



To All Interested,

The ATCOG Criminal Justice Grant Application Workshop for the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice grants will NOT be held in-person this year. Therefore, to meet the local requirement for CJ grant workshop participation (required for ALL applicants, 1st-time and past grant applicants), follow the instructions stated in the highlighted notice below. Please review the eligibility requirements for your desired Criminal Justice grant/funding source in the eGrants funding announcement at <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov/fundingopp>.

If your agency/organization is planning to apply under one of the fund sources listed below, you must meet the mandatory ATCOG CJ Grant Workshop/30-day Intent to Apply requirement by reviewing ALL of the information within and attached to this email, and complete/sign/scan and return the attached "Intent to Apply – Workshop Info Review" Form to phaley@atcog.org by 5:00 p.m. January 9, 2024.

The budget amount submitted on the Intent to Apply Form does not have to be an exact/final amount of your FY25 application, but please give your best estimate. The CJ Grant Workshop/30-day Intent to Apply requirement allows for review of application alignment with regional priorities and reasonableness prior to the application being submitted and also ensures that all applications are received by the region for funding consideration. If this local requirement is not met, the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) and/or the ATCOG Board has the option to recommend less funding than applied for or no funding on any fund source application submitted by an applicant, as stated in the RCJAC bylaws.

Criminal Justice Grants Covered in CJ Grant Workshop Materials:

General Victim Assistance Grant Program - Direct Services (VOCA)

Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (VAWA)

Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program

Criminal Justice Program (JAG)

Funding in the past has been limited for our 9-county ATCOG region and applications are scored competitively, so please be very reasonable in your total budget amount. We don't know how much will be available to our region for each FY25 fund source, but I have included the allocation amounts from FY24 to give you an idea of how much *might* be available.

Funding allocations/awards for CURRENT FY24 grants (grants began 9/1/23):

General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program (VOCA) - \$978,033.01

(avg. application budget amount was \$419,186.43 – 2 of 3 applicants fully funded, #3 partially funded)

Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (VAWA) - \$36,543.17 (no applicants)

Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program:

Juvenile Justice - \$30,969.69 (partially funded 1 applicant)

Truancy Prevention - \$139,408.08 (avg. budget amount was \$78,848.78 – 1 of 2 applicants fully funded, #2 partially funded)

Criminal Justice Program (JAG) - \$165,819.70 (avg. application budget amount was \$27,109.93 – 6 of the 8 applicants fully funded, #7 partially funded)

Completed applications are due to OOG/PSO/CJD (submitted/certified thru eGrants) by February 8, 2024 5:00 p.m.

If you are a first-time applicant or you would like a refresher training in completing and submitting an application in eGrants, let me know as soon as possible. If there are multiple requests for eGrants training, I will schedule a group training and go through a sample application via ZOOM. To review the newly updated *eGrants Users Guide to Creating an Application* [CLICK HERE](#).

NOTE: This is NOT the same workshop as the ATCOG Homeland Security Grant Application Workshop. These workshops are separate due to the differences in grant applications and requirements of Criminal Justice vs. Homeland Security grants through the Office of the Governor. If you are interested in attending the ATCOG Homeland Security Grant Workshop you will need to contact Whitney Fezell at wfezell@atcog.org for more information.

If you have any questions regarding the application process and/or the attachments, please let me know.

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