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Award Letter

September 27, 2022

Dear Jan Christiansen,

On behalf of Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, it is my pleasure to inform you the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has approved the application submitted by GEORGIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INC for an award under the funding opportunity entitled 2022 BJA FY 22 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program. The approved award amount is \$500,000.

Review the Award Instrument below carefully and familiarize yourself with all conditions and requirements before accepting your award. The Award Instrument includes the Award Offer (Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions) and Award Acceptance. For COPS Office and OVW funding the Award Offer also includes any Other Award Documents.

Please note that award requirements include not only the conditions and limitations set forth in the Award Offer, but also compliance with assurances and certifications that relate to conduct during the period of performance for the award. These requirements encompass financial, administrative, and programmatic matters, as well as other important matters (e.g., specific restrictions on use of funds). Therefore, all key staff should receive the award conditions, the assurances and certifications, and the application as approved by OJP, so that they understand the award requirements. Information on all pertinent award requirements also must be provided to any subrecipient of the award.

Should you accept the award and then fail to comply with an award requirement, DOJ will pursue appropriate remedies for non-compliance, which may include termination of the award and/or a requirement to repay award funds.

Prior to accepting the award, your Entity Administrator must assign a Financial Manager, Grant Award Administrator, and Authorized Representative(s) in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants). The Entity Administrator will need to ensure the assigned Authorized Representative(s) is current and has the legal authority to accept awards and bind the entity to the award terms and conditions. To accept the award, the Authorized Representative(s) must accept all parts of the Award Offer in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants), including by executing the required declaration and certification, within 45 days from the award date.

To access your funds, you will need to enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system, if you haven't already completed the enrollment process in ASAP. The Entity Administrator should have already received an email from ASAP to initiate this process.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Maureen Henneberg Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Office for Civil Rights Notice for All Recipients

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has been delegated the responsibility for ensuring that recipients of federal financial assistance from the OJP, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) are not engaged in discrimination prohibited by law. Several federal civil rights laws, such as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, require recipients of federal financial assistance to give assurances that they will comply with those laws. Taken together, these civil rights laws prohibit recipients of federal financial assistance from DOJ from discriminating in services and employment because of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, sex, and, for grants authorized under the Violence Against Women Act, sexual orientation and gender identity. Recipients are also prohibited from discriminating in services because of age. For a complete review of these civil rights laws and nondiscrimination requirements, in connection with DOJ awards, see https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/LegalOverview/CivilRightsRequirements.htm.

Under the delegation of authority, the OCR investigates allegations of discrimination against recipients from individuals, entities, or groups. In addition, the OCR conducts limited compliance reviews and audits based on regulatory criteria. These reviews and audits permit the OCR to evaluate whether recipients of financial assistance from the Department are providing services in a nondiscriminatory manner to their service population or have employment practices that meet equal-opportunity standards.

If you are a recipient of grant awards under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act or the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and your agency is part of a criminal justice system, there are two additional obligations that may apply in connection with the awards: (1) complying with the regulation relating to Equal Employment Opportunity Programs (EEOPs); and (2) submitting findings of discrimination to OCR. For additional information regarding the EEOP requirement, see 28 CFR Part 42, subpart E, and for additional information regarding requirements when there is an adverse finding, see 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.204(c), .205(c)(5).

The OCR is available to help you and your organization meet the civil rights requirements that are associated with DOJ grant funding. If you would like the OCR to assist you in fulfilling your organization's civil rights or nondiscrimination responsibilities as a recipient of federal financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the OCR at askOCR@ojp.usdoj.gov.

Memorandum Regarding NEPA

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None of the following activities will be conducted whether under the Office of Justice Programs federal action or a related third party action:

- (1) New construction
- (2) Any renovation or remodeling of a property located in an environmentally or historically sensitive area, including property (a) listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or (b) located within a 100-year flood plain, a wetland, or habitat for an endangered species
- (3) A renovation that will change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size
- (4) Research and technology whose anticipated and future application could be expected to have an effect on the environment
- (5) Implementation of a program involving the use of chemicals (including the identification, seizure, or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories)

Additionally, the proposed action is neither a phase nor a segment of a project that when reviewed in its entirety would not meet the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

Consequently, the subject federal action meets the Office of Justice Programs' criteria for a categorical exclusion as contained in paragraph 4(b) of Appendix D to Part 61 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

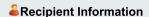
Questions about this determination may be directed to your grant manager or Orbin Terry, Environmental Coordinator for the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

NEPA Coordinator

First Name Middle Name Last Name
Orbin — Terry

Award Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.



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Award Number Supplement Number

15PBJA-22-GG-03909-WRNG

Federal Award Amount Funding Instrument Type

\$500,000.00 Grant

Assistance Listing Number Assistance Listings Program Title

16.746 Capital Case Litigation Initiative

Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-103, 136 Stat. 49, 124)

I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Project Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and **Award Conditions.**

BJA

Solicitation Title **Awarding Agency**

2022 BJA FY 22 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful OJP

Convictions Program **Program Office**

Application Number

GRANT13619861

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Project Title

Justice For Incarcerated Survivors

Performance Period Start Date Performance Period End Date

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Budget Period Start Date 10/01/2022

Budget Period End Date 09/30/2024

Project Description

GCADV/CIU ABSTRACT

There are currently 47,227 people incarcerated in Georgia's prisons. 3.132 of them are women. If an estimated 4-6% of these inmates are innocent, that means at least 125 women are serving time in Georgia's prisons for crimes for they did not commit.

Identifying and redressing wrongful conviction is difficult; proving the innocence of female prisoners is particularly difficult. Unlike cases taken on by traditional innocence organizations, their cases often do not involve DNA evidence. They do, however, involve misapplied forensic science, false confessions, incentivized witnesses, eyewitness misidentification, and official misconduct; making these cases particularly difficult to investigate and successfully resolve.

Since 2015, The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV), Georgia's statewide domestic violence coalition, developed the Justice for Incarcerated Survivors (JFIS) project after discovering that at least 77% of incarcerated women had a history of domestic violence. Working with volunteer attorneys and advocates, the JFIS team has secured the release of an average of more than 4 incarcerated survivors per year based on their domestic violence history. Recently, GCADV began working with CIU to investigate several innocence claims resulting from Fulton County convictions. As more of these cases are identified, the JFIS team lacks the capacity to assist those women in seeking post-conviction relief.

Fulton County District Attorney's Office formed its CIU in August 2019 to identify individuals with viable innocence claims. Since its inception, CIU has received 460 requests for case reviews. Fulton county, with its county seat in Atlanta, has the highest number of criminal convictions in the state.

The unique aspect of this grant proposal is the focus on women in prison. This grant will allow GCADV to partner with CIU to ensure claims of Actual Innocence from survivors of domestic violence, particularly those from Fulton County, are adequately reviewed and litigated.

To better serve more survivors, GCADV will hire dedicated staff, including a staff attorney, who will train and supervise GCADV's pro bono attorney team and to review and litigate claims originating in Fulton County in addition to claims from other regions across the state. Under this grant, CIU will hire an investigator and will continue to receive and screen cases directly from inmates and refer appropriate cases to GCADV's staff attorney for evaluation and investigation. CIU will also continue to review all non-DNA actual innocence claims from Fulton County convictions.



📝 I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

- Financial Information
- **Award Conditions**
- **Award Acceptance**