DARYL FOX: Good afternoon everyone, welcome to today's webinar, FY 2021 Preventing Trafficking of Girls, hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime.

At this time, I would like to introduce today's presenter, Cynthia Pappas, Senior Policy Advisor with the Office for Victims of Crime to begin today's webinar. Cynthia?

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Great. Thank you, Daryl. Thank you so much and thank you all for joining. Good morning or good afternoon, depending on where you are calling in from. Now my name is Cindy Pappas, I'm a Senior Policy Advisor with the Office for Victims of Crime and I've been with the Department of Justice a little over 16 years now. The first 10 were with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and then 6 years with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and then, most recently, joined the Office for Victims of Crime, and--in OVC in June of 2020 when the Office of Justice Programs consolidated the law enforcement, juvenile justice, and the victims services human trafficking initiative into a new Human Trafficking Division, housed within the Office for Victims of Crime. And I'm honored that you joined us for this afternoon's webinar and to spend time with you today to talk through this solicitation, as I will be serving as the Program Manager for all awards made under this. And again, if this is hopefully what you're here for, it is the OVC FY 2021 Preventing Trafficking of Girls.

The purpose of today's call is to provide a little background information about our agency, to walk through the requirements in this solicitation, to briefly discuss the application process, and then to address any questions that you might have. It'll be helpful and highly recommended if you are following along with the solicitation, taking notes to help when you are submitting your application by the deadline, which we'll be talking about quite a bit throughout today's presentation.

Just a little background, the Office for Victims of Crime is one of six components within the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice. Our mission is to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing policies and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. Our programs supports victims in tribal communities, state victim compensation and assistance programs, we provide training and technical assistance and information resources, we support victims of human trafficking, and provide funding for national scope demonstration and service projects. So as of 2021, we manage approximately $270 million dollars in anti-trafficking funding, representing approximately 400 awards dedicated to providing services to victims of human trafficking, and supporting human trafficking grantees in at least 46 states, one territory, and the District of Columbia. Our TTA, our Training and Technical Assistance providers work collaboratively to assist our grantees and the field at large, to develop, expand, and strengthen programs for victims of human trafficking.

This solicitation, the FY '21, Preventing Trafficking of Girls, closes on Friday, April 30th. This was extended from its original, so there's extra time--extra time was added, with awards expected to be made September 30th, 2021. These are 36-month awards beginning October 1st.

This program furthers the U.S. Department of Justice's mission by combating victimization, including human trafficking. This program supports prevention and early intervention services, including mentoring and other direct support services for girls who are at-risk of, or are victims of, sex trafficking. Now, some of the risk factors that we know that might make girls vulnerable to sex trafficking may include a history of childhood sexual and physical abuse, witnessing domestic violence, involvement in the child welfare and juvenile justice system, poverty, running away, being homeless, a lack of strong support network, such as family, peers, community ties, school failure, and substance dependency. Eligible applicants that propose to provide direct services to youth must not include youth who are age 18 or older at the time of initiating services in the population they will serve. So, that means all targeted clients must be 18 years age or younger. However, if you are selected and your clients age into 18, they may remain in the program that you've started. It just cannot be targeted to a population younger than 18, per the legislation.

And I already see a question in the chat box about the, "what do we mean by girl?" And for this purposes of this solicitation and targeting a particular demographic, this program must be targeted to girls at risk of trafficking, however, we do not impose limitation on serving youth, who identify as non-binary and transgender. In regards to boys, who are biologically male and who identify as boys, we expect that our grantees have a victim-centered plan for addressing victims who do not fall within the targeted scope of services, either by providing services where the organization is confident to do so or referrals as necessary. Again, getting this as an occasional infrequent situation, in which a non-target victim is provided a service is allowable. So I hope for the first question, regarding "what do we mean by the target population," that that addresses some of those questions that you may have.

Here's a list of entities who are eligible to apply and you'll see it's quite inclusive. Please reference the solicitation for more information on eligible applicants. We will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award, however, and this is important, only one entity may be the applicant. All others must be proposed a subrecipients or subgrantees. And the applicant must be the entity who'll have primary responsibility for carrying out the award, including administrating--administering the funding and managing the entire program.

Applicants that receive funding under this program will be required to submit your policies, procedures, and rules governing the provision of services; to ensure that your policies and procedures follow applicable federal and state laws protecting the civil rights of program participants and staff; to ensure that any staff, partner staff, or service providers working with trafficking victims are adequately licensed and trained to work with such victims; and to ensure the key staff members attend an OVC grantee orientation and have relevant staff participate in an OVC-sponsored training and technical assistance, with our already selected TTA provider.

Again, the goal is to prevent and reduce victimization of girls who are vulnerable to sex trafficking.

The objectives of this program include the following. To replicate or scale up prevention and early intervention programs. Program models should include a plan to develop services and intervention for high-risk girls, including those with a history of trauma; to implement or enhance efforts to identify and provide services, which may include street outreach effort, partnerships with organizations that serve the youth community, and collaboration with key stakeholders in the

community. We also ask that you participate in an annual peer-to-peer learning opportunity, hosted by our training and technical assistance provider.

The deliverables will be services, measured quarterly by service-hour, or units delivered, the type of service, and other key data points, which will be in greater detail once you are awarded funding. Award recipients will be required to submit these performance measure data and quarterly performance reports in the JustGrants System.

Now, there are clearly many people on the call. This is an incredible program. The unfortunate part is our funding is incredibly limited, and all awards are subject to availability of appropriated funds, and to any modification or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. We only can make up to three awards with the funding, up to $500,000 each, for a 36-month project period, beginning October 1st. And this is important to note this as well, when you're putting in your budget application, it is $500,000 throughout the length of the award. It is not $500,000 annually.

These awards will be made as grants. And if you have any familiarity with these programs, if you're an applicant or a recipient of previous awards, we give awards as grants or cooperative agreements. These will be made as grants. I will be serving as the Program Manager for all of these awards in an oversight and monitoring role. But for more information, if you're curious about the differences and definition between grants and cooperative agreements, all of that information can be found in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Okay. So we have a better understanding of the intent of the program. Now let's jump into the application process.

These are the elements that must be included to meet the basic minimum requirements, what we call our BMR, to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding. I'm going to run through each of these in detail.

First, the Proposal Abstract should be no more than 400 words, summarizing your proposed project, including primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project. This will be completed, again, in the JustGrants web-based form.

The Proposal Narrative must be double-spaced, use a 12-point font, Times New Roman is preferred. Have no less than 1-inch margins, not to exceed 15 pages, and these pages should be numbered, and also to be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. Again, with the limited funding and the high interest in this program, it's really important to adhere to the Proposal Narrative formatting requirements. If the Proposal Narrative fails to comply with these length-related restrictions, we may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision.

There are four sections that must be addressed in the Proposal Narrative, which I will cover in detail in the next few slides.

First, the Description of the Issue, applicants should briefly describe the nature and scope of the problem that the program will address. For example, the prevalence of trafficking of girls and specific needs of girls who are at-risk, or are victims, of trafficking in your local jurisdiction. You

should use data to provide evidence that the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the larger community. Any data or research referenced in the narrative should include information about the source of the data and please include citations. Please describe the target population and any previous or current attempts to address this problem. Please also describe any research or evaluation studies that relate to the problem and contribute to your understanding of its causes and the potential solution. We do expect that you will review research literature for relevant studies, but please also consider and explore whether unpublished local sources of research or evaluation data exists.

Design and Implementation. Applicants should detail how the project will operate throughout the funding period and describe the strategy that they will use to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section. We encourage that you select evidence-based programs--practices for your program. This section should also detail any leveraged resources, whether cash or in-kind, from local sources to support your project. And please this is also important. Tell us how you plan to sustain this program once federal funding is--once the program is over; how will you sustain this beyond the grant period. Include a realistic timeline or milestone chart that indicates the major tasks associated with the goals and objectives of the project, assign responsibilities for each, particularly in cases where you have subgrantees and key partners that are part of the application. And plot completion of each task by month or quarter for the duration of the award, which we know is 36 months.

Tell us about you. Lift yourself up. Describe your experienc and capability of your organization, and any contractors or subgrantees that you will use to implement and manage this effort and it's associated federal funding. Highlight previous experience, implementing projects of similar design or magnitude. Highlight your experience, capability, capacity to manage subawards, if you'll be including those in your application and projects. Management and staffing patterns should be clearly connected to the project design described in the previous section. Describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff and explain your organizational structure and operation. Please include a copy of the organizational chart, showing how your organization operates, including who manages the finances, how the organization manages subawards, if there are any, and if the management--and the management of the project proposed for funding.

So the Plan for Collecting Data, this should include, again, your plan for collecting all the performance measure data required by this solicitation, and a description of the key staff who will be responsible for collecting data and reporting performance measures in JustGrants. Special note, you are not required to submit performance data with your application, just help us understand what your plan will be to collect the data, and who will be doing it.

So Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative is now a web-based form in JustGrants. If you've applied and received funding in previous years, this will be new. Well, this is all new to us, the JustGrants transition from GMS, our previous Grants Management System. We ask that you break out by year, reflecting 36-months total of project activity. There's an example of the budget preparation and submission information in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide. For details on the budget and associated documentation such as information on proposed subawards, proposed procurement contracts under awards, and pre-agreement costs. Additionally, for questions

pertaining to budget and examples of allowable and unallowable costs, please also visit the DOJ [Grants] Financial Guide and I can make sure that we have that in the chat as well. That's not on the screen, but there's a DOJ Financial Guide, and there's a long link that I will add shortly, if my colleague does not have that in there yet. [https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm]

Okay. This is a massive slide. I'll let your eyes digest that for a moment. This lists all of the documents to be included, if applicable, and not all of these are. So, it's really important to double check that checklist and see what is applicable to you. Now, there are some--there are two in here that I'm going to call mostly to your attention, because they are required for all. So again, this is a tremendous amount of information. Look through each one in the solicitation. Determine which ones apply to you, and make sure that they are included if they do.

So, the applications for Federal Assistance, the SF-424, this is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications and related information. This is important, as is the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, that is known as the SF-LLL. All applicants must disclose the existence or non-existence of lobbying activities by completing and submitting this Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form. And the reason I highlight these two first is that these two forms must be submitted in JustGrants. I'm sorry, must be submitted in Grants.gov. These are two forms, I'll say that again and I'll say it correctly this time. These two forms must be submitted in Grants.gov and we'll get into that dual application process in a moment. But highlighting the SF-424 and the SF-LLL are the two that goes into Grants.gov.

And a couple other ones I'll just call to attention, if you're submitting a joint application as described under eligibility you should provide a signed and dated letters of support of memorandum of understanding for all key partners. Applicants that have pending applications or active awards, as described above, are to provide the following information, about applications submitted within the last year. So what we're asking, if you are submitting a request for funding for similar projects from the Federal Government to disclose that within the last 12 months that are pending or active to include the federal or state funding agency name, the solicitation name, or project name and the point of contact at the applicable funding agency. That is just so that we make sure that there's no duplication of effort and/or supplanting with these funding. Applicants are required to disclose whether they are currently designated as high risk by any federal grant-making agency. And again, please, this is a lot of information to take in, use the checklist in your review prior to submitting your application and check off all of those listed here that are applicable to you.

So, now we'll get into the application process.

JustGrants, again, this is a new system we recently transitioned to at the end of 2020 and there's a tremendous amount of resources. I do suggest that you bookmark JustGrants and go take all the training materials. There are job aids and webinars on how to go through this entire process. And there is an upcoming submission webinar that's going to be held on April 12th.

And I strongly recommend if you can attend this remaining session, again it's April 12th. But if not, they'll be a recording of a previous webinar that's also available on JustGrants and the website here. But if you can join the live, you can actually ask questions at the end. And this webinar will explain steps to take prior to applying; how to find and open DOJ funding opportunities in

Grants.gov; how to apply for funding using JustGrants; the JustGrants' role and their responsibilities and the required actions; how to navigate and use JustGrants to submit your application; and where to find training materials, job aids, and other resources. Discussion is about 90 minutes. So again, whether you can attend in person on the 12th or preview the previous webinar. I strongly suggest doing that prior to submitting your application.

And again, as I mentioned earlier, review that application submission checklist for all necessary steps to complete the two-part process in Grants.gov and JustGrants.

Here are the links to all of our JustGrants training and resources, as I suggested earlier bookmarking the JustGrants training page for updates. And it is an ongoing--there's constant trainings and updates on what is happening with that system there.

This is a two-part process I mentioned. As I mentioned the SF-424 and the LLL will be submitted in Grants.gov at this website provided here. [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html] It's important even before you submit that that you are registered in Grants.gov. You'll need to obtain your DUNS number, your Data Universal Numeric Systems Number and System of Award Management your SAM renewal or registration. Making sure that you have the--that you have those numbers before you can even get into Grants.gov to submit those two forms for this funding.

You'll be submitting the full application, including the attachments, in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov. To be considered timely we must have--you must submit the application by the deadlines and using JustGrants and have received a validation message from JustGrants that indicates a successful and timely submission. I strongly urge--OJP strongly urges that you submit at least 24--I'm sorry, 72 hours prior to the application due date. This will allow time if--so, if there is an error or a rejection from JustGrants or Grants.gov, that you can correct that in a timely fashion and to address any problems that may have caused a rejection notification. So again, I strongly encourage that you submit 72 hours prior to the deadline. And also to review How to Apply section in OJP Grant Application Resource Guide. There's a lot of steps.

The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants for the preparation and submission to OJP of applications for funding. And again, that link is there for you as well.

And here's a list of important websites that I've already mentioned throughout this webinar and again this is throughout the solicitation that maybe resources for you as you prepare your application. Office for Victims of Crime this is the agency in which you are applying. The DOJ Grants Financial Guide, I mentioned looking at budget, examples of allowable and unallowable costs as you're developing your budget. JustGrants will be as you are selected as a grantee that is where all the work will be done, so getting familiar and used to that system and how to submit your application. Grants.gov doing that step first to get your SF-424 and LLL in there. The Grant Application Resource Guide, step-by-step through this process. The OVC TTAC Center the Training and Technical Assistance Center, that is just an incredible resource. If you're not using that, they have free resources. Whether or not you receive this funding or not, I would bookmark that because there are webinars. There are trainings. There's a five-part module on human trafficking, it's human trafficking basics that you can take your communities to help educate on what this is and then--and responses that are trauma-informed. It's really fantastic free resources for

you. So please if you haven't, do check that out. The [Grants Performance Measurement Reporting](#), once you are awarded funding this will be where you'll learn all of the information data that you'll need to collect, and report throughout the life of the award. And then the [OJP Resource Center](#), as you have questions, and you will, and I'm covering a tremendous amount of information in a very short time. As you--This is not your only opportunity for questions and answers they will be there available to you to answer any questions that you have regarding the programmatic questions that you might have as it relates to this solicitation. That is the OJP Resource Center. I'm going to give you their numbers here in a moment as well.

And there they are. These are the numbers for the three key pieces to get you into the application process. So we can get you on to peer review and consideration for funding. Grants.gov for submitting those two forms 24--424 and LLL. JustGrants, submitting the full application. And any questions that you have is the OJP Response Center. I'm going to leave those up for a moment. Also knowing that this recording will be available on our website shortly, so you will be able to go back and get this information and have access to this presentation once it is posted.

These are the important dates to remember. And again while these are the deadlines really keeping that 72 hours in advance in mind--in mind. If you can attend the application mechanics webinar on the 12th, please do so or watch the recorded webinar from the previous session. Submit your forms, your SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov by the 16th. And the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by April 30th, 2021, by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

So again, a tremendous amount of information. It's fabulous that you joined today and are listening in. I'm going to take a look at some of the questions and go through each of them that I can, again knowing that you could always go back to the respond--OJP Response Center with any questions that you have. And most of the times they do come to me, if they can't answer them they're going to come to me directly. So we will get your questions answered.

So I answered the question about "what do we mean by the term girl?"

"Are institutions of higher education eligible if they partner and collaborate with a community agency?"

I'm actually going to look directly at… At this point, it says nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status to the IRS other than institutions of higher education. I would say if you are partnering with a community agency and that community agency is the entity who is the applicant, that would be acceptable.

This person missed the first few minutes of the webinar. Let me open up--I'm going to open up my Q&A field here so I can see them all. "Missed the first few minutes…"

Yes so, this recording will be available on our website hopefully, within short order, but--and the slides will be available then. Oh, there it is. Thank you for answering that, Daryl. So slides and transcripts will be posted on the OVC website in approximately 5 business days.

"Can I confirm that applicants are not expected to name staff but rather include titles and qualifications?"

Yes, I can confirm that. You are not--You do not have to name staff. And in some cases, this funding can be used to hire staff. If you know the positions that you need to do this work and that is possible--that is acceptable as well. So you don't--do not have to name, but titles qualifications and how they will be used within meeting the requirements of this group--of this program.

"Can applicants include additional attachments as part of their application?"

Absolutely, if you would like to send additional information about your program, anything. There's no--nothing to preclude you from doing more, as long as you meet everything that is required in that checklist.

"Can I see the difference between the performance metrics and the deliverables applicants might create in the web-based form?"

These will be--These will be similar. And the data performance requirements will--there is more information on what we'll be expecting you to collect and report on. For this program, it most often is types of services, number of clients served, and then there's also the Program Narrative that we'll be collecting. These will be semiannual reports. And the performance metrics will be--can--you'll fill out the system within JustGrants with the number per reporting period. And then the deliverables will also include your narrative of what--who you serve, if there are any issues that you need our assistance on, if there's additional training and technical assistance that you will need. So I hope that answers that question.

"Should the timeline and deliverable points be both in the narrative and the--and the attached timeline or is it sufficient if they are an attachment?"

Yes, the timeline can be--can be an attachment. And the same with the organizational chart. So you're not taking away from your 15 pages. You can send both of those in as an attachment. And please do note this is the first time that we are using the JustGrants System in this application process. There may be a place where JustGrants that you can put in your timeline within a field. I'm not certain on how that actually looks. So I would plan to include all things as an attachment as well.

"Would community awareness efforts be considered eligible for funding?"

Yes, this could be part of how you're educating community, as if, it meets the intent of providing intervention prevention services for girls who are at risk, a community outreach and awareness would definitely be a part of that.

"For adequately licensed and trained to work with such victim programs what type of licensing and training are required?"

And that would be depending on who your partnering agencies are and we can work with you as you have those partners developed that within their organizations that they are licensed. So, whether it's housing, mental health support services, education support, legal support for this specific victim. It would--it would depend and that's probably a longer list than we would get into now. But it'd be contingent on the grantee and the subawardees to provide us whatever policies are in place for them, so that we know that we are adequately serving these girls.

"If we've never applied for a government grant before, but have many elements from other grant proposals, how long would you estimate this application process will take? Do we have time to start the application now if it's due by months end?"

I think that's a question that only you can answer. I would say, "yes go for it." Time is running low, but I think if you had it all ready to go, that I would--I would certainly try. I don't know how long this process will take. I would start today getting into Grants.gov, making sure that you have your DUNS number and your SAM number, get that in order to get you registered. And if nothing else happens, then at least you're ready for the next round. And there will be more funding opportunities coming out of the Office of Justice Programs, out of my office. So I would--I would say, "yes that you have time." But I wouldn't wait much longer.

"Is there an attachment section in the SF-424? What would one attach there? Is it okay to add or subtract or should we only submit that with the full application?"

So the SF-424 it's actually--it's a one-page, that's a very simple form. And that's what has to go into Grants.gov first. It's really your title, name of the agency who will be your authorized representative, a brief that's basically the program abstract, and there's couple other questions. So there's nothing else that should be added as an attachment to that. That's a very simple form that really gets this process started. Where you'll get into the attachments and really digging into the work that you'll be doing will be in the application process and the project narrative.

"Am I correct that the only place where we submit our budget is via the web form on JustGrants, not anywhere in Grants.gov?"

That is correct. The only place that you'll be submitting the application portion will be in JustGrants. That is what's collecting all of the application information. Grants.gov is only those two forms, the SF-424 and the Disclosure of Lobbying, the SF-LLL.

"The RFP specified timeline should be submitted on a separate attachment in the additional attachment section. Is this outdated language? Rather, should we focus on a web-based form?"

That's a great question. And I hope to go through the process to see what you all see when you do submit. At this point, it's my understanding that there is a section to submit in a web-based form in JustGrants. I would have your timeline as an attachment ready also. So that answer is I think it is outdated language. However, there are many, many bugs that we are still, kind of, working through in JustGrants. And this is the first time--this is actually one of the very first solicitations of FY 2021 where we are using JustGrants. So I think we're going to learn a lot from you and know that we'll be patient and helping you all as well as we work through what that will look like.

"Will this grant be available to apply for next year?"

I hope so. I really do. It's the second year that we've been able to fund it. We funded it last year. So the three that will be selected will join three that were funded last year. But we have--We don't know what FY '22 spending plan will look like or what funding we will have for our program. But I am hopeful.

"Are there two travel requirements, one to a national meeting in Washington DC and a local collaboration meeting?"

There is a--We ask that grantees or that applicants budget for one trip for up to three people annually. Now as we know and in this past year, there was no travel. So those grantees did all of their meetings virtually. For now, I would recommend that you still budget annually for up to three people for a national trip and use kind of the GSA data. So, thinking if you were going to come to DC, what would that flight be? The per diem, that travel cost and then put that in your budget. As we get into it and if we are still at a place that we're not traveling, I'll work with you to then reprogram those funds that you did budget. But we're not looking for two trips. The national meeting in DC is not--is not a required trip. As I say that, let me pause and make sure I'm getting absolutely accurate information. Yes, if you see on--if you print it out, that on page 9 of the application that you are to submit--yes, it's just the annual trip for the training and technical assistance.

"Regarding the budget, is it fine to ask for less than $500,000?"

Yes.

And the answer to the "question of the budget" is there are…

In case I wasn't clear, because I realized I did have to do a hard pause there. So it is one trip annually, budget for up to three staff and that should be covered in your budget.

"Awards will be announced by September 30th?"

No later than September 30th with the awards to begin October 1st.

"And again, will the same grant be available to apply for next year?"

I think I answered that already. But just in case it wasn't clear, we do not know what our spending plan will be for next year. So at this point, it's an uncertain.

"Is the person who's listed as the authorized rep on the SF-424 the person that is the application will be assigned to in JustGrants?"

Yes. This will be really important. And that person, there are several roles in JustGrants. There's an Entity Administrator. And that is the person who's listed in SAM.gov as that point of contact. So

the SAM.gov person actually has the greatest control in assigning roles and before we even fund-- not before fund--Before we go through the process of onboarding a new grantee in JustGrants, that person--that grantee must include a name of an Authorized Representative, a Grant Manager, an Entity Administrator, and a Financial Point of Contact. And all of this will be explained once you are awarded. But that Authorized Representative really is the key person on the SF-424, which can be changed once you are awarded funding to figure out who will be doing all those roles. But yes, that person will be the person contacted whether you receive the funding or did not.

Oh, great question. Yeah. "Are previous grantees listed on the website?"

That--Thank you for asking that. And I normally mention that for those who are looking to what we have funded in the past and give you a sense of the programs that we funded and where they're located. So if you go to OVC.gov, and you look at funding and you can see previous awards. You cannot not only see what we--who we funded under this solicitation last year, but all of the other programs that we have funded. There's so--there's so much great work that comes out of this office that goes directly to you all to do the amazing work to support victims. So I do strongly recommend taking a look at OVC.gov and our available funding and previous--last year's, all of the awards that we made, how much they received, the work that they're doing. It was a great question. Thank you.

Awards will be announced no later than September 30th. Thank you.

"Is there an opportunity to receive feedback about the grant if we are not selected for funding?"

Another great question. Yes. So once we go through BMR and it goes through the peer review process, it's a--it's a really in-depth peer review process that we use external reviewers and they submit reports to us. And then once we go through that entire process, we receive the report back from them. And then when grantees are notified via email if they did not receive funding, they get all of those comments back. And it's really helpful to look at those that helps to--for you to write differently next year or whatever the feedback is. But, yes, you will absolutely receive feedback, if you are not selected.

"We are partnering with a nonprofit but nonprofit is not the lead, do we need to submit the executive compensation and 501(c)(3) of the partner?"

Yes. If this is a partner who will be a subgrantee, yes, you will need to provide all of that information.

"I think this was covered earlier but to clarify, the $500,000 awards for the 36-month period, not $500,000 per year."

That is correct. And I appreciate the question because I have had situations where applicants did believe and budgeted and really planned out for an annual amount. So that is correct, $500,000--a $500,000 award to be spent across 36 months.

"Are we able to ask for a seasoned and experienced grant program and grant manager to help us through this process? Are those fees an eligible expense? And if so, is that frowned upon?"

That is absolutely not frowned upon. There are a lot of times the personnel categories are to be determined depending on what--where you are in your agency. So, that is not frowned upon if you are looking to hire program and/or grant manager with this funding.

I think it slowed down, but I just want to check in with my colleagues. I think--I tried to go through each one, but if I missed any, please just feel free to shout them out, while I take a sip of water.

DARYL FOX: Cynthia, I think most have been answered. Just reminding people once again that the transcript and slides--PowerPoint slides will be posted to the OVC website. So definitely check that in the early next week. Hopefully those will--they'll get posted. That seems to be most of the questions to date. Is there anything else from your end, Cynthia?

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: No, I did--I put up the really important contact information. And again, this is not the last opportunity to ask questions. That OJP Response Center, they are available to address any of your programmatic requirements during this.

DARYL FOX: There is one additional question that did come in.

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: A question, "you said we could measure number of girls and not hours of serving?"

Well, the data measurement reporting measurements will depend on what your services are. And yes, we will be counting number of clients served, and hours serving, and any community outreach. So, I don't know if I said that you'd be measuring number and not hours. You'd be--You would be doing both.

"I asked this in another webinar. Can font be less than 12 point in a table? I reviewed technical link mentioned, however, I'm still unsure."

In a table to keep it within the--yes, if that is going to keep you within those 1-inch margins within a table, I think that is fine.

DARYL FOX: I think that's all the questions that have come in at this point.

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: All right. With that, I just want to thank you all. I know this has been--it's been a trying year. And because you're on this call it means that you are doing some of the most important work for our most vulnerable youth and I appreciate you. I appreciate all that you do to help, to support, to lift, and to help heal. And this is--this is what is most exciting about this. And I wish you all safety and happiness and health in this next year. So good luck in your applications and we'll talk again soon.