

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

**FY 2018 Certification Relating to 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 & 1644**

On behalf of the applicant government entity named below, and in support of its application, I certify to the Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), U.S. Department of Justice (“USDOJ”), that all of the following are true and correct:

(1) I am the chief legal officer of the State or local government of which the applicant entity named below is a part (“the jurisdiction”), and I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the jurisdiction and the applicant entity (that is, the entity applying directly to OJP). I understand that OJP will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision to make an award to the applicant entity.

(2) I have carefully reviewed 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373(a) & (b), and 1644, including the prohibitions on certain actions by State and local government entities, -agencies, and -officials regarding information regarding citizenship and immigration status. I also have reviewed the provisions set out at (or referenced in) 8 U.S.C. § 1551 note (“Abolition ... and Transfer of Functions”), pursuant to which references to the “Immigration and Naturalization Service” in 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 & 1644 are to be read, as a legal matter, as references to particular components of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

(3) I (and also the applicant entity) understand that – with respect to any “program or activity” funded in whole or in part with the federal financial assistance provided through the FY 2018 OJP program under which this certification is being submitted (the “FY 2018 OJP Program” identified below), specifically including any such “program or activity” of a governmental entity or -agency that is a subrecipient (at any tier) of funds under the FY 2018 OJP program – the U.S. Department of Justice will require States and local governments (and agencies or other entities thereof) not to prohibit or in any way restrict any government entity or -official from– (a) sending or receiving information regarding citizenship or immigration status as described in 8 U.S.C. § 1373(a); or (b) sending, requesting or receiving, maintaining, or exchanging information regarding immigration status as described in either 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373(b) or 1644.

(4) I (and also the applicant entity) understand that, for purposes of this certification, “program or activity” means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (see 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-4a), and that terms used in this certification that are defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101 mean what they mean under that section 1101, except that the term “State” also shall include American Samoa (cf. 34 U.S.C. § 10251(a)(2)). Also, I understand that, for purposes of this certification, neither a “public” institution of higher education (*i.e.*, one that is owned, controlled, or directly funded by a State or local government) nor an Indian tribe is considered a State or local government entity or -agency.

(5) I have conducted (or caused to be conducted for me) a diligent inquiry and review concerning the following (which, for the specific purpose of paragraph 5, shall not be understood to include any “program or activity” of any subrecipient at any tier):

- (a) the “program or activity” to be funded (in whole or in part) with the federal financial assistance sought by the applicant entity under this FY 2018 OJP Program; and
- (b) any prohibitions or restrictions potentially applicable to the “program or activity” sought to be funded under the FY 2018 OJP Program that deal with sending to, requesting or receiving from, maintaining, or exchanging information of the types described in 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373(a) & (b), and 1644, whether imposed by a State or local government entity, -agency, or -official.

(6) As of the date of this certification, neither the jurisdiction nor any entity, agency, or official of the jurisdiction has in effect, purports to have in effect, or is subject to or bound by, any prohibition or any restriction that would apply to the “program or activity” to be funded in whole or in part under the FY 2018 OJP Program (which, for the specific purpose of this paragraph 6, shall not be understood to include any such “program or activity” of any subrecipient at any tier), and that deals with either— (1) a government entity or -official sending or receiving information regarding citizenship or immigration status as described in 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373(a) & 1644; or (2) a government entity or -agency sending to, requesting or receiving from, maintaining, or exchanging information of the types (and with respect to the entities) described in 8 U.S.C. § 1373(b).

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Signature of Chief Legal Officer of the Jurisdiction

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Printed Name of Chief Legal Officer

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Date of Certification

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Title of Chief Legal Officer of the Jurisdiction

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Name of Applicant Government Entity (*i.e.*, the applicant to the FY 2018 OJP Program identified below)

**FY 2018 OJP Program:** Justice Reinvestment: Reducing Violent Crime by Improving Justice System Performance