible client enrollment to the drug court program because of their use of FDA-approved medications for the treatment of substance abuse; 3) MAT must be permitted to be continued for as long as the prescriber determines that the FDA-approved medication is clinically beneficial; 4) while under no circumstances can a BJA-funded drug court program deny access to MAT under the care and prescription of a physician when it is clinically indicated, a judge retains judicial discretion to mitigate/reduce the risk of abuse, misuse, or diversion of these medications; and 5) federal funds shall not be used to support activities that violate the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 801-904.

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The recipient understands and agrees that no award or matching funds may be used to provide services for violent offenders as defined in 42 U.S.C. 3797u-2, a "violent offender" means a person who (1) is charged with or convicted of an offense that is punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, during the course of which offense or

conduct? (A) the person carried, possessed, or used a firearm or dangerous weapon; (B) there occurred the death of or serious bodily injury to any person; or (C) there occurred the use of force against the person of another, without regard to whether any of the circumstances described in subparagraph (A) or (B) is an element of the offense or conduct of which or for which the person is charged or convicted; or (2) has 1 or more prior convictions for a felony crime of violence involving the use or attempted use of force against a person with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm.

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Limit on use of grant funds for grantees' employees' salaries

With respect to this award, federal funds may not be used to pay cash compensation (salary plus bonuses) to any employee of the award recipient at a rate that exceeds 110% of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. (An award recipient may compensate an employee at a higher rate, provided the amount in excess of this compensation limitation is paid with non-federal funds.)

This limitation on compensation rates allowable under this award may be waived on an individual basis at the discretion of the OJP official indicated in the program announcement under which this award is made.

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Recipient integrity and performance matters: Requirement to report information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings to SAM and FAPIIS

The recipient 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, recipients 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 recipient 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.

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The recipient's budget (and budget narrative) is pending clearance by OJP.

Prior to budget clearance (and unless there is a more restrictive condition on this award, in which case the terms of that more restrictive condition apply): The recipient may not drawdown more than 10% of the award. Pre-clearance obligations, expenditures, and drawdowns may be disallowed if not in compliance with program requirements.

The recipient should be judicious in using award funds prior to budget clearance. Generally, OJP expects that recipients (depending on the specific project scope) may need to advertise for award-funded positions, pay personnel and fringe benefits for positions budgeted under the award, plan for project activities, attend training and pay training-related travel needed to begin the project, and engage in other limited activities conducted by recipient staff (i.e., generally not requiring a subaward or procurement contract under an award).

OJP will issue an Award Condition Modification upon budget clearance.

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Award Acceptance

Declaration and Certification to the U.S. Department of Justice as to Acceptance

By checking the declaration and certification box below, I--

- A. Declare to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), under penalty of perjury, that I have authority to make this declaration and certification on behalf of the applicant.
- B. Certify to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the following are true as of the date of this award acceptance: (1) I have conducted or there was conducted (including by applicant's legal counsel as appropriate and made available to me) a diligent review of all terms and conditions of, and all supporting materials submitted in connection with, this award, including any assurances and certifications (including anything submitted in connection therewith by a person on behalf of the applicant before, after, or at the time of the application submission and any materials that accompany this acceptance and certification); and (2) I have the legal authority to accept this award on behalf of the applicant.
- C. Accept this award on behalf of the applicant.
- D. Declare the following to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant: (1) I understand that, in taking (or not taking) any action pursuant to this declaration and certification, DOJ will rely upon this declaration and certification as a material representation; and (2) I understand that any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent information or statement in this declaration and certification (or concealment or omission of a material fact as to either) 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 subject me and the applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies under the federal False Claims Act (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and/or §§ 3801-3812) or otherwise.

Agency Approval

Title of Approving Official	Name of Approving Official	Signed Date And Time
Acting Assistant Attorney General	Brent J. Cohen	9/26/24 12:35 PM

Authorized Representative

Entity Acceptance

Title of Authorized Entity Official
Chief of Planning and Court Services

Signed Date And Time

Category 3 Statewide: Vermont Quality Improvement Project

Timeline Oct 1, 2024 – Sept 30, 2028

	Year 1 FY 2024 Oct 2024 – Sept 2025				Year 2 FY 2025 Oct 2025 – Sept 2026				Year 3 FY 2026 Oct 2026 – Sept 2027				Year 4 FY 2027 Oct 2027 – Sept 2028			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Goal 1. The Vermont Judiciary will improve the outcomes for adult treatment courts by implementing a statewide quality improvement plan to support best practice. BPS I – X, PRIORITY 1 A																
<i>Objective 1.</i> Identify and map regional level of care and MOUD access for each program. Yr. 1-4, Qtr. 4 Report qtr. 4				•				•				•				•
<i>Objective 2.</i> Monitor treatment services to ensure treatment service needs are being met. Yr. 1 – 4, Report Qtr. 2 and 4.		•				•				•				•		
<i>Objective 3.</i> Implement the statewide quality improvement plan. Yr. 1 – 4, (ongoing). Report annually					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Yr. 1, Qtr. 4., State Quality Improvement Plan.				•												
Yr. 1 – 4, Qtr. 4. Report annually.				•				•				•				•
<i>Objective 4.</i> Implement a data outreach plan to increase state& regional partner engagement. Yr. 1 – 4, Qtr. 3.			•				•				•				•	

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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Yr. 1, Qtr. 4. Outreach Plan & materials.				•												
<i>Objective 5</i> Implement evaluation plan.								•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Yr. 2, Qtr. 2. Evaluation Plan.						•										
Yr. 3- 4, Qtr. 4. Report evaluation outcome annually.												•				•
Goal 2. The VTJ will enhance and sustain evidence-based treatment court programs through a certification program. BPS I – X. PRIORITY 1A																
<i>Objective 1.</i> Develop the treatment court certification program (protocol). Yr. 1, Qtr. 4. Protocol.				•												
<i>Objective 2.</i> Develop a proposal for the Vermont Supreme Court to order program adherence to best practice standards. Yr. 1, Qtr. 4. Proposal.				•												
<i>Objective 3.</i> Implement the treatment court certification protocol. Yr. 2 - Yr. 4, (ongoing). Reports to courts.					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Objective 4.</i> Evaluate the certification protocol and develop revisions, if warranted. Yr. 3, Qtr. 3. Evaluation /Recommendations Report.											•					
<i>Objective 5.</i> Update the policy and																•

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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
procedure manual to include certification and revisions to best practices. Yr. 4, Qtr. 4 Draft and Final Manual																
Goal 3. The VTJ will advance earlier access to treatment, and MOUD services to prevent opioid overdose and related deaths. BPS I, V, and VI.																
<i>Objective 1.</i> Educate the state’s attorney to ask for a risk need treatment court screening at pre-trial Act 61. Yr. 1, Qtr. 3. Presentation /Meeting held.			•													
<i>Objective 2.</i> Support peer recovery support specialist to assist with early identification and connection to MOUD. Yr. 2 – 4, (ongoing) Procedure (protocol).					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Objective 3.</i> Implement regional advisory committee plan to increase referrals, and early access to MOUD. Yr. Qtr. 3-4, Yr. 3-4, (ongoing) Policy and procedure.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Objective 4.</i> Collaborate with the Attorney General to refer high-risk, high need defendants at pre-trial screening to the treatment court. Yr. 3 (ongoing).									•	•	•	•				
Yr. 4, Qtr. 2. Operating Manual Protocol for MOUD and treatment at pre-trial.													•			

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Yr. 4, Qtr. 3 Agreement between VTJ and Attorney General.															•	
Goal 4. The VTJ will establish a regional governance structure and state-level partnerships to increase referrals, equitable access, and needed resources for the adult treatment court. BPS I -X, PRIORITY 1A																
<i>Objective 1.</i> Develop strategic plan to implement early screening to increase referrals. Year 1. Plan	•	•	•	•												
<i>Objective 2.</i> Develop and implement screening for high risk of overdose and access to MOUD. Yr. 2-4, (ongoing) Data Sets to Track screening.					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Objective 3.</i> Develop and implement quality improvement plan for the regional ATC. Annual report on progress from each ATC program				•				•				•				•
<i>Objective 4.</i> Partner with the Center for Justice Innovation to support and develop Regional Advisory Committee. Yr. 1-4, (ongoing) Quality Improvement Plans (CCTC & Co-Occurring, WCTC, RCTC, SERDTD).	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Objective 5.</i> Enhance fidelity to best practice standards. Year 1 – 4, Qtr. 3. Fidelity First Reports and Certification Reports.			•				•				•				•	

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Yr. 1, Qtr. 4. Strategic Planning Session to map community resources and identify stakeholders to fill the gap.				•												
Yr. 2 – 4, Qtr. 4. Attendance at TTA plan implementation				•				•				•				•
<i>Objective 6.</i> Develop agreements with the state level partners to sustain and enhance access and increase referrals to the treatment courts. Yr. 2, Qtr. 3-4, Yr. 3 – 4, (ongoing).								•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Yr. 2, Qtr. 4. Establish an agreement with DOC where participants under conditions of probation are referred to treatment court.																
Yr. 1, Qtr. 3-4. DOC and State’s Attorney re: jail, increase screening, and referrals to treatment program. Meeting - Planning and Implementation Guide.				•												
Yr. 1– 4, Qtr. 3. MOU with VDH regarding state funds for treatment court.			•				•				•				•	
Yr. 3, Qtr. 3. Attorney General to increase referrals to ATC. Meeting and Agreement.											•					
Goal 5. The VTJ will provide training and targeted Technical Assistance																

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(coaching and mentoring competencies) services to the adult treatment court programs. BPS I. - X. PRIORITY 1A																
<i>Objective 1.</i> Arrange training for the treatment court coordinators and case managers in the ORAS-CSST screening tool. Yr. 1 – 4, Qtr. 4 Attendance at training.				•				•				•				•
<i>Objective 2.</i> Plan and provide TTA to regional advisory committees to implement the quality improvement plan. Yr. 1, ongoing. TTA plan Yr. 1, Qtr. 4.	•	•	•	•												
<i>Objective 3.</i> Send 16 treatment team members to the NEARCP and 16 to the All Rise training in BPS. Yr. 1-4, Qtr.1 and 3. Annual list of conference attendees.	•		•		•		•		•		•		•		•	
Goal 6. The VTJ will collaborate with the peer support recovery agencies to enhance services to participants to re-enter the community and continuing aftercare when discharged from the program. BPS V. and VI.																
<i>Objective 1.</i> Incorporate a peer recovery support specialist into each adult treatment court program to enhance				•				•				•				•

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service delivery and advise the team. Yr. 1-4, Qtr. 4. MOU is signed for recovery representative role on team.																
<i>Objective 2.</i> Train peer recovery support specialist to provide recovery management aftercare using VT DIMS recovery module. Yr. 1-4, Qtr. 3-4. Track training attendance.			•				•				•				•	
Minimum Population to be Served (per quarter)	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	25	25	26	26
Total Minimum Population Served (cumulative)	26	52	78	104	130	156	182	208	234	260	286	312	337	362	388	414

Attachment B

Quality Improvement Program Budget

Budget Category	Year 1		Year 2 <i>(if needed)</i>		Year 3 <i>(if needed)</i>		Year 4 <i>(if needed)</i>		Year 5 <i>(if needed)</i>		Total(s)
	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	
A. Personnel	\$229,478	\$151,071	\$237,510	\$151,373	\$265,978	\$165,901	\$269,751	\$169,168	\$0	\$0	\$1,640,230
B. Fringe Benefits	\$139,837	\$46,479	\$142,632	\$45,508	\$145,110	\$48,426	\$155,038	\$41,996	\$0	\$0	\$765,026
C. Travel	\$32,927	\$0	\$32,190	\$0	\$32,190	\$0	\$11,068	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$108,375
D. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
E. Supplies	\$2,910	\$0	\$7,641	\$0	\$504	\$0	\$8,421	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,476
F. Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
G. Subawards (Subgrants)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
H. Procurement Contracts	\$194,000	\$0	\$194,000	\$0	\$194,000	\$0	\$187,415	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$769,415
I. Other	\$5,200	\$3,901	\$5,200	\$9,510	\$5,200	\$0	\$1,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,811
Total Direct Costs	\$604,352	\$201,451	\$619,173	\$206,391	\$642,982	\$214,327	\$633,493	\$211,164	\$0	\$0	\$3,333,333
J. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Project Costs	\$604,352	\$201,451	\$619,173	\$206,391	\$642,982	\$214,327	\$633,493	\$211,164	\$0	\$0	\$3,333,333
Does this budget contain conference costs which is defined broadly to include meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, and training activities? - Y/N										Yes	