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Winning State Justice Institute (SJI) Grants

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A Practical Guide for Courts and Judicial Stakeholders



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TODAY'S AGENDA

01 | Understanding the State Justice Institute (SJI) Grants

02 | Preparing a competitive SJI proposal

03 | Engaging with Grants Office services

04 | Q&A



Understanding the State Justice Institute (SJI) Grants

State Justice Institute (SJI) Grants



Description

SJI was established by federal law in 1984 to improve the quality of justice in state courts, facilitate better coordination between state and federal courts, and foster innovative, efficient solutions to common issues faced by all courts.

Types of Grants

1. Project Grants
2. Technical Assistance (TA) Grants
3. Curriculum Adaptation & Training (CAT) Grants
4. Strategic Initiatives Grants
5. Education Support Program

Funding Amount

Approximately $8 million is available annually

Deadline

Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis:
May 1st, August 1st, November 1st, February 1st

Eligibility Notes

Eligible applicants include:

- State and local courts and their agencies
- Institutes of higher education, national nonprofits, and private agencies with expertise in justice, judicial administration, and judicial training & education

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SJI Funding Details

Funding Stream

Funding is awarded directly from the State Justice Institute to recipients

Funding Limits & Project Periods

Project Grants up to $300k for state courts, up to $200k for local courts for 36 months

TA Grants up to $75k for 12 months

CAT Grants up to $40k for 12 months

Match Requirements

Project Grants require a 50% (1:1) cash match

TA & CAT Grants require a 50% total match, 20% must be cash

2026 Priority Areas

Opioids and Other Dangerous Drugs, and Behavioral Health Responses

Cross-sector collaboration and information sharing that emphasizes policies and practices designed to improve court responses to justice-involved persons with behavioral health and other co-occurring needs

Promoting Access to Justice and Procedural Fairness

Research-based procedural fairness principles, policies, and practices in state court operations to increase public trust and confidence in the court system, reduce recidivism, and increase compliance with court orders

Protecting Victims, Underserved, and Vulnerable Populations

Projects that address or support: Human Trafficking; Rural Justice; and Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Elder Issues

Advancing Justice Reform

Innovative projects promoting: Criminal Justice Reform; Juvenile Justice Reform; and Family and Civil Justice Reform

Transforming Courts

Projects that address: Courthouse and Public Safety; Cybersecurity; Innovative Technology; Emergency Response and Recovery; Strategic Planning; and Workforce Development

Preparing a competitive SJI grant application

Common Application Components

- Certificate of State Approval
- Budget & Budget Narrative
- Assurances
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Letters of Support
- Project Timeline
- Project Abstract & Program Narrative

Unallowable Costs – Basic Court Services

- Hiring of personnel
- Purchase and/or maintenance of equipment
- Purchase of software and/or licenses
- Purchase of internet access or service
- Supplies to support the day-to-day operations of courts
- Meals and refreshments
- Trinkets
- Supplanting
- Construction*

Examples of Awarded Projects

Project Grants

Four Corners Group, Inc., partnering with the Cobb County, Georgia, Juvenile Court

Technical Assistance Grants

Washington County, Oregon

Curriculum Adaptation and Training Grants

National Association of Women Judges



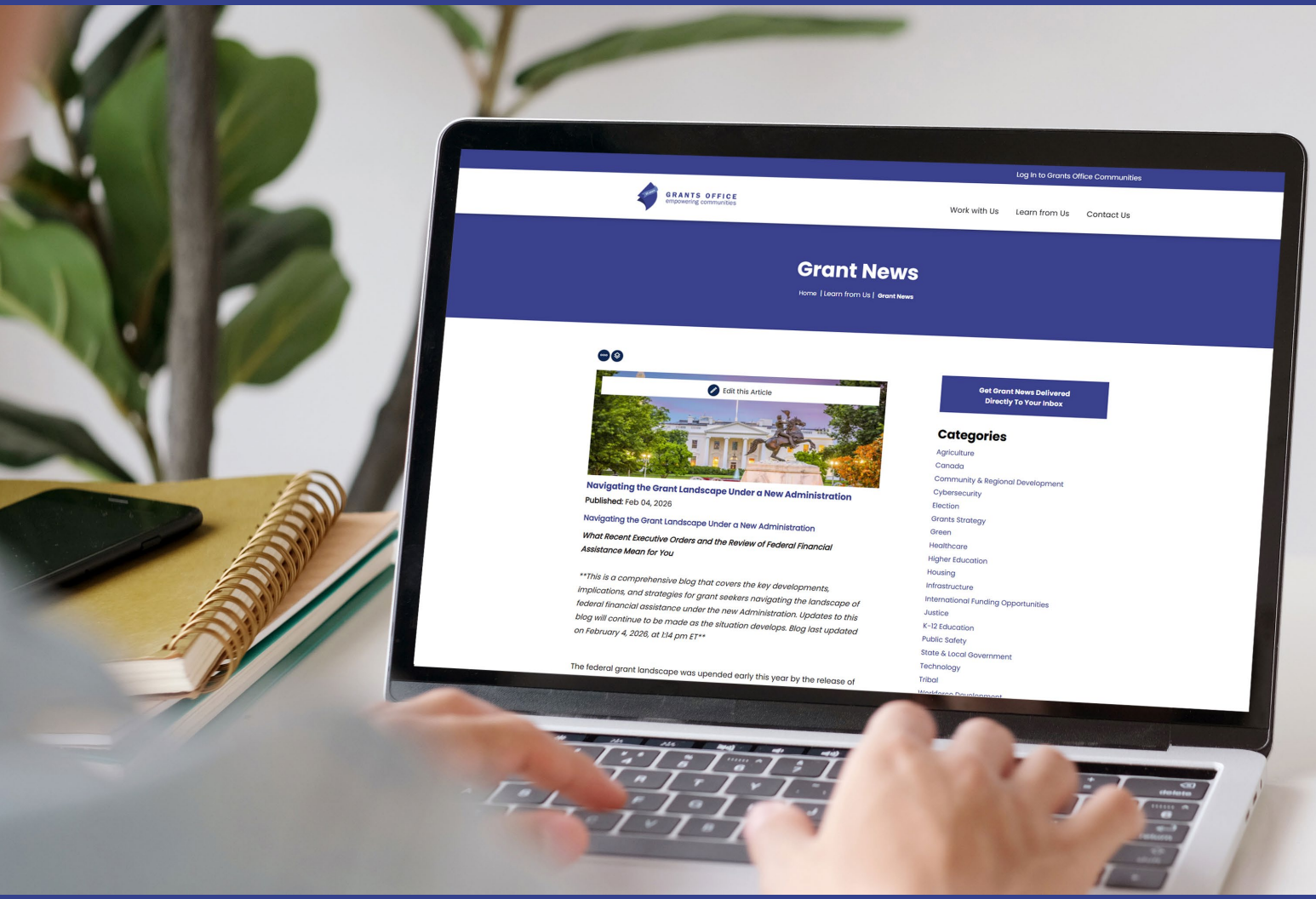
FREE SJI Application Workbook

- Collect Important Account Details for Submission
- Build your Goals, Objectives, & Project Activities
- Outline Key Project Personnel & Duties
- Plan your Major Budget Items
- Start Brainstorming Your Narrative Content

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Proposal Development & Writing

Grants are assigned a cost tier based on the complexity of the application's requirements and the time until the grant's deadline.

For example, the State Justice Institute (SJI) Grants are Tier 5.

Writing the proposal yourself?

Grants Office provides review services at 25% of the grant tier cost.

Example service costs
Pricing valid through December 2025

Tier	Cost for Proposal Development
1	$3900
2	$4900
3	$5900
4	$6900
5	$7900
6+	$8900+



Engage with Grants Office to Write Your Proposal

Step 1

Contact Us

Email your completed Application Workbook to: grantwriting@grantsoffice.com

Step 2

Initial Meeting

Shannon will set up a time to discuss your project goals and development needs.

Step 3

Grant Writing will Begin

Your Grants Office Grant Writer will utilize the materials you provide to write your SJI Proposal.

Step 4

Proposal Review

Meet with Shannon to finalize your proposal and ensure all requirements have been met.

Step 5

Submit Application

Once completed, you will submit your grant application and let us know when you win!

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Other Grants Office Services

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Research & Consultation

Grants Office will identify what grants best fit your upcoming projects and develop next steps.

Project Building

Grants Office will advise on project development and material gathering with a particular grant in mind.

Grant Proposal Writing

Grants Office will write a competitive and engaging proposal.

Grant Proposal Review

Grants Office will provide feedback on application materials, ensuring compliance with submission requirements.

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