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To: States and units of local government that previously have participated in the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice, is pleased to announce that [FY 2020 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program \(SCAAP\)](#) is now open. Under SCAAP, OJP makes payments to eligible States and units of local government that incur certain types of costs due to incarceration of “undocumented criminal aliens” during a particular 12-month reporting period.

The [FY 2020 Program Requirements and Application Instructions](#) provide *critical* information on program requirements, eligibility, deadlines, and how to access the online application within OJP’s JustGrants system. In addition, the [FY 2020 Program Requirements and Application Instructions](#) provide detailed instructions for the online application.

The Grants.gov deadline to apply for funding under this BJA FY 2020 SCAAP is **11:59 p.m. eastern time on March 1, 2021**, and the JustGrants deadline to apply is **11:59 p.m. eastern time on March 15, 2021**. See below for more details on the new application submission process for SCAAP.

### **Eligibility Information**

Only a “State” or a “unit of local government” is eligible to apply, and only on its own behalf. **Note: A department or agency that is part of such a “unit of local government” is not itself considered a “unit of local government” and applications listing an agency that is not the “unit of local government” will be denied.**

### **New Submission Information**

On October 15, 2020, DOJ’s grant making components — the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, OJP, and the Office on Violence Against Women — launched a new grants management and payment management system, the Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

Applicants will initiate applications in Grants.gov by submitting an SF-424 in Grants.gov. To register in Grants.gov, applicants will need to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM) registration or renewal. Please visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> to begin the registration process.

Once you are registered in Grants.gov, the opportunity announcement can be accessed by searching for opportunity number [O-BJA-2020-62002](#). Once the SF-424 is submitted in Grants.gov, you will receive an invitation to complete the full application in JustGrants.

OJP encourages applicants to review the “How to Apply” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

### **New Certification**

Please see the Disclosures and Assurances of the FY 2020 SCAAP Program Requirements and Application Instructions for information on the new FY 2020 Certification Regarding Federal Statutes Relevant to the Incarceration of Criminal Aliens. This certification must be completed in the FY 2020 SCAAP application in order to submit the application.

## **New Inmate Record Field**

**Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) Immigration Alien Query (IAQ):** This new field will be optional in FY 2020 (include the information if available) **but will be required in FY 2021**. Please see

Appendix F of the FY 2020 SCAAP Program Requirements and Application Instructions for details. The FAQs on this new field can be found [here](#).

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Before entering **any** information into the online application for the FY 2020 program, any government official who intends to complete and submit the application on behalf of an applicant government **MUST** carefully review the [FY 2020 Program Requirements and Application Instructions](#).

For technical assistance with submitting the SF424 in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at (800) 518-4726, (606) 545-5035, at [Grants.gov customer support webpage](#), or email at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov), (833) 872-5175. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the BJA contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline.

For assistance with the online application to the FY 2020 program or other aspects of the FY 2020 program, contact the **SCAAP Help Desk** by phone at (202) 353-4411 or by email to [SCAAP@usdoj.gov](mailto:SCAAP@usdoj.gov). The SCAAP Help Desk operates Monday through Friday during normal business hours (eastern time). It is closed on federal holidays.

Sincerely,

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