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MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to the OVC Fiscal Year 2021 Services for Minor Victims of Labor Trafficking webinar, hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime. At this time, I am going to turn the presentation over to today's panelist.

LINDSAY WALDROP: Hi, everybody. Thank you for that. Good morning, everybody. My name is Lindsay Waldrop. I'm a Grants Management Specialist on the Human Trafficking Division at the Office for Victims of Crime. I am presenting the information today, as I am the program manager who works on the OVC Services for Minor Victims of Labor Trafficking solicitation. These pre-application webinars are meant to give you information about what is in the solicitation and really break it down for you. It's not my most riveting presentation because we can't really go off of what is in the solicitation. However, I will do what I can to keep it lively. And there's a lot of information in this presentation. So, I'm going to move quickly through some slides and take my time on others. So, here we go into the information. Hold on just one second.

Okay. So, today we are going to--I'm going to quickly go over OVC's mission and just a little bit about OVC, break down specific sections of the application, highlighting a few points on each, talk a little bit about the application process, as that's different this year with JustGrants. And again, hopefully have time for question and answer.

So, about the Office for Victims of Crime. The OVC administers the Crime Victims Fund, which was financed by fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders, not from federal--not from taxpayer dollars. OVC then channels that money towards crime victim compensation and assistance through the United States. We also raise awareness about victims' issues. We promote compliance with victims' rights laws and provide training and technical assistance, publications, and products to victim assistance professionals. Through the Crime Victims Fund and other sources of funding, OVC's programs supports victims in tribal communities, state victim compensation, and assistance programs. We provide training and technical assistance and information. We support victims of human trafficking through a standalone division and we do national scope demonstration and service projects. We've been a primary recipient of Trafficking Victims Protection Act dollars since it was enacted in 2000. And we're currently the largest federal funder of Trafficking Victims Service Grants.

So, the timeline for this particular solicitation. The solicitation will close Friday, April 30th, 2021. We expect to award grants no later than September 30th, 2021. So, that's the latest you would hear if you were awarded the grant. And all projects' start will be on or sometime soon after October 1, 2021. So, a note is that if you are awarded, you cannot begin work until you have that approved budget if you do receive an award. However, the start date of all the awards would likely be October 1, 2021.

So, just a little bit about this program, we are helping to further the Department of Justice's mission by enhancing the field's response to victims of human trafficking. This particular program is looking to support services for minor trafficking--minor victims of labor trafficking.

The eligibility to apply is as follows and listed on the screen. It's quite a flexible category in the solicitation.

And the goal of the program is to develop, expand, or strengthen victim service programs for minor victims of labor trafficking, including programs that provide trauma-informed and developmentally appropriate services.

So, successful applicants will be able to demonstrate this goal with the following objectives in their application. They will be able to state that they are providing services or they will provide services met to the individualized needs of minor victims of labor trafficking; provide assistance or referrals to other essential services for minor victims of labor trafficking; collaborate with and train local partners to ensure minor victims of labor trafficking are identified and receive appropriate services; and collect data and participate in assessment activities to determine the program is meeting the goals of the--of the program.

And deliverables under this program include the services that you are actually providing through direct services, your quarterly performance measures data collection, and then semiannual progress reports and quarterly financial status reports. Any other deliverables that you're writing into your application are part of your own program design. These are the specific deliverables that are required through the program.

The solicitation notes a few unallowable costs. So, holding beds is an unallowable cost that's basically a non-service if you're holding a bed and it could be otherwise going to another victim of crime. Stipends/incentives to participate in service are not allowable. So, basically, for the lack of a better term, sort of, paying folks to participate in your--in your service is not okay. Giving services that lower the access for them to participate in your service, such as transportation or gift cards for child care, something of that nature, which helps them participate in services, those are allowable. But not just straight up cash to participate. And it's also unallowable just to include primary prevention activities. We are the Office for Victims of Crime and therefore, a crime needs to have occurred for there to be a victim. So, your training and outreach materials might end up leading to pre--to prevention awareness. However, they should really be focused on identification of victims and services that you offer.

And just to note about statutory language that applies to the awards, these are things you should be looking into into the solicitation and making sure that you understand them and how that applies to your program.

About this award, OVC is looking to make three awards. And the maximum dollar amount for each award is shown on the screen [\$665,000]. Just to note, OVC in some

cases might provide an additional funding in future years to awards made through this solicitation through continuation--through continuation awards. OJP will, among other factors, look at OJP strategic priorities, the recipients' overall management of the award, and progress of award funded work, which may help in looking at continuation award decisions.

So, this type of award is a grant. So, there are different types of awards. Sometimes we all call them grants but there are cooperative agreements, which OVC used to issue a lot of. These are grants. They require the same amount of reporting and document retention on your end that a cooperative agreement would. But with a grant, there's less oversight from OVC. So, if you want more information about that, please look at the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide so you can understand the differences between those two.

So, now I'm going to talk a little bit about the application and submission information.

So, applications must include the following, a proposal abstract, proposal narrative, and a budget worksheet which includes your budget narrative. These must be included for your application to even make it to peer review.

So, a proposal abstract should be no more than 400 words, summarizing the proposed project including primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project. And that will all be completed in the JustGrants web-based form, which is, again, different than how it has been in the past.

Proposal narrative format. Please, please make sure you adhere to these proposal narrative format requirements. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with the length related restrictions, and here it says it should not exceed 25 pages, OVC may consider noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions. And just to note, I've seen in the past, that is--the 25 pages is for the narrative. Your entire package can go above 25 pages. When we're talking about 25 pages here, it's specific to the proposal narrative.

And then in your proposal narrative, you should include the statement of the project, your project design and how you will be implementing the project, the capabilities and competencies of your organization and the staff to implement the program, and your plan for collecting the data required for this solicitation's performance metrics.

So, your statement of the problem should identify the nature and scope of the problem that your program seeks to address, and that is serving victims--minor victims of labor trafficking. Please describe previous or current attempts to address the problem, including documentation of labor trafficking victims served in previous years. This point here on the screen, number two, there is a small typo in the solicitation. We ideally would like you to be submitting the most current data. So, that would be 2019 and 2020. However, we will accept 2018 and '19 because it's a typo in our solicitation or if you've already applied, etc. But ideally, we would like 2020 data. You should be describing the

communities that you are serving and the geographic--the current efforts to serve victims in that geographic area. So, what else is going on currently in that region?

So, in talking about your design and implementation, you should be including the goals, objectives, and activities that are aligned with your solicitation. So, here, there's a few tips about being concise and clear, making sure that your information is consistent and making sure that your goals are SMART, specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound.

For capabilities and competencies, you must demonstrate your institutional experience and your organization's experience to effectively implement the requirements of the solicitation, demonstrate a history of providing services on behalf of children and youth, and especially noting things like a capacity to address the legal needs of minors. Identify the key individuals and organizations that will be involved, so any of your subpartners that you may have. And demonstrate that the individuals and organizations have the capacity to serve labor trafficking victims. So, there's one element about minors and youth and another specific to labor trafficking and how you'll successfully implement the proposed activities tailored for victims of labor trafficking.

More capabilities and competencies. Please describe the specific role and responsibilities of your project partners and key staff. Key staff are those people that you should really be, sort of, detailing why they were specifically chosen because they have a strong resume in order to be implementing the program. Please demonstrate that project staff have appropriate training and expertise to be implementing the program. Demonstrate the capacity and expertise of the lead applicant and all partners and, sort of, why they have been chosen to serve minor victims of labor trafficking. Make sure we are--or there is someone who is really designated for implementing the activities, and that your applicant's experience--you can show experience managing federal grants that support crime victims.

Your plan for collecting data, please include information that details who will be collecting the data, how it will be collected, if you are using additional performance metrics outside of what is required, and what sort of data sources are you using to make sure you're maintaining that data.

The budget worksheet and narrative, this is now a web-based form in JustGrants. So, applicants will need to complete the JustGrants web-based form. And you're going to be breaking out your budget cost by year, reflecting a 36-month total project activity. Applicants can see the budget preparation and submission information section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for details on budget and, sort of, how to document everything. This includes information on proposed subawards, proposed procurement contracts under the awards, and pre-agreement costs. So, for questions pertaining to the budget and examples of allowable and unallowable costs, visit the DOJ [Grants] Financial Guide and we can, I think, drop that link into the chat. Or it's Googleable as well.

And so, the screen here, now lists documents that also should be included, as mentioned in the application checklist at the end of your solicitation. So, please use the checklist prior to submitting your application to make sure that you have all of the documents included.

Excuse me. So, the SF-424 is a required standard form used as a coversheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and other grant-related information. So, JustGrants takes information from the applicant's profile to populate the fields on the SF-424. An applicant with a current active award must ensure that your SF-424 form is correct. If your profile is not current, an applicant should submit a GAM in JustGrants updating the information, prior to applying. So, a couple really important points to make sure that things go smoothly if you were to be funded, please make sure that the amount of federal funding requested on your SF-424 matches the total amount of federal funding requested in your preliminary budget, that's a big one. Please make sure that the individual identified as the Authorized Representative on the form is someone who has the authority to accept the federal award and all of its obligations on behalf of either your organization or your tribe. First time applicants should attach official legal documents to their application, such as Articles of Incorporation or their 501(c)(3) status documentation to confirm your legal name, your address, and your employee identification number, so that we can look at those and match them to your SF-424. And as a reminder for current OJP grantees, if your tribe or organization has had a change in your legal name or mailing address since you last received an award, please submit a GAM as soon as possible, really, so that OJP is aware of these changes, and because it can really create a snafu in the receipt of new applications. Finally, all applicants please make sure to enter a DUNS number also on your SF-424.

There's also a lobbying form, all applicants must disclose the existence or non-existence of lobbying activities by completing and submitting form SF-LLL. To download the disclosure for lobbying activities, please visit the link here on your screen.

[\[https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Disclosure.pdf\]](https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Disclosure.pdf)

Disclosure of pending activities, applicants that have pending applications or active awards as described above on your screen are to provide the following information about applications submitted within the last 12 months that are still pending or active awards that are ongoing. You should provide the federal or state funding agency name, the solicitation name or project, and the point of contact at the applicable funding agency.

And applicants are also asked to submit a disclosure of high-risk status. Applicants are required to disclose whether they are currently designated as high risk by any federal grant-making agency in order for appropriate federal oversight of the award. This disclosure should include information about any status requiring additional oversight by a federal agency due to past problematic or financial concerns. If an applicant is designated as high-risk by a federal grant-making agency, then the application must include the following information in its application: the name and contact information of

the designating agency, the date of designation of high risk, and the reason you were designated high risk.

All right, moving into the application process.

Additional session information and application submission training materials are posted on the JustGrants training application submission page. They've got some tutorials that you can use that support this new process. Applicants should consider attending one of the two remaining sessions that are available to tell you more about submitting applications in JustGrants. The first session is tomorrow, April 8th, and the second is April 12th. And the recording of the previous webinars are--is already available on the JustGrants webpage.

So, to provide targeted assistance to applicants applying for DOJ's funding opportunities, JustGrants team is offering webinar sessions about the application submission process. So, we just talked about that. But on these calls, they will go over the following; steps to take prior to applying, how to find various solicitations on JustGrants, how to navigate JustGrants to submit your application, and where to find materials, job aids, etc. And my understanding is I think each session lasts approximately about 90 minutes.

And so, at the end of each application, there is a submission checklist. Again, it just helps you make sure that you are--you are dotting all your i's and you have all your t's crossed so that you are submitting everything you should.

JustGrants has training and resource information on their website, so please look for all of those because this is a slightly new process than in the past.

And this year with a big new red sticker, we're going to talk about submission information and how to submit your grant application. In FY 2021, applications will be submitted to DOJ in a new two-step process. So, applicants will submit an SF-424 and your SF-LLL in Grants.gov. To register in Grants.gov, applicants will need to make sure they've obtained a DUNS number and a SAM registration or renewal. Please make sure you do those as early as possible to avoid any snafus.

Step two, applicants will submit the full application including all of the attachments in JustGrants. To be considered timely, an application must be submitted by the application deadline using Grants.gov and the applicant must receive a validation message from Grants.gov that indicates successful and timely submission. OVC--We urge you to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date and to make sure that you received your validation message and that there are no errors. So, we also encourage you to look at all of the How to Apply information on the JustGrants website.

So, this again, kind of, just is a step-by-step on how to apply in Grants.gov. So, I'm going to just leave that there as a resource for you.

And then again, the full application, step two goes into JustGrants. And again, this is a new process so I'm anticipating there might be some questions about this at the end.

Okay. OJP Grants Application Resource Guide. The solicitation incorporates the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants for the preparation and submission to OJP of applications for funding. If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in the solicitation, as to that provision. And you can go find the resource guide at this link. [<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide>]

So, this is just a list of important web resources and their referenced throughout the solicitation. They may help you prepare, if you need any information or background for your application.

This is a list of contact information that will be important to you as you prepare your application. First, is Grants.gov, which is available to provide technical assistance when you're submitting your SF-424 and your SF-LLL. The next is the JustGrants, which is available to provide training and technical assistance on submitting your full application. So, you can reach them by phone or by email. Finally, is the OJP Resource Center, which is available to provide technical assistance if you have programmatic questions on requirements in the solicitation or your program design.

So, just a few important dates to remind you of, applicants should consider attending one of the two trainings. These last two are coming up as we mentioned. Submit part one by the deadline of the solicitation, which says April 16th. And submit the full application by April 30th.

And now it's time for question and answer. I breezed through that much faster than I thought I would.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Hi, thank you, Lindsay. At this time, we only have one question. So, if anybody, while you have Lindsay's availability here, please submit any types of questions that you may have based on what she went over. Just as a reminder, we do ask that you submit your questions to the Q&A box and then select all panelists to make sure that it does not get overlooked.

And I think people are taking my suggestion because we got another question.

So, the first one is, "can the minors that qualify for this funding be living with parents? We don't take in minors by themselves..." Sorry, I just lost my place. "...We don't take minors in by themselves. We take in families and the children with them, have been trafficked for labor."

LINDSAY WALDROP: So, in that scenario, yes. I mean, they certainly don't need to be living with you to receive service or, you know, staying with you to receive services. In this case, your primary client would be the child under this award. And you can serve potential victims of human trafficking, those children that you believe are a victim of labor trafficking, before you've really verified that, you don't need some sort of admission from the youth themselves. Your trained staff should be able to identify that this is a potential victim. If you have identified that they are a victim of trafficking, under the solicitation, they need to have been trafficked as a minor, but you can continue to serve them into adulthood. You can also serve their support, caregivers, family members, etc. Yes. But the primary client would be the child.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Do we need to address how we are going to cover all the services listed at the end of the RFP?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: Yes, you do. Often, it's, sort of, listed there under other and I think we used to have a chart of services where you can, sort of, say who would be delivering each one. Would you be delivering that service in-house or would you be covering it through a referred partner? So, I don't think we need a ton of detail about how each service is delivered by each partner, but we need to know those services are accounted for in some way.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Where can we find OVC's definition of labor trafficking?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: OVC uses the federal definition of labor trafficking, per the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: This next one, I am--I'm going to read it as it is. "We prefer to submit within 72 hours of deadline but 30 at 11:59 p.m., is deadline." So, I'm not sure what they're asking. Yes, April 30th. Go ahead.

LINDSAY WALDROP: Yes, April, yeah, that's what I think, too. Yeah, April 30th at 11:59, you know, that is definitely the deadline. But we're just encouraging you to do it in advance. Sometimes saying, you know, "oh, my computer didn't work," that's very rarely accepted as some sort of an issue. So, we want you to get it in early, just so you're not having any technical issues.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And I guess as a follow-up to that, too, Lindsay, they do need to make sure that everything is into Grants.gov by April 16th at 11:59, otherwise, they will not be able to submit into JustGrants.

LINDSAY WALDROP: That's right. Yes, so it's the new two-step process. Yes.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Are you funding new organizations in this solicitation?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: We do fund new organizations. I think it would be important as just really demonstrating your capability to administer a federal grant, to maintain that record retention, and implement the award.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Do these grants apply to international programs?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: The trafficking needs to be focused here on the United States and victims here in the United States.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: This question is about "the webinar being available on the OVC website." So I'll actually take it.

We will be posting the PowerPoint presentation and a transcript of the webinar. The PowerPoints will be posted before the end of the week, so most likely tomorrow. And then, I estimate that the transcript will be available probably by Monday. And it will be added to the OVC website.

"If we do not need to address all the services and we need to refer some to other organizations, do we need a letter of support from that organization to which we are referring?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: It makes you much more credible and competitive, yes, to know that your, you know, your dental isn't TBD. It makes it much more competitive under peer review to say that you've already figured all of this out in advance. Yes.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Are applicants required to submit crime data to OVW and/or victims comp board? If services are being offered, why are not services--why are not services not being connected to the victims comp board?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: Can you restate the question and why there was a reference to OVW?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Yeah.

LINDSAY WALDROP: I'm a little confused about that part. It's throwing me off.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Are applicants required..."

LINDSAY WALDROP: So, but one...

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: I'm sorry. Do you want...

LINDSAY WALDROP: Okay.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: ...me to read it again?

LINDSAY WALDROP: What I would say, is this is a discretionary funding. So while OVC implements the Crime Victims Fund, that money goes to the state and then OVC doesn't really--we don't have any role in who they fund. This is through discretionary funding through the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, so it's different lines of funding. And so, while states might be giving services and connecting that to the victims comp board through their crime victims funding, our other discretionary TVPA funding isn't connected to that. I don't know if that's helpful or the right answer, you know, if I can help more...

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Thank you.

LINDSAY WALDROP: And yeah, I'd love to find other ways to make sure that VOCA funds and TVPA funds are talking to each other kindly in the state. But... Sorry if I didn't answer that correctly.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "With the other open solicitations, we've seen the requirements of one mandatory orientation meeting, but with this one attendance to annual OVC meeting, is that correct?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: Yes, you know, different grant monitors write them differently. I don't think I did include, like, a mandatory training, just the annual meeting. You might be talking about the housing one that has an annual training--or a required training.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Give me a second. "To confirm, services can be provided under this grant to an adult, who were labor trafficked as minors, as well as victims who are currently minors?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: They have to--under this program, they have to start in your program as a minor. So, you cannot serve somebody who is 30 but was labor trafficked. You can serve them through other OVC funding sources. Our Comprehensive Victims Services is where you would serve them. This program is distinct because they are a minor entering your program, but you can continue to serve them into adulthood filling that transition gap.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Is the resume of the point person for the grant program required or accepted to show how we are able to manage the grant?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: Absolutely, I would include those as attachments.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And then I--I'm going to--this is follow-up to the victim comp board question and I think you answered it, but I'm going to read it again. "Are applicants required to collaborate with the victim comp board?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: No. There's no requirement. I think discretionary work is a great way to meet your victim comp board and show them all the work you're doing, and see

how future collaboration can happen at your state level, but there is no requirement for this solicitation.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Do you consider 18 minor or is it age 17, 11 months, and 29 days considered minor?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: Yes, unfortunately, we're going by the under 18 as a minor. So, again--so to enroll them in this program, they need to be under 18, but they can continue to get services well beyond that age.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Clarification to the meeting question. "Are annual meetings then also required in addition to mandatory orientation?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: There's--yeah, there's usually, like, a mandatory orientation webinar, it's not in-person. Usually, we have, in the past, had in-person annual meetings. It's probably not in-person this year. And yes, both are required. One is just to help you totally understand once you get your award what all--what is expected of you next, when is your funds coming. They're all in your best interest, and the orientation doesn't take much time.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So, that--yeah, we have one more question in Q&A. If you are submitting questions through chat, please resubmit them into the Q&A.

"I want to confirm that we can provide funding under this grant, if the minor who was enrolled in our program was trafficked outside the U.S., in home country en route--or en route, because they fit the definition of TVPA?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: Yes. It doesn't matter where the trafficking occurred, but the minor should be here in your region in the United States. But it doesn't matter to us where the trafficking occurred. No. So, yeah.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: On...

LINDSAY WALDROP: Just to be clear, you can serve them.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "On application for SF-424, what is the applicant identifier, federal identifier?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: I believe that's the DUNS number.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. That is the last question that we have in Q&A. And I'm going to scroll through the chat. But if you can resubmit any questions to Q&A, if they have not been addressed. I actually think we've addressed all the questions. I think everything has been moved over from chat to Q&A and then I'm going to go back right now and check the Q&A to see if I've missed anything new that may have come in.

Tammy, they would like us to repost the JustGrants link for the training, if you could do that in chat, please. And...

LINDSAY WALDROP: I see a question that says, "Are people available for questions? Where do we send them when they want questions?"

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Right now or...

LINDSAY WALDROP: I think it's...

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: ...afterwards?

LINDSAY WALDROP: I think after, the programmatic questions.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So, any programmatic questions that you may have after today's webinar can be sent to the OJP Response Center and you can email them at grants@ncjrs.gov. You could also call them at 800-851-3420.

And technical assistance with JustGrants can be submitted at justgrants.support@usdoj.gov. Their telephone number is 833-872-5175.

And then last but not least, any technical difficulties that you may have with Grants.gov, you can email them at support@grants.gov or call them at 800-518-4726.

Some, couple other questions. It is--boxes, I think they're talking about--I think this question is going back to the 424. "It's requested in three boxes, federal award identifier, applicant identifier, all DUNS numbers."

LINDSAY WALDROP: Can you say that again? Sorry, I'm--I didn't hear you.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So the...

LINDSAY WALDROP: Or didn't quite get it.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: ...initial--that's okay. The initial question that was asked about the SF-424 and what the applicant identifier and federal identifier is. The follow-up, "it is requested in three boxes, federal award identifier, applicant identifier, all DUNS number." I'm not really able to understand exactly what they're asking.

LINDSAY WALDROP: Yeah, I've sometimes gotten this question in the past. I think when you go and you're in Grants.gov, I think you get an identifier there or they tell you which number to use if it's not your DUNS number. And you can follow up and send us an email if I'm not giving you the correct the answer. But I've--I think I've gotten questions about this before and it gets answered as you go through the process.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And I think that perhaps they can also submit that question either to the OJP Response Center or Grants.gov and get a better answer.

"I believe..."

LINDSAY WALDROP: Yeah.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "...this was covered via an earlier slide, but I wanted to confirm the goals and deliverable piece of the RFA as it's a new requirement in JustGrants. At minimum, the requirement is that deliverables include reports and that the objectives should just mirror those of the solicitation."

LINDSAY WALDROP: Yeah. I mean, it--your deliverables are providing services and then making sure you're reporting on that. At minimum, yes.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Extended foster care youth labor trafficked child, the age is extended from 18 to 21 or even 24, do you go assist extended youth of labor traffic--trafficking?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: I think you're asking a definition per foster care, I guess is--I'm not quite sure what their question is. Again, we--you can enroll them in your program under 18 and then serve them until they no longer need services. So, you can--your organization should, sort of, set the parameter about how long an individual may need services. But that is on your award and your organization. I don't know if that answered the question.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. "Are MOUs required or will letters of support be sufficient to meet the scoring criteria?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: If you are exchanging money with someone, MOUs are really what's needed and if you don't have that MOU, it just might be an extra condition on your award and it might hold up you getting funding. So, if it is an organization that you may be referring to and you already have a working basis, or relationship of referrals, in working with them, a letter of support is great. But if grant funds are going to them, ultimately, you will need an MOU and it is more compet--you know, it's more solid if you have it in advance, but it is understood sometimes if you're not able to get it in advance. And in that case, a letter saying that one is coming would be great.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Are we allowed to apply for more than one solicitation at a time?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: You are but that takes us back to your disclosure of pending applications. So, you would need to just note, "Hey, I've, you know, I've also applied for these other OVC human trafficking solicitations. And should we be awarded more than one..." Or, you know, we--you would either say these two applications are very distinct and different and there's no overlap at all, no concerns, or you'd say, "Should we be

awarded both of these, we will amend and edit them so that there is no duplicative services or costs."

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Previous RFPs for anti-trafficking from OVC have specified budget caps and ceilings for evaluation, travel, etc. Can you confirm that those have been lifted and are not required for this RFP budget?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: Ooh, that's a great question! We have statutory caps that we really aren't allowed to go too far and, like, folks aren't allowed to spend too much on evaluation, but we didn't put that in there. So, it's a really great point and I hope you will follow up so I can give to you a written answer why it's not in there. But I would imagine the same general limits apply and that's due to the statutory restrictions of the TVPA funding.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. And that was the last question in the Q&A. I'm going to do a quick look at chat just to see if there's anything there that we may have missed. And this looks like all of them. I'm not seeing any other questions that come in. I can give people a few more seconds or a minute. Lindsay, if you want to--let's just see here.

Switch over to perhaps slide 41 that lists some of the URLs for the important web resources. These URLs were also added to the chat, but just to draw your attention back to slide 41, when we do post the PowerPoints, you'll have access to all this information that you might find helpful as you move forward.

LINDSAY WALDROP: And I would just add in, I think I--you know, I'm used to data--application submission in the past, and that we said 72 hours, put it in early just in case of any technical issues. But those of you who are existing grantees, you've all been introduced to JustGrants. Those of you who do not currently have an application or an award with OVC, we have a new system, it's called JustGrants and it's brand new. And because of that, really get your stuff in early just to avoid any confusion. I would just really want to stress that.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And let me just see if anything else came in. And that looks it, that is it. That is the last of the questions.

LINDSAY WALDROP: Well, I want to thank everyone, if that's okay. But yeah, I want to thank everyone for their time today. It's a great program. I'm really just so proud to be part of it and really thank you guys for your time today to learn more about it and encourage everyone to apply. Thank you. You have more last words, Mary Jo?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Actually, let me see here. Another question came in but I believe this one was already addressed. It was about the fostered youth. It's--we did address one, correct, about extended foster youth, Lindsay?

LINDSAY WALDROP: I'm reading the question. "How concerned [INDISTINCT]..."

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Oh, I'm sorry.

LINDSAY WALDROP: "...is the grant to extend--how can the age of 18 change to at least 21?"

Yeah, most youth in foster care are--I just know this year--I mean, I think that's great feedback and something we could look at in the future. This year, we defined minor by 18, but--or, you know, so again--or 18 and under 18. So I think that's great feedback to the future. Please send me an email. Let me know more about that or send us an email and it'll get passed onto me about those dynamics. We're always--you know, we're here in DC making the grants, but we're not on the ground. So, if you have suggestions on how to improve the program, we are always about--open to hear them. But once it's out there and the solicitation is out there for the year, so.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: This last question came in and it's more about registration. "So, should we register in the system even if we are not applying for this opportunity?"

LINDSAY WALDROP: I mean, if you plan to apply for a federal grant, you should probably register in the Grants.gov. I wouldn't worry about JustGrants until you are applying for a grant with OJP.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And that would be our last question. So, Lindsay, I think that is it. We can wrap this up.

LINDSAY WALDROP: All right. Thank you so much, everyone. I really appreciate it.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And that will conclude today's webinar.