

DARYL FOX: Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to today's webinar, OVC FY 2023: Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime, hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime.

At this time, it's my pleasure to introduce Ivette Estrada, Grant Program Specialist with the Office for Victims of Crime, to begin the presentation. Ivette?

IVETTE ESTRADA: Thank you, Daryl. And good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for joining today's pre-application webinar for OVC's Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime Program. My name is Ivette Estrada. I'm a Grant Program Specialist with the Office for Victims of Crime and the Solicitation Manager for this program.

Today, we will talk about OVC's mission, the solicitation, including the opportunity focus, eligibility, and required documents. Then, we'll talk about the application process and resources. And there will be time to answer your questions at the end of the presentation.

OVC's mission is to enhance the nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. OVC administers the Crime Victims Fund, which is financed by fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders and not from tax dollars. OVC channels that money toward victim compensation and assistance throughout the United States, raises awareness about victims' issues, promotes compliance with victims' rights laws, and provides training and technical assistance and publications and products to victim assistance professionals. This funding supports formula programs to states, territories, and tribes, as well as many OVC discretionary grant programs for victims of crime.

In Fiscal Year 2023, OVC has been appropriated over \$1.8 billion to help improve victim services throughout the nation. The majority of OVC funding is Victims of Crime Act or VOCA funding, which goes to states and territories as formula funding for victims' compensation and victims' assistance programs, with approximately \$95 million in anti-trafficking funding, \$95 for tribal efforts, and the rest for discretionary programs.

I'll now cover eligibility, the documents needed to apply, and the application process and resources for this funding opportunity.

The list on this slide are the types of organizations that are eligible to apply for this program. It includes city, county, and state governments; tribal organizations and governments; nonprofits that have or do not have a 501(c)(3) status; and institutions of higher education that could be private, public, and state. An applicant entity may submit more than one application, if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient or subgrantee in more than one application. OVC will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award. However, only one entity may be the

applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients or subgrantees. For additional information on subawards, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, which will be listed under our resource section.

The 2021 Criminal Victimization Report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics showed that 46 percent of victims of serious violence reported incidents to the police, but only 9 percent of them received victim assistance from a victim services agency. Without access to a range of support services such as crisis assistance, mental health support, or financial assistance, victims and survivors may not receive the help they need to heal. So to reach more victims and ensure access to services, this program was designed to support national scope and regional initiatives that maximize the use of technology to increase access to victim services and information about victims' rights, improve the quality of services, and to strengthen the responsiveness of victim service organizations.

Under this program, funding can support technology development and maintenance to facilitate efficient service delivery or communication. Staff required to operate, update, and maintain the proposed technology platform or service. Training and technical assistance on the purpose and use of the technology. This includes outreach and public awareness activities and coalition building and outreach activities. Funding should not supplant or duplicate currently funded initiatives in these areas. Applicants who propose to use this funding for ongoing, rather than new, initiatives must specify how these funds would be used to expand or enhance current services, rather than duplicate or continue existing services or efforts.

The goal of this--The goals for this program are to increase greater access to victim services and enhance the technological capacity of service providers to meet the needs of victims and survivors using innovative strategies and solutions and trauma-informed approaches.

There are six objectives under this program and all the objectives should be addressed in your proposal. The first objective is to identify gaps in technology that can be enhanced by building the organization's capacity to ensure greater access to victim services that are sustainable, secure, and safe. The second is to implement the proposed enhancement to strengthen the organization's response and ensuring services are trauma-informed and victim-centered. The third is to train staff on the proposed enhancements and the organization's guidelines on confidentiality and privacy.

The fourth objective is to collaborate with stakeholders to strengthen coordination of services. The fifth objective is conducting training and public awareness activities to ensure appropriate awareness of the proposed technology platform and/or program services and resources. And lastly, performing data collection and evaluation activities to the effectiveness of the program and whether it is meeting the goals and objectives.

There are several deliverables under this program. They have been copied exactly from the solicitation and you can find these deliverables on pages 8 and 9. But they include the development of a staff training plan; outreach and awareness strategies; technical assistance plan for proposed project partners; and an evaluation plan; as well as signed letters of support or MOUs with key project partners.

There are a few priority areas under this program, one of which is addressing online harassment and abuse. I'll talk--I'll talk more about this in the next few slides. But for the purposes of deliverables, applicants that choose to apply for priority area 2A and are awarded, they will need to submit a public-facing report that highlights data collected about the specific services and responses to meet the needs of those that have been harmed by online harassment and abuse. And the report must also include recommendations to address gaps in services. So this report deliverable is only applicable to those who apply for prior--Priority Area 2 consideration.

And here are the Priority Areas. So DOJ is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity in support of Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. OJP will provide priority consideration when making award decisions to the following. The first are proposals that promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality. And applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies are enhanced because they, or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award funding, identify as a culturally specific organization. Please understand that if you are addressing these priority areas, it is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. So receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas does not guarantee an award. And there's a lot more information about these priority areas in the solicitation, they are on pages 9 to 11. If you refer back to the--those pages, it will walk you through what to include in your application to address these considerations.

The second Priority Area is in support of the Memorandum on the Establishment of the White House Task Force to Address Online Harassment and Abuse. OVC will provide priority consideration when making award decisions to applications that propose innovative uses of technology to increase safety and access to support services for those who experience online harassment and abuse at the intersect--at the intersection of misogyny, racism, and homophobia, particularly toward women and girls, along with LGBTQ and non-binary people, and other marginalized groups. Online harassment and abuse may include nonconsensual distribution of intimate digital images, cyber stalking, sextortion, malicious deepfakes, gender disinformation, the online recruitment and exploitation of victims of sex trafficking, rape and death threats, and other various forms of technology-facilitated intimate partner abuse. And as a reminder, if you are addressing these priority areas, it is one of many factors that OJP considers when making funding decisions.

OVC expects to make four awards under this program. These awards will be made for a 3-year period with an anticipated start date of October 1st. The maximum amount that you can apply for is \$750,000. You do not have to apply for the full amount. You can always come in under that amount. And then also there is no match requirement for this program, so we suggest that applicants do not include a voluntary match. OVC may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation through continuation awards. OJP will consider among other factors, its strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and the award-funded work's progress when making any continuation award decisions. This solicitation and awards under this solicitation are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law.

Awards under this program will be made as cooperative agreements, which means that substantial involvement is expected between OVC and the award recipient when carrying out project activities during the life of the award. Generally, under cooperative agreement awards, responsibility for the day-to-day conduct of the funded project rests with the recipient in implementing the funded and approved proposal and budget and the award terms and conditions. Responsibility for oversight and redirection of the project, if necessary, rests with OVC.

I'll now transition to application and submission information.

The Grants.gov deadline is May 15, 2023 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time. The JustGrants deadline is May 22, 2023 at 8:59 PM Eastern Time. DOJ expects to award grants no later than September 30--30th, 2023, and all projects start dates should be on or after October 1, 2023, which means that successful applicants may not begin work until the budget has been reviewed and officially approved by OJP. Additional information and/or restrictions will be outlined in the award package. So if you are awarded, please review your award documents carefully. New applicants or entities interested in applying should apply for a unique entity identifier. It's the UEI number in SAM.gov as soon as possible. There have been extensive delays with the entity validation service process in SAM, so you should not wait until the last minute to apply. Delays are also being experienced by entities that have changed their legal business name or physical address.

To meet the basic minimum requirements to advance the peer review and receive consideration for funding, your application must have the following three elements. The first is the proposal abstract. The second is the proposal narrative that includes four sections, a description of the issue, project design and implementation, capabilities and competencies, and plan for collecting data. And then the third element is a budget web-based form, and this includes budget details and a budget narrative. So remember, if you fail to submit any of these required documents, your application will not advance to peer review and be considered for funding.

The proposal abstract should be no more than 400 words and include a summary of the proposed project, including its purpose, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipients if known. This is to be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables, written in the third person, and exclude personally identifiable information. Abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP and USAspending.gov websites, if your project is awarded. And if priority consideration is being requested, the abstract should indicate the priority area that you are applying for. And I believe that there are examples of a proposal abstract in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

The proposal narrative must be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font, have no less than one-inch margins, and not exceed 25 pages. Pages should be numbered. Tables, charts, and graphs included in the proposal narrative can be included in a legible font smaller than 12-point, and it will count toward the page limit. The proposal narrative is to be submitted as a separate attachment in JustGrants. So, please adhere to these formatting requirements when you are developing your proposal. If your proposal fails to comply with these requirements, OVC may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

Okay. The proposal narrative format. Okay. The following sections of the proposal narrative format.

So the first section of the proposal narrative is the Description of the Issue and this is worth 20 percent. In this section, you will describe why your proposal is necessary or addresses a need, and include any supporting data, and describe how funding will support the project's value to the victim's field by meeting the stated goals. You'll want to include data to provide evidence that the need for the effort exists and demonstrate the scope and size of the need. You'll also want to make a convincing case that the project addresses a gap in existing resources and does not duplicate an existing program.

The Project Design and Implementation section is worth 35 percent. Here you will want to describe the strategy to address the needs that you identified in the Description of the Issue. You'll want to list proposed activities and describe how they relate to the objectives. Provide a detailed description of the methods to be used to carry out each activity. Describe proposed deliverables and final products. Provide a timetable indicating roughly when activities or milestones are to be accomplished. And describe how the safety and confidentiality of victims will be protected. If you are seeking priority consideration for 1A, the proposal should address in this section how it will promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access an opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality. If the applicant is seeking priority consideration for 2A, it should address in this section how the proposed project will address the specific needs of victims of online harassment and abuse, including their safety, and increased programing and resources that respond to victims of online harassment and abuse.

For this section, I'll summarize and say that applicants should describe its Capabilities and Competencies to accomplish the goals and objectives of their proposed project, such as describing the management structure of the program, how the program will be managed, background information of all personnel responsible for managing and implementing the project. The pro--If there is the Project Director for--If you are proposing a Project Director, they must have the expertise and experience to perform crucial leadership functions, and sufficient time for project oversight. If an applicant is seeking priority consideration for 1B, it should be addressed in this section by describing how being a culturally specific organization, or funding a culturally specific organization at a minimum of 40 percent of the pro--of the proposed budget, will enhance its ability to implement the project.

When developing this section, the Plan for Collecting the Data, you will need to describe the process for measuring and reporting project performance. Identify who will be responsible for collecting data and performance measurements. Describe how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the project. And describe the process to accurately report data. This would also include data reported by any proposed subrecipients. You are not required to submit performance data with your application. Rather, performance measure information is included as a notification that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award reporting requirements. On page 16 of the solicitation, there is a link to a list of performance measures for this program.

The budget has a 15 percent merit criteria. All applicants will complete the budget worksheet and budget narrative using the JustGrants web-based form. In the budget, you will want to break out costs by year, reflecting 36-months total of project activity. The budget should be mathematically sound and align with the information described in the proposal narrative. And if you are seeking priority consideration under 1B, you'll have to allocate at least 40 percent of award funding to the proposed subrecipient that has been identified as a culturally specific organization. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides further details on how to prepare and submit your budget. If there are any questions pertaining to examples of allowable and unallowable costs, you can always review the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. And I believe a link will be provided in the chat box or at the end of this presentation.

Just like your objectives need to be SMART, so does your budget. Your budget also needs to be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound. When creating your budget, be specific when listing all your subcategories. Make sure your costs are measurable under the computation column of the budget. To ensure that your budget items are attainable and achievable, your budget needs to make sense and be relevant. If you put your timeline next to your budget and are sure that each item is accounted for, then your budget should be relevant. For example, if you listed hiring a project director in your timeline and discuss the project director's role in your project design, then it would be relevant to include a project director in your budget. On the other hand, if you did not include a project director in your timeline or project design, then it would not be

relevant to include in your--in your budget. You'll also want to make sure that your budget is time-bound. This is a 3-year project, so your budget must be broken down year by year.

The application checklist at the end of the solicitation will list other documents to include. So use the checklist in your review prior to submitting your application to ensure that you've attached all the required documents. Other resources to help you in developing your application include the DOJ Application Submission Checklist. And there is a JustGrants' Quick Reference Guide about Application Attachments, and there is a larger Application Submission Job Aid that covers potential attachments that you may be asked to provide. So there's a lot of resources there to help you when developing your application.

Some items to remember when you are developing your program narrative and budget, you'll want to use simple and concise language. Information should be presentable and well-organized. You'll want to be realistic about how you will achieve your proposed goals and objectives. And get feedback from those who are running the project. You'll want to make sure that your proposal is consistent and aligns with the scope of the solicitation. And make sure that you check to see that you have met all the solicitation requirements.

Some common reasons cited for a weak application was that the proposal was too ambitious or lacked focus, or that there was a lack of appropriate expertise to carry out the project. Other reasons we have seen are that there was no evidence of feasibility. Remember that applications are reviewed by external peer reviewers, so do not assume that they are familiar with your project. Other common reasons cited for a weak application is that the application had poor writing, or typos, or a lot of grammatical errors. I've also seen applications that have track changes and comments, so please verify that you are submitting the final version of your--of your proposal as well. And finally, that there were no citations or source of data.

So now we are going to go over the application process.

This part of the grant lifecycle involves completing and submitting your application based on the requirements in the solicitation. The process of submitting an application in JustGrants actually begins in Grants.gov. Once you have located a funding opportunity with DOJ, you will submit an SF-424 form, which is the Application for Federal Assistance, and a SF-LLL form, which is the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities. These two forms must be submitted in Grants.gov. This is the extent of the application requirements in Grants.gov.

Aside from the SF-424 and the SF-LLL, most of your application is entered in JustGrants. Your entity information is populated based upon entries made in SAM.gov and used in Grants.gov. You will have two application submission deadlines, one for Grants.gov and one for JustGrants. After the Grants.gov deadline date, the solicitation is removed from Grants.gov, and no one will be able to apply any longer. It's highly

recommended that you submit at least 72 hours prior to the deadline. This is to provide you with enough time to correct any errors and resubmit if necessary. It's okay to enter preliminary information in Grants.gov, if you haven't fully determined your budget or project scope, you will be able to edit and update all your entries in JustGrants.

Once the app--once the application has been submitted and validated in Grants.gov, it will be sent to JustGrants for completion. It can take several days for Grants.gov to complete validations and release it to JustGrants. JustGrants has its own submit--submission deadline that is after the Grants.gov deadline. So submitting early in both systems is strongly recommended. The JustGrants submission should include all items that are required in the solicitation and it is final.

For this solicitation, applicants should submit Part 1, by Monday, May 15th, no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Time, and submit Part 2, the full application in JustGrants by Monday, May 22nd, no later than 8:59 PM Eastern Time.

There are certain web-based forms that must be submitted directly into the system. That is your proposal--your proposal abstract. For those who are return users, you will need to submit your goals, objectives, deliverables, and timeline just like before. Make sure your budget information is included in the budget detail form, and lastly, your disclosure of duplication and cost items. If a section is required and presents you with web-based entries, this means that you cannot upload a document instead. You must use the format required in the application.

After you've submitted your application, you're probably wondering what's next. Once all the applications for the solicitation have been reviewed, then the entity will be notified, which all happens before September 30th. Please remember who your Entity Administrator and Authorized Representative are, for they will be notified if the deadline for applications has changed. The system will also notify the Application Submitter, Entity Administrator, and Authorized Representative when the application has been received in JustGrants from Grants.gov. And if your proposal is awarded, an award notification is sent electronically to the Entity Administrator. If you have submitted your application, the status will show as submitted. You may also see a banner that indicates that it is past due. This banner indicates that the submission deadline has passed and not that your application is past due.

Now, we will explore different resources available to you and information on the different systems you will touch in the application process.

To learn about OVC's history and funding, find products, and register for upcoming events, visit the [OVC website](#).

A good starting point for applicants is the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), which I have referenced earlier. This serves as the Primary Reference Manual to assist OJP, OVW, and COPS Office award recipients, in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards. It compiles a variety of laws, rules, and regulations that affect the financial and

administrative management of your awards, should you be funded. And I believe they will probably--yup, I see the financial guide link in the chat box. Thank you.

The [Office of Justice Programs Grant Application Resource Guide](#) provides guidance to assist applicants in preparing and submitting application for OJP's funding. It addresses a variety of policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many, or in some cases, all OJP program applicants or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in Fiscal Year 2023. And I think a link to the Application Resource Guide should be in the chat box.

Here, OJP grant applicants and grantees will find an overview of [performance measurement](#) activities at OJP. While you will not submit performance measures with your applications, this will give you an idea of the types of information that will be requested, if you are awarded. And the website can help you get familiarized with the systems you might use.

Okay. Moving onto systems tools. Before submitting an application, you must register with the [System for Award Management](#). You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. And an expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete, so please be sure to get started early.

Once you're all set in SAM.gov, then [Grants.gov](#) is your first stop in starting your application. Under the applicants tab, you'll find training and information on applying, the Grants.gov system, and the funding opportunity process. Please be aware that all OJP solicitations have two deadlines that must be met to be considered for funding. Once you submit in Grants.gov, please keep an eye out for an email confirming you have successfully submitted. If you do not successfully submit in Grants.gov, you will not be able to complete your JustGrants application.

The next--The next system you will use is JustGrants. And JustGrants is intended to be an end-to-end grants management system that applicants and grantees will access and use throughout the grant cycle from application, through award, to close out. The JustGrants offers a lot of training resources. It's on the DOJ website. You can explore the resources by topics. There are short step by step videos and quick reference guides that will walk you step by step through specific tasks. There are two quick reference guides related to the application submission topic and those are the Application Attachments Quick Reference Guide and Printing an Application Quick Reference Guide.

JustGrants Office Hours on Application Mechanics are live virtual sessions that discuss everything that you need to know to apply. They are conducted every Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:00 PM Eastern time. The next session is coming up on April 12 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. Remember to start your application in JustGrants as soon as possible to confirm you have access and do your best to submit your application well before the

due date. OJP will only accept late applications if an applicant can demonstrate that there is a technical reason they could not submit. So you will want to ensure you have plenty of time to address any technical issues you may encounter.

In terms of personal and professional development, the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center offers free education and training tools on multiple victim services topics. You can check out these resources at www.ovcttac.gov.

The [OJP Response Center](#) offers justice and drug related information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide. You can subscribe and find funding opportunities, recent publications, online resources, and upcoming events.

To assist potential applicants in developing strong proposals in response to our current funding opportunities, OVC has hosted educational [webinars](#) for interested stakeholders to learn more about the program objectives and submission requirements. Each webinar had a question and answer session before the conclusion. You may review any of these previously held webinars for information on how to apply. And then you can sign up for [News From OVC](#) to stay up-to-date on webinars as they are scheduled, and you can find OVC's current and past [funding opportunities](#) as well as other opportunities on the [DOJ Program Plan](#).

Here is a list of contact information that's going to be important to you to prepare your application. This information will be in each solicitation. First is SAM.gov for assistance registering or renewing your registration.

Next is Grants.gov, which is available to provide technical assistance when submitting the SF-424 and the SF-LLL. They can be reached by phone at 800-518-4726 or email to support@grants.gov.

Next is JustGrants, which is available to provide technical assistance on submitting the full application. They can be reached by phone at 833-872-5175 or email to JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. When contacting any of these system helpdesks please be sure to request a tracking number, so you can document that you sought assistance with your issue. This is going to be important in the event that you need a document that you had a technical issue that prevented you from submitting your application.

Finally, the OJP Response Center is available to provide technical assistance as well as answer questions about any of the programmatic requirements of the solicitation. And they can be reached by phone at 800-851-3420 or email to grants@ncjrs.gov.

If you are a current grantee, we appreciate your understanding that your grant manager and other OVC staff cannot answer questions about an open competitive solicitation directly. So for purposes of fairness and transparency, if you do reach out to us, we will have to refer you back to the OJP Response Center so that your questions can be documented and addressed officially.

Finally, please keep in mind that the OJP Response Center is also who you need to contact within 24 hours of the Grants.gov or JustGrants solicitation deadlines, should you experience any technical issues that prevented your application submission. Keep in mind that you will be able to document any technical issues, which is why starting your application early and maintaining any tracking numbers is important, if you reported an issue.

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And that concludes the presentation. Thank you for your time and attention today. We will now take your questions.

DARYL FOX: Thanks so much, Ivette. A lot of information to get to today. But I do want to remind everybody that the PowerPoint, transcript, and recording will be made available. So that will be posted to the OVC website, that link's been put in the chat. We'll put it in again. You'll receive an email when those items are available for viewing, if you need to go back or reference anything discussed today. If you do have a question, far bottom right, three dots, Q&A, send to all panelists, then we'll be glad to get through those with the remaining 13 or so minutes left in today's webinar.

And just a reminder as well that anything really programmatic-specific like—unfortunately, will not be able to be answered directly. You can contact the OJP Response Center for that, if you do have questions once we conclude today.

So, “Can funds be used to develop content for the technology that is to be developed, including staff time for gathering content, research, etc.?”

IVETTE ESTRADA: Yes. Funding can be used to develop technology or, I'm sorry, to develop content for the technology that is being proposed. And it does--yes. And you can also use funds to support staff time for gathering the content, research, etc.

DARYL FOX: “When accounting for the budget, for a current staff that may manage this program and any additional programs, what's the process for describing the portion of the work needed on the project? For example, technology staff can work on multiple projects, maybe 25 percent on this project, etc.”

IVETTE ESTRADA: So what is the process for describing the portion of their work? I assume this is in the budget, right, they said?

DARYL FOX: Correct.

IVETTE ESTRADA: When doing this in the budget? So in the budget, there are several budget categories. One of them is personnel. So for any employee of the organization, you will--you will list out all staff that will be responsible for working on the project. And

there is a budget narrative directly beneath it where you can describe the percentage of time that they're alloc--that is being dedicated to the project. So in the narrative, you'll have the option there to describe the amount of time that staff is working on projects. Hopefully that addresses the question.

DARYL FOX: "Does the technology need to result in direct victim services or can it be more referral based?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: It can be both. It can be direct services or a referral to receive direct services, or a referral to--a referral to get more information, or a referral to resources. So it can be both.

DARYL FOX: This next one perhaps may not be able to be answered, but "in reviewing a solicitation, is there an opportunity to implement a new victim of crime online application compensation processing system, based on the deliverables within this?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: That does touch on project design. I would--I would refer back to the goals of the solicitation and try to see if what you are envisioning fits or aligns with the scope of the program. We really can't speak on the project design. But if there's--I would say you can also reach out to, what is it, the OJP Response Center, if you want to receive additional guidance on that.

DARYL FOX: Correct. Yeah. I have that slide up here. At grants@ncjrs.gov would be the email you can send that to.

And then, "While the number of awards are known, is there just a general estimate on the number of proposals typically received year-to-year for this?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: I will say this is a pretty competitive program. Generally, we will--I would say in the last couple of years, we probably received maybe 40, 30 to 40 applications.

DARYL FOX: "Is there a maximum percentage of the budget that can be allocated towards fees for a website or an app developer?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: There isn't a specific maximum amount that we have set in the solicitation. I will say that we would like to see the majority of the funding to--that supports more of the services. So, while you can use funding to support the technology or the development of website or for website maintenance. I would still encourage you to allocate a good amount of money for the services part of your proposed project.

DARYL FOX: They put a question in from a missing persons organization that assists minority victims and families. "These aren't solicitations to provide direct services to victims, is it?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Well, can you repeat the question, Daryl? Sorry.

DARYL FOX: Yeah. The--someone from a missing persons organization that assists minority victims and their families. "Can these funds be used to assist victims and families dealing with economic hardships when a loved one is missing?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: This, so the--So the scope of this is to use technology to increase access to services for victims of crime. So funding can be used to support any victim or survivor that has been a victim of a crime. And that can be--that can be a wide range of services. That can include--It can include supporting--It could include financial support. And it could include financial support for the victim and a member of their family.

DARYL FOX: The end of the questions in the queue at this time. We still have some more time today. If you do have it, please go ahead enter that in.

And I'll reiterate, there's been a couple more questions about "the deliverables here from today." Everything will be posted to the OVC website. That includes the PowerPoint, the verbatim transcript, and the YouTube recording for today's webinar. And you'll receive an email when those are posted and where to access those.

It seems to be the end of the questions at this time. Okay. Ivette, is there anything in closing you wanted to mention before we conclude today?

IVETTE ESTRADA: Yeah. I want to thank everybody for attending today. And if they end up having any additional questions, just to reach out to the OJP Response Center. A lot of the programmatic questions about the solicitation are directed to me for a response. So if anything comes up, feel free to reach out to the OJP Response Center and we'll make sure to get you an answer. So, thank you.

DARYL FOX: Great. 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.