

GUIDANCE FOR STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES

BIDEN GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Why Drone Detection Belongs in Your Application

The DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance's FY 2026 "BIDEN" Program — formally the Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide Program — is releasing \$3B to state, local, and tribal governments across three rolling application rounds. It's a separate program from FEMA's C-UAS Grant Program, though both fund detection technology.

\$3BTOTAL PROGRAM
FUNDING**3**ROLLING
APPLICATION ROUNDS**287(g)**+HSTF
PARTNERSHIP**CAT.2**TECHNOLOGY
PRIORITY

Program Eligibility

Eligible applicants include state, local, and tribal governments and special districts with criminal justice responsibilities — investigation, detention, corrections, transportation, prosecution, and court operations.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

- ▶ State Governments
- ▶ Local Governments
- ▶ Tribal Governments
- ▶ Special Districts with criminal justice responsibilities.

TO QUALIFY, AGENCIES MUST:

Maintain or commit to a 287(g) partnership with DHS.

Participate or commit to participate in Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) or major DOJ enforcement operations.

WHY IT MATTERS

Why Drone Detection Fits This Grant

Drone detection directly supports the NOFO's mission by strengthening enforcement, detention, and investigative operations:

01
Stops drone-enabled trafficking and smuggling

Criminal networks increasingly use drones to deliver drugs, weapons, cell phones, and escape tools. Detection technology helps agencies locate and interdict these activities in real time.

02
Enhances investigative and intelligence capabilities

Drone flight data reveals launch points, patterns, and criminal networks, supporting investigations tied to gangs, cartels, and transnational criminal organizations.

03
Protects detention and corrections facilities

Facilities housing criminal illegal aliens are prime targets for drone-enabled contraband drops. Detection technology improves detention security, inmate management, and operational continuity.

04
Aligns with Category 2 funding priorities

Drone detection is an advanced technology that directly increases agency capacity to identify, locate, apprehend, investigate, detain, and transport offenders — matching the NOFO's statutory purpose.

THE APPLICATION ROUNDS

Timeline at a Glance

ROUND 1

NOFO: Jun 15, 2026
Grants.gov: Jul 15, 2026
JustGrants: Jul 17, 2026

ROUND 2

NOFO: Jul 20, 2026
Grants.gov: Aug 19, 2026
JustGrants: Aug 21, 2026

ROUND 3

NOFO: Aug 24, 2026
Grants.gov: Sep 23, 2026
JustGrants: Sep 24, 2026

Additional rounds may be added; applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted

REALISTIC ESTIMATE

Round 1 applicants should expect awards around August, per the rolling cadence BJA has signaled. Layer on the up-to-45-day acceptance window plus ASAP enrollment and conditions review, and funds are more realistically available for purchase in the September–November 2026 window for Round 1 — later for Round 2 and Round 3 awardees. Special conditions on a first-year program like this one can extend that further, so treat this as a planning estimate, not a guarantee.

What Agencies Should Do Now

01. Confirm SAM.gov registration is active — it's required before any DOJ award can be accepted.

02. Assign JustGrants roles (Entity Administrator, Authorized Representative) before the award lands, not after.

03. Pre-enroll in ASAP so account creation isn't the bottleneck once accepted.

WHO CAN APPLY

- ▶ State, county, and city/township governments
- ▶ Special district governments
- ▶ Federally recognized native american tribal governments.

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Sources: DOJ FY 2026 BIDEN Program NOFO (Bureau of Justice Assistance) · JustGrants Award Acceptance FAQs · ASAP.gov / OJP Grants Financial Guide