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MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to today's webinar, OVC Fiscal Year 2021 Enhancing Juvenile and Family Court Responses to Human Trafficking, hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime. At this time, I'm going to turn the webinar over to today's presenter.

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Thank you, Mary Jo, and good afternoon or good morning for those who of you calling in from across the Nation. Again, my name is Cynthia Pappas. I am a Senior Policy Advisor with the Office for Victims of Crime. I've been with the Department of Justice a little over 16 and a half years, the first 10 with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and then the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and then most recently joined OVC in June of 2020 when the Office of Justice Programs consolidated the law enforcement, juvenile justice, and victim services human trafficking initiatives into a new Human Trafficking Division, housed within OVC. And it's such an honor to spend this time with you all, as I will also be serving as the Program Manager for awards made under this solicitation, the FY 2021 Enhancing Juvenile and Family Court Responses to Human Trafficking.

So, the purpose of today's call is to provide a little bit of background information about our agency, to walk through the requirements of this specific solicitation, to briefly discuss the application process, and then address any questions that you might have. It might be--it--not it might be, it will be really helpful if you are following along with the solicitation and taking notes to help when you are submitting your application by the deadline which we will be talking about throughout this presentation. And my colleague has put the link into the chat if you want to open up the solicitation if you don't have that handy at the moment.

So, 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 support victims in tribal communities, state victim compensation and assistance programs, providing training and technical assistance and information resources, supporting victims of human trafficking, and national scope demonstration and services projects.

As I mentioned, we had a bit of a consolidation in FY 2020 to consolidate all of our human trafficking focus initiatives across the Office of Justice Programs. And that is, as a result, as of 2021, OVC manages approximately $270 million 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.

So, you are all here about this program which I'm--again, I'm really, really excited about because it is new to OVC. This is the first time this solicitation is being offered. This is the FY 2021 Enhancing Juvenile and Family Court Responses to Human Trafficking with the award expected to be made by September 30th, 2021. These are 36-month awards beginning October 1st, 2021.

This program furthers the Department's mission by combating victimization including human trafficking. This solicitation provides funding for organizations to develop or enhance programs to identify and provide services for youth in contact with juvenile and family courts, who are victims of human trafficking crimes or who are at risk for trafficking due to past or current crime victimization. These programs should seek to increase awareness and identification of sex and/or labor trafficking involving youth by educating court stakeholders and through community outreach efforts.

There are two categories for applicants to apply. Category 1 are program sites. And Category 2, we will select one training and technical assistance provider to support the Category 1 project sites. I'll be talking about all of these--or both of these in detail today.

And here is a list of entities who are eligible to apply and you'll see it is quite inclusive. Please reference the solicitation for information on eligible applicants. And know that we will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award, but it's really important to note that only one entity may be the applicant. So, as you apply, if you have other proposed subrecipients or subgrantees but the applicant must be the entity that will have primary responsibility for carrying out the award, including administering the funding and managing the entire program.

This program supports, again, the efforts of juvenile and family court judges to develop, expand, or enhance programs through multi-agency collaborations in order to increase the identification of youth victims of human trafficking crimes. This includes sex or--and/or labor trafficking or youth who are at risk for human trafficking due to past or current crime victimization, including child abuse and neglect. Secondly, to provide comprehensive, trauma-informed, supportive direct services for these youth identified, and to reduce the incidence of human trafficking re-victimization and other associated crimes. This program also seeks to increase awareness and identification of sex and labor trafficking involving youth by educating court stakeholders and through community outreach efforts.

The goal, as I've mentioned, is to develop, expand, or enhance these programs through the use of screening and assessment protocols and processes these project sites will identify and provide services to potentially youth victims of human trafficking who come into contact with the juvenile and family court due to a variety of reasons to include delinquency, abuse and neglect, divorce, child custody, and other matters under court jurisdiction. To further prevent involvement in the justice system as potential re-traumatization, these youth victims of human trafficking will be offered specialized services in order to meet their specific treatment needs. Project sites should also seek to increase awareness and identification of sex and/or labor trafficking involving youth by educating court stakeholders and through community outreach efforts.

So, Category 1, project sites will implement screening and assessment protocols, as I've just mentioned, develop or expand intervention models to provide direct services and/or diversion programs for these youth. These program models should meet the treatment needs of eligible youth by identifying mental health and substance use needs, establishing linkages and referrals to community-based direct service providers and ensuring appropriate aftercare services are available. This can include family reunification, housing support, education, employment assistance and community engagement. These program models should include a plan for how services will be provided to the identified youth in an individualized and timely manner.

Another objective is to provide trauma-informed care through a multi-disciplinary team that includes multiple systems of care and community-based organizations. Your partners could and should include judges, law enforcement, prosecutors, juvenile defenders, probation staff, victim service providers, social workers, survivor advocates, and the youth and their caregivers.

Another objective is to increase awareness and identification of sex and/or labor trafficking involving youth by educating court stakeholders and through community outreach efforts.

And you'll be required to participate in an annual peer-to-peer learning opportunity hosted by the OVC-funded training and technical assistance provider under Category 2 of this solicitation.

So, Category 2, our TTA provider will implement training and technical assistance that supports the application of best practices, enhances collaboration, and improves outcomes for Category 1 program sites. This TTA will include peer-to-peer learning across multiple system stakeholders including, not limited to, as I mentioned earlier, judges, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, juvenile defenders, probation staff, victim service providers, social workers, and survivor advocates.

Category 2 applicants should also plan to develop and disseminate best practices regarding sex and/or labor trafficking involving youth, effective court innovations, and lessons learned from this project at a national level. Also, to plan to host an annual peer-to-peer learning opportunity for the selected Category 1 sites.

So, for Category 1, we will expect that your deliverables to include services measured by quarterly service hours or units delivered, type of service, and other key data points. And these will be through quarterly performance measure reports. You'll also be required to submit semiannual progress and quarterly financial reports.

Similarly, Category 2, your deliverables will include TTA delivery measured as training and technical assistance activities taking place within the reporting period and other key data points. Also, be required to submit a semiannual progress report and quarterly financial reports.

So this funding, while it is exciting and it is new, is quite limited and the application process will be competitive. We have funding for four sites. And, again, this funding is limited. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds. So the--for the project sites, we plan to make up to four awards of up to $450,000 for a 36 month project period. This project period will begin October 1st, 2021 and it's really important and I've-- we've dealt with this in a few questions and concerns, as you're applying and thinking of your budget. This is $450,000 across the length of the award. It is not $450,000 annual. So, $450,000 across the length of the award, not annually.

For Category 2, we will be making one award, one training and technical assistance provider up to $600,000 to support the project sites in Category 1 throughout the length of their award. Again, this is a 36-month project period, beginning October 1st, 2021 and this amount is $600,000 across the length of the award, not annually.

Both Category 1 and Category 2 awards will be made as cooperative agreements. And within our funding solicitations, we do cooperative agreements or grants. And as cooperative agreements, this means there'll be substantial involvement between our agency, the Office for Victims of Crime, and you, as the recipient, during the performance period. I'll be serving as the program manager across Category 1 and with the TTA provider and will be working closely with all of you who are selected in the performance of the program. If you are interested in more information about the differences and definitions as it relates to grants and cooperative agreements, please see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Okay. So now we have a better understanding of the intent of the program and hopefully you have the solicitation open in front of you with notes. So, let's jump in to how to apply for this process. And the link just went into the chat, so you can open that up as well.

So, these are the elements that must be included in the application submission to meet just the basic minimum requirements. And this is really, really important just to get through the initial stage to get into peer review, the basic minimum requirements must be met to receive consideration for funding. Proposal Abstract--excuse me, take a drink of water, the Proposal Narrative, and the Budget Worksheet to include the Budget Narrative. I'm going to go through each one of these in detail so you have a clear understanding of what the expectations are just to get this through the front door of the process.

So, the Proposal Abstract should be no more than 400 words summarizing the proposed project, including primary activities, projects, and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project. This will be completed in the JustGrants Web-based form. That's quite simple and keeping it, again, to that 400-word requirement.

The Proposal Narrative, which I'm going to get into in a lot more detail about the sections with that, but just the format alone, keeping this in mind, must be double-spaced, use a 12-point font, Times New Roman is preferred, have no less than one-inch margin, not to exceed 15 pages. The pages should be numbered, and this will be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. And, again, it's really important to adhere to the proposal

narrative formatting requirements. Again, this is--there's limited funding, we can only select four and these are things that will be taken into consideration. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length requirements, we could consider such noncompliance in peer review and final award decisions.

So, there are four sections that have to be addressed within the proposal narrative; I'm going to cover in detail in the next couple slides.

The Description of the Issue. You should briefly describe the nature and scope of the problem that you plan to address with this funding. For example, the prevalence of child sex trafficking or labor trafficking and the specific needs of youth in contact with the Juvenile Family Court Systems for victims of child trafficking or at risk of child trafficking. So, what you're seeing within your jurisdiction and the ability to increase awareness and identification of child trafficking by educating court stakeholders and through community outreach efforts. You should do data to provide evidence that this 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. Please, any data or research reference in the narrative should include information about the source of the data. Please use citations. Describe the target population and any previous or current attempts to address the problem, describe any research or evaluation studies that relate to the problem, and contribute to your understanding of its causes and potential solutions. Again, we expect that you review the research literature, but also do not exclude unpublished local sources of research or evaluation data to help us better understand how you are describing the issue within your local jurisdiction.

Design and Implementation. Please detail how your project will operate through the funding period, which [is] 36 months, and describe the strategy that you will use to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section in your description of the problem. We encourage applicants to select evidence-based programs--practices for their programs. You should also include in this section details regarding any leveraged resources. If you have cash or in-kind from local sources to support the project, include them here. And then it's important for us to see any plans that you have for sustainability beyond the grant period. You should submit a realistic timeline or milestone chart that indicates the major tasks associated with the goals and objectives for the project. Please assign responsibility for each and plot completion of each task by month or quarter for the duration of the award, which is, again, 36 months.

Capabilities and Competencies. Tell us about yourself. You should describe your experience, the capability of your organization, if you're going to have any contractors or subgrantees that you'll use to implement and manage this effort, highlight any previous experience implementing projects of a similar design or magnitude. If you had experienced managing subawards, if you're going to be using subrecipients, include details on your systems for financial accountability. Your management and staffing plan should be clearly connected to the project design described in your previous section and describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff, and explain the program's organizational structure and operation. Please include an organizational chart showing

how your organization operates, who manages the finances, how the organization manages subawards, if there are any, and the management of the proposed project for funding.

Now we will be asking for data collection but not to be submitted with the application. In this section, what we need to see here is, what is your plan for collecting the data performance measures required for this solicitation? And then just--and description of the qualification of the key staff will be responsible for collecting the data and reporting the performance measures in JustGrants. Again, you're not required to submit performance data with the application, just performance measures information is included as an alert that you will be required to submit and that you have an understanding and a plan in place and you can tell us who will be collecting that data that we will be requiring, if you are awarded.

So, the budget worksheet and budget narrative is now a web-based form in JustGrants. We ask that you break out all cost reflecting the 36-month total of the project activity. And you can see the budget preparation and submission information section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for details on the budget. That's really important to get in there and take a look at how all the details and questions that you might have on what we are looking for, for each of those categories within the budget detail worksheet and what to include in the narrative. This does include information on proposed subawards; proposed procurement contracts, if you're using those; pre-agreement costs; and there's a lot of information within that budget narrative link on Grant Application Resource Guide, as well as the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, which is also available and gives tremendous resources and input as you are developing your budget which, again, will cover the 36-month time period of the award.

Okay. This is a long list. This is a tremendous amount of information on this screen and it links to all of the other documents that may or may not be included. You'll see the ones that are mandatory do not have if applicable; the ones that have if applicable after the bullet, then you know that it is only applicable--it's only relevant if it's applicable to you. There's a couple that I will just highlight because they are significantly important. The SF-424, the first one up there, the first bullet is a required standard form that's used a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, application, and other related information. This is really important to get into Grants.gov. There's also the lobbying form, the SF-LLL, which is the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, which is in the second column. All applicants must disclose the existence or non-existence of lobbying activities by completing and submitting form SF-LLL. And the SF-424 and SF-LLL will be submitted in Grants.gov.

If you're submitting a joint application as described under eligibility, remember, as I mentioned earlier, only the one entity is the applicant, but you can have subgrantees that you'll be working with as partners. Those applicants should provide a signed and dated letter of support of memorandum of understanding, again, for all key partners within this project.

If you have pending applications or active awards as described above, so if you have already applied for something similar from another federal agency as the program that you're submitting this application, we need to know that as well and--in writing that within the last month, that there are pending or active awards that are ongoing. And if so, to include the federal or state funding agency name, the solicitation name or project name, the point of contact information at the applicable funding agency.

Another highlight of interest on this list--and there's a check sheet at the end, and this is all within the solicitation, so going through each one of these and determining what you need to submit will be really important. We do ask if you disclose, if you are designated as high-risk by any other federal grant-making agency, that that is disclosed with the application. Those are some of the main highlights of those. But use the checklist in your review prior to submitting your application. Look through each one of these and checkmark if they are required for you and if they are included. That'll be important as you go through the submitting process.

So now, you have an understanding of the intent, what forms that you'll need, and this is--this is a new application process, so for those who have previous awards through Office of Justice Programs, we have recently transitioned to JustGrants. We had a Grants Management System, so we went from GMS to JustGrants just in October, and there's certainly been some transitioning points to that, and this will be the first time that we're taking in solicitations through this process. So, I'm going to send you a lot of information on training and resources through JustGrants, who can help you every step of the way.

And this is it right here. So JustGrants our JustGrants operating system, there's tremendous amount of training materials posted on the application submission page, which I know is going to go up in the chat in a second. And I strongly recommend--give me a minute here. That you attend one of the remaining sessions on how to submit an application. There's one April 8th, and I know that that's--these are both coming up really quickly but April 8th and April 12th. There are also recordings of previous webinars, so if you cannot make either of these two on this slide, you can go to a previously recorded webinar that'll take you step-by-step on how to submit an application in JustGrants. And then this will take the steps for applying, how to find DOJ funding opportunities, additional DOJ funding opportunities, how to apply for funding using JustGrants, how JustGrants roles and their responsibilities and required actions, how to navigate and use JustGrants to submit, and ongoing training materials, job aids, and other resources. As you become selected and become one of our grantees, this will be your go-to source for all information, JustGrants. These sessions, the ones coming up, as well as the recorded webinar, is about 90 minutes, and the same content will be covered in each one, with time set aside questions and answers. So, the good thing, if you can register for the ones that are coming up, there's opportunities to ask live questions. But the registration is limited. So please, if you are interested and available, for those that are on screen now, register at your earliest.

So, as you're preparing to submit, please review the applicant submission checklist for all necessary steps to complete. This is a two-part process, which I'm going to get into in a moment.

And again, here are links to all of our JustGrants training and resources. I also recommend that you bookmark the JustGrants Training Page for updates and check that often, as we have updates on--if you've applied for other funding, or even this one, we've had some postponements, and whether we were releasing it, and our dates have changed from the beginning of when it was originally released. So, it's really important to kind of have that bookmarked and to go back and check early and often to see the solicitations that you're interested in, as well as updated training.

Okay. This is the two-part process. This is what's really different from what it was last year. So, we--you as applicants will submit the SF-424 and the SF-LLL, the lobbying forms, which I mentioned previously in Grants.gov at this website. In advance of that, you have to be registered in Grants.gov, so you'll need to obtain a Data Universal Numeric System, the DUNS number, and System of Award Management, a SAM registration or renewal. So that Grants.gov website, that's up there now, hopefully in the chat, yep, so fast, in the chat box now, that'll take you step by step on how you need to get registered, and the forms that you need to submit. Again, the 424 and the LLL, this is the first step of this process to get into the application process.

The second step is submitting the full application, including all of the attachments that we've just discussed in JustGrants, and that's at JustGrants.usdoj.gov. Now, to be considered timely, your application must be submitted by the application deadline using, again, Grants.gov, for those two forms. And you must have received a valid message from Grants.gov that you--your forms were in successful and timely. So, I've often--always, urge you to submit applications at least 72 hours in advance prior to the deadline just to allow time for you to receive a validation, or if something had happened, if there had been a glitch, or something was missing, if you receive a rejection notification from JustGrants, you can correct it and get that back in before that deadline for this solicitation. So, if you can bookmark and put on your calendars a couple days in advance to really make sure this process has started, this will give you a little wiggle room to fix any errors or any rejection notifications.

We do also have on the link in the very bottom the How to Apply section in OJP Grants Application Guide that can step by step through this.

And so that is, again, the--just to help your applicants to prepare and submit to OJP applications for funding. It is a lot of information. I know this at this point. It might be overload, but stick with us.

And this is a list of other important websites that I've mentioned in some of the parts of this presentation. It's also throughout the solicitation. They might be really helpful resources as you prepare your application. There's a link to my agency's office, the [Office for] Victims of Crime. We've mentioned throughout, and it's been put in the link several--in the chat

box several times the Grants Financial Guide, JustGrants, and Grants.gov, I would get on there today and really start looking at what you need to do in preparation just to submit your application, same with the Application Resource Guide. Our OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center, this is--will be for ongoing resources across a variety of victim service topics that can support you and your community. The Grant Performance Measure Reporting, as you're thinking about reporting--once you are funded, this will be another resource for you. And then our OJP Resource Center will help also in any part of the application process. So, I'll let that sink in, again, a tremendous amount of information. And these are all--these are all going to be available on this recorded website. If you want to copy and paste from the chat, I know my colleague is putting them in there, as I'm saying them, they're actually going up prior. So, if you want to copy, paste, this resource will be available also on the OVC website shortly. This recording will be.

Now, the--those are the websites. These are the direct phone numbers and emails for Grants.gov, JustGrants, and then any technical assistance with the program requirements. If you have questions that I don't address today, the Technical Assistance with program requirements may address that at OJP Response Center. So, as you're going through this and you're showing this out, and you have a question programmatically, you know, what did we mean by, you can contact them at any point via phone or via email to ask your programmatic-related question.

Full application questions. How do you submit the full applications? Those will go to JustGrants.

And then direct questions for the SF-424 and SF-LLL is Grants.gov. I'm going to leave this up, just for a quick second, because these really will be your lifelines in--on getting you to the deadline. These will be your phone a friend. And that's also in the chat, thank you.

So, these are the dates, these are really important dates. As I already mentioned, if you can attend the submitting an application session, I think we got the two coming up within the next week. They are recorded. You can still get on that JustGrants website and view the recording. Your SF-424 and your lobbying form must be in Grants.gov by April 16th. That date's coming up pretty quick. So maybe today, next couple days looking at Grants.gov, making sure you're registered, making sure you're in there in all ways that you need to be, so that you can get those two forms in by April 16th.

And then once that's done, the full application must be submitted to JustGrants on April 30th, 2021 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time. So those are the important dates that should be starred in your calendar.

And, again, I appreciate you taking the time, your interest in this program. I am so very excited about it. I'm happy to take any questions now. I know that I just gave you a tremendous amount of information and links and resources. Know that if you--there are questions that come up, you can go to the OJP Resource Center with any programmatic questions. Those will very likely be filtered to me. I'll be answering them anyhow, so don't feel in this moment that you have to ask all of your questions or that this is the only

opportunity to have your questions addressed. But I'm happy to pause and take any questions that you might want to put in the chat box.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: One…

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: April 30th…

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: I'm sorry, Cynthia.

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: I'm sorry?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: I just wanted to give one reminder to the attendees, to please submit the questions in Q&A and address them to all panelists, so that we do not miss any.

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: So, a couple questions on the April 30th is the closing date.

That is the truly the drop-dead date to get into JustGrants, April 30th, 2021 by 11:59 PM, that application has to be in JustGrants. So remember, the first step is getting the forms into Grants.gov.

And there are some formatting that I will be quite honest, there's a question about formatting for tables.

JustGrants has, for tables for the timelines, you can submit--there's a format in there. You can also include all tables and timelines as an attachment, and at this point it would be my recommendation.

Okay. My apologies, my Q&A box just disappeared and opened up.

Okay, the organizational chart is required and the question--There's a question in the chat box, "Is organizational chart required or is it okay to describe the roles rather than having a chart?"

Yes, we do require an organization chart and you can send them as an attachment that does not take away from the 15-page requirement.

Question in the chat box, "Does the project have to serve youth at risk or survivors of trafficking? Does the project have to only serve youth at risk or survivors of trafficking also have court involvement or they may serve individual identified as high risk--" sorry, my question box keeps disappearing on me. Okay. "So the focus is on high-risk survivors who are also high risk for penetration, the courts through child welfare and juvenile justice system."

No, they do not have that court involvement. This can be those who are at risk and who are at risk for penetration into courts through the child welfare system. Yes, this project

can serve both of those. So, to answer that those who have involvement or at risk through child welfare and the juvenile justice system.

"Are there any common mistakes or error applicants make?"

Really it's--the fact that you're here is great because this is kind of stepping you through. So the questions in the chat was "are there any common mistakes."

And it really is just following line by line everything that you are required to do on the solicitation. Most of the mistakes are those that cut people out at the basic minimum requirements, not following the guidelines, not filling out, so that is--and the intent of solicitation. If your program meets the original intent of what this legislation is providing, most of the common mistakes are just not following all the directions.

I do have a specific question about an applicant's ability. I'm going to respond to you directly. And for my colleagues, just making sure I didn't miss any questions as I'm scrolling through and my--it keeps shrinking. So just if I've missed any, please feel free just to ask them directly to me.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Hi, Cynthia, it's Mary Jo. I'm not sure which question you just responded to directly, but there is a question here about the 25% match. Would you like me to read that?

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Yes, please.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Are there any limitations to the type of in-kind services that are allowable for the 25% match/cost share?"

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Let me find that direct answer. No, there are no limitations other than the unallowable costs that are listed within the solicitation and those really are three primary that in-kind cannot be used to hold beds. And by that we mean grantees may not hold beds in a housing facility by charging across to the grant and keeping them empty until the victim needs a bed when other victims need access to the bed, as this may be considered an unallowable contingency payment. No cash or non-cash stipends or incentives may be paid to victims to encourage their participation and services. And applicants should not propose primary prevention activities under this program. So, this is to support victim service programs. So those matches, that would have to be under the same stipulation as the applicant the allowable and unallowable costs, so following that within your application and how you're going to budget that.

And I answered the participant who had a question about the--being a direct owner and whether they were--could be eligible to apply, I responded to directly.

So, I don't think I've missed any at this point. I'll give everyone a few more minutes. We do have a few more minutes left on this call.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: I don't believe you responded to this one, but I apologize if I'm incorrect. "Is there an--is the organizational chart required? It can take up a page or is it okay to describe roles than--rather than having a chart?"

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Yes. I did answer that.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Okay.

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: And you can--we do require the organizational chart. It can be submitted as a separate attachment so it won't take against the 15 pages limit.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And we did get another question that came in. "I have a meeting with the assembly woman." Oh, never mind. It was just a statement that they had to leave. I apologize.

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Well, I do appreciate the last comment. "'This has been wonderfully informative,' said this participant." So, thank you.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: That's great. That's the purpose, right? That is…

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: No, I hope so and it's a lot of information, there is a lot and that's why we really do appreciate people taking their time to go through this. Because this is not an easy process and that's why it is as competitive as it is.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Let me see.

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Alright, well I won't hold people. I'm happy to let--give everyone seven and a half minutes back to their day, if you would like to shut it down now.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Actually, one more came in. "Are there any resources that you can suggest for agencies or organizations that are newer to applying into OVC Grants?"

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Yes. So, get on our website. This was--so if you go directly to our website and put that in the chat as well as the OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center. So, they are funded by OVC and you'll see a lot of the support that they give to grantees as well as non-grantees. So, we fund the OVC Training and Technical--OVC TTAC is what we call it. And there's a tremendous amount of resources, whether you are a grantee or just serving in the field that I cannot speak more highly of. One of the resources is our Understanding Human Trafficking. It's a five-part module. It's free to the public. You can take it into your communities. It's a great education and awareness of human trafficking. And it is basically--it's a 101 to help educate communities and what they're seeing. But if you get on the site, and on OVC TTAC, you'll get a greater sense of what we fund, where our funding comes from, what we are seeking to do, our mission, it's all there, and I can pop that into the chat now. And you can look--also on our site, taking a look at--sorry, I can't multitask. You can look at previously fund--so you can go in and you can see where OVC funding. And there's currently open funding and then what we funded

in the past. So, you can take a look and see exactly who we funded, how much we funded, what those programs were. So, that'll give you a sense of those who have been successful applicants.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: I keep forgetting. I mute myself and then I forget. I'm not seeing anything else in the Q&A. I did move the slide. Oops. I don't have the--there is a slide with the important website resources that you mentioned. These slides will…

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Okay.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: …be posted within the next probably 24 hours. So, everybody will have access to the slides and you can access the URLs listed as well.

CYNTHIA PAPPAS: Okay. And the two I just mentioned just our direct--our direct site and then the OVC TTAC Center, I just put in chat. I just had to move my Q&A to chat box. There we go. That should be in there now, but you spend some time and it really is the resources that are available for you, for your communities in a variety of areas. Now my portfolio is human trafficking, but what this office does is it supports all victims of crime. There is just tremendous free resources outside of grants as well, and we want--we'd love to have more and we do have quite a bit of money, it's not--it can't go to everyone. There's only four sites we can fund through this, and one TTA provider, and we know what the need is in the field. So, take advantage of the free resources that we have and good luck to you all on your application process.