



Justice & Youth Programs Division

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

SFY 2026 JAG Notice of Funding Opportunity

AWARD PERIOD (TWO YEARS)

July 1, 2025– June 30, 2027

YEAR 1 AWARD AMOUNT

\$1,320,678 (\$1.32 million)

DEADLINE

February 3, 2025 by 5:00 PM (CST)

[Apply for SFY 2026 JAG](#)

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Introduction

This solicitation is for applicants who wish to apply for competitive funds under the Nebraska Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Grant Program (Statutory Authority § 10151-10726). The federal JAG Program is administered by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). For more information on the JAG program, please refer to the [JAG Fact Sheet](#).

The Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) is the State Administering Agency for JAG. The Federal Grants & Programs Division (FG&P) administers the grant funds under this program. Information about NCC and its various grants and other resources can be found at <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/>.

Purpose

JAG supports a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. Federal requirements allow projects to be funded under the following purpose areas:

Purpose	
Area	Description
1	Law enforcement programs
2	Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
3	Prevention and education programs
4	Drug treatment and enforcement programs
5	Corrections and community corrections programs
6	Prosecution and court programs
7	Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
8	Mental health program and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.
9	**NEW** Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including but not limited to - mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.

JAG Priority Areas

The SFY 2026 Byrne JAG Funding will be prioritized to the funding areas in no particular order found below. The *Nebraska Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) Needs Assessment Survey Analysis* conducted in the summer of 2024 revealed several recommendations made by Nebraska stakeholders to address the needs of the Nebraska Criminal Justice System. The assessment survey’s recommendations determined these funding priority areas.

- 1. Technological Infrastructure and Data Sharing:** Modernizing technological systems was identified as a priority, particularly for enhancing decision-making, collaboration and program evaluation.
- 2. Mental Health and Substance Misuse:** Mental health crisis intervention, substance misuse treatment and co-occurring disorders with the necessity for enhanced behavioral health programming within the criminal

justice system.

3. **Workforce Recruitment and Retention:** Difficulties in hiring and retaining qualified staff, particularly in law enforcement, probation and community services due to burnout, low wages, and high turnover rates with a call for workforce development programs to improve the resilience and capacity of the criminal justice system.
4. **Community-Based Crime Prevention:** Robust community-based programs to address issues such as gang violence, intimate partner violence and school-based bullying by engaging schools, faith-based organizations and community groups in crime prevention and early intervention efforts.

While Juvenile Justice and Reentry Programs that address juvenile mental health issues, substance misuse and educational support with a focus on community-based interventions and youth-specific services were identified as a need in the JAG Need Assessment Survey Analysis, those programs will not be funded by SFY 2026 JAG.

Projects that are seeking funds for services not fitting the above priority areas are encouraged to utilize other funding opportunities administered by NCC such as Community-based Juvenile Services Aid, Juvenile Services, Title II, RSAT, Byrne SCIP, and Office of Violence Prevention.

Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible for JAG funding, the applicant must be one of the following:

- A unit of local government (i.e., city, county, town)
- An Indian tribal government which has its own law enforcement
- A community-based or faith-based organization that is private and non-profit
- A state operated criminal justice program

Non-Profit and Community-Based Organizations

As permitted by the JAG program statute, JAG funds can be awarded to private non-profit neighborhood or community-based organizations in the below scenarios:

- A criminal justice project that would benefit the entire state.
- A criminal justice project that will benefit a local law jurisdiction.
- A partnership between a private non-profit organization and a local law enforcement agency to provide criminal justice services to designated units of local government.

Non-profit, faith-based, and/or community-based organizations wishing to apply for JAG funds are **required to submit a waiver letter from the local law enforcement jurisdiction** indicating that the local jurisdiction recognizes the funds in question are set aside for local government use; believes the proposed project will provide a direct local benefit; and agrees that funding the project at the state level is in the best interests of the unit of local government. The waiver letter is to be signed by the Chief of Police or Sheriff of the local jurisdiction where services will be provided. [Federal approval from BJA will be required before receiving a subaward.](#)

Faith-Based and Community Organizations

Consistent with Executive Order 13279, December 12, 2002 and 28 CFR Part 39, it is the policy of the Nebraska Crime Commission that faith-based and community organizations that statutorily qualify as eligible applicants under JAG are invited and encouraged to apply for assistance awards to fund eligible grant activities. Faith-based and community organizations will be considered for awards as are other eligible applicants, and if they receive assistance awards, will be treated on an equal basis with all other grantees in the administration of such awards. No eligible applicant or grantee will be discriminated against on the basis of its religious character or affiliation, or religious name. Faith-based and community organizations are required to abide by the same regulations and requirements specifically associated with the program under which they are awarded a grant, as any other agency awarded funding. [Federal approval from BJA will be required before receiving a subaward.](#)

Project & Budget Periods

SFY 2026 JAG has an overall project period of two years - July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. The project will be split into two separate budget periods: Year 1, ending on June 30, 2026, and Year 2, ending on June 30, 2027. **Applicants should develop a budget for Year 1 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 or no more than 12 months of operations).** The project period for Year 1 must start on or after July 1, 2025 and end by June 30, 2026.

Year 2 award amounts will be determined based on availability of funds and successful operations of Year 1. **Projects with unspent funds at the end of each budget period will be required to deobligate those dollars.**

Funds Available (Estimated)

The estimated amounts of total funds available for this solicitation that cover Year 1 of a two-year project period is \$1,320,678. The breakdown of the estimated funds available is provided below:

\$681,439 Local

\$445,251 State (or Local)

\$193,988 NSP or local jurisdictions on the less than \$10,000 list*

For the purposes of this solicitation, a local program is one that is: 1) a local unit of government (town, city, county, township, etc.), 2) federally recognized tribe, or 3) with the support of the local unit of government, a non-profit operating within the jurisdiction of the local unit of government.

*JAG determines award allocations for units of local government based on their proportion of the state's 3-year violent crime average. If the "eligible award amount" for a particular unit of government, as determined on this basis, is \$10,000 or more, then the unit of local government is eligible to apply directly to OJP for a JAG award under the JAG Local Solicitation. If the "eligible award amount" for a particular unit of local government is less than \$10,000, however, the funds are not made available for a direct award but are instead added to the amount that is awarded to the state to subaward.

Funding for Year 2 will be determined by availability of funds and the project's successful grant management. Successful grant management of Year 1 is generally defined as reporting at least 90% of expenditures of

awarded funds and meeting at least 90% of Performance Measures in Year 1 unless extenuating circumstances are communicated to your assigned Grant Manager and the Director of Justice Programs.

Match

Match is not required for JAG. However, it is encouraged for sustainability purposes. Applicants are advised to continue to strategically plan for future program development and sustainability of programs independent of federal JAG funding to ensure long-term success of the criminal justice project.

If match is included in the approved award, the match amount indicated must be met, regardless of the dollar amount of federal funds utilized. Match will be reviewed and monitored at the same level as federal funds.

Application and Funding Timeline (Tentative)

Dates/times are subject to change. Updates will be posted on NCC Website. [Listed times are Central Time Zone.](#)

December 23, 2024	SFY 2026 JAG Funding Notice of Funding Opportunity Announced
February 3, 2025	SFY 2026 JAG Applications due by 5:00 PM
March - April 2025	Funding determination letters sent by NCC
April - May 2025	Award contingencies due to NCC (date indicated on funding determination letter)
April - June 2025	Grant awards issued by NCC
June 2025	Grant award documents due to NCC
July 1, 2025	Grant projects begin

Correspondence

All application and grant correspondence will include the applicant’s identified Project Point of Contact. Contacts such as the Financial Point of Contact, the Authorized Official or other applicant-designated individuals may be included in correspondence as deemed appropriate.

AmpliFund

AmpliFund is the online grant management system currently utilized by NCC. Applications must be submitted within AmpliFund at the following link. Funded projects will receive additional information and system permissions to report on project activities and expenditures once awards have been issued and approved.

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/c36827b4-f317-423a-8798-2ad7007ab548>

Applicant Training and Technical Assistance

- For assistance or questions regarding the JAG Grant Program, please contact Chris Carlile, Director of Justice Programs at (402) 417-3673 or christine.carlile@nebraska.gov.
- For assistance with AmpliFund, reach out to Nebraska AmpliFund Support at (844) 735-0239 or support@ne-amplifund.zendesk.com. Applicants may also access resources and chat with AmpliFund Support staff through the AmpliFund Customer Support Portal at <https://ne-amplifund.zendesk.com>.

Application Review Process

- Projects will be reviewed as competitive applications.
- The Crime Commission reserves the right to reject any or all applications, to waive informalities and minor irregularities in applications received, and to accept any portion of the application, or all items proposed, if deemed in the best interest of the State of Nebraska to do so. Failure of the applicant to provide information requested in this Announcement or the grant application may result in the disqualification of the applicant. The fact that an applicant meets eligibility requirements and applies for eligible services does not guarantee funding. Acceptance of Application Content: The final contents of the approved application become contractual obligations of the grant award issued to a successful applicant.
- Review will be based on the following criteria: applicant eligibility, adherence to federal and state requirements and guidelines, Completeness, clarity, continuity and consistency of the written application. The written application shall include all sections and information as outlined in the grant application instructions; ability and capacity of the proposed project to make an impact on the identified problem, availability of other resources to address the problem or need of the proposed project including an explanation of how the applicant's project proposal will work with and/or coordinate with existing resources, cost effectiveness of the proposed project, amount of grant funds available, and the performance and/or ability of the applicant to manage a grant program.
- Applications will also be considered according to the JAG priority areas identified in the survey analysis.

Grant Review and Scoring

In addition to the criteria listed above, the following criteria will be considered when awarding Byrne JAG funds: the amount of funds available; the priorities described in this solicitation; the applicant's ability to consistently spend down previous grant awards; applicant's ability to consistently meet financial and programmatic reporting requirements and deadlines; prior measurable performance/effectiveness of programs; data-based and/or evidence-informed merit of the proposal, and a commitment to sustainability plans and/or match funds, such as funding personnel fringe or partially funding the programs. All eligible applications will be evaluated and scored on the completeness and clarity of the grant application, and if the budget request is necessary, reasonable, and allowable. **Do not assume the grant reviewers know this information; provide detailed answers within each application.**

The following is a list of criteria:

Attachments:

- SAM Registration

- Certified Assurances
- Organizational Questionnaire
 - If applicable, Single Audit or Financial Audit
- Board of Directors or Tribal Council Membership List
- Organizational Chart
- Letters of Support (3 – 5)
- Job Descriptions (if requesting personnel)
- Agency Policies
 - Personnel Policy (regarding Leave if requesting personnel)
 - Travel Policy (if requesting travel)
 - Capitalization or Equipment Policy (if requesting equipment)
- Indirect Costs
 - Rate Agreement (if applicable)
 - De Minimis Certification of Indirect Costs (if applicable)
 - Indirect Costs Calculator (if applicable)
- MOUs (if applicable)
- Other Attachments (i.e., bylaws and etc.) if applicable
- Application Signed

Section 1: Applicant Information

- Applicant provides all information requested. Appropriate signatures are included. Financial officer cannot be the same person as project director.
- Whether the project or program is within the scope of the grant.
- The applicant's eligibility.
- History of deobligation

Section 2: Program Narratives: Program narratives should be complete enough to give the reviewer a clear picture of the who, what, when, where, and how in describing what the program is and who it is serving.

- Clearly describes an identified priority area and makes a connection on how this proposed program will meet the priority areas. **(5 points)**
- Clearly describes the proposed program and includes the proposed project's purpose and intended impact, include the geographic area served, direct services provided, and a description of the target population to be served. **(10 points)**
- Clearly describes how the program will address the social problem(s), including local and/or statewide crime rate information/data. **(5 points)**
- An explanation of how this project's funding will continue after the grant funds cease is clearly presented. Any sources of definite future funding are identified. If future funding is uncertain, potential sources for funding are stated. If this project is not to continue after the grant, a clear explanation is given. Strategies to cultivate future funding sources are provided. **(5 points)**

Section 3: Budget: Budget narratives should accurately explain project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable. The budget narrative should be mathematically sound and correspond clearly with the information and figures provided in the Budget tables. The narrative should explain how the applicant estimated and calculated all costs, and how those costs are necessary to the completion of the proposed project.

- Budget tables completed correctly and fully. **(5 points)**
- A narrative is provided which details, matches and justifies the amounts included in the budget form clearly. **(10 points)**

- Rates are reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar work in other state or local governments. If the position is funded partially by the grant the % of salary is identified. Other sources of funds are clearly identified which fund the proposed program. **(5 points)**
- Clear description the proposed expenditures set forth in the project budget are allowable, reasonable, and cost effective. **(2.5 points)**
- Detailed budget breakdowns are complete, clear description of how request is necessary to meet the goals and outcomes of the program. **(2.5 points)**
- points)

Total Points: 50

Evidence Based Projects

Funding priority will be given to applicants who propose new initiatives in evidence/research based, data driven projects. OJP places a strong emphasis on the use of data and evidence in policy making and program development in criminal justice. OJP considers programs and practices to be evidence-based when their effectiveness has been demonstrated by causal evidence, generally obtained through one or more outcome evaluations. Causal evidence documents a relationship between an activity or intervention (including technology) and its intended outcome, including measuring the direction and size of a change, and the extent to which a change may be attributed to the activity or intervention. Causal evidence depends on the use of scientific methods to rule out, to the extent possible, alternative explanations for the documented change. The strength of causal evidence, based on the factors described above, will influence the degree to which the program or practice is considered to be evidence-based.

One resource that applicants may use to find information about evidence-based programs in criminal justice is <https://www.crimesolutions.gov>

Further information about the types of programs that fit these purpose areas can be found at the NCJA and BJA websites listed below.

- NCJA: <http://www.ncja.org/>
- BJA: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>
- NIC: <http://nicic.gov/>
- NIJ criminal justice training: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/training/welcome.htm>
- <http://cebcp.org/wp-content/evidence-based-policing/Sherman2015-TippingPointEBP.pdf>
- <http://cebcp.org/evidence-based-policing/what-works-in-policing/research-evidence-review/>
- <http://cebcp.org/evidence-based-policing/evidence-based-Policing-workshop/>
- <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/digitization/143709ncjrs.pdf>
- <http://www.courtinnovation.org/research/community-prosecution-strategies-three-examples>

Grant Application and Implementation Requirements

System for Award Management (SAM) Registration

All applicants must be registered in the SAM database. This is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. **Applicants must update or renew their SAM registration annually.** Information to register or update your entity records can be accessed at <http://www.sam.gov/>. **Applicants are highly encouraged to start the SAM registration process or check on the**

status of your SAM registration as soon as possible since there could be difficulties or delays with this system.

Proof of Non-Profit Status

Non-profit organizations must submit the following documentation with the application for JAG funding: 1) A copy of their non-profit certification AND 2) their most recent 990 or equivalent.

All non-profits funded are required to make their financial statements available online (either on the non-profit organization's website or another publicly available website). Organizations that have federal 501(c)(3) tax status will be considered in compliance with this requirement, to the extent that the organization files IRS Form 990 or equivalent, as several sources already provide searchable online databases of such financial statements.

Certified Assurances

As a recipient of federal funds, the Crime Commission must sign and pass on certain grant requirements to subgrantees. The FG&P Certified Assurances addressing these requirements can be found within AmpliFund. Certified Assurances must be signed by the applicant's Authorized Official and submitted with the grant application.

Office of Civil Rights

Pursuant to 28 CFR Section 42.302, all recipients of federal funds must be in compliance with EEO and Civil Rights requirements. All programs that receive BJA funds or are subawarded BJA funds via program agreements are **required** to conform to the grant program requirements. If there is a violation to this, it may result in suspension or termination of funding, until such time as the recipient is in compliance.

Nondiscrimination (Civil Rights)

Federal laws prohibit recipients of financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability in funded programs or activities, not only in respect to employment practices but also in the delivery of services or benefits. Federal law also prohibits funded programs or activities from discriminating on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits. All subgrantees must prepare a written policy regarding how the agency will actively notify staff and program participants of nondiscrimination policies.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Individuals

In accordance with Department of Justice Guidance pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, recipients of federal assistance must take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with Limited English proficiency. All subgrantees must develop a written LEP plan. For more information access: <http://www.lep.gov>.

Equal Employment Opportunity Assurance of Compliance

Compliance is required with the following federal laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability. These are Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. All subgrantees must prepare an Equal Opportunity Employment Plan or Certification form and a written

policy regarding how the agency will actively notify staff of nondiscrimination policies. An EEO Reporting Tool is available at: <https://ocr-eeop.ncjrs.gov/>.

Employment Eligibility Verification

Award recipients (at any tier) must properly verify the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(a)(1) and (2).

Determinations of suitability to interact with participating minors

Award recipients (at any tier) must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may carry out project funded activities that involve interacting with individuals under the age of 18. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status. The details of this requirement are posted here: <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm>

Subawards

Subawards, also referred to as sub-subawards or pass-through-funds, involve the passing down of federal funds to a partner agency to conduct activities that assist in the overall achievement of project outcomes. The lead agency identified in the application will issue the subaward and reimburse the partner agency for actual costs. The lead agency is also responsible for monitoring the partner agency's compliance with grant requirements. If the subaward activities will benefit individuals under 18 years of age, the applicant agrees to pass down the condition to the partner agency to determine suitability to interact with minors.

All subawards must have specific Crime Commission authorization. Each partner agency subawarded funds under this project must have a signed subaward and special conditions with the lead agency. **Prior to issuing funds to partner agencies, the lead agency must check SAM suspension or debarment.** The lead agency/subrecipient must provide a copy of the signed subaward and special conditions before receiving reimbursement for subaward expenses from the Crime Commission.

Agency Audits & Documentation

Agencies receiving federal funds from various sources totaling \$1,000,000 or more during their fiscal year are required to have a Single Audit. This single organization-wide audit shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Title 2 CFR Subpart F and a copy shall be provided to the Crime Commission.

If less than \$1,000,000 is expended in one year, then the agency is exempt from federal audit requirements. However, it is highly recommended that a complete agency audit complying with Title 2 CFR Subpart F is conducted once every three years.

Authorized representatives of the Crime Commission or federal representatives shall the right to examine all records related to this grant for the purpose of audit and examinations. Types of documentation that must be maintained are detailed in the following section.

Financial Requirements

Supplanting

Supplanting is to deliberately reduce state or local funds because of the existence of federal funds. **A recipient**

cannot use federal funds to supplant (replace) other existing funds. Any request to support a project with federal funds must address how the request is NOT supplanting of funds. The applicant must address supplanting by clearly addressing the following:

- a) How the costs were previously funded.
- b) Why the funds are no longer available.
- c) When the funds ended and/or any temporary funding agreements or arrangements.

Accounting System and Records

Commingling of funds on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis is prohibited. The subrecipients accounting system must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding for each fiscal budget period and include the following:

- a) Separate accountability of receipts, obligations, expenditures of all grant funds, disbursements, and balances.
- b) Itemized records supporting all grant receipts, expenditures and match contributions in sufficient detail to show exact nature of activity.
- c) Data and information for each expenditure and match contribution with proper reference to a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
- d) **Hourly timesheets with details of project activities, signed by the employee and supervisor**, to document hours personnel worked on grant related activities. Match hours must be documented in the same manner. Payroll expenses claimed for reimbursement must correspond with actual time spent on the project, as supported by timesheets.
- e) Prorated costs are required to be calculated and documented monthly by utilizing the Proration of Costs Spreadsheet. This spreadsheet must be submitted with every applicable monthly drawdown request. The NCC Grant Manager assigned to your organization will review to ensure that only the actual costs for that reporting period are reimbursed.
- f) Maintenance of payroll authorizations and vouchers.
- g) Maintenance of records supporting charges for fringe benefits.
- h) Maintenance of inventory records for equipment purchased, rented, and contributed.
- i) Maintenance of billing records for consumable supplies (i.e., paper, printing) purchased.
- j) Provisions for payment by check.
- k) Maintenance of travel records (i.e., mileage logs, gas receipts).
- l) Lease Agreements, contracts services, and purchases of equipment that adhere to established procurement processes.
 - State agencies are governed by procedures of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), these are located at <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>
 - Counties must follow the process outlined in Nebraska statute located at <http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=23-3108&print=true>
 - All other agencies must adhere to the written process of the agency. If an agency doesn't have

a written policy, it should plan to follow state procedure (i.e., the DAS Procurement Process).

Equipment

Equipment (including replacements) purchased in whole or in part with JAG funds must be maintained and the following requirements must be followed.

- a) **Certification (provided in the SFY 2026 Certified Assurances, etc.) that property (i.e., equipment and supplies) purchased with JAG funds will be used for criminal justice purposes.**
- b) Maintain property records which include all of the following:
 - Description of the property
 - Serial number or other identification number
 - Source of the property Identification of the title holder
 - Acquisition date
 - Cost of the property
 - Percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the property
 - Location of the property
 - Use and condition of the property
 - Disposition data, including the date of disposal and sale price
- c) Conduct a physical inventory of the property and reconcile the results with the property records at least once every 2 years.
- d) Loss, damage, or theft:
 - A control system must be in place with adequate safeguards to prevent these occurrences.
 - Promptly and properly investigate any loss damage, or theft.
 - Establish and use adequate maintenance procedures to keep the property in good condition.
 - If authorized or required to sell the property, a proper sales procedure must be established to ensure the highest possible return.
- e) Original or replacement equipment acquired under the funded project that is no longer needed for criminal justice purposes must be disposed. These rules supersede any conflicting provision of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. See [2 C.F.R. Part 2800](#). The following must be adhered to in equipment disposition:
 - If the item to be disposed of has a current per -unit fair market value of less than \$10,000, it may be retained, sold, or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to NCC.
 - If the item has a current per-unit fair market value of \$10,000 or more, it may be retained and sold, but NCC will have a right to a specific dollar amount.

Contracts

Contracts must adhere to established procurement processes. Any request for a noncompetitive approach for a contract of \$250,000 or more will require additional approval from the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Fully Funded Positions

Any position 100% funded through grant funds and/or match must be 100% dedicated to the grant program allowable activities.

Grant Commencement and Management

Special Conditions and Implementation

Awarded applicants must sign Special Conditions issued with the award that include requirements under federal and state laws in addition to requirements for accounting, data collection and reporting.

Funded projects must be implemented within 30 days from the start date listed on the grant award or another date specified upon issuance of the grant award. Failure to implement a project within the time frame, or a time frame agreed upon by the grant administrator, may result in the loss of grant funds. **Purchases for budgeted one-time expenses (such as equipment and technology needs) should be made in the first quarter** to ensure that the project fully benefits from the purchase.

NCC Grant Management Training (GMT)

Project Points of Contact (PPOCs) and Financial Points of Contact (FPOCs) are required to complete GMT. PPOCs and FPOCs for new projects, continuation projects whose personnel haven't attended GMT since 2021, and those with new project personnel will need to complete GMT at this time. **New PPOCs and FPOCs are required to complete GMT within 120 days.** For newly funded projects, the timeframe for completing GMT is the latter of 120 days after receiving the grant award or 120 days from the beginning of the project. In the event of personnel changes, new PPOCs and FPOCs are required to complete GMT within 120 days from the effective date of taking the position. **All PPOCs and FPOCs are required to retake GMT every three years.**

This training is also recommended (but not required) for other staff supporting the project as applicable. More information on completing GMT will be provided to funded projects.

Quarterly Financial and Performance Reporting (AmpliFund)

Quarterly reporting on project expenditures and objectives is to be completed within AmpliFund. Quarterly reporting is due on the 15th of the following month after the quarter ends. All payments will be issued on a reimbursement basis. Required documentation must be submitted and approved for payment to be processed.

A waiver is required for monthly reimbursements and approved by Nebraska Crime Commission staff.

Quarterly Reporting (PMT System)

BJA **requires** all funded agencies (subrecipients) to submit statistical data on a quarterly basis using the on-line Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) system. Agencies will be required to create internal data collection processes to collect the specific data points for quarterly reporting in the PMT system and designate a point of contact within the agency to enter the data. Additional information on PMT reporting and accessing the PMT system will be provided to funded projects.

Law enforcement agencies receiving JAG funding must submit quarterly accountability metrics data in the PMT system related to training officers have received on use of force, racial and ethnic bias, de-escalation of conflict,

and constructive engagement with the public. Grantees that fail to submit this data will have their grant funds frozen.

Law Enforcement Task Forces Required Training

BJA requires within 120 days of award acceptance, each current member of a law enforcement task force funded with award funds who is a task force commander, agency executive, task force officer, or other task force member equivalent rank, must complete required online (internet-based) task force training. Additionally, all future task force members must complete this training once during the period of performance for this award, or once every 4 years.

The required training is available free of charge online through the BJA-funded Center for Task Force Integrity and Leadership (www.ctfli.org). The training addresses task force effectiveness, as well as other key issues including privacy and civil liberties/rights, task force performance measurement, personnel selection, and task force oversight and accountability. If award funds are used to support a task force, the subrecipient must compile and maintain a task force personnel roster, along with course completion certificates. Certificates will need to be sent to NCC within 120 days of award acceptance.

Additional information regarding the training is available through BJA's website and the Center for Task Force Integrity and Leadership (www.ctfli.org).

Example Uses of Funds

JAG funds can be used to support a variety of projects related to criminal justice and civil proceedings. Some examples include:

- Enforcing state and local laws that establish offenses similar to offenses established in 21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq. and/or improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenses, by providing additional personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for the more widespread apprehension, prosecution, adjudication, detention, and rehabilitation of persons who violate these laws, and assist the victims of such crimes (other than compensation).
- Community Violence Intervention.
- Identification, collection, or processing of forensic evidence.
- Supporting projects related to preventing, detecting, seizing, and/or stopping the presence and use of contraband cellphones within correctional facilities. This includes the purchasing of managed access systems and other mitigation technologies (as permitted by applicable law).
- Purchasing detection equipment for fentanyl and methamphetamine. Equipment including handheld instruments and training for law enforcement safety, as well as opioid reversal agents.
- Purchasing drug-detection canines to combat the rise of drug trafficking, including that of methamphetamines.
- Supporting efforts to seal and expunge criminal history information in accordance with state laws and policies.

- Supporting efforts to attract and retain an all-inclusive, diverse, expert, and accountable law enforcement workforce.
- Support virtual reality de-escalation training.
- Purchasing humane remote constraint devices that enable law enforcement to restrain an uncooperative subject without requiring the infliction of pain.
- Purchasing gunfire detection technology.
- Crime prevention efforts by state and local governments to increase patrols and deployments that bolster the security of at-risk non-profit organizations including synagogues, churches, mosques, and other places of worship.
- Purchase of P25 compliant radio systems in order to ensure interoperability with the Nebraska Statewide Radio System (SRS).
- Election security projects to deter, detect, and protect against threats of violence against election workers, administrators, officials, and others associated with the electoral process.
- **Indirect Costs:** Agencies that request indirect cost funding must be able to report their indirect cost rate as it applies to the agency. Indirect costs are those costs that are general or centralized expenses necessary for the overall administration of an organization. They are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. The cost of operating and maintaining facilities, depreciation, rent, supplies, telephone expenses, and administrative salaries are examples of the types of costs that are usually treated as indirect costs. For organizations that have an established federally approved indirect cost rate for Federal awards, "indirect costs" means those costs that are included in the organization's established indirect cost rate agreement. Such costs are generally identified with the organization's overall operations and are further described in the Office of Management and Budget Circulars 2 CFR 200.

For the purposes of this grant program, projects are permitted an allocation for administrative costs under one of the following options:

- **Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rates:** Agencies who have an established federally approved indirect cost rate agreement in place may include the allocation for indirect costs.

OR

- **De Minimis Rate:** Agencies who do not currently have a federally approved indirect cost rate agreement can elect to charge a de minimis rate of 15% of the modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely. Costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct (not both).

Limitations and Restrictions on Use of Funds

In addition to the items listed below, further information regarding allowable and unallowable costs is addressed in the [JAG Program FAQs](#).

1. JAG funds shall not be used directly for security enhancements or equipment to nongovernmental entities that are not engaged in criminal justice or public safety.
2. JAG funds shall not be used for vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (excluding police helicopters).
3. JAG funds shall not be used for luxury items, real estate, or construction projects.
4. Buy money: requests for confidential funds will not be accepted due to the strict federal procedures per the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).
5. Radio systems will only be allowable if they are for the purpose of gaining access and to ensure interoperability with the Nebraska Statewide Radio System (SRS).

Application Submission Requirements & Deadlines

Only electronic application submissions through the AmpliFund platform will be accepted for **SFY 2026 JAG**. Applicants may use the following link to apply: [Apply for SFY 2026 JAG](#).

Access to the application within AmpliFund closes at the time and date of the deadline indicated on the cover page of this document. No applications or attachments will be accepted once the system closes. Failure to submit all documentation and/or information required for the proposed project will negatively affect the applicant's eligibility and award review process. If an award is granted, it may result in conditions that preclude the recipient from accessing or using award funds until conditions are satisfied.

It is recommended that the application submission process be completed 72 hours prior to the deadline to avoid delays that may result from technical difficulties. Log in to the system well in advance to ensure there are no issues. This platform requires users/organizations to register. If you already have a profile in the system, do not create a new one. If you are unsure about the status of your profile or your organization's registration, are having trouble logging in, or are encountering any other technical issues with the system, submit a ticket to the AmpliFund Help Desk to inquire (support@amplifund.zendesk.com). AmpliFund help desk hours are Monday-Friday 7am-7pm (Central Time).

Standardized grant application, instructions, and forms for the SFY 2026 JAG Grant Program are available at <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps> and in the AmpliFund platform.

Application format:

1. Use only the provided forms and instructions for the SFY 2026 JAG Grant Program.
2. No cover letters.
3. Use no less than an 11-point font and adhere to space limits.

4. Cite all sources of data and any statistics.
5. Additional information in the form of appendixes is not accepted.

Under 2 C.F.R. § 200.415(b), all pass-through entities must require subrecipients of all tiers certify to them whenever applying for funds, requesting payment, and submitting financial reports: "I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812." Each such certification must be maintained pursuant to the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.334.

[Application Instructions - SFY 2026 JAG \(via AmpliFund\)](#)

Project Information page – fill out the general application information as required by AmpliFund, including the name of the project, the federal amount requested, and the contact information for the person completing the agency's application. Please use "SFY 2026 JAG – AGENCY NAME" for the application name.

From the menu on the Application Forms page, select [SFY 2026 JAG - Application Form](#) to access the application and provide the following information. Necessary attachments that are not requested on this form may be provided under the [SFY 2026 JAG – Document Uploads](#) form.

Program Information

Fill in your project title. Select the best option to complete the statement, "If awarded, these funds will..." Identify the purpose area(s) of the proposed project.

Applicant and Contact Information

The applicant must be the agency that will receive and disburse the grant funds. Select the type of agency. If your agency is a Nonprofit/501(c)(3) organization, you are required to upload your nonprofit verification and the most recent IRS Form 990 or equivalent proof of their financial statements being available online. Non-profits must also provide the waiver letter from the local law enforcement jurisdiction.

The federal Employee Identification Number (EIN) and the SAM Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number must be that of the applicant. Each applicant is required to attach a downloaded PDF copy of the applicant's SAM registration.

The application must identify a Project Point of Contact, a Financial Point of Contact, and an Authorized Official for the proposed project. Each position must be assigned to a different individual. These persons are responsible for oversight of the project and will need to complete various responsibilities, including completing certifications, throughout the course of the project. Changes in these positions will require a project change request identifying the new personnel.

- **Project Point of Contact (PPOC):** primary contact for the project, responsible for overall project management and correspondence with the Crime Commission.
- **Financial Point of Contact (FPOC):** responsible for financial reports and fiscal oversight of the project.

- **Authorized Official (AO):** individual representing the applicant agency who possesses the authority to sign contracts and agreements on behalf of the agency. The Authorized Official is typically considered to be the City Mayor, the Chair of County Board/Council, the Board President of a non-profit organization, or Designee through Tribal Resolution. If the person identified as the Authorized Official has another position, a copy of the agency policy or bylaws supporting their signing authority shall be provided.

Community / Service Area Description

Information provided should be specific to the service area identified by counties and/or cities served by the project. The demographic information requested in Tables 1 and 2 is required.

The information requested in Table 3 on marginalized and underserved populations is optional. However, this information should be provided as applicable to the proposed project and should be reflective of the local service area.

Sustainability

To address the level of stability of the proposed program beyond JAG funding, address the applicant organization's mission and purpose; length of time in operation; numbers of agency staff and volunteers; organization structure; current scope of services or operations; agency accreditations, etc.; and recent milestones related to sustaining the agency or the agency's services. **The table providing information on agency staff and volunteers is required.**

Supplemental Funding Chart

Agencies must provide information on the entire operating budget and sources of funding for the criminal justice program in the most recently completed 12-month budget. Complete the chart to show total program income from all sources as well as other funds available to this project. Applicants who are State, County, or City entities with much larger scopes should complete information based on where the proposed project will operate from such as a division, department, unit, etc. All other applicants or lead agencies should complete information based on the agency's total budget.

Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications

Applicants are to disclose whether they have any pending application for federally and/or state funded grants that include requests for funding to support the same project being proposed under this solicitation and will cover identical cost items outlined in the budget in the application under this solicitation. NCC seeks this information to help avoid any inappropriate duplication of funding. Applicants that have pending applications as described above are to provide the following information about pending applications submitted within the last 12 months:

1. Identify any pending applications for federally and/or state-funded grants that include requests for funding to support the same project being proposed under this solicitation and will cover identical cost items included in the budget for this application.
2. Provide the following information about pending applications submitted within the last 12 months:
 - a. Federal or state funding agency
 - b. Agency point of contact information (name, phone number, email address)
 - c. Solicitation name

d. Project or application name

If the applicant does not have any pending applications, indicate "None" on the application form.

Project Narrative

Address the following information for the proposed project in AmpliFund.

1. **Project Period** – SFY 2026 JAG will have a two-year project period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. All projects must start on or after July 1, 2025. All Year 1 projects must end by June 30, 2026. Indicate your Year 1 Project start and end dates to include month, day, and year.
2. **Project Summary** – provide a concise statement (150 words or less) highlighting the major aspects of the proposed project.
3. **Problem Statement** – a concise description of the social problem(s) the project will address. Include local crime rate information/data. If the project is a statewide effort, statewide crime rates are acceptable. Discuss any lack of available services and barriers to accessing needed services and help.
4. **Description of Services**
 - a) Indicate the population(s) to be served.
 - b) List the services the project will provide, along with a brief description. Explain procedures or methods if screening / assessment tools or criteria are utilized to determine eligibility for receiving services.
 - c) Outline outreach effort the project will use and how outreach to marginalized and underserved populations will be accomplished.
 - d) Describe any best practices that will be used for the criminal justice project.
 - e) In addition to JAG funded employees included in the proposed budget, describe any other individuals that will be supporting the project.
 - f) Discuss how feedback about services received will be gathered from program participants and how this feedback will be integrated into service delivery?
 - g) List, by agency name, up to seven other programs and/or services operating within the community or service area that contribute to the solution of the stated problem. Indicate how this project coordinates with those programs/services (i.e., how does the law enforcement agency coordinate with the jail, community organizations, etc.). ***REQUIRED**

SFY 2026 JAG Required Uploads & Attachments

All necessary application documents that support the proposed project are to be uploaded/attached to the online application within AmpliFund as either a PDF, Word or Excel file. It is suggested that documents be labeled in the following format: **Agency Name-Document Name** (For example: Nebraska Crime Commission-Organizational Chart). **Once documents have been uploaded into AmpliFund, open the file to ensure that the correct, intended items properly loaded.**

All uploaded documents must be current. Older documents must be reviewed and re-signed by the appropriate

agency representatives." **Reminder:** Most of required documents need to be updated annually, at the beginning of each funding cycle or whenever there is a change in the applicant organization's structure, policies, or financial information. This ensures compliance with **2 CFR 200**, BJA, and DOJ requirements, and helps to maintain eligibility for federal funding.

- **SAM Registration (Required)** – All applicants must provide a downloaded PDF copy of their current and active SAM registration. The legal name of the applicant organization must exactly match the name associated with the SAM registration.
- **Non-Profit Verification (Required - NON-PROFIT ONLY)** – can include: 1) a copy of 501(c)(3) designation letter; 2) a letter from the state taxing body or Attorney General stating that the applicant is a non-profit organization operating within the state; OR 3) a copy of the state certificate of incorporation that substantiates the applicant's non-profit status.
- **IRS Form 990 OR equivalent (Required - NON-PROFIT ONLY)** – All non-profit applicants must provide a copy of their most recent 990 or equivalent.
- **Waiver Letter from Local Law Enforcement (Required - NON-PROFIT ONLY)** – Non-profit, faith-based, and/or community-based organizations wishing to apply for JAG funds are **required to submit a waiver letter from the local law enforcement jurisdiction** indicating that the local jurisdiction recognizes the funds in question are set aside for local government use, believes the proposed project will provide a direct local benefit, and agrees that funding the project at the state level is in the best interests of the unit of local government. The waiver letter is to be signed by the Chief of Police or Sheriff of the local jurisdiction where services will be provided.
- **Certified Assurances (Required)** – Download the *SFY 2026 Certified Assurances Template* provided in AmpliFund and have it completed by the Authorized Official listed on the application. Attach the completed form to the application.
- **Organizational Questionnaire (Required)** – Download the Organizational Questionnaire form provided in AmpliFund and have it completed by the Financial Point of Contact listed on application.
 - ***If answered yes on questionnaire about audit, provide a copy of the most recent Single Audit, including any audit findings, if your agency was required to undergo one due to receiving \$1,000,000 or more in federal funds during the fiscal year, in accordance with Title 2 CFR Subpart F. If your agency expended less than \$1,000,000 in federal funds, you are exempt from this requirement, though a complete agency audit is recommended every three years. The audit copy must be submitted to the Crime Commission for review.***
- **Board of Directors or Tribal Council Membership List (Required)** – Provide a complete list of Board of Directors or Tribal Council Membership. List should include board title, term served, professional position/organization, and contact information.
- **Organizational Chart (Required)** – Provide an Organizational Chart that reflects the current leadership structure of the applicant agency.
- **Letters of Support (3-5 Required)** – To demonstrate coordination, applicants are required to include to include letters of support from law enforcement agencies, criminal justice agencies, and/or community

organizations and stakeholders.

- **Letters of support should be specific to the application and the proposed project**, demonstrating support of the applicant agency being vital to carrying out the proposed project.
 - Letters should be on agency letterhead and signed by an agency lead, such as the Chief of Police, Sheriff, County Attorney, or Executive Director. It is acceptable for agencies that serve multiple counties to have a Letter of Support that is signed by all county agency leads.
 - Letters of Support from employees or Commissioners of the Nebraska Crime Commission will not be accepted.
 - All letters must remove or redact identifying information of any crime victims.
 - **At least three letters are required for a complete application. No more than five letters will be accepted.**
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Required of an agency when an application for funds includes an explicit non-financial collaboration with partnering organizations. The MOU provides documentation that demonstrates that the partnered organizations consulted and coordinated the responsibilities of their project activities. The MOU must be signed by all partners. Signatories must be officially authorized to sign on behalf of the agency (Authorized Official). Attach MOU agreements related to this project.
 - **Job Descriptions (Required)** – Attach Job Descriptions for all employees and volunteers contributing to the project as a single document.
 - Each position included in the proposed budget must have a corresponding job description.
 - Job descriptions should outline the position’s Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) classification (i.e., exempt or non-exempt), necessary qualifications, primary responsibilities, and specific job duties related to the project. The percentage of time spent on overall tasks should also be indicated.
 - **Agency Policies** – Attach agency policies that are applicable to the proposed project. If no policy is submitted, the Crime Commission will default to the policy of the State of Nebraska. The following policies may be required (see SFY 2024 JAG Application Budget section for more details).
 - Personnel Policy (regarding leave)
 - Travel Policy
 - Capitalization or Equipment Policy (Procurement Policy)
 - **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement** – Required for agencies that have a federally approved indirect cost rate agreement. Attach a copy of your agency’s current Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.
 - **De Minimis Certification of Indirect Costs** – Required for all agencies that are requesting 15% de minimis. If applicable, download and attach the completed form to the application.
 - **Indirect Costs Calculator** – Required for all agencies that have a federally approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or are requesting up to 15% de minimis. If applicable, download and attach the completed form to the application.
 - **Other Attachments** – Provide any other needed attachments corresponding with your application here,

such as a copy of agency bylaws if needed to confirm the Authorized Official listed or completed NCC Grant Management Training (GMT) certificates within the last 3 years.

SFY 2026 JAG Application Budget

Timeframe – Year 1 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). Applicant should develop a project budget for no more than 12 months of operations.

Budget Narrative and Parameters – All costs must be necessary, reasonable, allowable, allocable and substantiated. Each line item in the budget must have a corresponding narrative address the information required. Items with incomplete narratives may not be awarded. Narratives should address the following:

1. Justification of the line item – why is the cost necessary and how will it benefit the project?
2. Explain how the request is not supplanting of federal funds.
3. Basis for the calculation - explain how the total cost of the line item was determined and how the cost was prorated for the project (or provide justification for not prorating).
4. Identify the source of any match provided.

With the goal of efficient grant management for all parties involved, applicants are encouraged to streamline their budget as much as possible. Agencies are encouraged to be mindful of the types of expenses that generally require the most review by NCC (i.e., travel and client assistance) when developing their budget. Agencies are also encouraged to consider whether charging costs indirectly instead of directly would be beneficial.

Budget Categories – expenses in the following budget categories may be included with this application.

- **Personnel:** covers the wages requested for agency employees. Volunteer in-kind match is also included in this budget category. Funding requests for positions that are not on the regular payroll or are not volunteers must be classified as contractors or consultants.

Salaries cannot exceed those normally paid for comparable positions in the community and/or unit of government. Salary increases requested under the grant must be consistent with agency policy and positions with other funding. Wages claimed for reimbursement under the grant cannot exceed 1.5% over the budgeted salary levels without a budget revision.

Overtime is allowable. Estimated overtime hours and rate of pay must be included in the narrative and budget calculations.

I.E.: Breakdown of wages for this position: Hours x hourly rate = (total)

- **Fringe Benefits:** covers the corresponding fringe benefits for positions included under Personnel. Fringes must be equitably allocated to all funding sources according to the actual payroll percentages. Fringe benefits should be based in the employer's share only since the employee's share is to be withheld from their wages.

Only basic fringe benefits are considered allowable by the Crime Commission. This includes insurance benefits offered by the agency (health, life, professional liability, etc.), FICA, unemployment insurance, workers compensation, costs of leave, and pension/retirement. Cafeteria or opt out plans, benefits, or incentives are not considered allowable expenses and will not be reimbursed. This applies even if the agency has optional fringe benefits approved under Section 125 of the IRS Internal Regulations.

I.E: Breakdown of employers cost of basic fringe benefits for this position pro-rated based on the amount of grant dollars requested.

- a. **FICA:**
- b. **Retirement:**
- c. **Insurance:**

Other (such as LTD, LIFE, ADD, etc.): Fringe Type: Amount:

The cost of fringe benefits in the form of regular compensation paid to employees during periods of authorized absences from the job, such as for annual leave, family-related leave, sick leave, holidays, court leave, military leave, administrative leave, and other similar benefits are allowable if the following criteria is met:

1. The leave is provided under established written leave policies.
2. The costs are equitably allocated to all related activities, including federal awards.
3. The accounting basis (cost or accrual) utilized for claiming each type of leave is consistently followed.

Leave time will not be included in the budget for fringe benefits since it's included in the normal working hours budgeted under personnel. However, the types of leave offered as fringe benefits must be identified in the narrative. A copy of the agency leave policy will also need to be provided.

- o **Travel:** necessary travel expenses for the project may be requested. Expenses budgeted cannot exceed current GSA rates, which can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/>. Travel expenses may be claimed according to the agency's written travel policy or the State of Nebraska policy, which can be found at [Nebraska Statute § 81-1174](#). Per State of Nebraska policy, a per diem for meals and incidentals (M&I) is provided at 70% of the GSA rate. The per diem is provided in lieu of reimbursement of actual expenditures, so receipts are not required to substantiate M&I expenses.

The travel policy utilized will need to be identified in the budget narrative. If applicable, a copy of the agency travel policy will need to be provided. Note that it continues to be J&YP policy that M&I expenses for day travel with no overnight stay are not allowable, regardless of whether the agency's travel policy allows it.

1. **Position Traveling: If an agency has more than one funded program, also include program type.**
2. **Travel Purpose: examples include personal vehicle to serve victims, conference, etc.**
3. **Meals: Meal reimbursement must follow [NE DAS policy](#) and utilize the NE DAS [expense reimbursement form](#) to calculate total expense.**
4. **Lodging: [Per Diem Lookup](#)**

- o **Equipment:** items with a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost exceeding the capitalization threshold are considered equipment. Agencies may use their own capitalization policy for

classification of equipment and supplies, but only if the capitalization threshold is less than the federal and state policy threshold of \$10,000. Items under \$10,000 are considered supplies per state policy, although lower-cost items may be considered equipment per agency policy.

Purchases of equipment must adhere to established procurement processes and equipment must be managed in accordance with Federal Property and Equipment guidelines. Equipment procurement and management standards are outlined in the Financial Requirements section of this document. Refer to grant program guidelines for allowable items. Items requiring bids will not be funded absent a showing that bids were obtained as required by law, rules, or regulations.

Special rules, set out in 34 U.S.C. 10227 (a provision of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968), apply to the ownership, use, and disposition of equipment and supplies purchased with Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Byrne JAG) funds awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). These rules supersede any conflicting provision of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. See 2 C.F.R. Part 2800.

■ Title to all equipment and supplies purchased with Byrne JAG funds vests in the criminal justice agency or non-profit organization that purchased the property, if it certifies to the State Office that it will use the property for criminal justice purposes.

■ If such certification is not made, title to the property shall vest in the State Office, which shall seek to have the property used for criminal justice purposes elsewhere in the State prior to using it or disposing of it in any other manner.

■ When equipment is no longer needed for criminal justice purposes, a State should dispose of equipment (for both the State and subrecipients) in accordance with State procedures, with no further obligation to the awarding agency.

■ The procedures on use and management of equipment set out above apply to the extent that they do not conflict with 34 U.S.C. 10227.

Provide the following: Program equipment requests are requests that will assist in the necessary functions of the program.

- a. **List each item requested and purpose.**
- b. **Planned Purchase date of equipment being replaced**
- c. **Include bids or quotes if items are required for bids.**

Entities must follow their written procurement process and if a process is not in place, then the entity must use Nebraska's procurement process governed by DAS.

- **Supplies:** includes items or materials which are expendable or consumed during the project (i.e., office supplies, postage, computers, training materials, books, etc.). The agency's capitalization policy will determine whether higher-cost items should be classified as equipment or supplies. For purchases of items that are considered substantial (i.e., computers, printers, appliances, furniture), but do not meet the threshold for procurement requirements, agencies should follow "best practices" for determining reasonable costs. In these cases, at least three comparable price listings should be obtained and retained in agency records.
- **Procurement Contracts:** contracts are utilized to purchase specific services and are based on set fees. Contracts, including those with consultants, must adhere to established and standardized procurement processes. Funded contracts must have an open and fair selection process that is void of conflicts of

interest, set reasonable pay rates, and offer specific verifiable work products or services. Contract rates must be reasonable and consistent with those paid for similar services in the marketplace and align with the work proposed.

Each contract will be required to complete a narrative listed in the budget table.

- Any request for a noncompetitive approach for a contract of \$250,000 or more will require federal approval from the Office of Justice Programs.
 - Fees for individual consultant services are subject to the DOJ Consultant Rate prior approval threshold of \$81.25/hour or \$650/day (8-hour day). Rates requested for reimbursement cannot exceed this threshold without prior written approval, which would require additional justification. This threshold should not be considered the maximum limit for all consultants though. The rate should be established according to skills, qualifications, and similar services in the marketplace.
 - Contractor consultant travel expenses budgeted cannot exceed current GSA rates, which can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/>.
- **Subawards:** involve the passing down of federal funds to a partner agency to conduct activities that assist in the overall achievement of project outcomes. The lead agency identified in the application will issue the subaward and reimburse the partner agency for actual costs.

Provide more information about the agency receiving the sub-award. A narrative will be required for each agency listed on the budget table. Proceed to fill out separate budget categories for each subaward agency.

All subawards must have specific Crime Commission authorization. Each partner agency subawarded funds under this project must have a signed subaward and special conditions with the subrecipient. The subrecipient must provide a copy of the signed subaward and special conditions before receiving reimbursement for subaward expenses from the Crime Commission.

- **Other Costs:** applicable “other” expenses necessary for the project may be requested in this category. Provide a narrative and breakdown of each other cost listed.

Examples of costs in this category include:

- Rent and utilities
- Copying and printing
- Janitorial expenses
- Agency insurance
- Training registration fees
- Programming funds (i.e., group activities)
- Single Audit

The cost of an audit is only allowable if the agency is required to complete a Single Audit. Cost of a Single Audit must be prorated according to the total federal funds received by the agency.

I.E.: XYZ conference \$150 registration x 2 staff = \$300

Training Registration Fees 5 x \$300/person = \$1,500
 Client Assistance 10 clients @ \$200.00 = \$2,000
 Agency Insurance 12 mths @ \$100.00 = \$1,200
 Copying & Printing 12 mths x \$60 = \$120
 Rent 12 mths @ \$1000.00 = \$12,000

○ **Indirect Costs:** costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. The cost of operating and maintaining facilities, depreciation, rent, supplies, telephone expenses, and administrative salaries are examples of indirect costs. Agencies may request funding for indirect costs by either establishment of a federally approved indirect cost rate agreement or by a “de minimis” rate, if eligible. The Crime Commission encourages agencies to use the 15% de minimis rate if eligible and charging costs indirectly would benefit your programming addition to the information provided in the budget, agencies requesting indirect costs must provide the following supplemental documentation. These documents will need to be updated and resubmitted periodically over the course of the project.

1. Support for Indirect Costs

- Agencies with a federally approved indirect cost rate must provide a copy of the current federal agreement, which indicates the status of the requested rate (provisional, fixed, or final).
- Agencies requesting de minimis indirect costs must provide a signed copy of the De Minimis Certification form (template provided within AmpliFund application).

2. Indirect Costs Calculator (template provided within AmpliFund application).

Submitting the SFY 2026 Budget in AmpliFund

Applicants are encouraged to develop the project budget and corresponding narratives prior to entering the information into AmpliFund, so that the information can be easily copied and updated outside of the system. Applicants can refer to the AmpliFund user guides for specific instructions on submitting the budget within AmpliFund. **Please use whole numbers.** See the following sections for details on what information must be included in the budget.

Personnel Instructions

1. Enter the position title as the title for the budget line item. Each position must be budgeted separately, so repeat steps as needed for additional line items.
2. Enter the total wage amount requested for the position.
3. Include the following narrative information supporting the request in the text box.
 - a. Identify whether each position is a new or existing position and the staff member’s name (if known). New positions are those that result in an increase to the agency’s overall FTEs while existing positions do not.
 - i. New position: explain the necessity for the new position.
 - ii. Existing position: explain how the position was funded previously and address supplanting.
 - b. Outline the job duties or responsibilities for each position and indicate their relevance to the project.

- c. Identify the salary level requested in the budget.
 - i. For existing positions, identify the current salary level and justify any salary adjustments or raises. Clarify the process used by the agency for determining salary increases and who provides approval.
 - d. Indicate the total work week hours for each position and the percentage of time allocated or devoted to the project. Funding can only support the percentage of personnel time that is devoted to the JAG project.
 - e. Provide the calculation corresponding with the JAG wages requested (i.e., annual salary x JAG devotion OR hourly rate of pay x annual hours worked x JAG devotion = amount requested).
 - f. Identify other sources of funding for the position (if applicable) and the source of any match provided.
4. A job description for each position will need to be provided as an attachment.

Fringe Benefits Instructions

1. Enter the position title as the title for the budget line item. Fringes must be budgeted separately for each position, so repeat steps as needed for additional line items.
2. Enter the total fringe amount requested for the position.
 - a. Note that all individual fringes budgeted for a position should be consolidated under a single line item. A fringe benefit such as worker's compensation that is prorated at the agency level instead of the individual level may be entered as a separate line item though.
3. Include the following narrative information supporting the request in the text box.
 - a. List the staff member's name (if known) and identify each of the fringe benefits budgeted for the position.
 - i. Clarify if there are any new fringe benefits offered.
 - ii. Explain how existing fringe benefits were funded previously and address supplanting.
 - b. Provide the calculation corresponding with the total budget request. This should be a lump sum percentage of the JAG devoted salary for fringes (i.e., salary request under JAG x total fringe percentage = fringe benefits requested). To calculate the total percentage of all fringe benefits:
 - i. Add up the dollar amount of all fringe benefits (total fringes). Provide the breakdown of the fringes and corresponding amounts included (i.e., FICA = annual salary x 7.65%, health insurance = agency's share of monthly premium x 12).
 - ii. Divide the total fringes by the total salary for the position. Round the percentage to no more than 2 decimal points. See example calculation provided below.

Position 1: annual salary is \$40,000, of which \$30,000 (75%) is devoted to JAG.

Total fringes: \$5,487

FICA – \$40,000 x 7.65% = \$3,060

IRA - \$40,000 x 3% = \$1,200

Unemployment – 0.3% on first \$9,000 in wages = \$27

Health insurance - \$100/month for agency share x 12 = \$1,200

Total percentage of fringe benefits: \$5,487 / \$40,000 = 13.72%

Fringe benefits requested under JAG: \$30,000 x 13.72% = \$4,116

- c. Identify the other funding sources for fringes (if applicable) and the source of any match provided.
 - d. Identify the types of leave offered by the agency.
4. A copy of the agency's personnel policy detailing types of leave offered will need to be provided as an attachment.

Travel Instructions

1. Enter the specific travel expenses as the title for the budget line item. Different travel expenses may need to be budgeted separately, so repeat steps as needed for additional line items.
 - a. List expenses by purpose (i.e., training, conference, daily travel) and by type.
 - b. Do not lump costs together. For example, baggage fees for air travel need separated from the cost of the airline ticket.
 Example titles for budget line items: Local Mileage; In State Training – Mileage; In State Training – Meals; National Training 1 – Airfare; National Training 1 – Baggage Fees; National Training 1 – Taxi.
2. Enter the amount requested for the specific travel expense.
3. Include the following narrative information supporting the request in the text box.
 - a. Note if the travel is local, in-state, or out-of-state and the departure and destination points. If the destination for out of state travel is unknown, indicate that prior approval from NCC will be requested.
 - b. Explain the purpose of travel, the position(s) traveling, and the benefit or necessity of the travel for the project.
 - c. Identify the travel policy followed (i.e., agency policy or State of Nebraska policy).
 - d. Address supplanting. For recurring travel expenses such as local mileage, explain how the expenses were previously funded.
 - e. Include the allocation and detailed calculation of the specific travel expense. Explain how the total and budgeted amounts were determined (i.e., based on prior year's costs) and any applicable basis for prorating.
 - f. Identify the other funding sources for travel (if applicable) and the source of any match provided.
4. If applicable, a copy of the agency's travel policy should be provided as an attachment.

Equipment Instructions

1. Enter the specific equipment as the title for the budget line item. Different equipment expenses may need to be budgeted separately, so repeat steps as needed for additional line items.
2. Enter the total amount requested for the equipment.
3. Include the following narrative information supporting the request in the text box.
 - a. Describe all equipment expenses. Explain how each item is relevant and necessary to the project. If applicable, identify who will be using the equipment or benefitting from it.
 - b. Identify the capitalization threshold and whether agency or state policy is followed. If agency equipment policy is followed, please provide a copy of the policy as an attachment.
 - c. Summarize the bidding process to be used.
 - d. Address supplanting. For existing or recurring equipment expenses, explain how the expenses were previously funded.
 - e. Include the allocation and detailed calculation of the equipment. Explain how the total and budgeted amounts were determined and any applicable basis for prorating.
 - f. Identify the other funding sources for the equipment (if applicable) and the source of any match provided.

Supplies Instructions

1. Enter the type of supply as the title for the budget line item. Different types of supplies may need to be budgeted separately, so repeat steps as needed for additional line items.
 - a. Everyday costs such as office supplies do not have to be itemized separately in the budget and do not need to be broken into separate line items such as pens, papers, etc. Items included must be described in the narrative though.
 - b. Higher cost items that are considered substantial (i.e., computers, printers, appliances, furniture) should be budgeted under separate line items.
2. Enter the total amount requested for the type of supply.
3. Include the following narrative information supporting the request in the text box.
 - a. Describe all supply expenses and explain why they are necessary for the project. If a certain type of supplies is budgeted under a single line item, describe all the items included.
 - b. Address supplanting. Explain how existing or recurring supply expenses were previously funded.
 - c. Include the allocation and detailed calculation of the supplies. Explain how the total and budgeted amounts were determined (i.e., based on prior year's actual costs) and any applicable basis for prorating.
 - d. Identify the other funding sources for the type of supply (if applicable) and the source of any match provided.

Procurement Contracts Instructions

1. Enter the type of contract as the title for each budget line item. Different contracts may need to be budgeted separately, so repeat steps as needed for additional line items.
2. Enter the total amount requested for the contract.
3. Include the following narrative information supporting the request in the text box.
 - a. The expected deliverables or product/services that the consultant or contract will provide. Explain why the contract is necessary for the project.
 - b. Identify who the consultant or contractor is and how they are associated with the agency. Provide a description of the selection process to verify that the procurement process is fair, equitable, and free from conflicts of interest and/or personal gain by any entity or representative within the organization.
 - c. Address supplanting. Explain how existing or recurring contract expenses were previously funded.
 - d. Include the allocation and detailed calculation of each line item. Explain how the total and budgeted amounts were determined (i.e., 100 hours x \$75/hour = \$7,500) and any applicable basis for prorating. Provide justification or an explanation of the requested rate.
 - e. Identify the other funding sources for the contract (if applicable) and the source of any match provided.

Subawards Instructions

1. Enter the partner agency's name as the title for each budget line item. Different subawards must be budgeted separately, so repeat steps as needed for additional line items.
2. Enter the total amount requested for the subaward.
3. Include the following narrative information supporting the request in the text box.
 - a. Explain the necessity or purpose of the subaward and the partner agency's role.
 - b. Expected deliverables or services that the subaward will provide and how they'll impact the project.
 - c. Address supplanting. Explain how existing or recurring subaward expenses were previously funded.
 - d. Provide a summary of the subaward budget and an itemized breakdown of requested expenses. Include the allocation and detailed calculation of each line item and describe the specific duties for each position requested.
 - e. Identify the other funding sources for the subaward (if applicable) and the source of any match provided.

Other Costs Instructions

1. Enter the specific type of cost as the title for each budget line item. Different costs may need to be budgeted separately, so repeat steps as needed for additional line items.
2. Enter the total amount requested.
3. Include the following narrative information supporting the request in the text box.
 - a. Describe the expense and the necessity to the project.
 - b. Address supplanting. Explain how existing or recurring costs were previously funded.
 - c. Include the allocation and detailed calculation of each line item. Explain how the total and budgeted

amounts were determined (i.e., based on prior year's actual costs) and any applicable basis for prorating.

- d. Identify the other funding sources for the type of cost (if applicable) and the source of any match provided.

Indirect Costs Instructions

1. Add a line item for indirect costs.
2. Enter the total amount requested.
3. Include the following narrative information supporting the request in the text box.
 - a. Explain how the indirect cost rate was determined (federally approved or 15% de minimis). Indicate which federal rate is being used (provisional, fixed, or final) and the expiration date.
 - b. If the agency elects to apply a lower indirect cost rate due to budget constraints or other reasons, an explanation or justification for determining the lower rate should be included.
 - c. Identify the other funding sources for the indirect costs (if applicable) and the source of any match provided.
4. The **Indirect Costs Calculator** form must be completed according to your agency's budget and submitted with either an **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement** or **De Minimis Certification of Indirect Costs**. This paperwork will need to be periodically updated and resubmitted over the course of the project. An example for completing the Indirect Costs Calculator form using the Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) indirect cost distribution base is included below.

Budgeted Direct Costs

The amounts listed here must match the current or requested grant budget. See chart on page 2 of form.

Budget Category	Total Amount	Budget Details / Notes
Personnel	\$250,000	Staff salaries (Advocate, Case Manager)
Fringe Benefits	\$50,000	Staff fringes (Advocate, Case Manager)
Travel	\$12,000	Local mileage
Supplies	\$8,000	Office supplies
Equipment	\$5,000	New server
Procurement Contracts	\$60,000	Legal contract = \$45,000; Therapy = \$15,000
Subawards	\$60,000	Partner agency subaward = \$60,000
Other Costs	\$30,000	Rental costs = \$10,000; other misc. costs = \$20,000
Total Direct Costs	\$475,000	

Budgeted Indirect Costs & Total Budget

The distribution base and rate referenced here for indirect costs must match corresponding documentation. See chart on page 4 of form and additional information included on page 3 of form.

	Total Amount	Budget Details / Notes
Total Direct Costs	\$475,000	

Direct Costs Excluded from Indirect Cost Distribution Base	\$70,000	Excluded from MTDC: \$5,000 of equipment; \$20,000 for legal contract in excess of \$25,000; \$35,000 for partner agency subaward in excess of \$25,000; and \$10,000 in rental costs
Indirect Cost Distribution Base	\$405,000	\$475,000 - \$70,000
Indirect Cost Rate %	15%	De minimis
Total Indirect Costs	\$60,750	\$405,000 x 15%
Total Federal Budget	\$535,750	\$475,000 direct + \$60,750 indirect

SFY 2026 JAG Performance Plan

The applicant's proposed goals and objectives for the project are to be entered into the [AmpliFund Performance Plan Template](#). Applicants can refer to the AmpliFund user guides for specific instructions on submitting the goals/objectives within AmpliFund. Objectives should directly correlate to the project's proposed budget and the project services outlined in the Project Narrative.

Timeframe – Year 1 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). Applicant should develop a project goals and objectives for no more than 12 months of operations. These will guide the project through Year 1 of a two-year plan. In developing Year 1, applicants should take into consideration what the objectives will look like for Year 2. Projects will have the opportunity to adjust objectives for Year 2, however, overall goals should be consistent with Year 1.

Strategies – Broad statements summarizing the overarching purpose(s) of the project. The number of strategies will depend on the size of the proposed project. Applicants must enter their own measurable goals/objectives that will advance the project toward achieving the overarching strategy.

Goals/Objectives – Each strategy should have 2-5 goals or objectives that clearly state what is planned for the project's activities and achievements. Goals must be measurable and state **what will be done** utilizing the grant funds, **what will be measured**, and within **what timeframe**. Goals will need to have a goal type identified for the goal to be properly reported on and tracked. The goal types are as follows:

1. **Narrative:** allows you to set a goal and track the progress of the goal by writing out narratives.
2. **Numeric:** allows you to set a planned number to be achieved. You will be able to track the actual numbers achieved vs. the goal's planned number.
3. **Percent Achieved:** this goal type allows you to set a goal percentage that you hope to achieve. You will be able to track the actual percentage achieved vs. the goal's planned percentage.

Measurable performance indicators **increase, decrease, or maintain** something and are not activity statements such as *to provide (event), to train, retain employees or to establish*. For example, if the *strategy* is for "victims and survivors to know more ways to gain personal safety and wellbeing," then the *goal/objective* could be the number of victims self-reporting increased awareness of their surroundings, or the number of safety plans developed.

If percentage changes are referenced in objectives, actual numbers will also need to be included. For example, if the goal is to "increase numbers served by 25%", it should be stated as "to increase numbers served by 25%, from 80 to 100". For ease of reporting, this performance measure should be entered as a "number" type of measure with 100 as the planned goal.

When developing goals/objectives, consider the following:

- How will the victims to be served benefit?
- By receiving this service, what will be the outcome for victims?

If the funding proposal increases the number of staff, the goals/objectives should indicate how the increased staff will improve outcomes for victims served. Examples: victims/survivors that know their rights will increase by 25%; victims/survivors that have supports within the community at discharge will increase by 10%.