

DARYL FOX: Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to today's webinar, "Field-Generated Strategies to Address the Criminalization of Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking," hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime.

At this time, it's my pleasure to introduce Cindy Erich, Senior Policy Advisor with the Office for Victims of Crime with some welcoming remarks and to begin the presentation. Cindy?

CYNTHIA ERICH: Thank you, Daryl. I hope you can hear me okay and good morning or good afternoon whenever you're calling in or from where you are calling in. Again, my name is Cindy Erich. I am a Senior Policy Advisor with the Office for Victims of Crime. I've been with the Department of Justice almost 18 years now, within the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and then I had the honor to join the Office for Victims of Crime in June 2020 when the Office of Justice Programs consolidated the law enforcement, juvenile justice and victims services human trafficking initiatives into a new Human Trafficking Division housed within OVC. And I'm honored not only to spend the time with you this afternoon to talk about this solicitation and this opportunity, but I also will be the program manager for awards made under this solicitation, which is the OVC FY 22 Field-Generated Strategy to Address the Criminalization of Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking. While not our shortest title, it is one that I am very much excited about.

Today, we're going to--I'm going to provide a little bit of background information about our agency. I'm going to walk through the requirements of this--of the solicitation. I'm going to briefly discuss the application process and then address any questions that you might have. At the end of the presentation, Daryl will ask that you please do put those into the Q&A section in the chat function. I'm sorry, in the--in the Q&A section within the webinar system. It will also be helpful if you follow along with the solicitation, if you have that printed out or opened on your computers, taking notes to help when you are submitting your application by the deadline, which I'm going to mention the deadlines often throughout this presentation because it is vitally important that you meet those in order to get your work submitted in time.

So a little bit about our office, the Office for Victims of Crime is one of six components within the Office of Justice Programs here at the Department of Justice. And our mission is to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. We administer the Crime Victim--Crime Victims Fund, which is financed by fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders and not from tax dollars. And through the Crime Victims Fund, OVC programs support 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 then national scope demonstration and service projects.

So before we do a deep dive into the solicitation, please, please, please do mark your calendars with these dates. This is a two-step process, which I'll get into in a moment.

But the Grants.gov deadline for this solicitation is Thursday, June 16th. And the JustGrants deadline is Thursday, June 23rd. We expect to make awards by September 30th. And then all awards will begin--All funded awards will begin October 1st, 2022. And these are all 36 months in length.

This is a competitive, and I anticipate it will be a highly competitive solicitation. And here's a list of entities who are eligible to apply. And you'll see it is quite inclusive. Please reference the solicitation for more information on eligible applicants for both Program Area 1 and Program Area 2.

We will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award. However, only one entity may be the applicant. Others must be proposed as subrecipients or subgrantees. And the applicant must be the entity that would have the primary responsibility for carrying out the award including administering the funding and managing the entire program.

To support our mission, the OVC Human Trafficking Division has developed this solicitation in hopes to end the criminalization of minor victims of sex trafficking and to develop, expand, or strengthen victim service programs to support victim-centered, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and evidence-based responses to minor victims of sex trafficking.

As I mentioned, there are two categories under this solicitation. So please do make--do make sure when you are applying that you are applying to the appropriate competition ID. So the first one is Purpose Area 1, and this will be our field-generated program sites. We will be making up to nine awards at--up to \$1 million each for a period of 6--36 months, 3 years. Program Area 2 will be one award up to \$1 million to provide funding for a training and technical assistance provider, also a 36-month, 3-year time period.

So I'm going to take some time and go through Purpose Area 1 first. The purpose of this category is to fund solutions and models that meet the unique needs of your community through the development or expansion of victim-centered, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, evidence-based responses to minor victims of sex trafficking. We strongly encourage applicants to propose a community-based approach working across multiple sectors.

The focus of this work can include but is not limited to community-based interventions, emergency interventions, long-term interventions and cross-sector training. And within the solicitation, there's examples of what we would mean by the focus of those work areas. All services and activities proposed must be aligned with the goal of this solicitation of providing alternatives to the criminalization of minor victims of sex trafficking. Partnerships that incorporate a holistic community approach are strongly encouraged. Please do note that OVC funding under this funding award cannot be used at efforts aimed at primary prevention activities. Additionally, this program will not support investigations and prosecutions--law enforcement investigations and prosecutions.

Funded programs will be required to submit your policies and procedures for review and approval by OVC and our human trafficking training and technical assistance providers. You will be required to ensure that your policies and procedures follow your applicable federal and state laws protecting the civil rights of program participants and staff. You will be required to ensure that all personnel are adequately licensed and trained to work with such victims. You'll be required to attend the OVC grantee orientation, whether that's in-person or virtual. At this time, we're not certain. And then to participate in OVC-sponsored training and technical assistance throughout the life of the award. And then to provide all grant-funded staff annual training on diversity, equity, inclusion, and/or accessibility, and tie those trainings to the program goals and objectives annually.

Objective under Purpose Area 1 is to provide direct services; to collaborate with your local partners; to provide the most appropriate victim services--victim services to these minors; to collaborate with local and state partners in the development of policies, protocols, and standards to change the practice of arrests, detention, and confinement on prostitution charges or other offenses related to these victims' exploitation; and to provide other essential services for minor victims of sex trafficking, either directly or through referrals. We will ask that you collect data and participate in assessment activities to determine if the program is meeting your stated goals and objectives. And then finally, participate in the annual peer-to-peer learning opportunity hosted by the OVC-funded training and technical assistance provider under Purpose Area 2.

The deliverables to be provided are services through these clients, measured by types of service, number of new and continuing victims served, and other key data points. All applicants will be asked to produce a final summary report of the project describing your project activities, the lessons that you've learned, and where applicable, an assessment of the project's impact or implementation efforts.

Now on to category two, we will fund one training and technical assistance provider to create training and resources about alternatives to the arrest, detention, and confinement of minors identified as victims of sex trafficking. The funded provider will be required to educate stakeholders and the public about the collateral consequences and harmful impact of this practice and will identify and disseminate promising practices and strategies to help communities eliminate the practice of arresting or detaining minors as a result of their exploitation. The TTA provider will also collectively support the program sites to help them engage in peer-to-peer learning opportunities and to learn about program and policy implementation and its challenges and successes. We do see these program sites as a cohort where they'll be gathering of--with the support of a TTA provider to learn lessons, to share experiences, and to learn from one another.

Applicants selected and funded under Purpose--The applicant selected for funding under Purpose Area 2 will be required to collaborate with our other OVC human trafficking TTA providers. There is a strong network of TTA providers here at OVC. We want to make sure that we're preventing duplication and strengthening the accessibility of training and resources across our human trafficking-focused grantees. You'll be

required to modify program implementation or deliverables, as requested by OVC in the event we need to meet emerging needs to deconflict with other federally funded initiatives, or to enhance efforts jointly delivered by TTA. You'll be required to provide all grant-funded staff at least one session of training related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and/or accessibility and tie those to program goals and objectives annually. And last but not least, but to develop and disseminate tools and resources specifically for law enforcement, in consultation with the OVC-funded TTA providers that support the OVC-funded Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking. This is our ECM program, as well as our other anti-trafficking law enforcement and prosecution efforts. The work that comes out of this initiative, out of this solicitation to provide those tools and resources specifically for law enforcement to stop the criminalization of minor victims of sex trafficking.

The objectives, again, under Purpose Area 2 are education. Education, anti--Educating anti-trafficking stakeholders and the public about alternatives to the arrest, detention, and confinement of minors identified as sex trafficking victims, to educate on the harmful impacts of this practice and to provide promising practices and strategies to help communities eliminate this harmful practice. To assist in expanding the skills of staff at the program sites funded under Purpose Area 1 to end the criminalization of minor victims of sex trafficking. To implement training and technical assistance that supports best practices, enhanced collaboration, and to generate improved outcomes for the selected program sites. You'll be required to host an annual meeting for the Purpose Area 1 grantees. Again, this may be virtual or in-person; to include peer-to-peer learning across multiple system stakeholders; and to develop and disseminate best practices at the national level regarding strategies to address the criminalization of minor victims of sex trafficking and all lessons learned from this project.

Your deliverables, as the TTA provider, may include the type and quantity of training, the resources and tools developed, any webinars or presentations that you produced, and/or other deliverables that may be produced by the award end date that will assist in the delivery of an innovative training and technical assistance approach. This could be curriculum, written or video--written, video--written media products or videos disseminated throughout the Nation. All successful applicants must produce a final summary report of the project describing project activities, lessons learned, and where applicable, an assessment of the project impact to include any pilot or implementation efforts.

This year, across many of our awards, the Office of Justice Programs is focusing on two priority areas as we are committed to advancing the work to promote civil rights and racial equity, to increase access to justice, to support crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, to strengthen community safety and protect the public from crime and evolving threats and to build trust between law enforcement and the community. So applicants under this and our other awards, other funding solicitations, may request priority considerations under two priority areas. Priority 1A gives priority consideration to all applications that include projects that will promote racial equity and remove the barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been

historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality when making our award decisions. To receive this consideration, please describe how your project--proposed project will address potential inequities and barriers to equal opportunity, and/or contribute to greater access to services for underserved and historically marginalized populations. Under Priority 1B, we will give priority consideration for--to applicants that can demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed projects are enhanced because of the applicant, which means at least one proposal--or at least one proposed subrecipient that will really receive at least 30 percent of the requested award funding is identified as a culturally specific organization. Again, to receive this additional priority consideration, applicants must describe how being a culturally specific organization or funding the culturally specific subrecipient organization will enhance their ability to implement the proposed project and should also specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed projects.

Again, there's greater information in the solicitation on exactly how to write to these priority areas and what we are seeking, and where we are--where we are seeking this information within your narrative. So please do look at this solicitation closely. And also note, like this is--this is one of the many factors that OJP considers in making our funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas is not a guarantee of an award.

So Purpose Area 1 awards will be made as grants, which means this is a legal instrument of financial assistance. The awarding agency maintains oversight and monitoring role, and there's not substantial involvement from the program managers with the awarding agency. And for much more information and definitions of the difference between a grant and a cooperative agreement, you can see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#), which is linked in the solicitation multiple times.

Purpose Area 2 will be made as a cooperative agreement, which means that there will be substantial involvement between OJP, OVC, and the grantee during the performance period. The awarding agency, OVC, closely participates in the performance of the program through Purpose Area 2.

Okay. So now that's--hopefully, there's a little better understanding about the intent of the program. Let's jump right into the application process, which can take some time, which I'm glad that you are all on a call for today, because you are getting ahead of the process.

Applications must meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review. So to meet the basic minimum requirements, you will need to include a Proposal Abstract, a Proposal Narrative, Budget Worksheet--Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative, and Letters of Support, Intent, or MOUs from your project partners. So these--if these things are not included, they will not be moved on to peer review and considerate--and be considered for funding.

So give brief overviews of what each of these sections should include. The Proposal Abstract should not be more than 400 words, a brief summary of the proposed project including primary activities, your products and deliverables to service area and who will benefit from the proposed project. This will be completed in a JustGrants web-based form.

The Proposal Narrative should be double spaced, not should--The Proposal Narrative must be double spaced. Use a 12-point standard font, Times New Roman is preferred. Have no less than 1-inch margins and not to exceed 20 pages. And pages should be numbered throughout and be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. It sounds quite picky but it is important to adhere the proposal narrative format requirements. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, we may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision. So please do adhere to those.

Within the Proposal Narrative, there are four sections that should be addressed, which I'm going to cover in the next few slides.

First is the statement of the problem. Tell us specifically what is the nature and scope of the problem within your targeted geographic area. Describe what current or previous attempts to address the problems, who are the stakeholders that you've been working with, what are the challenges that you have found to successful implementation. Again, including the specific target location area that you're serving, and any groups that are vulnerable to human trafficking. Describe the current efforts, addressing the needs of trafficking survivors to include programs funded through the OVC, and any other funding awards from the Department of Health and Human Services. If you recently have received funding from the Office on Victims--Violence Against Women or victims of--or the VOCA state victims assistance funds, please explain how the proposed project is not duplicative and targets identified gaps.

Purpose Area 2 applicants, so this was--those of you who are applying for the--to be the training and technical assistance provider, please also describe your understanding of the problem to be addressed including relevant equity considerations and challenges to reaching underserved communities. All applicants should identify existing quantitative and qualitative data that supports your specific statement of problem.

In the Project Design and Implementation section, please detail how the project will operate throughout the funding period, and the strategies that you will use to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the statement of the problem. Please submit a realistic timeline or milestone chart that indicates major tasks associated with the goals and objectives of the project. Assign responsibility for each and plot completion of each task by either month or quarter for the duration of the award, which is 36 months. If you're seeking priority consideration for Priority 1A, address it in this section. So this is in the Project Design and Implementation section on how your project will promote racial equity and/or the removal of barriers to access an opportunity or create--and/or

create--contribute to greater access to services for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

And I apologize for all of the writing on this slide. And our capabilities and competencies. Describe your experience and capability and any of your agency as well as any contractors or subgrantees, if applicable, that you will use to implement and manage this effort and its associated federal funding. Please highlight any previous experience implementing projects of similar design or magnitude. Highlight your experience or capability, and your capacity to manage subawards is included, including details on your system for fiscal accountability. Management and staffing patterns should be clearly connected to project design described in the previous sections.

If you are going to be seeking priority consideration under Priority 1B, describe within this section how being a culturally specific organization, or if you're going to fund a culturally specific subrecipient organization at a minimum of 30 percent of the project budget, how this will enhance your ability to implement proposed project and specify which culturally specific populations are intended or expected to be served or have their needs addressed under the proposed project. So this is where you would address consideration under Priority 1B.

We ask that all applicants include a plan for collecting data. We will--Once we fund awards, we will request--we will require the grantees submit regular performance data that shows the completed work results. And this will be directly related to the identified goals, objectives, and deliverables. And you can visit our OJP Performance Measures page. And I'll put that link in the chat at the end at our Q&A section for an overview of performance measure--measurement activities at OJP. But please note, you do not have to submit performance data with your application, only that you clearly understand that this will be an expectation and that you have a plan to collect the data.

The Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative is now a web-based form in JustGrants. So if you've applied to us prior to 2020, that used to be a budget detail worksheet--worksheets. And now this is in a web-based form. And we do ask as we have in the past that you break out costs by year reflecting a 36-month total of project activity. That's important to remember. We've had applicants put in the total amount of the award per year. This is up to \$1 million across both Purpose Area 1 and Purpose Area 2 for a total of 36 months. It is not \$1 million a year. It is \$1 million for a total project period broken out across 36 months. And you can see the Budget Preparation and Submission Information section on the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#), which is going to be your go-to guide. It's linked throughout the solicitation. I would absolutely review that now as you're reviewing the solicitation for details on the budget and associated documentation, such as information on proposed subawards, proposed procurement contracts and award, and pre-agreement costs as you're developing your budget.

I think we all understand what being SMART is, being specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound when you're creating not only your budget, but also the entire project proposal.

Important to note and this is specified in detail in the solicitation. The Purpose Area 1 requires a 25 percent cash or in-kind match on the federal funds awarded under this program. So in your application in the Budget Narrative, please identify the source of the 25 percent non-federal portion of the total project costs and how match funds will be used. Please note matching funds are to be used in the same manner as federal funds, and recipients must maintain records and documentations recording the match and how they are used. There is no matching requirement for Purpose Area 2. So I'll say that again. Purpose Area 1, our program sites, require 25 percent match of the total cost of the project being funded. There is no match for Purpose Area 2, our training and technical assistance provider.

This is along with the pre-required documents, which is included in our basic minimum requirements page. But we also include letters and memos, letters of understanding or MOUs to be included as well. And this is a long list. We do ask that you look carefully at what of this information should be included, if it is applicable to you. This is in the solicitation, in the checklist at the end. But go through each one and if it is applicable to your--applicable to your organization, please do be sure to include it in the application. I will not go through each and every single one of these, but just highlighting their relevance and importance to you. And do use that checklist to check before you hit the final submit.

So these are the things that we're looking for. Be sure to use simple concise language, your information be presentable and organized, be realistic about how you will achieve your goals, and do get feedback from those. Sometimes the grant writer is not the one who's managing the project. So meet with your teams, develop this together. How does this play out in the field in your agencies to best serve minor victims of sex trafficking?

Also, please be sure that your proposal is not too ambitious or doesn't lack or that it lacks focus. As I mentioned, be realistic in your expertise to carry out the proposed project. Don't assume that we know about your project, your agency. So tell us, tell us about you and your strategies. This is field-generated. This is the first time in a while we were asking specifically from the field. Tell us what are your problems. How are you addressing the issue of the criminalization of minors? How do you plan to address it with this funding? And please do edit and proofread. To have an extra set of eyes is always helpful.

So the Application Process is two steps.

the first step, submission into Grants.gov and I'll get into these two processes in a moment. But the first, again, these deadlines are vitally important, June 16th, submission into Grants.gov and June 23rd, the full application into JustGrants. So that June 23rd is the final, final time that you are able to submit.

So the process of submitting an application in JustGrants does begin first in Grants.gov. This is where you will submit your SF-424 and your lobbying forms in Grants.gov. So



your SF-424 and your SF-LLL, those are submitted first in Grants.gov. After this date and that date was June 16th. After June 16th, the solicitation is removed from Grants.gov and will--no one will be able to apply to it any longer. So it's highly recommended that you check that date again and mark it in June 16th. And try to submit at least 72 hours prior to the deadline just to make sure that you have enough time. Grants.gov will respond if there's any errors when you submit your SF-424 and SF-LLL. So, if you get that early and there are things to be corrected, you will have time to do so. And then most of the application everything that we discussed is entered in JustGrants. Once it's been submitted--once the original--the initial submission in Grants.gov has been submitted, it will be sent to JustGrants. This may take a few days for grant just--for Grants.gov to complete validations and release it to JustGrants. But then once it is, JustGrants has its own submission deadline, which is June 23rd for you to enter all of the data. And we're going to get into a little more detail. I know it may sound a little confusing or a little detailed, if this is your first time submitting.

Which is why again, we are glad you're here early to get a better sense of what the process is. Grants.gov is a--the login is separate from JustGrants. And this is where we provide access to funding opportunities from multiple government agencies. This is not managed by DOJ. There is a training video on the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website and that will give you--I will show you some screenshots as well for the site. So if you have questions, you will need to contact Grants.gov for support. But as I mentioned, this is the starting process. You start by selecting the option in Grants.gov. To apply, you will log in using an email address you want to receive notification. And this is where you'll find all of the funding opportunities. As a reminder, there are two purpose areas, so please do make sure that you are applying for the purpose area you intend to. Purpose Area 1 is our program site. Purpose Area 2 is our training and technical assistance provider.

Once you start that process, you will fill out the SF-424 and the SF-LLL and make sure that they were validated and submitted in Grants.gov. They will give you opportunity. Again, as I mentioned, if the--there are issues that you have time to correct them, so please try to get in there at least 72 hours in advance. And then they will be submitted to Grants.gov for the application process.

And this is where you'll submit the full application, including all of the attachments. [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justgrants.usdoj.gov) is the website, which is also linked in the solicitation.

There are certain web-based forms that must be submitted directly into the system. That doesn't mean that you can develop a Word document and cut and paste into that, but this will have to be submitted into the JustGrants system and not as attachments.

So after you've submitted your application and you're taking a deep sigh of relief. Know that within--that once all the applications have been received, the entity will be notified by September 30th, if they are funded for award. It's important that you remember who your Entity Administrator and Authorized Representative are. They will be the ones who are notified when the deadline for applications--if the deadline were to be changed or any outreach to the organization--the application organization will go to the Application

Submitter, the Entity Administrator, and the Authorized Representative. You'll be notified that your--the status of your award is "submitted" once it is finalized. And you'll also see a banner that--You may also see a banner that it is past due. And that means that the submission deadline has passed, not that your application is past due. Any questions that you have, you can contact the JustGrants resource directly.

And they can--they can help walk you through any issues that you may have in submitting, any questions that you may have throughout the process. There are so many resources in our JustGrants training resources webpage. A few that I've linked here. And again, they're also listed and highlighted in the solicitation.

Please make note of the JustGrants office hours. Again, as you have questions, concerns, they can help you to prepare. They can answer any questions that you have with your registration. There is a video, which is also linked in, and I'm going to add all those links into the chat. I think I can add it to the chat as well to make sure that you have access to all of these. But the number one thing to remember is using the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) to review the application mechanics eLearning video, which is posted on the [JustGrants training application submission page](#), which is noted here on screen.

And this is the [OJP Application Resource Guide](#). Please do open this, review it. It's going to help you tremendously as you're filling out your application. It provides guidance for the preparation submission to OJP. If this was station--apologies. I will also put this link into the website--or I'm sorry, into the chat as well, once I can get over to there at the end of this presentation, just make sure that you have them all in one place. If you did not capture them today, they are listed in the solicitation and linked directly from that solicitation page.

To assist potential applicants in developing strong proposals, we have hosted again, as I mentioned, [educational webinars](#) for stakeholders and learn about the program objectives and submission requirements. You can sign up for [News from OVC](#) to stay up-to-date with all of our webinars and review not only this, but our [current funding opportunities](#).

Here's the list of important websites reference throughout the solicitation. Again, the links are all in there, but we have links to the [Office for Victims of Crime](#). Our [financial guide](#) that will be hugely beneficial as you're wondering what is and is not allowable when you're developing your budget. [JustGrants](#) is where you will be submitting the final application. [Grants.gov](#) where you will be starting the grant application process. the [Grant Application Resource Guide](#) listed here. We have our [OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center](#), our grant performance requirements. So as I mentioned, we will be asking that all funded grantees submit that performance measure data. This will give you a sense that [ojp.gov/performance](#) gives you a sense of the data that we will be collecting. There is no expectation that you would be submitting performance measures data at this time with your application. Only that you understand that we will be collecting it and that you have a plan in place. You have someone who will be

collecting the data and you understand that that will be part of the requirements if you do receive funding for this award. And then our [OJP Resource Center](#).

I'm going to pause here, just to make sure. These are going to be the most important numbers and emails that you have, from this point until the time that you submit your application.

Any technical assistance that you have in the very first step of this process which is Grants.gov, call the number 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035 or email at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). They will be your go-to if there's any issues that you have in the Grants.gov process. Once that is complete and those forms are submitted, it will be moved over to JustGrants.

This is the full application process. You will very likely have questions as you're developing those submissions and that material. So please, take this information down as well. The phone number is 833-872-5175 or email [justgrants.support@usdoj.gov](mailto:justgrants.support@usdoj.gov). They are standing by to help address any questions or concerns that you have in the application process. Again, paying attention to those dates, so the end date of June 23rd. That--I would submit at least 72 hours in advance to JustGrants, if there are any issues in the submission that you would have time to revise and resubmit prior to the deadline.

And if you have questions about anything that I haven't covered, or I've covered too quickly, or that wasn't clear today, if I can't answer them in the chat, or in the Q&A section at the end, any questions that you have of what is this solicitation, what are the questions, what does it fund, is this what I'm supposed to be submitting for, am I in the right program, that would be to our OJP Response Center at 800-851-3420 or email at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov). They will help you with any programmatic questions you have as you are developing your proposal for this solicitation. Please do use these numbers. And there's no question that should not go unasked.

Important dates, I've said them again and again, and I will continue to do so. This is-- These are the important ones, June 16th by grants in Grants.gov, and the full application by June 23rd. Again, mark your calendars 1 to 2 days well in advance of those dates to get that information in early so that you can address any errors should they occur.

And stay connected with us on any new funding opportunities, we do have a lot of amazing programs and projects coming out of OVC. So do sign up for funding opportunities and our announcements at this website here. And all of this can be found on--at [OVC.gov](#).

So we just recently had a National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Our resource guide [artwork](#) and this is just a plug from us, the fabulous resources now available to help your organization plan your public awareness activities. So if you're interested, we have--using all the resources that came out of this week--of this work, to enforce victims'

rights, to expand access to services, and to ensure equity inclusion for all. It is again a recent release of a resource, we just want to share with those of you who took the time to attend today.

Please continue to follow us, [like us](#), [follow](#), [watch](#), and keep up-to-date with everything that's coming out of OVC. So we can best support your efforts, and all the incredible work that you are doing throughout the Nation to best support victims.

So again, I thank you for your time. I'm going to turn it back to Daryl and see what questions I can help to address to answer and I hope this has been a useful use of your time and good luck in the development of your applications. And thank you for all that you do.

DARYL FOX: Thank you so much, Cindy. Just a reminder that the PowerPoint, recording, and transcript for today will be posted to the OVC website. So you'll be getting a notice in your email, with the one you registered with today, when those items are. So if you need to go back and reference anything, you'll be able to do so. For now, if you do have a question, the far bottom right of your screen, there's three dots, click that, hit Q&A, select "All Panelists," and we'll be happy to get to anything that's submitted today.

So the first one is, "can Purpose Area 1 deliverables also be trainings provided? Or should they only be direct service-related?"

CYNTHIA ERICH: Yes, deliverables can include trainings provided to staff that are funded through the award, to the agency, to the community. There could definitely be a community outreach component to Purpose Area 1, as it relates to strategies to address the criminalization of minors, as long as it is tied with the intended purpose area.

DARYL FOX: And this one's for Purpose Area 2. "Are there any preference or requirements for in person versus virtual trainings in the annual meeting at a--like a cost regarding the annual meeting and other convenings."

CYNTHIA ERICH: There's not...

DARYL FOX: Are there funds needed?

CYNTHIA ERICH: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Daryl, I had cut you off. My sincere apologies. I'll let you ask that question again and let you finish asking it.

DARYL FOX: No, the last part is, "do they need to allocate funds for this such as meeting spaces, staff travel, and such?"

CYNTHIA ERICH: It's--It'd be advisable to, if there is the opportunity for in person to budget for that. As you're putting it, I would--I would budget for an annual in person meeting. And then if you're funded and it does--if we do have to go back to a virtual

environment, we can reallocate those funds. But I would actually budget for an in person, so that there's at least--that we know that there's some thought and some consideration of an applicant's understanding of what that would require, should there be--should there be an in person meeting.

DARYL FOX: "Then this particular program fits within Program Area 1, but their program serves both minors and adults, they'd be able to apply for only the percentage that serves minors, even though the program staff serve both populations. Is that allowable?"

CYNTHIA ERICH: Yes, that's a great question. And yes, and if an agency serves both minors and adults, as long as the fund--this funding is dedicated towards minor victims, which would be under the age of 18.

DARYL FOX: As far as eligibility, "are private, nonprofit institutions of higher education eligible?"

CYNTHIA ERICH: I just saw that. I'm going to open. If you can give me one moment.

DARYL FOX: I'm going to put the eligibility slide up from earlier. I don't know if that'll help.

CYNTHIA ERICH: Yes, and I believe for profit are, but you must forego any profit or management fees. And for profit organizations or other small businesses and other small bill--small businesses are eligible to apply only for Purpose Area 2. So, I believe that was specific for Purpose Area 2. So yes, for profit are eligible to apply only for Purpose Area 2, noting that all recipients and the subrecipients, including any for profit organization must forego any profit or management fee. I hope that answers.

DARYL FOX: Okay. And this question actually is, "are private nonprofit institutions of higher education. I'm seeing here the middle bullet here other than higher institutions or--institutions of higher learning. Is that correct, then Cindy, that they would be ineligible?" Oh, public and state controlled institutions of higher education under that one, it covers both.

And then, "is there a limit or a number of trainings, webinars resources that are expected to be created and offered, or duration requirement for those?"

CYNTHIA ERICH: No, there is no--We're not mandating the amount. We are asking for recommendations from the applicant organizations.

And I'm still seeking that answer. I'm trying to find the correct answer. I do not want to give misinformation on the education--higher education question or the nonprofit.

DARYL FOX: Okay, I will just wait for that. Once again, the question is, "are private, nonprofit institutions of higher education eligible?"

CYNTHIA ERICH: I can speak specifically and again, I feel like I'm repeating myself only for profit organizations other than--so nonprofits having--other than institutions of higher education and public state-controlled institutions of higher education. That's all I know, is exactly as it's written in the eligibility section.

DARYL FOX: And that question also if you need to, you could make it--direct it to the OJP Response Center, for any more clarification that you may need, at the bottom line here, 800-851-3420 or at [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov).

“Purpose Area 2, are we providing high-level big picture technical assistance, or individualized to specific grantees or jurisdictions, or both?”

CYNTHIA ERICH: Specifically, for the Purpose Area 2 will be providing direct training and technical assistance to the--up to nine funded program sites. So under this--Under this solicitation, we'll be funding up to nine program sites. So the TTA provider will be providing specific training and technical assistance to help those funded sites meet their needs. So that would involve meeting with the program-funded site, working with them to develop a TTA plan, helping to implement their plan--their plan, developing gaps or determining what their gaps and services are, and then, making sure that there is cooperation across the program sites, that there's peer to peer learning opportunities. So, the answer actually is both. This can be direct assistance to those nine sites and then, providing nationwide training and technical assistance resources that can be used by communities that are looking to implement programs that are promising and/or evidence-based to address the criminalization of minors. But most specifically, the intent of this award under Purpose Area 2 is to provide specific training and technical assistance to the nine sites, up to nine sites that will be funded.

DARYL FOX: Thanks for that, Cindy. That's the end of the queue right now. But we'll just wait a few more moments. If you do have a question, please go ahead and enter that in, send to all panelists. We still have about five minutes left for today.

Then once again, “for trainings for Purpose Area 2, if this entity pulls in other organizations or entities to speak at singular training events, do they need to list them out in the proposal?”

CYNTHIA ERICH: You would not need to list them out. If you're looking to do subawards or if you have specific subject matter experts that you know that you'll be using, it certainly wouldn't hurt to list them. If you know with certainty that you're going to be subawarding to either a subject matter expert or a consultant, specifically either agency or an individual, yes, I would include that in your application. Even if it is a singular event, if you know that you're going to be developing a subject matter expert pool and including that. But if you do list specific agencies and/or consultants, it's important to have, kind of, their understanding either through a letter of intent or agreement.

DARYL FOX: "Purpose Area 2, are entities able to provide stipends for youth participating in providing training and technical assistance, to develop resources, etc.?"

CYNTHIA ERICH: So, stipends, there is some direct language within the solicitation. We cannot pay for youth to participate in the programs or to receive assistance. So we can't pay for them to, kind of, entice them to participate. However, non--we can do gift cards for food, for clothing, for meeting essentials for the youth that are participating. And they're really--There is pretty strict guidance. Let me pull up in the solicitation on what are allowable and nonallowable costs or unallowable costs. So I have it here. So, as I mentioned, stipends or incentives may not be used to encourage their participation in services, but nominal or non-cash stipends. So the examples given solicitation include taxi, rideshare vouchers, public transportation tickets or tokens, money for childcare, or gift cards for meals. You would have to articulate that it's necessary for participants to receive the services that are allowable. And again, nominal cash or non-cash stipends.

DARYL FOX: "Are letters of support required to be submitted?"

CYNTHIA ERICH: Yes, including--that's included as 10 percent of the consideration, letters of support, memorandums of agreement or understanding with any of your partner agencies. Yes.

DARYL FOX: "Would the provision of training and technical assistance fall into the definition of services?" I'm not sure if that's clear for you.

CYNTHIA ERICH: If I'm understanding this correctly, so would--can you--so the TTA that--Because there is a--an OVC-funded TTA provider, you would have to clearly articulate what TTA needs you would need to fund outside of your TTA provider, if that makes sense.

DARYL FOX: Okay. So that's about time for today. So on behalf of the Office for Victims of Crime and our panelist, we want to thank you for joining today's webinar. This will end today's presentation.