

**U.S. Department of Justice**Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

# OVW Fiscal Year 2016 Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking on Campus Program Solicitation

# **Solicitation Release Date**

This solicitation was released on or about January 7, 2016.

# **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants are limited to: institutions of higher education as defined under the Higher Education Amendments of 1998

(See "Eligibility")

# **Deadlines**

Application: All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) on March 3, 2016. (See "Submission Dates and Times")

**Registration:** To ensure all applicants have ample time to complete the registration process, applicants must obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number, register online with the System for Award Management (SAM) and with <a href="mailto:Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> immediately, but no later than, February 10, 2016.

(See "Registration")

**Letter of Registration**: Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of registration to <a href="mailto:ovw.campus@usdoj.gov">ovw.campus@usdoj.gov</a> by February 10, 2016. This will ensure that applicants are well-positioned to successfully submit their applications by the deadline. This letter will not obligate potential applicants to submit an application. Interested applicants who do not submit a Letter of Registration are still eligible to apply.

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# (See "Letter of Registration")

**Pre-Application Conference Calls:** OVW will conduct Pre-Application Conference Calls for anyone interested in submitting an application for the Campus Program. Participation in these calls is optional. Interested applicants who do not participate are still eligible to apply.

(See "Content and Form of Application Submission")

# **Contact Information**

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, call OVW at (202) 307-6026.

In Fiscal Year 2016, OVW applications for the Campus Program will be submitted through <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a>. For technical assistance with <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a>, please contact the <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a>. Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

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It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by September 30, 2016.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OVW tries to create forms and instructions that are accurate, can be easily understood, and which impose the least possible burden on applicants. The estimated average time to complete and file this form is 30 hours. Comments regarding the accuracy of this estimate or suggestions for simplifying this form, it can be submitted to the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC 20530.

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# OVW Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program

(CFDA 16.525)

# A. Program Description

#### Overview

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Created in 1995, OVW implements the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation and provides national leadership on issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Since its inception, OVW has supported a multifaceted approach to responding to these crimes through implementation of grant programs authorized by VAWA. By forging state, local and tribal partnerships among police, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders, organizations that serve culturally specific and underserved communities and others. OVW grants help provide victims across the life span with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities' capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

# **About the OVW Campus Program**

This program is authorized by 42 U.S.C. §14045b. Congress created the Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program (hereinafter referred to as the Campus Program) in recognition of the unique issues and challenges that colleges and universities face in preventing and responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

The Campus Program encourages a comprehensive coordinated community approach that enhances victim safety, provides services for victims and supports efforts to hold offenders accountable. The funding supports activities that develop and strengthen trauma informed victim services and strategies to prevent, investigate, respond and prosecute sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The development of campus-wide coordinated responses involving campus victim service providers, law enforcement/campus safety officers, health providers, housing officials, administrators, student leaders, faith-based leaders, representatives from student organizations, and disciplinary board members is critical. To be effective, campus responses must also link to local off-campus criminal justice agencies and service providers, including local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, courts, and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim advocacy and victim services organizations. Campuses are encouraged to create or revitalize large-scale efforts that treat sexual assault. domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as serious offenses by adopting effective policies and protocols, developing victim services and programs that prioritize victim safety, ensuring offender accountability, and implementing effective prevention approaches. Colleges and universities should demonstrate to every student that these crimes will not be tolerated, that perpetrators will face serious consequences, and that holistic services are available for victims.

For additional information on the Campus Program, including what past Campus Program grantees have accomplished with their grant funds and to view the Campus Program performance measures, see <a href="http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/vawamei/campusgraphs.htm">http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/vawamei/campusgraphs.htm</a>.

# **Program Scope**

Activities supported by the Campus Program are determined by statute, federal regulations, and OVW policies. If an applicant receives an award, the funded project is bound by the provisions of this solicitation, the DOJ Financial Guide, any updates to the DOJ Financial Guide, and the conditions of the recipient's award.

# **Purpose Areas**

In FY 2016, funds under the Campus Program may be used for the following purposes:

- 1. To provide personnel, training, technical assistance, data collection, and other equipment with respect to the increased apprehension, investigation, and adjudication of persons committing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus.
- 2. To develop, strengthen, and implement campus policies, protocols, and services that more effectively identify and respond to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, including the use of technology to commit these crimes, and to train campus administrators, campus security personnel, and personnel serving on campus disciplinary or judicial boards on such policies, protocols, and services.
- 3. To implement and operate education programs for the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- 4. To develop, enlarge, or strengthen victim services programs and population specific services¹ on the campuses of the institutions involved, including programs providing legal, medical, or psychological counseling, for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to improve delivery of victim assistance on campus. To the extent practicable, such an institution shall collaborate with victim service providers in the community in which the institution is located. If appropriate victim services programs are not available in the community or are not accessible to students, the institution shall, to the extent practicable, provide a victim services program on campus or create a victim services program in collaboration with a community-based organization. The institution shall use not less than 20 percent of the funds made available through the grant for a victim services program provided in accordance with this paragraph, regardless of whether the services are provided by the institution or in coordination with community victim service providers.
- 5. To create, disseminate, or otherwise provide assistance and information about victims' options on and off campus to bring disciplinary or other legal action, including assistance to victims in immigration matters.
- 6. To develop, install, or expand data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking campus security to the local law enforcement for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions with respect to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus.
- 7. To provide capital improvements (including improved lighting and communications facilities but not including the construction of buildings) on campuses to address the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 2013 amendments to VAWA defined the term "population specific services" as "victim-centered services that address the safety, health, economic, legal, housing, workplace, immigration, confidentiality, or other needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that are designed primarily for and are targeted to a specific underserved population.

- crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- 8. To support improved coordination among campus administrators, campus security personnel, and local law enforcement to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus.
- 9. To develop or adapt and provide developmental, culturally appropriate, and linguistically accessible print or electronic materials to address both prevention and intervention in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking.
- 10. To develop or adapt population specific strategies and projects for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from underserved populations on campus.

These grant-funded activities should be part of an overall comprehensive coordinated campus and community response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on campuses. For example, if an applicant proposes to make capital improvements to address violence against women, such as installing improved lighting, these efforts must be complemented by a larger campus and community-wide coordinated response to these crimes. Please Note: Applicants proposing to use grant funds for physical modifications as outlined in purpose area 7 must follow the guidelines set forth in Appendix F - Physical Modification Guidelines.

# **Mandatory Program Requirements**

This section includes both statutory and program requirements. Please note that there are different program requirements for new and continuation grantees. It is very important that applicants read the information below carefully.

# Statutory Requirements

# All grantees must:

- 1. Create a coordinated community response (CCR) including both organizations external to the institution and relevant divisions of the institution. This includes the establishment of a coordinated community response team that consists of both:
  - A. **External Partnerships** as outlined in the External Memorandum of Understanding **(EMOU)** with:
    - i. At least one criminal justice system or civil legal assistance entity or organization such as external law enforcement agencies, prosecutor's offices, civil legal assistance providers, court or law enforcement-based victim services units, or courts. Note: An applicant with sworn campus law enforcement or campus security officers is required to partner with a criminal justice agency or civil legal organization from the jurisdiction in which the campus is located. In addition, if an applicant has only campus security officers or non-sworn campus law enforcement it must partner with a local law enforcement entity and may choose to partner with a civil/legal organization as well; AND
    - ii. At least one sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking victim service provider within the community where the institution is located. A victim service provider is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization, tribal organization, or rape crisis center, including a state or

tribal domestic violence and/or sexual assault coalition, domestic violence shelter, faith-based organization, or other organization, with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Victim service providers should meet all of the following criteria: 1) provide direct services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking as one of their primary purposes and have a demonstrated history of effective work in this field; 2) address a demonstrated need in their communities by providing services that promote the dignity and self-sufficiency of victims, improve their access to resources, and create options for victims seeking safety from perpetrator violence; and 3) do not engage in or promote activities that compromise victim safety.

Please Note: Applicants that fail to include the partners mentioned above in the External Memorandum of Understanding will not be considered for funding.

- B. **Internal Partnerships** as outlined in the Internal Memorandum of Understanding **(IMOU).** These partnerships should include a wide variety of departments, offices, and organizations within the institution of higher education. At a minimum, Campus Program partnerships must include:
  - 1. The institution of higher education's president or designee;
  - 2. Student Affairs Administrator:
  - 3. Title IX Coordinators;
  - 4. Clery Act Compliance Officers and Campus Security Authorities;
  - 5. Campus-based victim service providers, if applicable;
  - 6. Campus law enforcement or department of public safety personnel;
  - 7. Campus housing authorities, if applicable;
  - 8. Campus disciplinary boards, conduct investigators and adjudicators, and/or hearing officers; and
  - 9. Representatives from faculty, staff, and administration.

Please Note: Applicants that fail to include an Internal Memorandum of Understanding will not be considered for funding, and applicants that fail to include all of the partners mentioned above (if applicable) in the Internal Memorandum of Understanding will receive point deductions during the application review process.

Additional partners may also include departments/offices/organizations representing research and/or evaluation; students, especially victims/survivors of sexual and dating violence; offices that address compliance with civil rights laws; post-doctoral students; visiting professors; general counsel; gender equity office; clergy; diverse or underserved student populations; the athletic department; sororities and fraternities; student health centers; library administrators; the governing board; and student government.

2. Establish a mandatory prevention and education program about sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking for all incoming students (i.e. first year and transfer).

Campuses must work in collaboration with campus and community-based victim services organizations to:

- A. Develop a mandatory prevention and education program for all incoming students about sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking that incorporates information, awareness, and resources including the students' code of conduct; AND
- B. Develop a mechanism to fully account for the participation of each student in the prevention and education program (i.e., student sign-in, card verification, registration restrictions, class credit, etc.). Applicants must provide detailed information on how they will verify that all incoming students (i.e., first year, and transfer) will receive the mandatory trainings.
- 3. Train all campus law enforcement to respond effectively to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Ongoing trainings should consist of campus law enforcement or security personnel, if applicable, and local or community first-responders including officers from dedicated law enforcement units and dispatchers that specifically respond to campus sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking incidents. All mandatory campus law enforcement training programs on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking should be developed and presented in collaboration with campus and local law enforcement partners and community-based victim advocacy experts. Training should include but is not limited to: information about relevant state and federal laws; arrest protocols; information on enforcement of orders of protection; instruction on making primary aggressor determinations; technology-facilitated stalking behaviors; the ways victims respond to trauma; neurobiology of trauma; lethality assessments; tactics of offenders; forensic interviewing techniques; and "non-stranger" sexual assault investigations.
- 4. Train all members of campus disciplinary boards to respond effectively to situations involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. All members of campus disciplinary boards, including investigators, persons responsible for appeals, faculty, staff, students, and administrators, should receive training on these crimes from organizations with a demonstrated expertise in sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This training should reflect current best practices in the field. Training topics should include but are not limited to: information about the causes and effects of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; a review of the student conduct code; definitions of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; the ways victims respond to trauma; neurobiology of trauma; tactics of offenders; information on the issue of consent in sexual assault cases; how to judge credibility; alcohol and drug facilitated sexual assault; and the appropriate range of sanctions.

OVW encourages all applicants to review the <u>Standards for Campus Security AND Judicial</u> <u>Boards</u>, <u>Standards for Prevention and Education Program</u>, and <u>Standards for a Coordinated Community Response</u> for further information on the statutory minimum requirements.

#### Other Program Requirements

# All grantees must also:

# 1. Implement universal prevention strategies that include the following:

- A. An ongoing prevention program on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking for *the entire campus community*; **and**
- B. A bystander intervention program for all students.

# 2. Provide Victim Services and Advocacy by:

Partnering with community-based victim service providers that have expertise in sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking to develop a referral process; response protocols; and supports that ensure 24 hr. accessibility to confidential victim services and advocacy for all survivors. (Note: a partnership primarily focused on providing training to the campus and participation in its CCR team meetings does not meet this requirement)

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- Developing a campus-based victim services and advocacy program that includes a partnership with community-based victim services organizations to ensure 24 hr. accessibility to victim services. The campus-based program should include advocacy services; crisis intervention; referral to community services; access or provision of culturally relevant services or referrals; university housing advocacy; specific counseling that addresses sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking; educational advocacy; judicial/disciplinary advocacy and accompaniment; health/medical care advocacy and accompaniment; etc. NOTE: if you elect to develop a campus based victim services program, then you are addressing purpose area 4 and must allocate 20% or more of the grant funding to develop this program.
- 3. Participate in ongoing mandatory and proactive Technical Assistance (TA). Grantees must participate in all technical assistance events supported by the Campus Program designated TA providers. TA will be delivered through, but not limited to: regular contact with the designated TA providers, on site visits, training and technical assistance institutes and web-based trainings. For more information on technical assistance, please review TA section in the "Training and Technical Assistance" under the "Funding Restrictions" section.
- 4. Follow the appropriate staffing and activities for New or Continuation applicants. The following table outlines these requirements:

Requirement	New Applicant Continuation Applicant	
Project	have a full time project	<ul> <li>provide a justification for the amount</li> </ul>
coordinator <sup>2</sup>	coordinator (Note: For a	of time the project coordinator is
	Consortia project, there should be	dedicating to the grant, if less than
	at least one full-time project	50%, to demonstrates the applicant's
	coordinator to oversee the	capacity to adequately implement the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A project coordinator's primary role is to oversee the project through the planning and implementation phases, coordinate the work of the CCR team and ensure the project achieves its stated goals. In light of the scope of work needed for effective implementation of this program and to avoid potential conflicts of interest, the project coordinator cannot be a Title IX coordinator or victim advocate.

	project.)	goals and objective of the project
Activity	<ul> <li>work closely with the designated OVW TA providers throughout the development and implementation phases; and</li> <li>participate in a mandatory New Grantee Orientation</li> </ul>	propose new project activities     beyond the basic statutory and     program requirements. Applicants     must address at least one element within     each goal described below.

OVW has identified three overarching program goals that include core elements needed to help campuses develop more comprehensive projects. The elements below describe the activities that can be implemented beyond the basic statutory and program requirements which are required for continuation applicants and optional for new applicants.

# **GOAL #1: Broad Campus and Community Engagement**

- Ensure all CCR team members use consistent messaging, goals and strategies as part of the CCR approach;
- Ensure CCR efforts are rooted in culturally relevant, survivor centered approaches;
- Infuse a healthy masculinity framework into CCR team work; and
- Ensure CCR efforts create systemic changes in responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

# GOAL #2: The Reduction of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking

- Ensure ongoing prevention strategies are comprehensive and culturally relevant; and
- Address healthy masculinity and implement robust engaging men strategies into prevention efforts

# **GOAL #3: Effective Intervention**

- Create effective systems for enforcement and accountability
- Survivor centered interventions

See the Technical Assistance supplemental document on the OVW website for more detailed information on how to address each element.

# **OVW Priority Areas**

In FY 2016, OVW is interested in supporting the priority areas identified below. Final funding decisions will be based on a combination of factors including, but not limited to: peer review score, programmatic review and the extent to which the applicant meets the identified priority area(s).

1. Strengthen coordinated community response and multi-disciplinary teams for community colleges.

OVW recognizes that community colleges' reliance on community partners to provide critical services and supports to students is a unique characteristic of their campus

CCR. OVW encourages community colleges to apply for Campus Program funding so that strategies and approaches learned from this model can be replicated.

# 2. Meaningfully increase access to OVW programming for specific underserved populations.

OVW recognizes that campuses have diverse student populations whose needs may warrant tailored approaches different from traditionally used approaches. In addition. many campuses, especially those that primarily serve communities of color and other underserved populations, may not be aware of this funding opportunity. Therefore, OVW is encouraging applications from the following institutions: Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU), universities and colleges that serve primarily Latino or Hispanic populations or are based in the territories of Guam. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. Also, we are encouraging applicants to support underserved and/or culturally-specific populations in a thoughtful and strategic way. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to develop or enhance culturally and linguistically specific prevention and intervention strategies for underserved communities such as African American: Asian and Pacific Islander; Latino; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning (LGBTQ); and Deaf or hard of hearing. During the peer review process, applicants that propose to work with these underserved populations will be assessed on the merits of proposed activities and their partnerships with organizations serving the target populations.

# 3. Emerging Practice

In an effort to integrate violence against women as a key campus safety issue, OVW is interested in applicants that propose to integrate sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking issues into emergency management plans. OVW has learned that emergency management plans, as required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, are detailed strategic plans that warrant the deployment of resources, coordination of departments and systematic communication with the campus community about emergency related public safety events. Some campuses have begun to utilize their emergency management plans to maximize campus resources and leverage their requirement to establish an emergency management plan that also includes a comprehensive response to violence against women. OVW is hoping that this emerging practice will raise the visibility of violence against women as a critical issue in overall campus safety.

# **Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery**

The following activities have been found to jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions:

1. Procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health

- condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the age and/or gender of their children:<sup>3</sup>
- 2. Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of persons receiving OVW-funded services;
- 3. Encouraging mediation or counseling for couples as a systemic response to domestic violence and dating violence;
- 4. Prevention programs that focus primarily on changing victim behavior this approach reinforces the myth that victims somehow provoke or cause the violence they experience;
- 5. Imposing restrictive conditions to be met by victims in order to receive services (e.g., requiring victims to seek protection orders or to seek counseling):
- Failing to develop policies and procedures to ensure accessibility to victim services and advocacy programs;
- Failing to provide victims the option of making the final decision on adjustments to their class schedules and/or living arrangements, or failing to provide appropriate academic and housing accommodations; or
- 8. Implementing policies that require victims to report sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to law enforcement.

Applications that propose activities that compromise victim safety and recovery may receive a deduction in points during the review process or may be eliminated from further consideration entirely unless these activities are required by law.

# **Out-of-Scope Activities**

OVW has determined the activities listed below to be out of the program scope and therefore these activities will not be supported by Campus Program funding. Applications that propose out-of-scope activities may receive a point deduction during the review process. Applications that are determined to be substantially outside the scope of the Campus Program will not be considered for funding<sup>4</sup>.

- Research projects (This does not include program assessments conducted only for internal improvement purposes. See section Research and Protection of Human Subjects in the FY 2014 Solicitation Companion Guide on <a href="http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2013/12/16/companion-guide-fy2014.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2013/12/16/companion-guide-fy2014.pdf</a>
- 2. Projects that focus primarily on alcohol and substance abuse;
- 3. Activities that focus primarily on sexual harassment:
- 4. Education or prevention programs for elementary and secondary students on sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking;
- Mandatory self-defense classes, or self-defense classes as the only means of providing prevention and education to students;
- 6. Theater performances that do not specifically address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking; and
- 7. Developing products and/or materials that are not specifically focused on the dynamics of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If an award is made, the recipient will also be subject to statutory prohibitions on discrimination. For further information on these civil rights requirements, see the section "Violence Against Women Act Non-Discrimination Provision" under "F. Federal Award Administration Information."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> If more than 25% of staff time or grant dollars would be devoted to activities outside of the program's statutory scope, OVW will consider the proposal "substantially" outside the scope of the program and remove it from further consideration.

8. Training or activities focused primarily on Title IX compliance.

# **Unallowable Activities**

The following is a list of activities that are unallowable and cannot be supported by Campus Program grant funding. Applications that propose unallowable activities may receive a point deduction during the review process. Applications that include substantial unallowable activities will not be considered for funding.

- Lobbying;
- Fundraising:
- Purchase of real property;
- Construction;
- Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting) except those outlined in purpose area 7 of this solicitation<sup>5</sup>:
- Providing victim assistance unrelated to the victimization;
- Tuition reimbursement;
- Incentives for students to participate in mandatory trainings; and
- Supporting Title IX investigator or Coordinator positions.

# B. Federal Award Information

# **Availability of Funds**

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. There is no guarantee that funds will be available in the future. Therefore, OVW encourages applicants to develop a plan to sustain project activities if federal funding through the Campus Program ceases to be available. Also, please note that OVW may elect to make awards for applications submitted under this solicitation in future fiscal years, depending on the merits of the applications and on the availability of funding.

## **Award Period**

The grant award period is **36** months. Budgets must reflect 36 months of project activity, and the total "estimated funding" on the SF-424 must reflect 36 months. Generally, the award period will start on October 1, 2016.

#### **Award Amounts**

Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs.

Total Funding levels under the Campus program for FY 2016 are as follows:

- 1. Individual Projects(as defined below): up to \$300,000
- 2. Consortia Projects (as defined below):
  - A. Two to Four campus consortia-up to \$550,000 or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Applicants proposing to use grant funds for physical modifications as outlined in purpose area 7 must follow the guidelines set forth in <u>Appendix F - Physical Modification Guidelines</u>.

# B. Five or more campus consortia-up to \$750,000

OVW has the discretion to award grants for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants prior to award of a grant.

The Campus Program typically makes awards in the range of \$300,000-\$500,000. OVW estimates that it will make approximately 40 awards for an estimated 20 million. Awards will be made as grants.

# **Types of Applicants**

In FY 2016, OVW will accept applications for the Campus Program from the following:

**New:** applicants that have never received or served as a lead institution for a Campus Program grant award or currently do not have an active grant award under the Campus Program (awards closed more than 12 months). Additionally, applicants that received FY 2013 Campus Program Planning grants are eligible to apply as a new applicant.

**Continuation:** applicants that have an existing or recently closed (within the last 12 months) award under the Campus Program. Continuation funding is not guaranteed.

Grant recipients that received new or supplemental/continuation funding for **36** months in FY **2014 and FY 2015** are NOT eligible to apply.

# Sub-Type

In addition to new and continuation applications, OVW has determined that applicants for the Campus Program must also identify as one of the sub-types listed below.

- 1. An **individual applicant** is a single institution of higher education that proposes to develop and implement project activities on its own campus.
- A consortium project involves two or more institutions of higher education working together to implement the project activities. Each institution within the consortium must fully implement the statutory and program requirements on its respective campus. A consortium application must fully describe the relationship among the various entities identified.

While all members of the consortium are equal partners in decision-making and should work in a cooperative and coordinated manner on all project activities, the application should identify one college or university as the entity to receive and administer grant funds (as fiscal entities only) as well as to coordinate all grant-funded consortium activities. As equal partners in this project, no significant changes or decisions in project goals or budgeting can be made without the consultation of the consortium institutions.

Please refer to the <u>Program Scope</u> of the solicitation for further information about this requirement.

**Please note:** Consortium projects must ensure that each participating institution is also eligible to apply.

Applicants may only submit one proposal per category (individual or consortium project) to be considered for funding. In addition, for purposes of the campus program, satellite or branch

campuses are not considered separate institutions. Therefore, an institution with multiple satellite or branch locations should not apply as a consortium project.

# C. Eligibility Information

# **Eligible Applicants**

It is very important that applicants review this information carefully. Applications that are submitted by ineligible entities or that do not meet all program eligibility requirements will not be considered for funding.

# Eligible entities for this program are:

Institutions of higher education as defined under the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 20 U.S.C. § 1001, which provides that the term "institution of higher education" means an educational institution in any state<sup>6</sup> that: (1) admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate; or students who have completed a secondary school education in a home school setting that is treated as a home school or private school under state law; (2) is legally authorized within such state to provide a program of education beyond secondary education; (3) provides an educational program for which the institution awards a bachelor's degree or provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, or awards a degree that is acceptable for admission to a graduate or professional degree program, subject to review and approval by the Secretary of Education; (4) is a public or other nonprofit institution; and (5) is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, or if not so accredited, is an institution that has been granted preaccreditation status by such an agency or association that has been recognized by the Secretary of Education for the granting of preaccreditation status, and the Secretary of Education has determined that there is satisfactory assurance that the institution will meet the accreditation standards of such an agency or association within a reasonable time.

Under 20 U.S.C. § 1001, the term "institution of higher education" also includes: (1) any school that provides not less than a 1-year program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation and that meets the provision of paragraphs (1), (2), (4), and (5) above; and (2) a public or nonprofit private educational institution in any state that, in lieu of the requirement in paragraph (1) above regarding admitting only secondary school graduates, admits as regular students individuals (A) who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the state in which the institution is located; or (B) who will be dually or concurrently enrolled in the institution and a secondary school.

# **Cost Sharing or Match Requirement**

This program has no matching or cost sharing requirement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Under the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, the term "state" includes, in addition to the several states of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau. 20 U.S.C. § 1003(16).

# **Other Program Eligibility Requirements**

In addition to meeting the eligible entity requirements outlined above, applications for the Campus Program **must** also meet the requirements below. All certification and other eligibility related documents must be current and developed in accordance with the FY 2016 solicitation.

# Certification of Eligibility

All applicants are required to certify in writing that they are in compliance with the following federal statutes:

- 1. The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires in part that all eligible institutions of higher education collect certain types of information about campus crime statistics and security policies for their respective campuses. See 20 U.S.C. §1092(f). The information must be compiled in an annual security report and disseminated to all current students and employees, and, upon request, to any applicant for enrollment or employment. The annual security report must contain information regarding campus security policies and campus crime statistics. 20 U.S.C. §1092(f) should be consulted for complete information about these reporting requirements; and
- 2. 20 U.S.C. §1232g(b)(6), provides, in part, that institutions of higher education may disclose the final results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the institution against an alleged perpetrator of any violent crime or a non-forcible sex offense if the institution determines as a result of the disciplinary proceeding that the student committed a violation of the institution's rules or policies with respect to the offense. This disclosure may include the name of any other student, such as a victim or witness, only with the written consent of that other student.

Please note that while certification is required under the Campus Program, institutions of higher education that receive federal funds are already required to comply with the above provisions.

The letter of certification **must** address compliance with the requirements outlined above and signed by the highest authorizing official (President/Chancellor and/or Provost) for each of the institutions of higher education that are involved in the project. Applicants that do not provide a letter certifying that they are in compliance with the federal statutes at the time of application submission will not be considered for funding.

<u>Certification Letter of Intent to Implement Statutory Minimum Requirements</u>

All applicants are required to certify by letter that they have knowledge of and are committed to the full implementation of each of the statutory minimum requirements of the Campus Program.

Applicants must allot sufficient funding for each proposed project activity to ensure that every statutory minimum requirement is completed by the end of the designated project period. The letter must be signed by the highest authorizing official (e.g., President, Chancellor and/or Provost) of each of the participating institutions of higher education, certifying its intention to implement and dedicate the necessary funds to complete the following requirements by the end of the award period:

1. create a **coordinated community response** including both organizations external to

the institution and relevant divisions of the institution:

- 2. establish a mandatory prevention and education program about sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking for all incoming students:
- 3. **train all campus law enforcement** to respond effectively to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; and
- 4. **train all members of campus disciplinary boards** to respond effectively to situations involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

## Required Partnerships

Applicants that fail to include the required partners mentioned on pages 8-9 will not be considered for funding.

# **Limit on Number of Applications Submissions**

An applicant can only submit one application per institution. If an applicant submits multiple versions of the same application, OVW will review <u>only</u> the most recent system-validated version submitted.

# D. Application and Submission Information

# **Address to Request Application Package**

The complete application package is available on <u>Grants.gov</u> or at the OVW website at <a href="http://www.justice.gov/ovw">http://www.justice.gov/ovw</a>. Applicants wishing to request a paper copy of the application materials should contact the OVW campus mailbox: <a href="mailto:ovw.campus@usdoj.gov">ovw.campus@usdoj.gov</a>.

#### **Letter of Registration**

Applicants intending to apply for FY 2016 funding under this program, are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of registration. The letter should state that the applying organization is registered and current with the System for Award Management (SAM) and with <u>Grants.gov</u>. The letter should be submitted to OVW at **ovw.campus@usdoj.gov** by **February 11, 2016**. This will ensure that the applicant is well-positioned to successfully submit a proposal by the application deadline. This letter will not obligate the applicant to submit an application. See <u>Appendix B</u> for a sample Letter of Registration.

# **Pre-Application Conference Calls**

OVW will conduct five Pre-Application Conference Calls. There will be four calls for new applicants and one call for continuation applicants. During these calls, OVW staff will review the Campus Program requirements, review the solicitation, and allow for a brief question and answer session. Participation in these calls is optional.

The conference calls are tentatively scheduled for **2-4 pm EST**:

- 1. January 19, 2016 for new applicants
- 2. January 26, 2016 for new applicants
- 3. January 28, 2016 for new applicants
- 4. February 3, 2016 for continuation applicants
- 5. February 5, 2016 for new applicants

Anyone interested in submitting an application to the Campus Program may register to participate in a pre-application call. The total number of participants for each call is limited to 75 participants. Please note: Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis, and space is not guaranteed. Interested participants from the same institution are strongly encouraged to participate together so that as many campuses as possible can join the call. OVW reserves the right to deny multiple registrations from a single agency/jurisdiction. To register, please e-mail <a href="mailto:ovw.campus@usdoi.gov">ovw.campus@usdoi.gov</a>. Please provide at least two requested dates in case your first choice request cannot be granted. Interested applicants will receive a confirmation email to verify that they are registered for the requested call. Registration must be received at least two days prior to the start of the call.

# **Application Contents**

This section describes what is included in a complete application package. Applicants should anticipate that failure to submit an application that contains all of the specified elements will negatively affect the review of the application and may result in the application not being considered for funding. Should a decision be made to make an award, it may result in the inclusion of special conditions that preclude access to or use of award funds pending satisfaction of the conditions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that a complete application is submitted by the deadline. OVW will not contact applicants for missing items.

Do not submit documents in addition to those specified in this solicitation. Please note that any materials submitted as part of an application may be released pursuant to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

# **Formatting and Technical Requirements**

Applications must follow the requirements below. Points may be deducted for applications that do not adhere to the following requirements:

- 1. Double spaced (Project Abstract, Summary Data Sheet and charts may be single space)
- 2. 8½ x 11 inch paper
- 3. One-inch margins
- 4. Type no smaller than 12 point, Times New Roman font
- 5. Page numbers
- 6. No more than **20** pages for the Project Narrative
- 7. Word documents in the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc), PDF files (.pdf), or Text Documents (.txt).
- 8. Headings and sub-headings that correspond to the sections identified in this section of the solicitation.

# **Application Requirements**

Applications must include the following required documents and demonstrate that the program eligibility requirements have been met. Applications that do not address all of the following components will be considered substantially incomplete and will not be considered for funding:

- 1. Project Narrative
- 2. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative
- 3. Memoranda of Understanding (IMOU and EMOU)

In addition to the application being scored on the documents listed above, the Summary Data Sheet will also be scored.

# **Summary Data Sheet (5 Points)**

The Summary Data Sheet should be one to four pages in length and may be single or double spaced. The Summary Data Sheet does not count toward the **20** page limit for the Project Narrative. Please provide the following information:

- 1. Name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address for the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant agency.
- 2. Name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address for the grant point-of-contact. This person must be an employee of the applicant agency.
- 3. Statement as to whether the organization applying will serve as a "pass through entity" (a fiscal agent/sponsor) for an organization, or organizations that will ultimately implement the project. If so, the applicant must include a statement acknowledging that, should an award be made, it would be responsible for all statutory, fiscal and programmatic requirements, including those of 2 CFR Part 200, as well as all project deliverables. The organization applying for the award must also list all of the entities it will enter into agreements with to perform the work, and should include a description of how these entities intend to accomplish the purposes of the award if such a description is not already provided in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) submitted as part of the application.
- 4. Statement as to whether the agency applying has expended \$750,000 in federal funds in the organization's past fiscal year. Please specify the end date of the applicant's fiscal year.
- 5. A list of other federal grant programs from which the applicant organization currently receives funding or for which it has applied for funding in FY 2016 to do similar work. Please provide this information in a table using the format found in **APPENDIX E**.
- 6. Statement as to whether the applicant is a nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 7. Statement as to whether the applicant is a nonprofit organization that uses the Internal Revenue Service's three-step safe-harbor procedure to establish a rebuttable presumption that its executives' compensation is reasonable. If the applicant is not a nonprofit organization or is a nonprofit that does not use the safe-harbor procedure, provide a statement to that effect. For additional information about the safe-harbor procedure, see "Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation" section.
- 8. The percentage of grant activities, should the application be funded, that will address each of the following issues:
  - Sexual assault;
  - Domestic violence;
  - Dating/teen dating violence; and/or
  - Stalking.
- 9. Summary of Current and Recent OVW Projects (if applicable). If the applicant has a current grant or cooperative agreement under any OVW program, or an award that has been closed within the last 12 months from the date this solicitation closes, the information below must be provided in a table using the format found in <u>APPENDIX D</u>. Failure to provide the required table will result in a loss of points. The table must:
  - Identify all grants by OVW program, award number and project period.

- Specify the total funding amount for each grant (initial and supplemental amounts, if applicable).
- Specify the total funds remaining in each grant as of the date of application.
- Provide the total funds remaining in each budget category (Personnel, Fringe, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Construction, Contractual, and Other) for each grant.
- Provide a justification for remaining funds.
- Estimate the amount of grant funds that will be remaining at the end of the current project period.
- List the number and titles of all full-time and/or part-time positions funded by the award.
- The name of the institution and type of institution (e.g., private, public, tribal, and/or community college, men's or women's college, HBCU) applying for funding.
- 11. The nonprofit, nongovernmental victim service program partner collaborating on this project.
- 12. Statement as to whether students have access to campus-based and/or community-based victim services.
- 13. The external criminal justice or civil legal agencies or organizations partnering on this project.
- 14. If applicable, the years in which your institution has previously received grant funding from the Campus Grant Program.
- 15. Statement as to whether this project involves a single institution or is a consortium, and, if a consortium project, list participating institutions.
- 16. Statement as to whether the applicant institution(s) is located in a rural, urban or suburban area.
- 17. The regional area(s) (city, town, county, or unincorporated area) where this project will be implemented.
- 18. The population and square mileage of the region where the campus community is located:
- 19. The demographics of the population being served (e.g., students, faculty, staff, etc.);
- 20. The number of students enrolled in the institution, if a consortium project including information from all partnering institutions.
- 21. The Campus Program Purpose Area(s) proposed to be addressed in the application. (Please reference Purpose Area(s) only by a number, e.g., Bullets #2, 3, and 7. Please find the purpose areas in the "Purpose Areas" under the "Program Scope" section).
- 22. A list of any priority area(s) that the application will be addressing (see "OVW Priority Areas" section under the "Program Scope" section on page 7.
- 23. A list of any other major activities beyond the statutory minimum requirements and the mandatory program requirements that the project will address (e.g., men's programming, faculty and staff educational programming, peer education, peer theater, and/or SANE/SART/DVART Unit, etc.).
- 24. Indicate whether you have conducted a climate survey or plan to do so with grant funding.

Continuation applicants that have a substantial amount of remaining funds at the time of application submission without adequate justification may not be considered for funding in FY 2016.

# **Project Narrative (50 Points Total)**

The Project Narrative may not exceed **20** pages in length, double-spaced. Please note that applications will be assessed on the merits, thoroughness and quality of how well the proposal addresses the elements under each section of the program narrative. The Project Narrative comprises the following three sections: Purpose of the Application, What Will Be Done, and Who Will Implement.

# Purpose of Application (15 points)

This section must:

- 1. Describe your campus and community including the service area;
- 2. Describe the scope of the problem of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on campus and in the community;
- 3. Describe the culturally specific or underserved populations on your campus and current strategies that are being used to address their needs;
- 4. Describe the availability of victim services and advocacy on campus and in the community including the scope of services provided;
- 5. Describe how campus executive leadership (president and governing board members) is actively engaged in current efforts to promote visibility and awareness of issues regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on campus;
- 6. Describe efforts, if any, to include your local domestic violence or sexual assault organizations and/or state, tribal or territorial sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions as a resource for training and technical assistance;

# **New Applicants Only:**

- Briefly describe the current structure for your campus law enforcement department (i.e. number of law enforcement officers, sworn vs. non-sworn law enforcement officers, protocols and coordination with local police, etc.) and the disciplinary process used to respond to alleged violations of institutional policies (i.e. Disciplinary board vs. hearing officer; if applicable, make-up of the board; length of duty, etc.)
- 2. Briefly describe the current efforts to:
  - A. Develop a coordinated community response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking;
  - B. Provide education to students on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking;
  - C. Conduct ongoing training to campus law enforcement on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking; and,
  - D. Conduct ongoing training to campus conduct, disciplinary board or hearing officers on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

## **Continuation Applicants Only:**

- 1. Briefly describe how previous efforts fully met the following Campus Program statutory requirements to:
  - A. Develop a coordinated community response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking;
  - B. Provide mandatory education to all incoming students on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking;
  - C. Conduct ongoing training to campus law enforcement on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking; and,
  - D. Conduct ongoing training to campus conduct, disciplinary board or hearing

officers on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking;

- 2. Describe the behavioral, cultural or systemic changes that have been made as a result of the previous grant funding; and
- 3. Describe the remaining gaps or issues that need to be addressed with additional Campus Program funding.

# What Will Be Done (20 points)

The applicant must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the "Purpose of Application" section.

# All applicants must:

- 1. Provide measurable goals and specific tasks for each proposed goal including how the campus will meet the statutory and program requirements (see pages 9-13);
- 2. Identify expected outcomes from each of the proposed goals;
- 3. Describe in detail the comprehensive victim services that will be provided to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
- 4. Describe in detail how the needs of culturally specific and underserved populations on campus will be adequately addressed, including the provision of population specific services:
- Identify key individuals and/or departments on campus including executive leadership (president and governing board members) that are needed to promote visibility, awareness and sustainability of issues regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
- 6. Detail how victim safety and autonomy will be addressed. Specifically include how the project will:
  - A. Conduct safety planning and ensure informed consent for campus interventions; and
  - B. Maintain confidentiality and privacy of victim's information, taking into account the use of technology, such as security systems, GPS, hotlines, and databases.

## **Continuation Applicants Only:**

Identify the activities that go beyond the statutory and program requirements (reference page 12 and the technical assistance supplemental document on the OVW website) and provide measurable goals and specific tasks for each activity.

# Who Will Implement the Project (15 points)

This section must:

- 1. Identify the departments, agency/ies or office(s) responsible for carrying out the project;
- 2. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the departments, agency/ies or office(s) who will be directly involved with the project including
  - A. The required victim services partner (refer to pages 8-9 for more information);
  - B. The required criminal justice and/or civil legal agency partner(s) (refer to pages 8-9 for more information); and
  - C. If applicable, key consortium partner(s);

- Detail the roles and responsibilities, experience, and expertise of all key personnel including each participating institution's key staff. Note: If the applicant plans to hire for one of the key staff position(s) please include a <u>brief</u> job description of the roles and responsibilities;
- Outline the percentage of time dedicated to the project and the experience of the project coordinator including expertise in sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking issues; and
- 5. Explain how information will be shared between partners, including how they will protect information that is confidential or privileged. Applicants should recognize that partners such as legal and victim service providers can provide varying degrees of confidentiality, often depending on federal, state, and tribal laws. This may affect what information about victims they can share with partners. Other partners may have additional legal requirements and limitations.

# **Continuation only:**

Provide a justification for the percentage of time the project coordinator is dedicated to the project, if that the time is less than 50%, to demonstrate the applicant's capacity to adequately implement the goals and objectives of the project.

# **Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative (15 Points)**

All applicants are required to submit a detailed budget and supporting budget narrative. Budgetary requirements vary slightly among programs, and applicants must read the solicitation closely to determine the requirements of the budget and budget narrative for each OVW program.

# Award Period and Amount

The grant award period is **36** months. Budgets must reflect 36 months of project activity, and the total "estimated funding" (block 15) on the SF-424 must reflect 36 months.

# **Award Amounts**

Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs. OVW has the discretion to award grants for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants prior to award of a grant.

Total funding levels under the Campus Program for FY 2016 are as follows:

- 1. Individual projects: up to \$300,000
- 2. Consortia projects:
  - A. Two to Four campus consortia-up to \$550,000
  - B. Five or more campus consortia-up to \$750,000

**NOTE**: For applicants that have received three previous cycles of Campus Program funding it is highly unlikely that additional funding will be awarded.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Funding is not guaranteed.

In developing the budget, applicants should financially compensate all project partners for their participation in any project-related activities, including, but not limited to, compensation for time

and travel expenses to participate in project development, training, and implementation. The budget **must** include compensation for all services rendered by project partners, including the victim service provider. If a partner is a state local, tribal or territorial agency and the partnership duties are conducted within the course of the agency's "regular" scope of work, the applicant does not need to compensate the partner if the partner an explanation of this arrangement is included in the budget and External Memorandum of Understanding.

**NOTE:** Consortia applicants must ensure fair and equitable compensation for consortium member institutions so that they are able to fully implement the statutory and program requirements.

# **Budget Requirements**

Applicants must submit reasonable budgets based on the resources needed to implement their projects in their specific geographic location. The budget should display a clear link between the specific project activities and the proposed budget items. Specifically, the budget should not contain any items that are not detailed in the project narrative. The budget narrative must support all costs included in the budget and explain how the costs of goods and services are determined and how they will fulfill the overall objective of the project.

In some circumstances, the budget and budget narrative will be reviewed separately from the proposed project narrative. Therefore, it is very important that the budget narrative be as comprehensive as possible and describe in a narrative format each line item requested in the budget.

A Sample Budget Detail Worksheet is available in <u>Appendix A</u>. When preparing the Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative, please use the Sample Budget Detail Worksheet as a guide and be sure to include all necessary budget categories as outlined in the Worksheet. The budget must adhere to the DOJ Financial Guide.

# **Indirect costs**

Indirect costs under the Campus Program are limited to no more than 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). This limit applies to both direct recipients and subrecipients of Campus Program funds. The amount of indirect costs charged cannot exceed the amount an institution or subrecipient would charge using their federally approved indirect cost rate.

# Victim Services

Per statute, applicants that select statutory purpose area four **must allocate 20% or more of grant funds** to support the provision of direct services. In addition, applicants proposing to develop a campus based victim services program must also allocate 20% or more of grant funding to this purpose.

# **Project Coordinator**

New applicants must have and/or support one full time position for project coordinator. In light of the scope of work needed for effective implementation of this program and to avoid potential conflicts of interest, the project coordinator cannot be a Title IX coordinator or victim advocate.

# Conference Planning and Expenditure Limitations

Applicants should be aware of all applicable laws, regulations, policies and guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (which is defined to include meetings,

retreats, seminars, symposiums, training and other similar events), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such events, and costs of attendance at such events. Information on pertinent laws, regulations, policies and guidance is available at <a href="http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grantees.html">http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grantees.html</a>. Applicants should also be aware of the following specific restrictions on conference planning and expenditure limitations:

- Cost of Logistical Conference Planning
- 2. Cost of Programmatic Conference Planning
- 3. Conference Space and Audio-Visual Equipment and Services
- 4. Prohibition on Trinkets at Conferences
- 5. Entertainment at Conferences
- 6. Food and Beverages at Conferences
- Prior Approval Required Before Entering Into Contracts or Expending Funds for Conferences
- 8. Conference Reporting

Updated Department of Justice and OVW guidance on conference planning, minimization of costs, and conference cost reporting is accessible on the OVW website <a href="http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grantees.html">http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grantees.html</a>. For additional information regarding food and beverage regulations, please refer to the DOJ Financial Guide.

#### Training and Technical Assistance

All applicants are required to allocate funds in the amount of \$36,250 for individual projects and \$72,500 for consortium projects to support travel costs associated with technical assistance and capacity-building activities sponsored by OVW-designated technical assistance providers. Applicants from Alaska, Hawaii, and United States Territories should allocate an additional \$5,000 to account for higher travel costs. These specific applicants may exceed the budget caps to account for this increased travel amount. The required set-aside amount may be shared between the applicant and any partnering agency(ies), but the budget must reflect the costs in the appropriate categories. Therefore, an employee's travel costs should be included in the "Travel" category, while travel costs for the project partner(s) must be included in the "Consultants/Contracts" category. Label both costs as "OVW Technical Assistance." Include an estimated breakdown for these costs, including the number of trips, number of travelers, airfare or mileage, lodging, per diem, etc. (OVW technical assistance is provided free of charge to grantees, so applicants do not need to include registration fees). This amount should equal the full, required set-aside amount listed above.

Grantees will work with the designated TA providers on the following materials:

- 1. Completion of a core competency TA assessment;
- 2. Development of a new or utilization of an existing needs assessment; and
- 3. Development of a logic model

The Campus Program technical assistance is based on a competency based model of implementation, thus grantees will undergo an annual analysis of its CCR team's competencies in understanding and applying Campus Program concepts to ensure grantees are effectively implementing project activities, to support any challenges that grantees are experiencing and to provide individualized technical assistance that support grantees in achieving project goals.

All Campus Program grantees will be required to attend a total of five training and technical assistance institutes over the three-year performance period. Three institutes are expected to be convened in the first year and two institutes in the last year of the award. All grantees are required to bring a multi-disciplinary team to the institutes. The institutes are designed for grantees to work in teams and develop the competencies necessary to implement program activities on their respective campuses.

The institutes are based on a competency-based train the trainer model that warrants the same selected individuals to attend mandatory Campus Program institutes over the life of the grant.

For FY 2016, the attendance requirements for these technical assistance activities include:

Year One Development	Year Two Implementation	Year Three Implementation
All grantees must attend three Institutes in the first year of the award.	No Institutes for grantees this year, but will receive ongoing technical assistance from designated TA providers via webinars, TA requests, check-	All grantees must attend two institutes
Individual Projects are required to bring seven team members: project coordinator, one community partner, two student conduct staff, two law enforcement personnel and one prevention person.		Individual Projects are required to bring four team members: project coordinator, one community partner, and two campus partners to be identified based on the topic of the institute
Consortium Projects are required to bring a minimum of 14 team members: project coordinators from each campus (if possible), one community partner, student conduct staff, law enforcement personnel and prevention person(s)		Consortium Projects are required to bring a minimum of eight team members to include: project coordinators from each campus (if possible), one community partner and partners from each campus based on the topic of the Institute.

NOTE: Small consortium project teams should represent a full multi-disciplinary team to the extent possible for each participating campus within the consortium. Large consortium project teams should bring to the institute at least one team member that represents each required area of expertise stated above. Consortium projects may allocate more than the required amount for travel for team members to attend the institutes.

# **Continuation Grantees**

Continuation grantees will also receive follow up consultations with a designated technical assistance provider after completion of the core competency assessment to better determine their TA needs. As a result, continuation grantees may be allowed to attend fewer institutes based on their competence to effectively implement the statutory and program requirements. More information will be provided after receiving the award.

Any remaining technical assistance funds may be used to attend national conferences, retain experts on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking to assist with implementation challenges, or provide additional training to the campus community members. Approval to utilize the remaining technical assistance funds for these purposes **must** be approved by OVW prior to implementation. Travel funds should be used to support travel by all project partners including nonprofit, nongovernmental victim service providers. Funds may also be used by persons whose positions are not grant-funded as long as that person's roles and responsibilities are linked to the project's overall mission.

## **Program Assessments**

Applicants may not use any OVW funds to conduct research. However, up to three percent of the budget may be allocated for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of funded activities. For example, funds may be used to conduct pre- and post-testing of training recipients or for victim satisfaction surveys. In conducting such testing or surveys, grantees may not collect, analyze or disseminate any information that would disclose the identity of an individual. Campus Program applicants are encouraged to conduct needs assessments including the dissemination of a climate survey to determine their campus needs.

# Accommodations and Language Access

Recipients of OVW funds must comply with applicable federal civil rights laws, which, among other things, prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability and national origin. This includes taking reasonable steps to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) have meaningful access to recipients' programs or activities. More information on these obligations is available in the <a href="OVW FY 2014 Solicitation Companion Guide">OVW FY 2014 Solicitation Companion Guide</a> and at <a href="www.lep.gov">www.lep.gov</a>. Applicants are encouraged to allocate grant funds to support activities that help to ensure individuals with disabilities, Deaf individuals, and persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services, language interpretation and translation services, or the purchase of adaptive equipment.

Applicants proposing to use grant funds to create websites, videos, and other materials must ensure that the materials are accessible to persons with disabilities. Grant funds may be allocated for these purposes.

#### Pre-Agreement Cost Approval

Please be aware that costs incurred prior to the start date of the award may not be charged to the project unless the recipient receives prior approval from OVW. Please see the DOJ Financial Guide for more information on pre-award costs.

# Memoranda of Understanding (IMOU and EMOU) (30 Points Total)

For the purposes of this solicitation, two MOUs are required: IMOU and EMOU. All continuation applicants must develop new MOUs that reflect the continuation of project

activities and include current dates and signatures from all relevant project partners. Letters of support may not be submitted in lieu of the IMOU or EMOU. The absence of either the IMOU or EMOU will eliminate the applicant from further consideration.

Each MOU is a document containing the terms of the partnership and the roles and responsibilities between two or more parties. Each MOU can include multiple signature pages as long as each page is continuous and includes the name and title of each signing party.

#### Each MOU must:

- 1. Clearly identify the partners and provide a brief history of the collaborative relationship among those partners, including when and under what circumstances the relationship began and when each partner entered into the relationship.
- 2. Clearly state the roles and responsibilities each partner will assume to ensure the success of the proposed project.

# Internal Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU) (15 Points)

Each individual or consortium application must include an Internal Memorandum of Understanding, which represents a partnership with different departments, offices and entities within the institution of higher education (see minimum internal partner requirement on page 9). Each applicant must provide an IMOU as a single document that is current (dated during the development of the proposal) and includes signatures, titles, and dates from all partners.

The IMOU must be signed by a representative of the governing body of the institution(s) of higher education, the president(s), and/or chancellor(s) of the institution(s) of higher education and the chief executive officers and/or directors of all participating partner entities within the institution(s).

#### The IMOU must also:

- 1. Identify the departments, offices, or entities designated to receive and administer grant funds and to manage and coordinate project activities within the institution of higher education;
- Provide a brief description of the confidentiality limitations and requirements of all partners and include a statement that each partner understands the limits of disclosure of personally identifying information under the Violence Against Women Act;
- 3. Address how privacy and informed consent will be utilized in the project to ensure that victim confidentiality is maintained to the extent possible by law;
- 4. Indicate approval of the proposed project budget by all partners;
- 5. Describe the resources each partner would contribute to the project, either through time, in- kind contributions, or other (e.g., office space, project staff, training); and
- 6. Describe the mechanism for reimbursement and that the procedure has been clearly communicated and agreed upon by all participating partners.

<u>Individual Applicants</u> should submit the IMOU as one document including signatures from appropriate representatives of each campus-based partner entity (e.g., Director of Athletics, Director of the Women's Center, Chief of Campus Public Safety, and Dean of Students).

<u>For Consortia Projects</u> the IMOU can be presented in one of two ways: 1) as a single document that outlines the roles and responsibilities of each partner within the consortium, with all signatories presented on one page; or 2) a summary page outlining the activities to be completed within the consortium along with an IMOU from each institution involved in the consortium. The IMOU of each school must identify their partners, their roles and responsibilities, and the corresponding signatures including the school's authorizing official (e.g., president, chancellor, or provost).

# External Memorandum of Understanding (EMOU) (15 Points)

Each individual or consortium application must include an External Memorandum of Understanding (EMOU), which represents partnerships with community-based organizations and agencies in the local or neighboring jurisdiction that are not affiliated with the institution of higher education. At a minimum, the EMOU must indicate a partnership between the institution of higher education, a victim service provider and at least one criminal justice or civil service legal agency. Each applicant must provide an EMOU as a single document that is current (i.e. signed and dated during the development of the proposal) and include signatures, with title of the signatories and identify the institution of the president and/or chancellor of the institution(s) of higher education and the chief executive officer and/or director of the victim service provider, the criminal justice or civil legal agency, and other community organizations.

Institutions should note that if an application focuses mainly on a specific population, issue or crime, their partnering organization should also demonstrate expertise in addressing that population, issue or crime.

#### The EMOU must also:

- Provide a description of the confidentiality limitations and requirements of all partners and include a statement that each partner understands the limits of disclosure of personally identifying information under the Violence Against Women Act;
- 2. Address how privacy and informed consent will be utilized in the project to ensure that victim confidentiality is maintained to the extent possible by law;
- 3. Indicate approval of the proposed project budget by all partners;
- 4. Describe the resources each partner would contribute to the project, either through time, in-kind contributions, or other (e.g., office space, project staff, training); and
- 5. Identify a mechanism for reimbursement that has been clearly communicated and agreed upon by all participating institutions.

# **Proposal Abstract**

The Proposal Abstract should provide a short and accurate summary (no more than two pages double-spaced) of the proposed project, including who will be involved with the proposed project, what will be done as primary activities, what products will be produced, the service area where the proposed project will take place and who will be impacted by the proposed project. Applicants should not summarize past accomplishments in this section.

#### Additional Required Information

The following documents will not be scored during the review process but they should be included with your submission. Failure to include any of the information may result in the inability to access funds if your application is selected for funding. OVW will be unable to make

an award to any nonprofit organization that does not submit a 501(c)(3) determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service.

# **Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation**

Any applicant that is a nonprofit organization that uses the Internal Revenue Service's three-step safe-harbor procedure for establishing a rebuttable presumption that its executives' compensation is reasonable, must provide the following: (1) a brief description of the process used for determining the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees, including the independent persons involved in reviewing and approving such compensation (in lieu of a description, an applicant may submit its written compensation policy); (2) the comparability data used in establishing executive compensation; and (3) contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision regarding executive compensation. This third element can usually be addressed by submitting minutes from board meetings where compensation was considered and approved.

Applicants that want to learn about best practices for establishing compensation for their executives and the IRS's safe-harbor procedures can find more information through the National Council of Nonprofits , <a href="https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/executive-compensation">https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/executive-compensation</a>.

# **Confidentiality Notice Form**

All applicants are required to acknowledge that they have received notice that grantees and subgrantees must comply with the confidentiality and privacy requirements of the Violence Against Women Act, as amended. The acknowledgement form is available on the OVW website <a href="http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/pages/attachments/2015/01/20/confidentiality\_acknowledgement\_form\_42015.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/pages/attachments/2015/01/20/confidentiality\_acknowledgement\_form\_42015.pdf</a> and must be signed by the authorized representative and uploaded to the application on <a href="https://grantees.org/grants.gov">Grants.gov</a>.

# **Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)**

Applicants must complete the SF-424 online. For "Type of Applicant," please do not select "other." Please pay careful attention to the amount of Federal funding requested in the "Estimated Funding" section of this form. This amount must match the amount of Federal funding requested in the budget section of the application package. Only include values for "Applicant" if the program solicitation requires a match. The individual who is listed in "Authorized Representative" must be the AOR for the applicant agency. The AOR is an individual who has the authority to apply for and accept grant awards on behalf of the organization or jurisdiction.

Standard Assurances and Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Form 4061/6) Please carefully review the assurances and certification forms online. These forms will be completed online at a later time during the application process. All applicants must complete the *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* (SF-LLL) form. Applicants that expend any funds for lobbying activities must provide the detailed information requested on the form. Applicants that do not expend any funds for lobbying activities should enter "N/A" in the required highlighted fields.

# **Letter of Nonsupplanting**

Applicants must submit a letter to OVW's Director, signed by the AOR, certifying that Federal funds will not be used to supplant state or local funds should a grant award be made. Please refer to <a href="http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2012/10/09/nonsup\_letter.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2012/10/09/nonsup\_letter.pdf</a> for a sample letter. This should be a separate attachment to the application in <a href="mailto:Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a>.

# **Financial Accounting Practices**

Each applicant must prepare a response to the following questions. OVW will review the applicant's responses to assist in evaluating the adequacy of the organization's financial management system and to identify areas of need for training and technical assistance. This section of your application should be no more than two pages and should be a separate attachment to the online application in Grants.gov.

- 1. Will all funds awarded under this program be maintained in a manner that they will be accounted for separately and distinctly from other sources of revenue/funding? Please provide a brief description of the organization's policies and procedures that ensure funds will be tracked appropriately.
- Does the applicant have written accounting policies and procedures? How often are
  these policies and procedures updated? Please provide a brief list of the topics
  covered in the organization's policies and procedures. OVW may request a copy for
  review during the application/award process or as part of the grant monitoring
  process.
- 3. Is the applicants financial management system able to track actual expenditures and outlays with budgeted amounts for each grant or subgrant? Please provide a brief summary of the organization's process for tracking expenditures.
- 4. Does the applicant have procedures in place for minimizing the time between transfer of funds from the United States Treasury and disbursement for project activities? Please provide a short summary of the organization's policy for requesting payments for grant awards.
- 5. Does the applicant have effective internal controls in place to adequately safeguard grant assets and to ensure that they are used solely for authorized purposes? Please provide a brief description.
- 6. Does the applicant have a documented records retention policy? If so, briefly describe the policy.
- 7. Is the individual primarily responsible for fiscal and administrative oversight of grant awards familiar with the applicable grants management rules, principles, and regulations including the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, (2 CFR Part 200)? Please provide a short list of the individual's qualifications/experience. If the individual is not familiar with the applicable rules and regulations, the applicant must contact OVW's Grants Financial Management Division at <a href="https://ovw.gfmlo.gov">OVW.gfmlo.gov</a> or 1-888-514-8556 immediately after the organization is notified of its award to coordinate training.

Please note: This information will be used for a mandatory pre-award risk assessment. Failure to provide this information or to respond to questions from OVW regarding this information in a timely manner could result in the applicant being removed from consideration or a delay in funds.

# Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)

All nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that apply for funding from OVW and have not previously (or within the last three years) received funding from OVW must complete a Financial Capability Questionnaire, and submit it online. Additionally, applicants may be required to submit their current year's audit report at a later time. The form can be found at <a href="http://www.justice.gov/ovw/how-apply">http://www.justice.gov/ovw/how-apply</a>.

# **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)**

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs through the use of an indirect cost rate must have a Federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement. Please include a copy of a current, signed Federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement. This should be a separate attachment to the application in <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a>. Please note that indirect costs under the Campus program are limited to no more than 10% of MTDC.

Organizations that wish to negotiate an indirect cost rate may contact OVW's Grants Financial Management Division at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or 1-888-514-8556 for more information.

# Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM)

Applicants for Federal grants and cooperative agreements are required to have a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number to submit an application. A DUNS Number is a unique nine-character identification number provided by the commercial company **Dun & Bradstreet (D&B)**. Once an applicant has completed the D&B registration, its DUNS Number should be available the next business day.

Federal guidelines require that applicant organizations must (1) be registered in SAM.gov prior to submitting an application; (2) provide a valid DUNS number in its application; and (3) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application under consideration by a Federal awarding agency. Also, Federal agencies may not make an award to an applicant until that applicant has complied with all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements. If an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time that OVW is ready to make an award, then OVW may make the determination that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award and use that determination as a basis for making the award to another applicant.

The SAM centralizes information about grant recipients and also provides a central location for grant recipients to change organizational information. <u>Grants.gov</u> uses SAM to establish roles and IDs for electronic grant applicants.

[If the applying organization already has an Employer Identification Number (EIN), the SAM registration will take **up to two weeks to process**. If the applying organization does not have an EIN, then **the applicant should allow two to five weeks for obtaining the information from IRS when requesting the EIN via phone, fax, mail or Internet**.] Follow the steps listed below to register in the SAM:

- 1. Obtain a DUNS number at the following website <a href="http://www.dnb.com/us/">http://www.dnb.com/us/</a> or call (866) 705-5711.
- Access the SAM online registration through the SAM homepage at <a href="https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1">https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1</a> and follow the online instructions for new SAM users.
- 3. Complete and submit the online registration. If the applying organization already has the necessary information on hand, the online registration takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, depending upon the size and complexity of the business or organization. Once the SAM registration becomes active, the applicant will be able to return to Grants.gov and complete the registration. Please note that organizations must update or renew their SAM registration at least once a year to maintain an active status.

There is no fee associated with the registration process. Additionally, the registration process cannot be expedited. OVW strongly discourages applicants from paying a third party to register on their behalf in an attempt to expedite the registration process. To ensure all applicants have ample time to complete the registration process, applicants must obtain a DUNS, register online with the SAM and with Grants.gov immediately, but no later than February 10, 2016.

#### **Submission Dates and Times**

It is very important that all applicants read this section carefully. Applicants that do not complete all the steps in registering and submitting their application by the due date will not be considered for funding. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their applications are complete at the time of submission. OVW will not contact applicants for missing items. Applicants should anticipate that failure to meet all registration and submission deadlines will result in their application being removed from consideration. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is submitted by the deadline.

All applications will be submitted electronically. The deadline for submitting applications in response to this solicitation is 11:59 p.m. E.T. on March 3, 2016. Applications submitted after 11:59 p.m. E.T. on March 3, 2016 will <u>not</u> be considered for funding. Applicants experiencing difficulties submitting an application should refer to the <u>Experiencing Unforeseeable Technical Issues</u> section of this solicitation.

Failure to begin the registration or application submission process in sufficient time is not an acceptable reason for a late application submission. It is important that applicants do not wait until the day of the application deadline to begin the application submission process. To ensure a successful application submission, OVW strongly encourages applicants to submit their applications at least 48, but no less than 24, hours before the deadline. After application submission, Authorized Organization Representatives (AOR) should closely monitor their email for any notification from <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> about a possible failed submission. The AOR will receive a minimum of two emails from <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a>. One will confirm receipt of the application package. The other will either notify the AOR that the application was successfully submitted, or it will notify the AOR that there was an error with the application submission.

Please note that the <u>Grants.gov</u> notification process is automatic. OVW does not send out these notifications, nor does OVW receive a copy of these notifications. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify OVW of any problems with the application submission process. Please see "<u>Experiencing Unforeseeable Technical Issues</u>" for information on the steps applicants must follow if corrective action must be taken.

## **OVW Policy on Duplicate Applications**

An applicant can only submit one application per program. If an applicant submits multiple versions of an application, OVW will review the most recent version submitted.

#### **Experiencing Unforeseeable Technical Issues**

As previously stated, applicants should begin the **registration process** immediately, but no later than **February 10**, **2016**. Furthermore, the applicant should begin the **application submission process** 48, but no less than 24, hours prior to the application deadline. This will allow sufficient time for the applicant to contact the appropriate individuals and take corrective action, as outlined in this solicitation, should unforeseeable technical issues arise. If technical

difficulties are experienced at any point during the application process, the applicant must contact the <u>Grants.gov</u> Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726, or <u>support@grants.gov</u>, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except closed for Federal holidays.

If an applicant experiences unforeseeable technical issues that prevent submission of an application by the deadline, the applicant must take the following actions:

- Contact Latinisha Lewis at 202-353-9167 or at ovw.campus@usdoj.gov prior to the application deadline stating that the applicant is experiencing unforeseeable technical issues and provide a phone number and/or email address where the applicant can be reached; and
- 2. Contact the technical support number above prior to the application submission deadline.

Within 24 hours after the deadline, the applicant must again contact Latinisha Lewis at 202-353-9167 or ovw.campus.gov to request permission to submit the application. At that time, the applicant will be required to email the complete grant application and DUNS number, and provide the Grants.gov Help Desk tracking number(s). After OVW reviews all of the information submitted and verifies the technical issues were unforeseeable with the Help Desk, OVW will contact the applicant to either approve or deny the request to submit a late application. If the technical issues cannot be verified as unforeseeable, the application will be rejected as late. To ensure a fair competition for limited discretionary funds, the following conditions are not valid reasons to permit late submissions: (1) failure to begin the registration process in sufficient time; (2) failure to register or update information on the SAM website; (3) failure to follow Grants.gov instructions as posted on its website; and (4) failure to follow all of the instructions in the OVW solicitation.

# **OVW Policy on Late Submissions**

OVW offers several options for an applicant to provide advance notice to OVW if receipt of its application will be delayed due to a temporary lack of Internet access, unforeseeable technical issues, or geographic isolation. If an applicant does not provide advance notice to OVW about an issue that may cause a delay in the submission of its application, the application will not be considered for funding. If applicant follows the steps outlined above, OVW will consider the applicant's request for late submission. Extension of deadlines is not guaranteed and permission to submit a late application does not automatically result in an award. Late submission only allows an application to be considered for funding. If late submission is approved, the application will be reviewed for registration information and completeness and to ensure that the applicant meets the basic eligibility requirements (BMR) as defined in the solicitation. If the applicant meets BMR, the application will be subject to both peer review and programmatic review before any funding decision is made.

## **Extraordinary Natural or Manmade Disasters**

In cases of extraordinary natural or manmade disasters, such as extreme weather emergencies or terrorist acts, applicants may request to submit applications up to seven calendar days late by sending an e-mail to the contact listed in the solicitation. The request should specify the nature of the disaster and how it affected the applicant's ability to submit an application on time. OVW may request additional documentation from the applicant verifying the extraordinary natural or manmade disaster.

#### **Single Point of Contact Review**

Executive Order 12372 requires applicants from state and local units of government or other organizations providing services within a state to submit a copy of the application to the <u>state Single Point of Contact (SPOC)</u> if one exists and if the program has been selected for review. Applicants must contact their state SPOCs to determine whether their programs have been selected for state review. The applicant should enter the date that the application was sent to the SPOC or the reason such submission is not required in the section of the SF 424 which refers to EO 12372. Applicants can find a list of SPOCs on the Office of Management and Budget website at <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants\_spoc">http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants\_spoc</a>.

#### **Funding Restrictions**

Federal assistance awards are governed by the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200. Additionally, OVW awards are covered by the DOJ Financial Guide. The DOJ Financial Guide includes information on allowable costs, methods of payment, audit requirements, accounting systems, and financial records. This document also outlines the successful administration of grant funds.

OVW generally does not allow pre-award costs. Such costs require prior approval by OVW and will only be allowed in limited circumstances.

Any recipient of an award will be responsible for monitoring subgrants/contracts, including MOU partner activities, under the grant in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and the DOJ Financial Guide. Primary recipients will be responsible for oversight of subgrantee/partner spending and monitoring specific performance measures and outcomes attributable to the use of OVW funds.

#### Food and Beverage/Costs for Refreshments and Meals

Generally food and beverage costs are **not** allowable, and under no circumstances may OVW funding be used to supply food and/or beverages during refreshment breaks. OVW may approve the use of OVW funds to provide food and/or beverages for a meal at a meeting, conference, training, or other event, if one of the following applies:

- 1. The location of the event is not in close proximity to food establishments. It should be a priority to try to secure a location near reasonably priced and accessible commercial food establishments.
- 2. Not serving food will significantly lengthen the day or necessitate extending the meeting to achieve meeting outcomes.
- 3. A special presentation at a conference requires a plenary address where there is no other time for food to be obtained.
- 4. Other extenuating circumstances necessitate the provision of food.

Justification for an exception listed above must be included in the budget narrative, and funds may only be used to purchase food and/or beverages for a meal at a meeting, conference, training, or other event if OVW approves the specific expenditures in advance.

#### **Other Submission Requirements**

As discussed in the "<u>Submission Dates and Times</u>" section above, applications must be submitted electronically via <u>grants.gov</u>. Applicants that are unable to submit electronically must contact the OVW Campus Program unit at 202-307-6026 no later than **February 10, 2016** to request permission to submit an application by alternative means.

#### Grants.Gov

After applicants obtain their DUNS number and register with SAM, they can begin the <a href="Grants.Gov">Grants.Gov</a> registration process. In order to apply for a grant, the applying organization must complete the <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> registration process prior to beginning an application for a federal <a href="grant">grant</a>. Complete instructions can be found at <a href="www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a>. The registration process can take between three and five business days or as long as four weeks if all steps are not completed in a timely manner. Please note that Grants.gov is <a href="mailto:not">not</a> the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Grants Management System (GMS). If applicants experience difficulties at any point during this process, they should call the <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

Note: Grants.gov limits the use of specific characters in names of attachment files. Valid file names include only the characters shown in the table below. Grants.gov is designed to reject any application that includes an attachment(s) with a file name that contains any characters not shown in the table below.

Characters		Special Characters	•
Upper case (A – Z)	Parenthesis ()	Curly braces { }	Square brackets []
Lower case (a – z)	Ampersand (&)	Tilde (~)	Exclamation point (!)
Underscore ()	Comma (,)	Semicolon (;)	Apostrophe ( ' )
Hyphen (-)	At sign (@)	Number sign (#)	Dollar sign (\$)
Space	Percent sign (%)	Plus sign (+)	Equal sign (=)
Period (.)	When using the ampersand (&) in XML, applicants must use the "&"		
	format.		

OVW strongly suggests using simple titles for all documents, such as "FY 2016 OVW Project Narrative." Please visit the Grants.gov website to review the most up-to-date guidelines about the use of specific characters.

The E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) within the applicant's organization must register the organization with <u>Grants.gov</u>. The E-Biz POC oversees the organization's <u>Grants.gov</u> transactions and assigns the AOR. The AOR submits the application to <u>Grants.gov</u> and must register with <u>Grants.gov</u> as well. In some cases the E-Biz POC is also the AOR for an organization.

- 1. Step 1: Go to Grants.gov. Mouse over the "APPLICANTS" drop down and click the "Organization Registration Link".
- 2. Step 2: Register with SAM
- 3. Step 3: Username & Password
- 4. Step 4: AOR Authorization
- 5. Step 5: TRACK AOR STATUS

The application process can move forward once the organization successfully registers with Grants.gov.

Downloading a Grant Application Package

An applicant may download the application package to complete it offline and route it through the applying organization for review before final submission.

Applicants must use the correct version of Adobe software in order to download the grant application. To verify if the Adobe software version is compatible with Grants.gov, visit the

following link: <a href="http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support/technical-support/software/adobe-reader-compatibility.html">http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support/technical-support/software/adobe-reader-compatibility.html</a>.

Instructions on how to open and use the forms in the package are on the application package cover sheet. Agency-specific instructions are available for download when the application package is downloaded. The instructions identify the required information for a complete application.

#### Completing the Grant Application Package

The applicant must manually save changes to the grant application. <u>Grants.gov</u> does NOT automatically save changes. The package cannot be submitted until all required fields have been completed.

#### Submitting the Completed Grant Application Package

Log on to <u>Grants.gov</u>. After the application is fully completed, errors are corrected, and the application is saved, click the "Save & Submit" button on the cover page. The application package will be automatically uploaded to <u>Grants.gov</u>.

**Reminder:** To ensure a successful application submission, OVW strongly encourages applicants to submit their applications at least 48, but no less than 24, hours before the deadline. AORs should closely monitor their email for any notification from <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> about a possible failed submission. The AOR will receive a minimum of two emails from <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> tracking number will be provided at the bottom of this screen, as well as the official date and time of the submission. Applicants must record the tracking number if technical support is needed. The <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> Help Desk can be reached at 1-800-518-4726, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. E.T.

## E. Application Review Information

#### Criteria

Applications will be subject to a peer review and a programmatic review. Applications will be scored based on the degree to which the application responds to each section and addresses each element in the section. Furthermore, applications will be scored based upon the quality of the response and the level of detail provided. Each element **must** be addressed in the section in which it is requested. Points may be deducted if the applicant does not include the information in the appropriate section even if it is included elsewhere within the application. Each section will be reviewed as a separate document and will be scored as such. Specifically for the **Campus Program**, scoring will be as follows:

- 1. Summary data sheet: 5 points
- 2. Project narrative: 50 points, of which
  - A. Purpose of the project: 15 points
  - B. What will be done: 20 points
  - C. Who will implement: 15 points
- 3. Budget narrative and detail worksheet: 15 points
- 4. EMOU/IMOU: 30 points
- 5. Formatting and technical requirements: up to 5 points

While cost sharing or match-funding are not required, in the case of a tie OVW may assess the extent and viability of cost sharing to break the tie, as well as other factors such as geographic distribution of funding.

#### **Review and Selection Process**

#### **Peer Review**

OVW will subject all applications to a peer review process that is fair and based on the criteria outlined in this solicitation. OVW may use internal review, external review, or a combination of both.

#### **Programmatic Review**

All applications that are considered for funding will be subject to a programmatic review. The programmatic review consists of assessing the application for compliance with the program's scope, activities that compromise victim safety and, if applicable, past performance and priority review. OVW reserves the right to deduct points from applications for the following reasons:

- Formatting and Technical Requirements
- Activities that compromise victim safety and recovery
- Out-of-scope activities
- Past performance

An application that is deemed to be substantially out of scope, proposes a substantial number of activities that are unallowable, or proposes activities that pose a significant threat to victim safety or a serious breach of confidentiality will not be considered for funding.

As a part of the programmatic review process described above, applicants with current or recently closed OVW awards and/or cooperative agreements will be reviewed for past performance based on the elements listed below.

- 1. Progress reports submitted by the applicant, in conjunction with monitoring conducted by OVW, demonstrate the effectiveness of the current project, indicating timely progress toward meeting project goals and objectives
- 2. Demonstration that past activities supported with OVW grant funds have been limited to program purpose areas
- 3. Adherence to all special conditions of existing grant award(s) from OVW
- 4. Adherence to programmatic and financial reporting requirements, including timely submission of required reports
- 5. Completion of close-out of prior awards in a timely manner
- Appropriate use of and active participation in OVW-sponsored workshops and other technical assistance events as required by a special condition of the current or recent award
- 7. Receipt of financial clearances on all current or recent grants from OVW
- 8. Timely resolution of issues identified in any audit or on-site financial or programmatic monitoring visit
- 9. Adherence to the Office of Management and Budget single-audit requirement;
- 10. Timely expenditure of grant funds
- 11. Adherence to the requirements of the Department of Justice Financial Guide

OVW grantees with significant past performance issues may not be considered for funding.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the OVW Director, who also may give consideration to factors including, but not limited to, underserved populations, geographic diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, and available funding when making awards. All award decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

#### **High Risk Grantees**

Based on DOJ's assessment of each grantee with regard to current or previous funding, unresolved audit issues, delinquent programmatic and fiscal reporting, and prior performance, a grantee may be designated "high risk." Awards to high-risk grantees may carry special conditions such as increased monitoring and/or prohibitions on drawing funds until certain requirements are met. High-risk grantees with substantial or persistent performance or compliance issues, long-standing open audits, or open criminal investigations will likely not receive an additional OVW award until all issues are resolved.

#### **Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates**

It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by September 30, 2016.

#### F. Federal Award Administration Information

#### **Federal Award Notice**

Successful applications will receive OVW award notifications electronically from the OJP Grants Management System. This award notification will be sent to the individuals listed as the Authorized Representative and the Point of Contact on the SF-424 for the application that was selected for funding and will include instructions on accepting the award. Recipients will be required to login; accept any outstanding assurances and certifications on the award; designate financial points of contact; and review, sign, and accept the award. The award acceptance process involves physical signature of the award document and terms and conditions by the authorized representative and the scanning of the fully-executed award document to OVW.

#### **Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

#### **Information for All Federal Award Grantees**

Applicants selected for awards must agree to comply with additional legal, administrative, and national policy requirements upon acceptance of an award. OVW strongly encourages applicants to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting an application. Additional information for each requirement can be found in the FY 2014 OVW Solicitation Companion Guide:

http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2013/12/16/companion-guide-fy2014.pdf

- Civil Rights Compliance
- 2. Funding to Faith-Based Organizations
- 3. Confidentiality and Privacy Protections
- 4. Research and the Protection of Human Subjects (if applicable)
- 5. Anti-Lobbying Act
- 6. Reporting Requirements
- 7. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (if applicable)
- 8. DOJ Information Technology Standards (if applicable)

- 9. Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds
- 10. Criminal Penalty for False Statements
- 11. Reporting Fraud, Waste, Error, and Abuse
- 12. Suspension or Termination of Funding
- 13. Nonprofit Organizations
- 14. Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- 15. Rights in Intellectual Property
- 16. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006
- 17. Awards in Excess of \$5,000,000 Federal Taxes Certification Requirement
- 18. Active SAM Registration

Terms and conditions for OVW awards, including awards under the Campus Program are available at <a href="http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees">http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees</a>. These terms are subject to change prior to the issuance of the awards.

#### **Violence Against Women Act Non-Discrimination Provision**

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 added a new civil rights provision that applies to all FY 2016 OVW grants. This provision prohibits OVW grantees from excluding, denying benefits to, or discriminating against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by OVW. For more information on this prohibition, see <a href="http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2014/06/20/faqs-ngc-vawa.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2014/06/20/faqs-ngc-vawa.pdf</a>. Additional information on the civil rights obligations of OVW funding recipients can be found in the FY 2014 Solicitation Companion Guide under "Civil Rights Compliance."

#### **Compliance with OVW Financial Requirements**

Each OVW grantee agrees to follow the financial and administrative requirements in the DOJ Financial Guide as a condition of receiving grant funding. If OVW determines that a current grantee has violated any of the requirements of the Guide, the grantee's award may be frozen or terminated and the grantee may be denied continuation funding.

#### Reporting

#### **Reporting Requirements**

OVW grantees are required to submit semi-annual progress reports and quarterly Federal Financial Reports (SF 425). Appropriate progress report forms will be provided to all applicants selected for an award. Forms will be submitted electronically via GMS. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if forms are delinquent.

#### Public Reporting Burden - Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OVW tries to create forms and instructions that are accurate, can be easily understood, and which impose the least possible burden on applicants. The estimated average time to complete and file this form is 30 hours. Comments regarding the accuracy of this estimate or suggestions for simplifying this form, it can be submitted to the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC 20530.

## G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OVW Campus Program Unit at (202) 307-6026 or ovw.campus@usdoj.gov.

For technical assistance with <u>Grants.gov</u>, contact the <u>Grants.gov</u> Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

#### H. Other Information

#### **Application Checklist**

Applicants must submit a fully executed application to OVW, including all required supporting documentation. (OVW will not contact applicants for missing items.) Additionally, if an applicant plans to submit an application under any other OVW grant program this fiscal year, please ensure that only documents pertinent to this solicitation are included with this application. OVW will not redirect documents that are inadvertently submitted with the wrong application (e.g. a Campus Program Certification Letter submitted with a Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program Application will not be transferred to the Campus Program application).

Ap	plication Document	Date Completed
1.	Letter of Registration	
2.	Summary Data Sheet	
3.	Project Narrative	
	Purpose of the Application	
	What Will Be Done	
	Who Will Implement	
4.	Proposal Abstract	
5.	Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative	
6.	Memoranda of Understanding (IMOU and EMOU)	
7.	Application for Federal Assistance: SF 424	
8.	Standard Assurances and Certifications	
9.	Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)	
10.	Confidentiality Notice Form	
11.	Letter of Nonsupplanting	
12.	Financial Accounting Practices	
	Financial Capability Questionnaire (nonprofits only)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
14.	Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (only if the applicant has a current	
	Federally-approved rate)	
	Certification of Eligibility	
16.	Certification of Statutory Minimum Requirements	

Do not submit documents in addition to those specified in this solicitation. Please note that any materials submitted as part of an application may be released pursuant to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

## **APPENDIX A**

# **Budget Guidance & Sample Budget Detail Worksheet**

#### **Budget Guidance**

Cost guidance for selected items is provided below to assist applicants in preparing the budget detail worksheet. In developing your budget detail worksheet please refer to the DOJ Financial Guide.

#### Consultants/Contracts

Compensation for services by an individual consultant should be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. Applicants should consider the type of services provided and the experience and expertise of the individual consultant when deciding if a consultant's rate is reasonable. Applicants are strongly discouraged from requesting consultant rates in excess of \$650 per day. Please note that this does not mean that the rate can or should be as high as \$650 for all consultants. If a project is ultimately selected for funding with a budget allocating more than \$650 per day to a consultant, the applicant must provide additional information to OVW for review and approval before consultant costs are incurred. Applicants should also include all costs associated with consultants/contracts in the "Consultants/Contracts" category, including travel-related costs. These costs should not be reflected in the Personnel or Travel categories.

Applicants should follow the same established procurement policies with Federal funds as they would with non-federal funds. All procurement transactions should be awarded in a manner that provides maximum open, free and fair competition, and must follow 2 CFR Part 200.317-326. All sole-source procurements (those not awarded competitively) in excess of \$150,000 require prior approval from OVW. This applies to procurements of goods and services, but not to selection of sub recipients. MOU project partners are generally considered subrecipients for time spent working on program objectives. For additional information on determining whether the recipient of the pass-through funds is a subrecipient or a contractor, please refer to 2 CFR Part 200.330.

#### Rent

Rental costs are generally allowable under OVW programs. Applicants should list square footage and cost per square foot in the budget. The amount must be based on the space that will be allocated to implement the OVW project, not the costs of the entire rental space. **Rental costs are not allowable for property owned by the applicant or if the applicant has a financial interest in the property**. In this case only the costs of ownership, including maintenance costs, insurance, depreciation, utilities, etc., are allowable costs. The applicant must indicate in the budget narrative whether or not they own the space that will be rented.

#### **Audit Costs**

Costs for audits not required or performed in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 or 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F – Audit Requirement are unallowable. If the applicant agency did not meet the applicable expenditure threshold during the organization's fiscal year, the cost of any audit performed may not be charged to the grant.

#### Indirect Costs

Applicants that have current, federally-approved, indirect cost rates may seek to claim indirect costs and must submit a copy of their current federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement with the application. Applicants may choose to waive indirect costs. Please note that indirect costs under the Campus program are limited to no more than 10% of MTDC.

Non-federal entities that have never received a federally-approved indirect cost rate may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely. This includes state and local governments that have never negotiated an indirect cost. Please note that indirect costs under the Campus program are limited to no more than 10% of MTDC.

#### Purchase and/or Lease of Vehicles

The purchase and/or lease of vehicles is prohibited under most OVW grant programs, although some programs allow for purchasing vehicles on a case-by-case basis. Please refer to the solicitation for which you are applying to determine whether vehicles can be purchased or leased. If requesting a vehicle, a lease/purchase analysis must be submitted with the application.

#### Compensation for Partners

In developing the budget, applicants should compensate all project partners for their participation in any project-related activities, including but not limited to, compensation for time and travel expenses to participate in project development, training, and implementation. The budget **must** include compensation for all services rendered by project partners, including nonprofit, nongovernmental domestic violence and/or sexual assault victim services programs and state and tribal domestic violence and/or sexual assault coalitions. Keep in mind that partners are generally considered subrecipients and should be reimbursed for actual costs incurred for the project rather than on a fee for service basis. If a partner is a State or local governmental agency and the partnership duties are conducted within the course of the agency's "regular" scope of work, applicants do not need to compensate the partner if the partner a) offers this arrangement; and b) an explanation of this arrangement is included in the application.

#### Non-Federal contributions

Any non-federal contributions can be discussed in the project narrative or Memorandum of Understanding (if required). **Applicants should not include supplemental contributions in the budget, budget narrative, or SF-424.** 

Applicants are advised that if they voluntarily decide to provide matching funds through the use of in-kind contributions, and include this information in the budget or budget narrative, the voluntary contributions will become a mandatory requirement under the grant award. Grantees that fail to provide sufficient mandatory matching funds through cash or in-kind contributions during the award period may be required to meet their obligation by making a cash payment to the Office on Violence Against Women in order to close out the grant award.

#### **Budget Detail Worksheet**

**Purpose:** The Budget Detail Worksheet may be used as a guide to assist you in the preparation of the budget and budget narrative. You may submit the budget and budget narrative using this form or in the format of your choice (plain sheets, your own form, or a variation of this form). However, all required information (including the budget narrative) must be provided. Any category of expense not applicable to your budget may be deleted.

Please Note: The following budget is an example intended to assist you in preparing your application budget.

**A. Personnel** – List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization.

Name/Position	<b>Computation</b>	Cost
Program Coordinator	\$23,500 x 100% x 3 years	\$ 70,500
Investigator	\$45,000 x 100% x 3 years	\$135,000
Administrative Assistant	\$10/hr. x 20 hrs/month x 36 months	\$ 7,200

The Program Coordinator will coordinate the tribe's Tribal Governments Program project by organizing regular coordinating council meetings between all partner organizations, ensuring compliance with program requirements, and serving as the central point of contact for all project activities.

The Investigator is an investigator with the tribal law enforcement agency. She/he will dedicate 100% of their time to investigating cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking that occur on tribal lands.

The Administrative Assistant for the project will be a part-time employee. She/he will be compensated at a rate of \$10/hour. The designated time spent on the project will be 20 hours each month providing administrative and clerical support to the staff of the Victim Services Program.

TOTAL PERSONNEL: \$ 212,700

**B. Fringe Benefits** – Fringe benefits should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Fringe benefits are for the personnel listed in budget category (A) and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project. Fringe benefits on overtime hours are limited to FICA, Worker's Compensation, and Unemployment Compensation.

Name/Position	<b>Computation</b>	<u>Cost</u>
Program Coordinator		
Employer's FICA	\$70,500 x 7.65%	\$ 5,393
Health Insurance	\$70,500 x 6.12%	\$ 4,315

	Worker's Compensation	\$70,500 x 1.00%	\$	705
	Unemployment Compensation	\$70,500 x 0.50%	\$	353
In	vestigator			
	Employer's FICA	\$135,000 x 7.65%	\$1	0,328
	Health Insurance	\$135,000 x 6.12%	\$	8,262
	Worker's Compensation	\$135,000 x 1.00%	\$	1,350
	<b>Unemployment Compensation</b>	\$135,000 x 0.50%	\$	675
Α	dministrative Assistant			
	Employer's FICA	\$ 7,200 x 7.65%	\$	551
	Health Insurance	\$ 7,200 x 6.12%	\$	441
	Worker's Compensation	\$ 7,200 x 1.00%	\$	72
	<b>Unemployment Compensation</b>	\$ 7,200 x 0.50%	\$	36

TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS: \$ 32,481

#### TOTAL PERSONNEL AND FRINGE BENEFITS: \$ 245,181

The tribe is requesting fringe benefits for the Program Coordinator, the Investigator, and the Administrative Assistant.

**C. Travel** – Itemize travel expenses of project personnel by purpose (e.g., staff to training, field interviews, advisory group meeting, etc.). Show the basis of computation (e.g., six people to 3-day training at \$X airfare, \$X lodging, \$X per diem). In training projects, travel and meals for trainees should be listed separately. Show the number of trainees and unit costs involved. Identify the location of travel, if known. Indicate source of Travel Policies applied, Applicant or Federal Travel Regulations.

Purpose of Travel	<u>Location</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>Computation</u>	Cost
OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance	TBD	Airfare	\$500 (avg.) x 3 people x 4 trips	\$ 6,000
		Lodging	\$100 (avg.) x 3 nights x 3 people x 4 trips	\$ 3,600
		Per diem	\$ 50 (avg.) x 4 days x 3 people x 4 trips	\$ 2,400

\$12,000 of the required \$20,000 in OVW mandated technical assistance and training funds has been allocated to cover the cost of travel for staff of the tribe in accordance with program guidelines. The remaining amount of \$8,000 has been allocated for partner travel and can be found in Section G of this form. The sites of the training sessions are unknown at this time. Travel estimates are based upon the tribe's formal written travel policy.

TOTAL TRAVEL: \$ 12,000

**D. Equipment** – List non-expendable items that are to be purchased. (Note: Organization's own capitalization policy for classification of equipment should be used.) Expendable items should be included in the "Supplies" category. Applicants should analyze the cost benefits of purchasing versus leasing equipment, especially high cost items and those subject to rapid technical advances. Rented or leased equipment costs should be listed in the "Contractual" category. Explain how the equipment is necessary for the success of the project. Attach a narrative describing the procurement method to be used.

<u>Item</u>	Computation	Cost
(2) Video Cameras	\$750/camera x 2 cameras	\$ 1,500

The video cameras will be used during the interviews of alleged offenders, as well as to record witness testimony in preparation for trial in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

TOTAL EQUIPMENT: \$1,500

**E. Supplies** – List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copying paper, and other expendable items such as books, hand held tape recorders) and show the basis for computation. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.

Supply Items	<u>Computation</u>	Cost
Office Supplies (paper, printer, toner, pens, etc.)	\$150/month x 36 months	\$5,400
Postage	\$ 50/month x 36 months	\$1,800
75 Victim Assistance Kits	\$ 25/kit x 75 kits	\$1,875

Office supplies and postage are needed for the general operation of the program. The Victim Assistance Kits will be provided to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who seek assistance from the program. The kits contain toiletries and other necessities. The estimated cost is based on previous kit prices from other programs. We estimate that at least 75 kits will be needed.

TOTAL SUPPLIES: \$ 9,075

**F. Construction** – As a rule, construction costs are not allowable. In some cases, minor repairs or renovations may be allowable. Consult with the program office before budgeting funds in this category.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Cost</u>
	TOTAL CONSTRUCTION:	<u>\$ 0</u>

**G. Consultants/Contracts** – Indicate whether applicant's formal, written Procurement Policy or the Federal Acquisition Regulations are followed.

Consultant Fees: For each consultant enter the name, if known, service to be provided, hourly or daily fee (8-hour day), and estimated time on the project. Consultant fees in excess of \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour require additional justification and prior approval from the Office on Violence Against Women.

Name of Consultant	Service Provided	<b>Computation</b>	Cost
Consultant /Trainer	Sexual Assault Training	\$650/day x 3 days	\$ 1,950
Part-Time Prosecutor	Prosecution	\$50/hr. x 20 hrs./month x 36 months	\$ 36,000

A Consultant/Trainer will provide a three day on-site training on sexual assault and related issues to tribal leaders, law enforcement, prosecution, court personnel, and medical and social services personnel. The training will focus on the challenges of providing support and advocacy services to Indian victims of sexual assault, dating violence, and elder abuse.

The tribe will hire a Part-Time Prosecutor. The Part-Time Prosecutor will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$50/hour. The Part-Time Prosecutor will spend 20 hours each month prosecuting crimes related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

#### **Subtotal Consultant Fees:** \$ 37,950

Consultant Travel: List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultant in addition to their fees (i.e., travel, meals, lodging etc.).

Purpose of Travel	<b>Location</b>	<u>ltem</u>	Computation	<u>Cc</u>	<u>st</u>
OVW-Mandated	TBD	Airfare	\$550 (avg.) x 2 people x 4 trips	\$ 4	1,400
Training and Technical		Lodging	\$100 (avg.) x 3 nights x2 people x 4 trips	\$ 2	2,400
Assistance		Per diem	\$ 50 (avg.) x 3 days x 2 people x 4 trips	\$ 1	1,200
			Subtotal OVW-Mandated Training:	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Delivery of Sexual	Tribe's	Airfare	\$500 (avg.) x 1 person x 1 trip	\$	500
Assault Training	Reservation	Lodging	\$ 50 (avg.)/night x 2 nights	\$	100
		Per diem	\$ 35 (avg.)/day x 3 days	\$	105
			Subtotal Sexual Assault Training:	\$	<u>705</u>

**Subtotal Consultant Travel:** \$8,705

\$8,000 of the required \$20,000 in OVW mandated technical assistance and training funds has been allocated to cover the cost of travel for staff of the tribe in accordance with program guidelines. The sites of the training sessions are unknown at this time.

Funds have also been allocated to pay for the Consultant/Trainer to travel to the reservation to provide sexual assault training.

**Contracts:** Provide a description of the product or services to be procured by contract and an estimate of the cost. Applicants are encouraged to promote free and open competition in awarding contracts. A separate justification must be provided for sole source contracts in excess of \$150,000.

<u>ltem</u>	<b>Computation</b>	Cost
Cell Phone Service	\$75/month x 36 months	\$ 2,700
Equipment and Rental Lease	\$300/month x 36 months	\$10,800

**Subtotal Contracts: \$13,500** 

The Shelter Advocates will share a cellular phone so that they may be contacted 24 hours/day, 7 days a week to provide emergency services and transportation to victims in need.

Equipment to be rented and/or leased includes the copier and printer. The copier and printer costs are allocated based on historical usage

#### TOTAL CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANTS: \$60,155

**H. Other Costs** – List items (e.g., rent, reproduction, telephone, janitorial or security services, and investigative or confidential funds) by major type and the basis of the computation. For example, provide the square footage and the cost per square foot for rent, and provide a monthly rental cost and how many months to rent.

<u>Item</u>	Computation	Cost	
Sexual Assault Training Manual	\$ 25/manual x 25 manuals	\$ 625	
Resource Manual	\$ 25/manual x 75 manuals	\$ 1,875	
Crisis Hotline	\$ 75/month x 36 months	\$ 2,700	
Brochures	\$ .25/brochure x 1,000 copies x 2 Titles	\$ 500	
Rent	\$1.50/sq. foot x 1,000 sq. feet x 36 months	\$54,000	
Utilities	\$200/month x 36 months	\$ 7,200	
Housing Assistance	\$500/family x 12 families/year x 3 years	\$18,000	

The Sexual Assault Training manuals will be purchased from the Sexual Assault Resource Center and will be used in conjunction with the on-site training that will be provided by the Consultant/Trainer.

The Project Coordinator will develop and produce a Resource Manual for services both on and off the Reservation for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Copies of the manual will be provided to all units of Tribal government and to victim services and social services agencies in the local community.

Many victims in the more geographically remote areas of the Reservation do not have long distance service, and it is a long distance call for most of them to reach the program office. The project will continue to operate an 800 hotline for victims. It will be staffed by volunteers on a daily basis.

The program has previously developed brochures explaining the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault and detailing the services offered by the program. Additional copies of the brochures need to be reproduced. Based on previous distribution patterns, it is anticipated that the program will distribute 1,000 copies of each brochure during the 36 month grant period.

The Victim Services Program rents a safe house that is located off-reservation in the local community. The house is used to provide temporary housing to victims of domestic violence and their minor children who are in need of a safe place to stay after fleeing an abusive situation. The rent is consistent with the fair market rate for similar properties in the local community.

The cost of utilities (i.e., gas, electric, and water service) averages \$200/month. The services are necessary to ensure that the house is suitable for occupancy.

Funds have been budgeted to provide transitional housing assistance to at least one victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking each month. Each victim and her dependents will receive up to \$500 to assist with rent and utility payments or security deposits.

TOTAL OTHER COSTS: \$84,900

I. Indirect Costs – Indirect costs are allowed if the applicant has a federally approved indirect cost rate. A copy of the rate approval (a fully executed, negotiated agreement) must be attached. If the applicant does not have an approved rate, one can be requested by contacting the applicant's cognizant federal agency, which will review all documentation and approve a rate for the applicant organization, or if the applicant's accounting system permits, costs may be allocated in the direct costs categories. Non-federal entities that have never received a federally-approved indirect cost rate may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely. This includes state and local governments that have never negotiated an indirect cost. Please note that indirect costs under the Campus program are limited to no more than 10% of MTDC.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
13.25% of Direct Salaries (Excluding Fringe Benefits)	\$212,700 x 13.25%	\$28,183

TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS: \$ 28,183

The Indirect Cost Rate Agreement was approved by the Department of the Interior, the applicant's cognizant federal agency on January 1, 2015. (A copy of the fully executed, negotiated agreement is attached).

**Budget Summary** – When you have completed the budget worksheet, transfer the totals for each category to the spaces below. Compute the total direct costs and the total project costs. Indicate the amount of federal funds requested and the amount of non-federal funds that will support the project.

Budget Category		An	nount
A. Personnel		\$2	12,700
B. Fringe Benefits		\$ :	32,481
C. Travel		\$	12,000
D. Equipment		\$	1,500
E. Supplies		\$	9,075
F. Construction		\$	0
G. Consultants and Contracts		\$	60,155
H. Other Costs		\$	84, 900
	<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	\$4	12,811
I. Indirect Costs		\$	28,183
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	<u>\$ 4</u>	140 <u>,994</u>
Federal Share Requested		\$ 4	140,994
Non-Federal (Match) Amount		\$	0

## **APPENDIX B**

# **Sample Letter of Registration**

#### [Applicant Letterhead]

[Date]

Director
Office on Violence Against Women
145 N Street NE
Suite 10W.121
Washington, DC 20530

#### Dear Director:

This letter serves to certify that [Insert Applicant Name] is registered and current with the System for Award Management (SAM) under DUNS number [insert DUNS number]. [Insert Applicant Name] registered/verified registration on [Insert Verification Date]. The SAM registration for [Insert Applicant Name] will expire on [Insert Expiration Date].

**First Time** Grants.gov Users ONLY - I understand that in order to submit an application for the FY 2016 [Insert Grant Program Name], [Insert Applicant Name] must be registered with Grants.gov. I certify that [Insert Organization Name] began the registration process with Grants.gov on [Insert Registration Date].

#### OR

Repeat <u>Grants.gov</u> Users ONLY – I understand that upon application submission in <u>Grants.gov</u> the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) will receive a minimum of two email messages. One will confirm receipt of the application package. The other will either notify the AOR that the application was successfully submitted, or it will notify the AOR that there was an error with the application submission. In order to successfully receive notifications from <u>Grants.gov</u>, all information listed in <u>Grants.gov</u> must be current and active. [Insert Applicant Name] verified that all information listed in <u>Grants.gov</u> (Name and contact information for the AOR, organization address, etc.) is current and active on [Insert Date].

Sincerely,

[Authorized Organization Representative]

## **APPENDIX C**

# **Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation**

# Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation Sample Cover Letter [Applicant Letterhead] [Date]

Director
Office on Violence Against Women
145 N Street, NE
Suite 10 W.
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Director:

The **[Applicant]** is a nonprofit organization that uses the Internal Revenue Service's three-step safe-harbor procedure for establishing a rebuttable presumption that our executives' compensation is reasonable. Therefore, I am submitting the following information to you, as required by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013:

(1) a brief description of the process used for determining the compensation of our officers, directors, trustees, and key employees, including the independent persons involved in reviewing and approving such compensation;

**[or, if relevant]:** (1) a copy of our written policy for determining the compensation of our officers, directors, trustees, and key employees, which includes the independent persons involved in reviewing and approving such compensation;]

- (2) the comparability data used in establishing executive compensation; and
- (3) contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision regarding executive compensation.

[Applicant's Authorizing Official]	

Attachments

Sincerely,

## **APPENDIX D**

# **Summary of Current and Recent OVW Projects**

				Applicant Name				
Service Area: Size of Service Area: Size of Target Popula								
Award Number	Award End Date	Program	Award Amount	Amount Remaining	Extension Needed?	Extension Needed: Timeframe	Grant- Individual(s) and Job Title(s)	Justification for Remaining Funds
2012-XX-XX-XXXX	7/31/2015	2014 CLSSP	\$300,000	TOTAL: \$250,000  A. Personnel: \$200,000  B. Fringe: \$50,000  C. Travel: \$0  D. Equipment: \$0  E. Supplies: \$0  F. Construction: \$0  G. Consultants and Contracts: \$0  H. Other Costs: \$0  I. Indirect Costs: \$0	□ Yes □ No		2FT DV/SA Advocates: John Doe and Jane Doe	
2013-XX-XX-XXXX	12/31/2014	2011 CTAS	\$932,000	TOTAL: \$467,850 A. Personnel: \$250,000 B. Fringe: \$100,000 C. Travel: \$0 D. Equipment: \$0 E. Supplies: \$0 F. Construction: \$0 G. Consultants and Contracts: \$100,000 H. Other Costs: \$0 I. Indirect Costs: \$17,850	□ Yes □ No		1FT DV Advocate (Anne Tyler); 2FT Shelter Advocates (Jane Doe and Jane Doe); 1FT Victim Liaison (John Doe)	
			**TOTAL:	<b>TOTAL:</b> \$717.850				

## **APPENDIX E**

Summary of Current and Pending Non-OVW Grants to do the Same or Similar Work

	[Applicant Name]						
Current Awards							
Service Area:							
Federal Awarding Agency	Award Number	Program	Award End Date	Award Amount	Amount Remaining	Grant- Individual(s), Job Title(s), and Percentages	Please describe how this project differs from the application for OVW funding.
OJP	XXX-XXX-XXXX	OVC	9/30/2017	\$300,000	TOTAL: \$250,000 A. Personnel: \$200,000 B. Fringe: \$50,000 C. Travel: \$0 D. Equipment: \$0 E. Supplies: \$0 F. Construction: \$0 G. Consultants and Contracts: \$0 H. Other Costs: \$0 I. Indirect Costs: \$0	2FT DV/SA Advocates: John Doe (25%) and Jane Doe (35%)	[Insert description.]
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Service Are	ea:						
Federal Awarding Agency	Application Number (if known)	Program	Project Period	Total Requested Amount	Amount Requested	Grant- Individual(s), Job Title(s), and Percentages	Please describe how this project differs from the application for OVW funding.
COPS	XXX-XXX-XXXX	CAMP	36 months	\$300,000	TOTAL: \$300,000 A. Personnel: \$200,000 B. Fringe: \$50,000 C. Travel: \$0 D. Equipment: \$0 E. Supplies: \$50,000 F. Construction: \$0 G. Consultants and Contracts: \$0 H. Other Costs: \$0 I. Indirect Costs: \$0	1FT DV Advocate: Janet Doe (20%); 1FT Shelter Advocate: Jay Doe (10%); 1FT Victim Liaison: John Doe (50%)	[Insert description.]

## **APPENDIX F**

# **Physical Modification Guidelines**

#### **Physical Modification**

To honor the goal of the Campus Grant Program and build the capacity of institutions of higher education to develop comprehensive violence against women programs, OVW requires that funds designated for physical modifications should not exceed 10% of the total award.

For Fiscal Year 2016, applicants who are proposing to use Campus Grant Program funds for physical modifications must follow the following guidelines outlined in this solicitation. Applicants must will be required to submit all necessary materials, if funded, before designated funds can be used for the purposes outlined in this document.

Under the Campus Grant Program, OVW will consider the following to be physical modifications: blue emergency or blue lights, lighting, communication equipment, etc.

All OVW awards that involve physical modifications must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 USC section 4321 et seq.) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and any other applicable environmental statutes or regulations. DOJ has established procedures to implement NEPA at 28 CFR Part 61. Applicable NHPA regulations can be found at 36 CFR Part 800.

For OVW to undertake the necessary review under the NEPA and NHPA, those applicants proposing to use grant funds for any type of physical modifications must include the following information either as an attachment to the application or prior to funds being obligate for this purpose:

- A precise description of the proposed modification. The description must include the following information: the location of the facility; the age of the facility; an explanation of the prior and current use of the facility; a complete and detailed description of the planned modifications and the materials to be used; a statement as to whether the proposed modifications will change or materially alter the basic prior use of the building, or its size; a statement as to whether the facility is located on a 100-year floodplain or a wetland; and an explanation of the need for the proposed modifications. This information must be submitted as an attachment to the application;
- A letter from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), or Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) indicating whether the building is listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Registry of Historic Places, and also certifying that no historic building will be affected by the proposed modifications. This information must submitted after award and prior to obligation of fund for this purpose;
- A statement by the applicant that the applicant has notified a representative of the local government with jurisdiction over the area potentially affected by the project, and made such official aware of the option to be consulted during the NHPA process. This information must submitted after award and prior to obligation of fund for this purpose; and
- A statement by the applicant as to whether there are any other known environmental concerns regarding the proposed modifications. This information must submitted after

award and prior to obligation of fund for this purpose

Applicants whose proposals do not include the mentioned above materials will be prohibited from using grant funds to support physical modifications. Please note that applicants should submit to the SHPO the precise location of the facility, the age of the facility and the detailed plans for the modifications, and should allow 30 days for the SHPO to respond as to whether any historic buildings will be affected.

Upon receipt of the information listed above, OVW will make a determination under both the NEPA and the NHPA as to whether further review is required. Specifically, after review of the proposed modifications, OVW will determine whether the NEPA requires completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) before proceeding with an award that includes the proposed modifications. At a minimum, proposed modifications that involve new construction, change the basic prior use of a facility or change its size, or that otherwise may affect the environment will require further review and the completion of an EA by the applicant before OVW will be able to make an award.

Additionally, OVW will make any necessary further determination under the NHPA, and will then make that further determination available to the relevant Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) or SHPO, and must allow 30 days for response, as required by the NHPA regulations. Depending on the need for further review under the NHPA or the NEPA, the applicant should be aware that there may be a delay in the ability of OVW to make an award that includes the proposed modification.

# **APPENDIX G**

# Sample Memorandum of Understanding

#### SAMPLE

(Note that both the IMOU and EMOU will follow similar formats. Please see the section on Memoranda of Understanding for details on content and signatories.) This is for new, continuation, individual, and consortia projects.

#### Memorandum of Understanding \*

# **Anywhere Campus Violence Prevention Project and Victim Service Provider and Criminal Justice Agencies**

### Anywhere Campus Violence Prevention Project (CVPP) will direct an initiative to:

- 1) Expand victim services, with a focus on improving service delivery for underserved communities on campus.
- 2) Conduct trainings on violence against women issues for law enforcement, faculty, students and staff.
- 3) Increase outreach to nontraditional students and to international students on campus.
- 4) Improve methods of communication between local and campus law enforcement and victim service providers to ensure a coordinated community response to violence against women on campus.

The below signatories will work in close conjunction with the proposed project and its staff in any manner that will help ensure its effective implementation throughout all relevant areas of campus life and activities. They agree to follow mutually agreed-upon protocols responding to victims of dating violence, sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking, who are students, staff, or faculty of Anywhere Campus. They commit to working together to ensure the success of the project. Members of this coordinated community response to violence against women are dedicated to an ongoing evaluation of our services and to expanding membership to include representatives from constituency groups that work to provide services to underrepresented communities. Representatives of each group met three times to discuss each entity's goals in the development of this project and the mechanism for reimbursing each partner that is being compensated by the grant funding. All signatories have reviewed and approved the proposed budget.

Local Rape Crisis Center (LRCC) is a non-profit non-governmental victim services organization that has statutory privilege within anywhere state therefore no survivor information can be disclosed to any entity without the survivor's consent. LRCC has collaborated with CVPP since 1994 in providing training to the community. They have offered cross-consultation to our program, and have shared pertinent information, statistics, and educational materials. They have also participated in professional training to law enforcement, the community and each other's staff and volunteers. LRCC and CVPP are committed to working together to ensure seamless service delivery to victims who live on- or off-campus. They will continue to make their services available to members of the campus community. They are also committed to working toward identifying barriers that victims from underserved communities face in obtaining assistance, and in establishing coordinated, sensitive assistance to such victims. Through this

subcontract, LRCC will work with CVPP to ensure that victims receive comprehensive assistance.

Campus Medical Emergency Department (CMED) has been involved for ten years in providing training to the campus community. They have participated with CVPP as part of a County Sexual Assault Response Team, and have provided evidentiary exams for sexual assault victims who are students, staff, or faculty of the university. They have committed their support to our proposal and will continue to provide joint trainings with CVPP to the campus community on violence against women.

The County Sheriff's Department has worked with CVPP since 1996 in providing training to law enforcement officers regarding sexual assault and relationship violence. The CVPP provides training two times per year to members of the County Sexual Assault Response Team. The Sheriff's Department has agreed to refer sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking victims who are students or staff of the university to CVPP for crisis intervention and advocacy. They will provide consultation with CVPP, and the CVPP will provide the Sheriff's Department with educational materials and professional training on violence against women issues.

The Center for International Students (CIS) is a campus organization, whose staff is considered responsible employees under Title IX. CIS began its collaboration with the CVPP in 1998. The CIS will provide training to CVPP staff to ensure cultural sensitivity and the elimination of barriers to victim service provision through CVPP. The CIS, CVPP and the LRCC will work collaboratively to ensure that international students and staff that live both on- and off-campus are provided comprehensive services. The CIS and the CVPP will also increase outreach to international students on campus about services available to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Elements of outreach include trainings conducted at the center and distribution of informational brochures and flyers regarding services available to victims.

President, Anywhere Campus	Date
Executive Director,	Date
Local Rape Crisis Ce	enter
Police Chief,	Date
Campus Police Depa	ertment
County Sheriff's Dep	partment Date
Director,	Date
Area Medical Emerge	ency Department
Dean of Undergradua Anywhere Campus	ate Students, Date
District Attorney,	Date
Local District Attorne	ey's Office