

# 2022-2023 Growth Grant Opportunity

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Court Appointed Special Advocates  
Guardians ad Litem  
FOR CHILDREN



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# Guiding Principles & Pass-through Summary

# Guiding Principles



Fund our strategy



Allocate funding with great impact



Position ourselves for funding increase



Manage more effectively and efficiently



Increase accountability



# 2022-2023 Grants Policy Summary

National CASA/GAL Association, through federal funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), will sub-award approximately \$4.2 million to state organizations and local programs in three grant categories for 2022-2023.

Grant Category	Application Deadline Date	Anticipated Grant Duration
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)	Friday, August 5, 2022	10 months**
Growth*	<b>Friday August 12, 2022</b>	10 months**
Needs-Based	Varies, anytime after launch but no later than 3 months before grant period end	3-12 months

\* Competitive and by Invite

\*\*Grantees may be eligible to request an extension of up to 2 months

Note: All federal funds are contingent on an annual appropriation by Congress and subsequent approval by OJJDP.

# Grant Categories



## 2022-2023 Grant Category Funding

<b>Grant Category</b>	<b>Total Amount Available</b>
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)	\$1,000,000
Growth	\$2,760,687
Needs-Based	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL PASS-THROUGH</b>	<b>\$4,160,687</b>

**Minimum/Maximum Award Amount:** \$50,000 - \$150,000 (30 – 75 Awards)

Grant Period: **October 1, 2022** – July 31, 2023 (*Note: this is a 10-month grant period*)

Growth Grants are for state organizations and local programs that demonstrate that they are addressing an increase in children needing to be served and the need must be substantiated in a current organization/program growth plan due with the application.

**NOTE:** Whether contacted by National CASA/GAL with an invitation to apply or opting to apply, **an application must be submitted for consideration of Growth Grant funding.** Preference may be given to applicants proposing to open new programs or expand into unserved counties that National CASA/GAL has identified for growth. List of applicable counties will be posted on the member portal with this grant opportunity.



Growth Grants will support:

- The development of CASA/GAL programs in counties **where a program does not currently exist.**
- The **expansion** of programs that have been determined to be **directly adjacent to or in close proximity** to county(ies) where CASA/GAL services are not currently being provided
- Addressing **gaps in service or increasing service capacity** with new hires or increased full-time equivalency (FTE) of volunteer supervisors or outreach recruitment personnel resulting in more children served
- **Building capacity to serve 100%** of the eligible children in the service area
- **States that do not currently operate with a state organization or director.** This will allow local program networks from a state without a state organization to apply and receive awards that would support the hiring of a state coordinator to advance program growth, expansion and quality in the state. (a growth plan is not required for applications submitted solely for this focus)



# Eligibility Requirements & Timelines



# Eligibility Requirements

- Whether invited to apply or opting to apply, all prospective applicants must attend or listen to this Mandatory Interest Meeting.
- Member in good standing with the National CASA/GAL Association
  - Current with National CASA/GAL Membership Renewal
  - Completion of the 6-month and annual survey reports
  - Compliance with National CASA/GAL Standards
  - Participated in the Highly Effective Standards Review Process (HERSP) (state organizations)
    - Results of HESRP must indicate the state organization is not deemed 'Developing'
  - Submission of 2022 self-assessment (local programs)
- Successful performance on any current and previous National CASA/GAL grants
- Priority may be given to programs/state organizations that have not been funded by National CASA/GAL within the last three years (2019, 2020 & 2021)

# Fingerprinting Requirement

As of 2019, OJJDP has enhanced requirements for the determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors.

For each individual at least 18 years of age who is covered under this award, **a fingerprint search** is required.

If the recipient or sub-recipient documents that a fingerprint search is not legally available, a name-based search, using current and, if applicable, previous names and aliases is required.



# Fingerprinting Requirement

The search must encompass at least the time period beginning seven\* calendar years preceding the date of the search request of pertinent state (and, if applicable, local and tribal) criminal history registries or similar repositories.

The search must be completed no earlier than six months before the determination regarding suitability of the applicant.

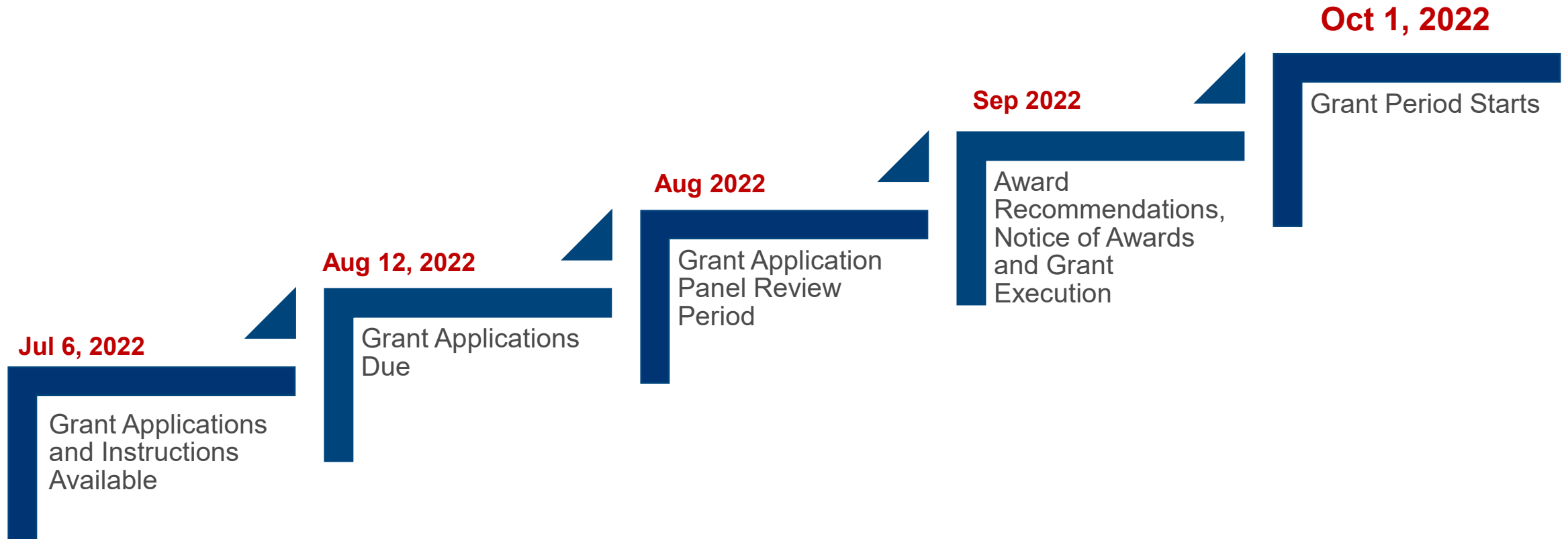
**The cost for fingerprinting is an allowable expense in the grant budget.**



*\* Note: the seven-calendar year requirement is consistent with National CASA/GAL Standards. Although the OJJDP condition requires five, National CASA/GAL members must adhere to the standards.*

# Grants Timeline

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# Grant Application Materials



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Find the latest information and resources for pass-through grants from National CASA/GAL.

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## Other Funding

Learn about other funding streams to pursue in support of your program, including the Victims of Crime Act.

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Visit this page for information and tools to assist with your resource development efforts.

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# National CASA/GAL Grants Program

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## National CASA/GAL Grant Funding

All member programs in good standing with the National CASA/GAL Association are eligible to apply for grant funding and must be current on membership renewal, submission of the 2019 annual survey and program six-month reporting, remain in compliance with National CASA/GAL Association Standards and have successfully executed on previous National CASA/GAL grants. State Organization/Local Program logic models are required for all grant applications either at time of submission or no later than December 31, 2020.

### Funding typically comes to National CASA/GAL from the organizations below:

- A cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), which includes funding for the purpose of increasing the number of abused and neglected children who are assigned a CASA volunteer or volunteer guardian ad litem (GAL) to advocate for their best interests.
- A National Mentoring Grant awarded by the OJJDP.
- Jewelers for Children (JFC) continues its support of CASA/GAL volunteer advocacy. Since 2003, JFC has contributed more than \$9 million in funding.

Visit the [Open Grant Opportunities](#) page.

# Navigating the Member Portal

## National CASA/GAL Grants Program >> Open Grants



### Open Grants (LINK)

Grant opportunities currently open for applications

**OPEN GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**



### Upcoming Grants (LINK)

Grant opportunities that will be open later this year

**UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**



### Active Grant Materials (LINK)

Materials for recipients of recently awarded grants, such as the Mentoring Grants and State Branding Campaign

**ACTIVE GRANTS MATERIALS**



### Award Lists (LINK)

List of current grant awardees by grant cycle

**AWARD LISTS**

# Navigating the Member Portal

## Open Grant Opportunities

for State Organizations and Local Programs

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The National CASA/GAL Association is authorized to distribute funds through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), under the OJJDP FY2021 Court Appointed Special Advocates Training, technical Assistance, and Subgrants Program (CFDA #16.756), for the purpose of increasing the number of abused and neglected children assigned a CASA volunteer or volunteer guardian ad litem (GAL) to advocate for their best interests. These are federal funds and may only be used to serve children who have experienced abuse or neglect and are the subject of civil child abuse proceedings.

*All federal funds are contingent on an annual appropriation by Congress and subsequent approval by OJJDP.*



### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Grant Opportunity 2022-2023

OJJDP National TTA and Membership Grant

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### Growth Grant Opportunity 2022-2023

OJJDP National TTA and Membership Grant

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### Needs-Based Grant Opportunity 2022-2023

OJJDP National TTA and Membership Grant

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### Background Check Program

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis. Learn more.

[BACKGROUND CHECK PROGRAM](#)



### Loyola Executive Program

Children's Law and Policy Executive Program.

[PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY WITH LOYOLA UNIVERSITY'S CHILDLAW CENTER](#)

# Grant Application

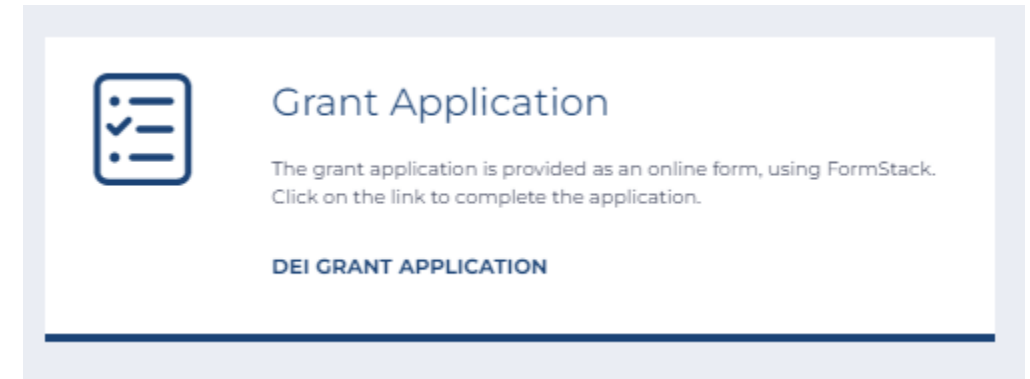




# Application Form

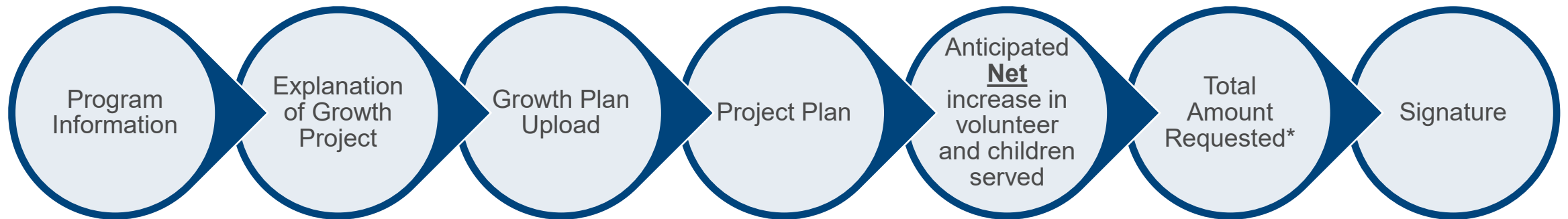
- Online Application
- Ability to save and resume the application at a later time.
- Submit the application once you have completed all sections. You will receive an email with the completed application for your records.

*\*\*Note: When navigating from text/data fields do not use the “Enter” function, use the mouse or “Tab” function to navigate through the form. For numeric fields please do not enter any spaces or dashes only numbers.*



# Application Format

National CASA/GAL **Growth** Grant Application has 8 distinct sections:



*\*if applicable*

1. **Amount Requested:** Should be the same as the budget total, please round up to the nearest dollar total.
2. **Program Information and Contact Name:** Program applying for the grant and contact should be for the person to contact in case of any questions on the grant application.
3. **Program Information:** Federal EIN (9-digits) and Unique Entity ID (12 characters combination of alpha and digits). If your program cannot receive funds, then provide information for the Fiscal Agent.

# Program Information

### 2022-2023 Growth Grant Application

You can save your application and resume filling it out later. By selecting the Save & Resume button at the bottom of the form, you can save a partially completed form and come back at a later date/time to complete and submit it. You will receive a link to follow to complete your form (the link expires in 30 days). Signatures will NOT be saved to the form until the form is submitted. Therefore, it is the best to sign the form when ready to submit. Each time you make changes to the application and select the Save and Resume button you will receive a new link. If more than one person is filling out the form be sure to send them the most recent link.

### Program Information

Grant Sub-categories: \*

New Local Program Start-up

Expansion

Increasing Service Capacity

Hiring a State Coordinator

Check all that apply.

Grant Amount Requested\*

\$

Program ID (National CASA/GAL 5 digit ID)\*

Program Name\*

City and State (where program is located)\*

city state

Contact Name\*

First Name Last Name

Contact Phone Number\*

Contact Email\*

# Explanation of Growth Project

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Describe how your program assessed the need for growth in the area(s) identified. Provide a full description of your approach to address the need.\*

Describe the strategies for funding the activities of this effort/project beyond the grant period so that the progress made with growth will be sustained. Note: Expenses for fundraising activities cannot be request for/charged to this grant.\*

Growth Plan Upload\*

No File Chosen

Please attach your organization's growth plan. A growth plan is not required for applications submitted solely for the purpose of hiring a state coordinator. All others must attach a growth plan.

- 1) Describe how your program assessed the need for growth in the area(s) identified. Make a compelling case for growth.
- 2) Explain what you plan to achieve by completing the Project Plan. Provide measurable goals, objectives, activities, anticipated outcomes, timeline and who will be responsible for each activity.
- 3) Demonstrate the grant sustainability plan by describing how the project will be supported once the grant ends to sustain the growth progress anticipated by the grant. Provide a detailed explanation of the program's plan to generate revenue. Provide specifics about what resources will be developed or sought and who will be responsible.

**NOTE: for new start-up programs and hiring of state coordinators**, National CASA/GAL anticipates providing continued funding at incremental levels to support these efforts for a total of three years. Continued funding is dependent upon successful grant activities and is contingent on an annual appropriation by the U.S. Congress and subsequent funding approval by OJJDP.

# Growth Plan



- Upload a current governing body reviewed and approved organization/program Growth Plan that supports the grant project.
- Growth Plan is required at the time of application submission

# Project Plan



- Provide measurable goals, objectives, activities, anticipated outcomes, timelines and who will be responsible for each activity.



# Anticipated **Net** Increase in Volunteers and Children Served

Indicate the anticipated **net** increase in number of new volunteer advocates who will be activated and the additional new children who will be served with this grant funding.

***Applicable for expansion efforts proposed for funding.***

Numbers should relate to the total funding requested as per the table on page 3 of the instructions.





# Budget Information

National CASA/GAL expects proposed budgets to be complete, cost-effective, reasonable based on the projected increase in children served, allocable, and necessary for the project activities.

1. Personnel Salaries
2. Taxes/Benefits
3. Travel
4. Printing/Copying
5. Supplies
6. Equipment
7. Rent/Utilities
8. Other

**Note: Budgets should be based on a 10-month grant period.**

**Total Amount Requested:** will auto-populate and should match the Grant Amount Requested at the top of the application.

For examples of budget computations, there is a link on the application.



# Signature

### Signature

For applicants seeking support for a state coordinator, if a governing body does not exist, the application must be signed by the governing body of the local program taking on the leadership and fiduciary role for the effort.

Name of signatory\*

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>First Name</small>	<small>Last Name</small>

Title of signatory\*

I am the Governing/Advisory Board and have the authority to submit this grant application on behalf of the program named. Please sign to indicate your agreement.\*

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Use your mouse or finger to draw your signature above Clear

**Please click 'Submit Form' below.**

[Save and Resume Later](#)

Progress

- Provide name and title of the person signing the application
- Application must be signed by a member of the governing/advisory body.
- If application is seeking support for a state coordinator, if the governing body does not exist, the application must be signed by the governing body of the local program taking on the leadership and fiduciary role for the effort.



# Unallowable Grant Costs

Please reference the DOJ Grants Financial Guide 2022 for unallowable and allowable expenses. National CASA/GAL cannot reimburse for unallowable items.

- Bad Debts
- Bonuses
- Capital Improvements
- Commissions
- Contingencies
- Contributions and donations
- Entertainment
- Fines, Penalties and Interest
- Food and Beverages
- Fundraising
- Incorporation Costs
- In-person meetings (except trainings)
- Lobbying/Advocacy (political)
- Membership Dues
- Pre-award costs
- Recognition events and items
- Social activities
- Staff serving cases



# Tips on Preparing a Complete, Quality Application

- 1. COMPLETELY ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- 2. PROVIDE UNIQUE ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION; DO NOT DUPLICATE RESPONSES**
- 3. ENSURE GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED ON PAGE 1 MATCHES GRANT BUDGET SUMMARY TOTAL**
- 4. SHOW FORMULA/CALCULATION FOR GRANT BUDGET AMOUNTS**
- 5. SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED APPLICABLE ATTACHMENTS IN A SINGLE PDF**
- 6. BE SURE TO USE THE LATEST VERSION OF ADOBE AVAILABLE**

# Grant Application Review Process

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1

Grant Applicant will receive an email confirmation when application is received on-line by National CASA/GAL Association.

2

Grant Applications will be reviewed typically 30 days or more beginning from the submission date.

3

Grant Applicants will be contacted if any clarifications are required prior to award/denial determination.

4

Grant Applicants will be notified after the review process with award/denial determination.

5

Please do not contact National CASA/GAL Association until you are notified.

# Technical Assistance

# Technical Assistance

Recording of this informational session will be posted on National CASA/GAL's Grants webpage

Application technical assistance available via email to [grants@nationalcasagal.org](mailto:grants@nationalcasagal.org)

Technical assistance with submission/upload available through the due date

*Emailed or late applications will not be accepted*

# Accountability





# 2022-2023 Grants Accountability

- All grantees may be subject to:
  - Accountability calls
  - Narrative reporting
  - Volunteer and children count reporting
  - Financial reporting
  - Financial risk assessments/desk audits
  - Onsite or virtual grant monitoring
  - Other reporting or accountability as determined necessary to gauge growth and project progress

Questions?





# Grants Team Members & Contact Information

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Thank You!