STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

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October 15, 2026

TO: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

FROM: Kristin Walker
OSBM Budget Director

SUBJECT: Notification of Grant Award—OJP FY 2026 Special Attorneys Program, Round 4

Pursuant to Session Law 2026-61, Sec. 7.2, the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) submits the attached Notification of Grant Award for the Office of State Auditor.

The U.S. Department of Justice awarded the OJP FY 2026 Special Attorneys Program, Round 4, in the amount of $2,953,690 for the period September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2029.

Authorized under Public Law 119-21, Title X, Subtitle A, Part II, Section 100055 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 61101), the program supports investigative and prosecutorial capacity, intergovernmental coordination, and the investigation and prosecution of fraud, other crimes committed by aliens within the United States, drug trafficking, and human trafficking. It also supports cross-designated prosecutors working with federal authorities to enforce applicable criminal laws.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Neisner by email at Jennifer.Neisner@osbm.nc.gov.

Thank you.

cc: Chairs, Senate Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget
Chairs, House Appropriations Committee
Fiscal Research Division

Notification of Grant Application/Award, FY 2026-27

Office of State Budget and Management 984-236-0600.

Instructions at https://www.osbm.nc.gov/budget/common-agency-requests/agency-reporting-grant-applicationsawards

Please indicate if Notification is for a GRANT APPLICATION or GRANT AWARD ☐ Application ☑ Grant Award

1	Department	Office of the State Auditor
2	Division *(except in DHHS)*	
	DHHS only, choose division from drop down list	
3	Contact person *(name)*	Sarah Dozier
4	Phone number	919-645-7500
5	E-mail	sarah.dozier@ncauditor.gov
6	Funding Entity (grantor)	US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
7	CFDA number	16.076
8	Grant title	**2026 OJP FY2026 Special Attorneys Program Round 4**
9	Grant application deadline *(MM/DD/YY)*	
10	Start date of grant *(MM/DD/YY)*	09/01/26
11	End date of grant *(MM/DD/YY)*	08/31/29
12	Application type	New
13	Is this grant already in agency's base budget?	No
14	Budget Code the grant will be expended in *(XXXXX)*	
15	Budget Fund *(XXXXXX or NA)*	23300
16	Is there a state matching requirement?	No
17	If yes, what is the matching requirement?	
18	If yes, what is the source of state funds being used to match grant funds.	
19	Is there a maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement?	No
20	If yes, what is the MOE?	
21	Is an additional General Fund appropriation required to meet the state match requirement?	No
22	Will any of these funds be passed through to local governments or non-state entities?	No
23	If yes, identify affected entities by type	
24	Will additional state funds be required to continue the program if grant expires or is reduced?	No
25	If yes, is this a requirement of the grant?	
26	Are new FTEs funded through the grant?	Yes

		SFY 2025-26 Actual	For 2026-27 Complete either Authorized or Proposed: SFY 2026-27 Authorized	SFY 2026-27 Proposed	SFY 2027-28 Proposed	SFY 2028-29 Proposed	SFY 2029-30 Proposed
27	If yes, give the number by type for each year: *Permanent*						
	Time-Limited			3.000	3.000	3.000	
28	Amount of grants funds **applied** for in each year						
29	Amount of grants funds **awarded** in each year			$984,563.33	$984,563.33	$984,563.33	

30 Purpose of grant or amendment	This grant program, authorized under Public Law 119-21, Title X, Subtitle A, Part II, Section 100055 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 61101), is intended to stregthen investigative and prosecutorial capacity, expand intergovernmental coordination, and enhance the ability of jurisdictions to investigate and prosecute fraud and other crimes committed by aliens within the United States, as well as investigate and prsecute drug and human trafficking crimes. The program is also intended to increase the availability of cross-designated prosecutorial personnel who can pursue these matters in coordination with federal authorities and contribute to the effective enforcement of applicable criminal laws. Funding under this program can be used to pay 100 percent salary and fringe benefits for assigned Special Attorneys and SAUSAs.
31 Comments	

Return completed form as email attachment and indicate in message that proper agency sign-offs have been obtained. Contact your OSBM budget analyst if you have questions.

Active Funded Award

(15PBJA-26-GK-00285-SPEC)

Pending-ASAPNotificationSent

Awarded Entity Legal Name

(NC OFFICE STATE AUDITOR)

Doing Business As:

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Actions

Solicitation Title: OJP FY 2026 Special Attorneys Program Round 4

Solicitation Category: N/A

Project Title: North Carolina Office of the State Auditor OJP Special Attorneys Program

Project Period: 9/1/26-8/31/29

Managing Office: OJP

DOJ Grant Manager: Nikki Tartsah

Grant Award Administrator: WESLEIGH STOUT

FAW Case ID: FAW-192224

Federal Award Amount: $2,953,690.00

Program Office: BJA

UEI: EZA9HJVD49S1

TIN: *****0827

September 18, 2026,

Dear WESLEIGH STOUT,

On behalf of the Attorney General, it is my pleasure to inform you the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has approved the application submitted by NC OFFICE STATE AUDITOR for an award under the funding opportunity entitled 2026 OJP FY 2026 Special Attorneys Program Round 4. The approved award amount is $2,953,690.

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 A. Henneberg
Deputy Assistant Attorney General