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Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

OVW Fiscal Year 2018 Training and Technical Assistance Initiative Solicitation

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Eligibility

Eligible applicants are generally limited to **national, tribal, statewide, or other nonprofit organizations with the capacity to provide nationwide training and technical assistance.** In limited circumstances, OVW may support institutions of higher education and state, local, or tribal governments or governmental agencies (e.g., police departments, prosecutor's offices, or probation departments) or local nonprofit organizations.
(See "[Eligibility Information](#)")

Deadlines

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) on February 15, 2018.
(See "[Submission Dates and Times](#)")

Registration Information: To submit an application, all applicants must obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number, and register online with the System for Award Management (SAM) and with [Grants.gov](#). To ensure sufficient time to complete the registration process, applicants must obtain a DUNS Number and register online with SAM and with [Grants.gov](#) immediately, but no later than, January 25, 2018.
(See "[Registration](#)")

Letter of Registration: Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of registration to OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov by January 25, 2018. This will ensure that applicants are

well-positioned to successfully submit an application by the deadline. Submitting a Letter of Registration will not obligate a potential applicant to submit an application. Interested applicants who do not submit a Letter of Registration are still eligible to apply.

(See “[Letter of Registration](#)”)

Pre-Application Information Sessions: OVW will conduct one web-based Pre-Application Information Session for entities interested in submitting an application for the OVW Training and Technical Assistance Initiative. Participation in this session is optional. Interested applicants who do not participate are still eligible to apply.

(See “[Pre-Application Information Sessions](#)”)

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, email OVW at OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov . Alternatively, interested parties may call OVW at (202) 307-6026.

Submission and Notification Information

Submission: Applications for the Training and Technical Assistance Initiative will be submitted through [Grants.gov](#). For technical assistance with [Grants.gov](#), contact the [Grants.gov](#) Customer Support Line at 1-800-518-4726.

The [Grants.gov](#) number assigned to this announcement is OVW-2018-14107.

Notification: OVW anticipates notifying all applicants of funding decisions by October 1, 2018.

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OVW Training and Technical Assistance Initiative (CFDA 16.526)

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 their life span, with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities' capacity to provide justice for victims and hold offenders accountable.

About the OVW Training and Technical Assistance Initiative

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(11). The primary purpose of the OVW Training and Technical Assistance Initiative (TA Initiative) is to provide direct technical assistance to existing and potential grantees and sub-grantees to enhance and support their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by OVW grant funds. OVW's TA Initiative is designed to build and enhance the capacity of civil and criminal justice system professionals and victim service providers across the nation to respond effectively to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and foster partnerships among organizations that have not traditionally worked together to address violence against women.

For additional information on the TA Initiative, including what past technical assistance cooperative agreement recipients have accomplished with their grant funds and to view the TA Initiative performance measures and grantee-reported data, see <http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/vawamei/taprovidergraphs.htm>.

Program Scope

Activities supported by the TA Initiative 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](#), including updates to the guide after an award is made, and the conditions of the award. All applicants must propose to serve the current or potential grant or sub-grant recipients of one or more OVW grant programs. OVW cannot support projects focusing on entities or individuals that are not eligible to receive funding, services, training, or other resources through any of OVW's grant programs.

Purpose Areas

In FY 2018, funds under the TA Initiative may be used for the purposes identified in this solicitation. There are three categories of technical assistance in FY 2018: Targeted; Competitive Comprehensive; and Non-Competitive Comprehensive.

Applicants must submit separate and distinct applications for each purpose area for which they are applying. For example, an applicant interested in applying to provide training and technical assistance on culturally relevant services for communities of color should apply separately if it also wants to provide trial advocacy and/or litigation skills training for attorneys.

Targeted Technical Assistance

The vast majority of OVW's TA Initiative awards fall under the "targeted" category. These targeted purpose areas are typically discrete issue areas intended to provide current and potential OVW grantees and sub-grantees with training and technical assistance related to a specific knowledge gap or promising practice. Targeted technical assistance purpose areas are intended to provide in-depth technical assistance on a narrow topic within one or more of the crimes addressed by OVW grant programs. In FY 2018, all targeted purpose areas are competitive, and, as such, these applications will be subject to peer review and programmatic review. OVW may make awards to multiple organizations for a targeted purpose area, or OVW may determine not to make an award for a targeted purpose area if there are no applications that effectively meet the need for the purpose area or if there are not sufficient funds to fully support the purpose area.

Note: OVW will support only the targeted training and technical assistance projects identified in this solicitation. Applications proposing to develop targeted technical assistance projects for issues other than those listed below will be removed from consideration.

Comprehensive Technical Assistance (Competitive and Non-competitive)

To promote the consistent delivery of technical assistance for certain grant programs, professions, and core/critical areas, OVW has identified some purpose areas as comprehensive. If OVW designates a purpose area as comprehensive, the funded project is eligible for an initial competitive award and non-competitive supplemental funding for a total award period of up to 5 years, provided there is acceptable performance by the technical assistance provider. Demonstration initiative comprehensive awards are for the life of the demonstration initiative, provided the technical assistance provider has demonstrated acceptable performance.

Typically, each OVW Comprehensive Technical Assistance award is competed every five years, with the exception of demonstration initiatives. Non-competitive supplemental funding for comprehensive technical assistance projects for the limited duration of five years balances OVW's need to maintain a continuity of core technical assistance with the need for fair and open competition. If sufficient funding remains in an active comprehensive award to extend the project's award beyond five years without supplemental funding, OVW may elect to extend the award period. However, the next anticipated funding cycle will be competitive. The projects listed on the Non-Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance chart below are still within their five year non-competitive award period.

Those applicants that have been identified as eligible for non-competitive comprehensive continuation funding will receive an e-mail invitation from OVW to apply for supplemental funding through the FY 2018 TA Initiative. Applications must be submitted by the **February 15, 2018** deadline. The scope of each non-competitive comprehensive award will be based on the need to continue and/or enhance the project's goals and objectives. Additionally, applicants submitting applications for a non-competitive comprehensive award must follow the application requirements laid out in this solicitation.

OVW has identified some projects as “resource centers” for certain topic areas (e.g., stalking). These projects do not focus on a specific grant program or profession but instead provide training and technical assistance across all OVW grant programs, disciplines, and potential grantees and sub-grantees. OVW-supported Technical Assistance Resource Centers are expected to maintain robust websites with up-to-date information and resources on promising practices and implementation tools. Technical Assistance Resource Center staff must be well-versed on the relevant issues for the topic area and able to deliver effective subject-matter training and technical assistance at the local, tribal, state, and national levels. OVW Technical Assistance Resource Centers should, at a minimum, provide OVW with a biennial report on progress to improve the nation’s handling of their subject areas.

Note: OVW will support only the Comprehensive training and technical assistance projects identified in this solicitation. Applicants requesting to develop comprehensive projects for issues other than those listed below will be removed from consideration. OVW also requests that applicants applying to provide targeted technical assistance refrain from using the word “comprehensive” in their project titles.

For each FY 2018 purpose area, OVW has projected the amount of funding available to support technical assistance efforts under that purpose area and the proposed project period. Applicants should not exceed the stated budget cap. OVW reserves the right to make awards for greater or lesser amounts and to make multiple awards addressing a single purpose area. Additionally, OVW reserves the right to not make an award for a specific purpose area.

Note: Applicants must be willing to work closely with OVW on the implementation of their projects, including the possibility of modifying project activities at OVW’s request in order to address an emerging issue.

FY 2018 Targeted Technical Assistance Purpose Areas

FY 2018 Targeted Technical Assistance Purpose Areas		
Purpose Area	Purpose Area Content	Budget Cap
1) Legal Services for Human Trafficking Victims	Provide specialized training and technical assistance to attorneys and legal advocates on providing legal representation and assistance to victims of sex trafficking and other severe forms of trafficking in persons who have also experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.	\$300,000/ 24 months
2) Non-Lawyer Legal Advocacy	Provide training and technical assistance to enhance and expand the capacity of non-attorney legal advocates working with survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Training should include three in-person training sessions, one per year of the award, and should also include remote training sessions, as well as individualized technical assistance for grantees. Applications from national organizations and state coalitions will be considered.	\$500,000/ 36 months

3) Privacy and Confidentiality for Attorneys	Provide training and technical assistance to OVW-funded attorneys on the confidentiality and privacy needs of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Technical assistance should include in-person and remote training sessions, the development of resources and tools, as well as individual consultations with grantees.	\$600,000/ 36 months
4) Sexual Assault Training and Technical Assistance for Attorneys	Provide basic and advanced training and technical assistance to attorneys on representing victims of sexual assault. Technical assistance should address civil legal remedies for sexual assault victims, as well as assisting victims in navigating the criminal justice system. Training and technical assistance must include the facilitation of a mentoring relationship between the technical assistance provider and the individual grantees or between grantees.	\$600,000/ 36 months
5) Civil Litigation	Provide trial advocacy and/or litigation skills training for OVW-funded attorneys. Training and technical assistance should enhance the skills of both new and experienced attorneys litigating civil cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Activities should include regional in-person trainings, webinars and other forms of remote training, and individualized technical assistance.	\$800,000/ 36 months
6) Custody Litigation	Provide specialized regional trainings and technical assistance to OVW-funded attorneys to increase custody litigation skills. Trainings should include basic and advanced custody litigation curricula: the basic curriculum should be designed for new attorneys and attorneys new to litigating custody cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, and the advanced curriculum should be designed for attorneys that have completed the basic custody litigation training and/or who have significant experience litigating custody cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.	\$500,000/ 36 months
7) Addressing LGBTQ Individuals' Access to Legal Services and the Justice System	Provide training and technical assistance to attorneys, advocates, and prosecutors on access to legal services, as well as the criminal and civil justice systems, for sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking victims who identify as LGBTQ.	\$425,000/ 24 months
8) Men's Gathering/ Men's Work in	Provide training and technical assistance to tribal governments and tribal non-profit organizations that provide services for victims of domestic and	\$400,000/ 24 months

Tribal Communities	sexual violence, including facilitating national annual tribal men’s gathering. The gathering should provide an opportunity for learning, sharing, and strategizing collaborative approaches to addressing efforts to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women, children, and families, as well as those who identify as LGBTQ and persons with disabilities.	
9) Alaska-based Tribal Technical Assistance	Develop and implement culturally-tailored training and technical assistance for Native villages in Alaska. Training curricula developed must be specific to the cultural, linguistic, and resource needs of villages and address the unique challenges that Alaska Native villages experience when responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking. Deliverables must include the development of resources, individualized on-site technical assistance, and presenting an annual workshop for OVW tribal grantees.	\$400,000/ 24 months
10) Addressing Sexual Assault in Tribal Colleges	Provide culturally specific training and technical assistance to tribal colleges on planning and implementing holistic responses to serving American Indian and Alaska Native youth and adult victims of sexual assault within the campus environment.	\$600,000/ 36 months
11) Project Development for Tribal Governments	Provide training and technical assistance to Tribal Governments Program grantees on data collection, analysis, and the use of data to develop projects. Applications should specifically focus on increasing the ability of tribes to understand the scope and impact of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking resources for their community and improving tribes’ ability to respond effectively.	\$300,000/ 24 months
12) Improving Responses for American Indian and Alaska Native Populations Residing Within Urban Locations	Provide training and technical assistance on improving victim services and justice responses for American Indian and Alaska Native populations residing within urban locations. OVW is seeking applicants that have experience with implementing culturally specific strategies and approaches in working with non-tribal and tribal victim service programs that serve American Indian and Alaska Native victims residing in urban communities. Applicants should provide training and educational opportunities that focus on addressing the unique challenges experienced by Native victim in urban communities and improving coordination and	\$350,000/ 24 months

	service provision between both non-tribal and tribal organizations.	
13) Working with Children in a Supervised Visitation Programs	Provide intensive training to grantees on working with children in a supervised visitation setting with families who have a history of domestic violence to improve their safety, resilience, and well-being.	\$200,000/ 24 months
14) Language Access and Courts	Provide training and technical assistance to courts, court-based programs, and service providers seeking to ensure meaningful language access for litigants with limited English proficiency involved in sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking matters.	\$300,000/ 24 months
15) Court Staff Training and Technical Assistance	Provide training and technical assistance to court staff, including court clerks, court administrators, mediators, and guardians ad litem, on domestic violence and/or sexual assault.	\$200,000/ 24 months
16) Training and Technical Assistance for Courts on Dating Violence	Provide specialized training and technical assistance for judges and court personnel on teen dating violence that addresses: identifying teen dating violence in the courts, understanding risk and dangerousness, issuing effective orders of protection for teen victims, “sexting” and electronic evidence, and holding teen offenders accountable while promoting rehabilitation and prioritizing victim safety.	\$450,000/ 24 months
17) Visitation and Custody Determination in Family Courts	Provide targeted training and technical assistance to OVW grantees and subgrantees that promotes a domestic-violence-informed, multidisciplinary response by family courts to child visitation and custody determinations.	\$200,000/ 24 months
18) Medical Forensic Exam Payment	Training and technical assistance for state, local, and tribal health care organizations, including health care providers, health care billing entities, and other health-care-focused entities on issues related to medical forensic exam payment, including, but not limited to, model billing practices, victim confidentiality and privacy, purpose and scope of medical forensic exams, and coordination with other entities around billing and payment, such as state victim’s compensation boards, state STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Administrators, and state coalitions.	\$300,000/ 24 months
19) Campus Victim Services	Provide training and technical assistance to Campus Program grantees on developing effective victim services and advocacy programs for college students, including, but not limited to, capacity building, referral processes, collaborative victim service models with local victim services organizations, and training for campus advocates.	\$500,000/ 36 months

20) Training and Technical Assistance to Historically Black Colleges and Universities	Provide culturally specific training and technical assistance to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Applicants must have extensive (five or more years) experience working with HBCUs and expertise working directly with institutions of higher education to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.	\$600,000/ 24 months
21) Mobilizing Men	Provide training, technical assistance, and resources comprised of relevant information, latest research, and products/toolkits for those working to engage and mobilize men to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in their communities. Proposed project should include training and technical assistance to address underserved communities, including tribal communities.	\$500,000/ 24 months
22) Strangulation	Provide training and technical assistance to OVW grantees and sub-grantees on identifying, investigating, and prosecuting strangulation cases.	\$450,000/ 24 months
23) Youth Victims of Sex Trafficking	Provide specialized training and technical assistance to organizations serving youth victims (both foreign-born and domestic) of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation through commercial means or survival sex, including individuals involved in the juvenile criminal justice system.	\$300,000/ 24 months
24) Family Justice Centers	Provide training and technical assistance on the implementation of multi-agency, multidisciplinary service center models designed to meet the needs of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking victims.	\$400,000/ 24 months
25) Technology and Safety	Provide training and technical assistance for OVW grantees on the use/misuse of technology in sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (including cyber stalking) cases.	\$350,000/ 24 months
26) Building the Capacity of Deaf Organizations	Provide training and technical assistance to increase the capacity of Deaf organizations to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking against individuals in the Deaf community.	\$600,000/ 24 months
27) Human Trafficking Collaboration	Provide training and technical assistance to OVW grantees on the development and implementation of multi-disciplinary anti-human trafficking collaborative teams serving both foreign national and domestic human trafficking victims. Proposed projects must focus on the intersection of human trafficking with sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Proposed projects should also include training and technical assistance specific to disciplines represented in the	\$650,000/ 36 months

	multi-disciplinary teams on how to better identify and respond to human trafficking.	
28) STOP Program Communities of Color	Provide training and technical assistance on culturally relevant services to STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program Administrators to enhance outreach and services to communities of color.	\$450,000/ 24 months
29) Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction Model	Provide specialized training and technical assistance on the implementation of a multi-disciplinary model designed to address high-risk domestic violence cases as a way to reduce and prevent homicides.	\$450,000/ 24 months
30) Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in the African-American Community	Provide training and technical assistance to grantees across OVW programs on the implementation of culturally specific strategies and approaches addressing the needs of the Black/African American community. OVW is seeking to support a consortium of organizations that demonstrate expertise in working with programs serving the Black/African American community. One of the consortium partners must serve as the lead applicant. The consortium must have expertise in working with faith-based organizations and working at the intersections of race and other factors that cause marginalization (e.g. ethnicity, LGBT, disabilities, etc.)	\$450,000/ 24 months
31) Culturally Specific Economic Justice	Provide training and technical assistance to culturally specific nonprofit organizations regarding the issues of safety and economic justice, including but not limited to, advocacy, equity and equitable access, mobility, sustainability of employment, credit issues, identity security, and self-sufficiency.	\$400,000/ 24 months
32) Culturally Specific Technical Assistance to TA Providers Engaged in Projects Addressing the Needs of African American Survivors	Provide technical assistance to enhance the capacity of OVW TA providers engaged in projects focused on addressing the needs of African American survivors and communities. The project should foster partnerships within the community of TA providers to share resources, minimize duplicative activities, leverage each other's expertise, and broaden the reach and capacity of individual projects/organizations. The lead applicant should have experience working in the African American community and in assisting other organizations to meet the needs of traditionally underserved communities.	\$450,000/ 24 months
33) Technical Assistance for Latina-Serving Advocacy Organizations	Provide training and technical assistance to OVW grantees to build their capacity to serve Latina victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.	\$450,000/ 24 months

34) Technical Assistance for Asian and Pacific Islander-Serving Advocacy Organizations	Provide training and technical assistance to OVW grantees to build their capacity to serve Asian and Pacific Islander victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.	\$450,000/ 24 months
35) Leadership Education and Advancement for Professionals	Provide technical assistance and training to build the capacity of emerging executives and aspiring leaders working in sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking organizations that serve culturally specific communities.	\$400,000/ 24 months
36) Organizational Capacity	Provide training and technical assistance to improve the organizational capacity of non-profit organizations, including victim service providers, to more effectively lead and partner in their communities. Applicants should identify specific topic areas on which they propose to focus. OVW may support multiple projects for this purpose area, and, if multiple projects are selected, OVW may ask selected applicants to collaborate with each other.	\$450,000/ 24 months
37) Coalition Leadership Development	Provide training and technical assistance on the development of leadership in statewide sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions who will forge new and stronger alliances with underserved populations.	\$400,000/ 24 months
38) Housing and Homeless Services for Sexual Assault Survivors	Provide training and technical assistance to improve coordination between sexual assault service providers and homeless service providers, including the following: training on the role that sexual assault victim service providers can play in the continuum of care in local communities; integrating effective sexual assault assessments into the coordinated assessment/entry system; and developing protocols and guidelines for integrating responses to the safety concerns of survivors of sexual assault and their children throughout homeless response systems, including assessment, data collection, safety planning, supportive services, and appropriate access to safe shelter, transitional housing, and rapid-rehousing. A successful applicant must have expertise on housing for sexual assault survivors.	\$400,000/ 36 months
39) Tribal Housing and Homeless Services for American	Provide training and technical assistance to improve coordination between domestic violence and sexual assault service providers and tribal housing agencies, including the following: training	\$400,000/ 36 months

<p>Indian and Alaska Native Survivors</p>	<p>on the role that tribal victim service providers can play in the continuum of care in tribal communities; integrating effective domestic violence and sexual assault assessments into the coordinated assessment/entry system; and developing protocols and guidelines for addressing the safety concerns of individuals fleeing domestic violence or sexual assault and their children, including assessment, data collection, safety planning, supportive services, and appropriate access to safe shelter, transitional housing, and rapid-rehousing. A successful applicant must have expertise on housing for American Indian and Alaska Native survivors.</p>	
<p>40) Development of Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls into Advocates</p>	<p>Provide training and technical assistance to train formerly incarcerated women and girls who are also victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to become advocates, leaders, and trainers within their communities. The lead applicant must have direct experience working with formerly incarcerated women and girls, including victims of sex trafficking. This project must partner with formerly incarcerated women and girls or include a plan for how the applicant will partner with formerly incarcerated women and girls. The project should also provide training to victim service providers on effectively supporting formerly incarcerated women and girls who are also victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to become advocates.</p>	<p>\$600,000/ 36 months</p>
<p>41) Rural Communities</p>	<p>Provide training and technical assistance for domestic violence and sexual assault programs serving rural communities.</p>	<p>\$425,000/ 24 months</p>
<p>42) Batterer Intervention Programs</p>	<p>Provide basic and advanced batterers intervention training and technical assistance that includes organizing and convening training seminars on effective abuser intervention program practices and examination of a variety of existing and emerging models for promoting offender accountability in the criminal justice system. Training and technical assistance cannot focus on or promote a single model. The target audience should include interdisciplinary teams seeking to enhance their response in cases involving domestic violence and dating violence and integrate effective strategies for intervention with abusers.</p>	<p>\$350,000/ 24 months</p>
<p>43) Criminal Justice Summit</p>	<p>Coordinate and facilitate a national convening of criminal justice officials who address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sex trafficking, and stalking to explore ways to advance</p>	<p>\$250,000/ 24 months</p>

	<p>collaboration between criminal justice systems, support new innovative approaches, and promote officer and victim safety and offender accountability. Activities must include logistics, recruiting subject-matter experts, providing scholarships for attendees, and developing curriculum and training materials. The selected applicant must provide a report on the outcomes of the summit, as well as propose post-summit technical assistance.</p>	
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FY 2018 Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance Purpose Areas

Due to limited funding availability, some OVW grant programs can support only one-year Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance awards while others can support multiple-year awards.

Applications for Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance for purpose areas other than those listed below will be removed from consideration. OVW will make only one award for each Competitive Comprehensive purpose area.

FY 2018 Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance Purpose Areas		
Purpose Area	Purpose Area Content	Budget Cap
44) Training and Technical Assistance for Law Enforcement on Sexual Assault	Provide comprehensive training and technical assistance on sexual assault for law enforcement, including patrol officers, detectives, sergeants, and lieutenants. Technical assistance may also include addressing the intersection of human trafficking and sexual assault.	\$750,000/ 24 months
45) Comprehensive for the STOP Formula Grant Program	Provide comprehensive training and technical assistance for the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program. Proposals must address how project activities will support state administering agencies and STOP subrecipients. Proposals must address all program statutory purpose areas. Technical assistance activities must address substantive topics and grants administration.	\$2,000,000/ 24 months
46) Comprehensive for the Tribal Coalitions Grant Program	Provide comprehensive training and technical assistance to OVW Tribal Coalitions Program grantees. Proposals must address all program statutory purpose areas, organizational capacity, outreach strategies, and topics related to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls.	\$500,000/ 24 months

47) Sex Trafficking of American Indians and Alaska Natives	Provide comprehensive basic and advanced training and technical assistance on sex trafficking in Indian country. The proposed project should focus on victim safety, offender accountability, and service provider and justice system response. Partnerships are highly encouraged to fully meet the range of expertise needed for this project. The lead applicant or one of the project partners should have expertise in the intersection of sex trafficking and “missing and murdered” persons. Deliverables must include development of resources and holding an annual national tribal sexual trafficking conference.	\$800,000/ 36 months
48) Campus Law Enforcement	Provide comprehensive training and technical assistance to Campus Program grantees on effective, trauma- informed campus law enforcement response to and investigation of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.	\$600,000/ 36 months
49) Comprehensive for the Consolidated Youth Grant Program	Provide comprehensive, culturally relevant training and technical assistance to Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men Program grantees on how to develop and enhance the capacity of communities to address the needs of children and youth who are exposed to or victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking through a continuum of efforts that includes: prevention and outreach; direct victim services; school-based policy development and effective responses; and the mobilization of men as allies to end violence against women and girls.	\$700,000/ 12 months

FY 2018 Non-Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance Purpose Areas

For continuation of the following Non-Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance projects, the amount of funding available is determined by the “source” program(s), the statutory cap on the amount that can be set aside from the source program(s), and the expected scope of work. Applicants should work with their OVW program specialist to determine the budget amount and project period.

FY 2018 Non-Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance Purpose Areas
Abuse in Later Life National Resource Center
Comprehensive for the Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse of Women Later in Life Grant Program
Comprehensive for the Transitional Housing Grant Program
Disability and Deaf National Resource Center
Comprehensive for the Disability Grant Program
Comprehensive for the Culturally Specific Services Grant Program
Comprehensive for the Justice for Families Grant Program
Comprehensive Training and Technical Assistance to Judges

Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Technical Assistance
Comprehensive for the Training and Technical Assistance Initiative Program
Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center
Firearms Pilot Project
Full Faith & Credit National Resource Center
Family Court Enhancement Project
Comprehensive for Prosecutors
Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium

Mandatory Program Requirements

All applicants for the FY 2018 TA Initiative must include a planning period with their OVW program specialist and project partners. The planning period must be incorporated in the project timeline under the Project Narrative “What Will Be Done” section.

Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery and Undermine Offender Accountability

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 sex, 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;¹
2. Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and/or privacy of persons receiving OVW-funded services;
3. Procedures or policies that require victims to take certain actions (e.g., seek an order of protection, receive counseling, participate in couples counseling or mediation, report to law enforcement, seek civil or criminal remedies, etc.) in order to receive services;
4. Procedures or policies that fail to include conducting safety planning with victims;
5. Project designs and budgets that fail to account for the access needs of individuals with disabilities, with limited English proficiency, or who are Deaf or hard of hearing;
6. Partnering with individuals or organizations that support/promote practices that compromise victim safety and/or minimize offender accountability;
7. Training and technical assistance that does not reflect an understanding of violence against women and the experiences of survivors;
8. Training and technical assistance that fails to incorporate the experiences and unique needs of underserved communities; and
9. Training and technical assistance that includes/promotes practices that re-victimize survivors.

This list is not exhaustive. Applications that propose any activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability may receive a deduction in points during the review process or may be eliminated from consideration entirely.

¹If 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.”

Out-of-Scope Activities

OVW has determined the activities listed below to be out of the program scope, and they will not be supported by TA Initiative funding.

1. Research projects (This does not include program assessments conducted only for internal improvement purposes. See “Research and Protection of Human Subjects” in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#)).
2. Direct victim services and justice system interventions: OVW’s TA Initiative funds are intended to support educational and training opportunities, advice, and guidance for current and potential OVW grantees and sub-grantees. They are not meant to support law enforcement activities, legal representation, direct services, or other interventions.
3. Technical assistance focused on a single state, region, or local geographic community, unless specified in the purpose areas.

Applications that propose activities that are deemed to be substantially out-of-scope may receive a deduction in points during the review process or may be eliminated from consideration entirely.

Unallowable Activities

OVW has determined the activities listed below to be unallowable, and they will not be supported by TA Initiative funding.

1. Lobbying;
2. Fundraising;
3. Purchase of real property;
4. Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting); and
5. Construction.

Applicants that propose unallowable activities may receive a deduction in points during the review process or may be eliminated from consideration entirely.

An application that is deemed deficient in more than one of the aforementioned categories (activities that compromise victim safety, out-of-scope activities, unallowable activities) may not be considered for funding.

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 this program ceases to be available. In addition, Targeted and Comprehensive Technical Assistance applications that require continuation funding in order to complete project activities may receive a deduction in points or be removed from further consideration during programmatic review. Also, OVW may elect to make awards in a future fiscal year for applications submitted under this solicitation but not selected for FY 2018 funding, depending on the merits of the applications and on the availability of funding.

Award Period

The award period indicated with each purpose area is OVW's best estimate for solicitation purposes. OVW has the discretion to make awards for greater or lesser lengths of time and will negotiate any project activity modifications needed as a result of changes to the estimated award period.

FY 2018 Targeted Technical Assistance Purpose Areas

The award period is determined by the complexity of the project and available funds. Budgets must reflect the project period listed for each targeted purpose area, and the total “estimated funding” on the SF-424 must reflect the total amount for the project period. Generally, the award period will start on October 1, 2018.

Note: Please refer to the FY 2018 Targeted Technical Assistance Purpose Areas chart for guidance on the award period for each purpose area.

FY 2018 Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance Purpose Areas

The award period is determined by the complexity of the project and available funds. Award periods for these cooperative agreements will generally be 12, 24, or 36 months. Budgets must reflect the project period listed for each Competitive Comprehensive purpose area, and the total “estimated funding” on the SF-424 must reflect the total amount for the project period. Generally, the award period will start on October 1, 2018.

Note: some comprehensive technical assistance awards will be made for shorter or longer duration(s) depending on the amount of technical assistance funding available under the source program(s).

Note: Please refer to the FY 2018 Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance Purpose Areas chart for guidance on the award period for each purpose area.

FY 2018 Non-Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance Purpose Areas

Technical assistance projects designated by OVW as eligible for non-competitive supplemental funding in FY 2018 will receive a separate email invitation from OVW to apply for a supplemental award. Non-Competitive Comprehensive applications must be submitted through this solicitation by the deadline of February 15, 2018. Award periods will range from 12 to 36 months and will depend on the number of months remaining in the organization's five-year comprehensive technical assistance provider designation, the availability of funding from the source program(s), and the applicant's past performance as a comprehensive technical assistance Provider.

Note: Each comprehensive provider should work with its OVW program specialist to determine the length of their supplemental award.

Award Amounts

Applicants should not exceed the award amounts listed in this solicitation and should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project.

In FY 2018, OVW has identified the funding available for each purpose area. Applicants should adjust their funding requests accordingly. Applications exceeding the identified budget cap for an individual purpose area may receive point deductions during the review process.

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 limited funds available to support technical assistance, and, therefore, all applicants should be mindful and carefully consider all costs when developing their proposed budgets.

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 awarding a grant.

The TA Initiative typically makes awards in the range of \$200,000 - \$2,000,000. OVW estimates that it will make up to 65 awards for an estimated \$30,000,000.

Awards will be made as cooperative agreements. Cooperative agreements are a form of award for which OVW expects to have ongoing substantial involvement in award activities. For this program, the substantial involvement includes, but is not limited to, participating in project meetings, developing agendas and approving final agendas, reviewing and approving faculty, products, and curriculum, and identifying participants for training and technical assistance activities.

Note: OVW strives to deliver training and technical assistance that reflects current research on effectively responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, and the needs of OVW grantees and sub-grantees. Applicants should be prepared to exercise flexibility in project implementation and direction throughout their awards.

Types of Applicants

In FY 2018, OVW will accept applications for the TA Initiative from the following:

New: applicants that have never received funding under the TA Initiative or current and former recipients of training and technical assistance awards that propose to address a purpose area included in the FY 2018 TA Initiative solicitation for which they have not previously received funding.

Continuation: applicants that have an existing or recently closed (within the last 12 months) award under the TA Initiative for a purpose area included in the FY 2018 TA Initiative solicitation for which they will be submitting an application, including applicants submitting an application for a non-competitive comprehensive purpose area.

Additionally, current grantees with a substantial (over 60%) amount of funds remaining at the time of application submission for the specific purpose area and without adequate justification may not be considered for funding, or may receive a reduced award amount if selected for funding in FY 2018.

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

Eligible entities for this program are national, tribal, statewide, or other nonprofit organizations. Eligible applicants must have the capacity to provide training and technical assistance on a national level. In rare circumstances, OVW may support institutions of higher education; state, local, or tribal governments or governmental agencies (e.g., police departments, prosecutor's offices, or probation departments); or local non-profit organizations. However, in such circumstances, those entities must describe in detail their demonstrated history of providing training and technical assistance, and include documentation that they have delivered training and technical assistance to a national audience.

Nonprofit Organization Requirement – Offshore Accounts

Any 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 is not eligible for a grant from the TA Initiative.

Cost Sharing or Match Requirement

This program has no match or cost sharing requirement.

Other Program Eligibility Requirements

There are no additional eligibility requirements for the TA Initiative. All certification and other solicitation-related documents must be current and developed in accordance with the FY 2018 TA Initiative solicitation.

Limit on Number of Applications

OVW will consider only one application per organization in response to each purpose area in this solicitation. If an applicant submits multiple versions of the same application for a purpose area, OVW will review only the most recent system-validated version submitted before the deadline. Applicants submitting multiple applications should clearly distinguish the purpose area for each application and use clearly differentiated project titles for each application. It is the responsibility of each applicant to match submitted applications to the intended purpose areas.

D. Application and Submission Information

Address to Request Application Package

The complete application package is available on Grants.gov or the [OVW website](#). Applicants wishing to request a paper copy of the application materials should contact OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov.

Pre-Application Information Session(s)

OVW will conduct one web-based pre-application information session for entities interested in submitting an application for the TA Initiative. Participation in this session is optional. Interested applicants who do not participate are still eligible to apply. During this session, OVW staff will review the TA Initiative requirements, review the solicitation, and allow for a brief question and answer period. This session is tentatively scheduled for:

1. Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 2:00-3:00 Eastern Time (E.T.)

Anyone interested in submitting an application to the TA Initiative may register to participate in the pre-application information session. The total number of participants for the session may be limited. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis, and space is not guaranteed.

Interested participants from the same agency/jurisdiction are strongly encouraged to participate together so that as many interested applicants as possible can join the session. OVW reserves the right to deny multiple registrations from a single agency/jurisdiction.

To register, contact the OVW TA Initiative Program at OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov. Registration must be received at least one day prior to the start of the session. Participants are not registered until they receive a confirmation email. Webinars will be captioned in English. Interested applicants needing additional language assistance should contact the OVW TA Initiative Program at OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov or at (202) 307-6026 as soon as possible, but no later than three weeks prior to the application deadline.

Content and Form of Application Submission

The information below (“**Letter of Registration**” through “**Additional Required Information**”) describes the full content and form of application submission.

Letter of Registration

Applicants intending to apply for FY 2018 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 [SAM](#) and with [Grants.gov](#). The letter should be submitted to OVW at OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov by January 25, 2018. 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. Applicants should include in the Letter of Registration the assigned number(s) and the name of the purpose area(s) as listed in this solicitation of the specific Targeted and Competitive Comprehensive purpose area(s) for which their organization anticipates submitting an application in FY 2018. See [Appendix B](#) for a sample Letter of Registration.

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, the award may include 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.

Applicants should not submit documents that were not specifically asked for in the solicitation. Providing information that was not requested will not increase the likelihood that an application will be selected for funding. All 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 Targeted Technical Assistance Project Narrative and no more than 25 pages for the Competitive Comprehensive 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. OVW will not contact applicants for missing items on the list below. 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. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
4. Letters of Support

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 Total)

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 or 25 page limit for the Project Narrative. Provide the following information:

1. Name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual with authority to accept grants on behalf of the applicant.
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.
3. Statement as to whether the applicant (i.e., the organization whose DUNS number is being used for the application) will serve as a fiscal agent/sponsor for an entity or entities that will ultimately implement the project, and that the applicant itself will not be involved with implementation of the project beyond issuing a subaward or subawards to other entities. If this is the case, the applicant must include a statement acknowledging that, should an award be made, the applicant will be responsible for all applicable statutory, fiscal, and programmatic requirements, including those of [2 CFR Part 200](#), as well as all project deliverables. The applicant must also list all of the entities with which it will enter into agreements to implement the project, 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 submitted as part of the application). Note that, in such situations, the fiscal agent/sponsor must be an eligible applicant for the program.
4. Statement as to whether the applicant has expended \$750,000 in federal funds in the applicant's past fiscal year. If so, specify the end date of the applicant's fiscal year.
5. Summary of current and recent OVW projects (if applicable). If the applicant has a current grant or cooperative agreement under any OVW grant program or an award that has been closed within the last 12 months from the date this solicitation closes, the information must be provided in a table using the format found in [APPENDIX D](#). Failure to provide the required table will result in a loss of points.

6. A list of other federal grant programs from which the applicant currently receives funding or for which it has applied for funding in FY 2018 **to do similar work**. Provide this information in a table using the format found in [APPENDIX E](#).
7. 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.
8. 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" in the [Additional Required Information](#) section.
9. The title of the proposed project.
10. Statement whether the application is addressing a Targeted or a Comprehensive purpose area. Identify the specific purpose area by number and purpose area title. Applicants should address only one technical assistance purpose area in a single application and should not modify a purpose area.
11. The intended audience (include which grant program recipients and/or disciplines will be the focus of the project's training and technical assistance).
12. Duration of the project (i.e., 12, 24, 36 months).
13. The award amount requested. For Competitive Comprehensive Purpose Area applicants, please include projected five-year costs, as well as funding being requested for the initial award period (12 or 24 months as stated in the purpose area section).
14. A list of all project partners (organization names and/or individual consultants).

Proposal Abstract (not scored)

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.

Status of Current Project

Applicants applying for continuation of a Targeted, Competitive, or Non-Competitive purpose area should provide a short summary (no more than 5 pages double spaced; this will not count toward the 20 or 25 page limit for the Project Narrative) of the status of the current project, including the goals of the current project, the activities that were conducted during the current project period (including trainings and webinars), list of deliverables completed or in the review process, and the estimated number of individuals and organizations that the project has provided TA and training to during this project period. This document will not be scored; however, it may be reviewed as additional background during the review process.

Project Narrative (65 Points Total)

The Project Narrative may not exceed 20 pages in length, double spaced for targeted technical assistance applications and 25 pages in length, double-spaced for comprehensive technical assistance applications. The Project Narrative must include the following three sections:

Purpose of Application (20 points)

This section must:

1. Identify the targeted or comprehensive technical assistance purpose area the project addresses.
2. Describe the need for the project, including the gaps in service provision and/or the justice system response that will be addressed by the project.
3. Describe the intended audience for the project, including the grant program(s) and profession(s). Please explain the relationship between the intended audience and the stated area of need.
4. Describe any marginalized and/or underserved population that will benefit from the proposed project.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of emerging issues related to the proposed project.
6. Describe current or previous efforts to address the gaps in service provision and/or the justice system response, including lessons learned and promising practices.
7. For each gap identified, describe the expected impact that the proposed project will have on the identified gap(s) and the target audience(s).
8. Describe a practice that compromises victim safety, relevant to the purpose area being addressed. Include an explanation of how the proposed training and technical assistance will address the specific victim safety issue.
9. Explain the expected outcome of the project.

What Will Be Done (30 points)

The application must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the “Purpose of Application” section above.

This section must:

1. Provide the project goals and objectives.
2. Provide a detailed description of the activities that will be undertaken to accomplish the project goals and objectives and how these activities clearly address the purpose area.
3. For each gap identified in the Purpose of the Application section, provide a detailed description of the strategies, including technical assistance delivery methodologies that will be undertaken to address the gap(s) and explain why that strategy has been selected. If the applicant proposes on-site assistance with OVW grantees, describe the capacity and experience to do so.
4. Explain why a particular delivery method is appropriate for the target audience or profession and for the goals and objectives.
5. Provide examples of experience the applicant or its project partners have had using each proposed technical assistance delivery method in the last five years.
6. Describe and justify any and all products that will be developed, including a timeline and plan for the development and dissemination of each product. The justification must explain the correlation between each proposed product and the gaps identified in the Purpose of the Application section.
7. Provide a corresponding timeline for the completion of each activity. Include in the timeline the estimated number of each deliverable (e.g. number of focus groups, webinars, and on-site technical assistance opportunities). An applicant applying for a Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance purpose area must provide a detailed timeline for the initial project period included in the Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance purpose area chart and a general timeline for the remainder of the five years of the proposed project. All applicants for the FY 2018 TA Initiative must include in their timeline a planning period with OVW and project partners.

8. Estimate of the number of individuals, agencies, and/or jurisdictions that would receive training and technical assistance under this project.
9. Describe how the proposed project will be accessible to individuals with disabilities, individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, and persons with limited English proficiency.

Who Will Implement the Project (15 points)

This section must:

1. Provide the lead applicant's mission statement.
2. Describe the organization's philosophy concerning violence against women.
3. Identify the key individuals and organizations involved in the proposed project, and describe the role of each individual and organization. Provide the percentage of time each individual will devote to the project, and the specific activities in which each individual will participate.
4. Provide the qualifications and experience of the key individuals and consultants.
5. Demonstrate that the individuals and organizations identified have the capacity to address the stated need, including the expertise necessary to appropriately serve any marginalized and/or underserved populations identified in the Purpose of the Application section, and can successfully implement the proposed project activities.
6. If an applicant proposes to hold any in-person meetings which necessitate logistical planning, the application must indicate if an outside planner will be hired. If no outside planner will be hired, the application must document that the applicant or a project partner is the most cost-effective means of obtaining conference logistical services.

Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative (15 Points)

All applications must include a detailed budget and budget narrative. A sample Budget Detail Worksheet is available in [Appendix A](#). When preparing the Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative, use the Sample Budget Detail Worksheet as a guide and be sure to include all necessary budget categories as outlined in the Worksheet. Also, keep in mind that budgetary requirements vary slightly among programs. Applicants must read the solicitation closely to determine the requirements of the budget and budget narrative for each OVW program. Additionally, the budget must adhere to the guidelines contained in the [DOJ Financial Guide](#).

Award Period and Amount

Refer to the Targeted Training and Technical Assistance purpose areas and the Competitive Comprehensive Technical Assistance purpose areas charts for guidance on the award period and amount. Non-Competitive Comprehensive applicants should work with their OVW program specialist to determine the budget amount and project period. OVW has the discretion to award cooperative agreements for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants prior to award of a cooperative agreement.

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. It 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.

Note: 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. Applicants should be aware that the amount of technical assistance funding available under each program does vary and should take this under consideration when developing their technical assistance proposal (e.g., larger programs may have more technical assistance funds available to serve a larger number of grantees).

The budget must:

1. Include funds in the amount of \$7,500 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 \$10,000 to account for higher travel costs. These specific applicants may exceed the budget caps to account for this increased travel amount. The amount of allocated funds to attend OVW-sponsored training and technical assistance is for the entire project period and NOT per year. See [Training and Technical Assistance](#) in the [Funding Restrictions](#) section of the solicitation.
2. Include a budget narrative that supports and justifies all proposed costs and provides a clear link between specific project activities and proposed budget items.
3. Budgets for projects that include STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program grantees and sub-grantees in the intended audience must include scholarship funds to support participant travel.
4. Reflect all costs related to implementing the proposed project and include calculations for all costs.
5. Provide an explanation of proposed expenses that is detailed, complete, reasonable, and within established limits.
6. Exclude any unrelated or out-of-scope costs for the proposed project.
7. Include funds or include other resources available to support activities to ensure access for individuals with disabilities, Deaf/hard of hearing individuals, and persons with limited English proficiency. See ["Accessibility"](#) under "F. [Federal Award Administration Information](#)" for more information.
8. Compensate project partners as reflected in the MOU. See [Appendix A](#) for additional information on compensating project partners.
9. Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.330, a subaward is for the purpose of carrying out a portion of the federal award, and a contract is for the purpose of obtaining goods and services for the grantee's own use. The substance of the relationship is more important than the form of the agreement in determining whether the recipient of the pass-through funds is a subrecipient or a contractor. Keep in mind that the awarding and monitoring of contracts must follow documented procurement procedures, including full and open competition, pursuant to the procurement standards in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317-200.329, and the issuance of subawards must meet the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.331. See [Appendix A](#) and the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) for more information.

For additional guidance, go to the [Funding Restrictions](#) section of this solicitation.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (10 Points Total)

For purposes of this solicitation, the MOU is a document containing the terms of the partnership and the roles and responsibilities between two or more parties. The MOU **must** be a single document and **must** be signed and dated by the [Authorized Representative](#) of each proposed partner agency during the development of the application. If necessary, an MOU can include multiple signature pages so long as each page includes the names and titles of all signatories to the MOU.

OVW believes that appropriate collaborations enhance the effectiveness of training and technical assistance projects just as they enhance local interventions. OVW also believes that effective partnerships can enhance the depth of overall technical assistance delivery. Therefore, OVW requires all potential technical assistance providers to enter into an MOU with key project partners who will bring the necessary substantive expertise to the project. Key partners include any partners who will play a significant role in the development and/or implementation of the project, regardless of compensation. Any project partner receiving funds under the application is considered a key partner in the implementation of the project. Applications without any key project partners may provide an explanation for forgoing an MOU; however, such applications run the risk of losing all or some of the 10 points assigned to the MOU. Letters of support or commitment will not be considered in place of an MOU or an explanation for forgoing an MOU.

The 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.
3. Describe, for each partner, the expertise the partner brings to the project, and their commitment to the collaboration.
4. Clearly state that each project partner has reviewed the budget and is aware of the total amount being requested and the funding being requested for each project partner.

In general, MOU partners that will be receiving funds to carry out a portion of the award should be treated as subrecipients and not contractors. For more information see 2 C.F.R. § 200.330, [Appendix A](#), and the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#).

Letters of Support (5 Points Total)

Applicants must include at least one, but no more than two, letters of support from a previous recipient(s) of their training and/or TA.

A Letter of Support must:

1. Identify the purpose of the training and/or technical assistance that the letter writer received from the applicant and/or key project partner of the applicant.
2. Include the date on which the most recent training and/or technical assistance was provided to the letter writer.
3. Discuss the extent to which the training and/or technical assistance was helpful in improving and/or enhancing the letter writer's services to victims or enhance their project.

Additional Required Information

The following documents will not be scored during the review process but they should be included with the application. Failure to include any of the information may result in the application being removed from consideration from funding. Some documents will be generated during the application submission process while other documents will be uploaded and attached to the application.

The following documents will be generated and completed during the application submission process:

Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

Applicants must complete the SF-424 online. For “Type of Applicant,” do not select “other.” 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. This program does not require a match; therefore, the values for “Applicant” line should be zero. The individual who is listed in “**Authorized Representative**” must be 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)

Carefully review the assurances and certification forms online. Applicants will receive a request to compile these forms online during the application submission 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.

The following documents should be uploaded and attached to the application:

Applicant 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 an Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire, and submit it as a separate attachment with their application. Additionally, applicants may be required to submit their current year’s audit report at a later time. The form can be found at <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/how-apply>.

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. Applicants must submit the acknowledgement form available on the OVW website at http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/pages/attachments/2015/01/20/confidentiality_acknowledgement_form_42015.pdf. This form must be signed by the [Authorized Representative](#) and uploaded with the application in [Grants.gov](#).

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

An applicant that is a nonprofit organization may be required to make certain disclosures relating to the processes it uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.

Under certain circumstances, a nonprofit organization that provides unreasonably high compensation to certain persons may subject both the organization's managers and those who receive the compensation to additional federal taxes. A rebuttable presumption of the reasonableness of a nonprofit organization's compensation arrangements, however, may be available if the nonprofit organization satisfied certain rules set out in Internal Revenue Service regulations with regard to its compensation decisions.

Each applicant nonprofit organization must state at the time of its application (in the Summary Data Sheet mentioned earlier) 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.

A nonprofit organization that states on the Summary Data Sheet that it uses the safe-harbor procedure must then disclose, in an attachment to its application (to be titled "Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation"), the process used by the applicant nonprofit organization to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (together, "covered persons").

At a minimum, the disclosure must describe in pertinent detail: (1) the composition of the body that reviews and approves compensation arrangements for covered persons; (2) the methods and practices used by the applicant nonprofit organization to ensure that no individual with a conflict of interest participates as a member of the body that reviews and approves a compensation arrangement for a covered person; (3) the appropriate data as to comparability of compensation that is obtained in advance and relied upon by the body that reviews and approves compensation arrangements for covered persons; and (4) the written or electronic records that the applicant organization maintains as concurrent documentation of the decisions with respect to compensation of covered persons made by the body that reviews and approves such compensation arrangements, including records of deliberations and of the basis for decisions.

For purposes of the required disclosure, the following terms and phrases have the meanings set out by the Internal Revenue Service for use in connection with 26 C.F.R. 53.4958-6: officers, directors, trustees, key employees, compensation, conflict of interest, appropriate data as to comparability, adequate documentation, and concurrent documentation.

Applicant nonprofit organizations should note that following receipt of an appropriate request, OVW may be authorized or required by law to make information submitted to satisfy this requirement available for public inspection. Also, a recipient may be required to make a prompt supplemental disclosure after the award in certain circumstances (e.g., changes in the way the organization determines compensation).

Financial Accounting Practices

Each applicant must prepare a response to the following questions. Be sure to provide complete responses that address all questions included for each numbered item. 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 the application should be no more than two pages and should be a separate attachment to the online application in [Grants.gov](https://www.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? Provide a

brief description of the applicant's policies and procedures that ensure funds will be tracked appropriately.

2. Does the applicant have written accounting policies and procedures? How often are these policies and procedures updated? Provide a brief list of the topics covered in the applicant'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 applicant's financial management system able to track actual expenditures and outlays with budgeted amounts for each grant or subgrant? Provide a brief summary of the organization's process for tracking expenditures, including tracking budgeted versus actual amounts.
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? Provide a short summary of the applicant's policy for requesting payments for grant awards.
5. Does the applicant have effective internal controls in place to ensure that federal funds are used solely for authorized purposes? Provide a brief description of the applicant's internal controls that will provide reasonable assurance that the award funds will be managed properly.
6. Does the applicant have a documented records retention policy? If so, briefly describe the policy and confirm that the policy complies with federal regulations. Information on Record Retention and Access can be found at 2 CFR 200.333-337.
7. Does the applicant or any of its employees have any potential personal or organizational conflicts of interest related to the possible receipt of OVW award funds? Applicants are required to disclose in writing any potential conflicts of interest to their awarding agency. See 2 CFR 200.112 of the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 3.20, Grant Fraud, Waste and Abuse, of the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) for additional information.
8. 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)? 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 OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or 1-888-514-8556 immediately after the applicant is notified of its award to coordinate training.
9. Does the applicant organization have policies and procedures in place to manage subawards and monitor activities of subrecipients as necessary to ensure that subawards are used for authorized purposes, in compliance with laws, regulations, and terms and conditions of the award; and that established subaward performance goals are achieved (2 CFR 200.330-332)? Provide a brief description of the organization's policies and procedures on subrecipient management and monitoring.
10. Does the applicant organization currently require employees to maintain time distribution records that accurately reflect the work performed on specific activities or cost objectives in order to support the distribution of employees' salaries among Federal awards or other activities (2 CFR 200.430)? Budget estimates do not qualify as support for charges to Federal awards. Provide a brief description of the organization's established timekeeping policies and procedures.

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 access to funds.

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. Include a copy of a current, signed federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement. This should be a separate attachment to the application in Grants.gov. Applicants 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 which may be used indefinitely. This includes state, local, and tribal governments that have never negotiated an indirect cost rate with the federal government and receive less than \$35 million in direct federal funding per year.

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

Letter of Nonsupplanting

Applicants must submit a letter to OVW's Director, signed by the [Authorized Representative](#), certifying that federal funds will not be used to supplant state or local funds should a grant award be made. Refer to http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2012/10/09/nonsup_letter.pdf for a sample letter. This should be a separate attachment to the application in Grants.gov.

Unique Entity Identifier (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 **Duns & Bradstreet (D&B)**. Once an applicant has completed the D&B registration, its DUNS Number should be available within two business days.

Federal guidelines require that applicants 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. Grants.gov uses SAM to establish roles and IDs for electronic grant applicants.

If the applicant already has an Employer Identification Number (EIN), the SAM registration will take **up to two weeks to process**. If the applicant 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 <http://www.dnb.com/us/> or call (866) 705-5711.
2. Access the SAM online registration through the [SAM](#) homepage and follow the online instructions for new SAM users.
3. Complete and submit the online registration. If the applicant 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. **Organizations must update or renew their SAM registration at least once a year to maintain an active status.**

Registration	Where to Register	Deadline
DUNS	DUNS	January 25, 2018
SAM	SAM	January 25, 2018
Grants.gov	Grants.gov	January 25, 2018

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 number, register online with the SAM and with Grants.gov immediately, but no later than Thursday, January 25, 2018.

Submission Dates and Times

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is complete and submitted by the deadline. Applicants should anticipate that failure to meet all registration and submission deadlines will result in their applications being removed from consideration. Applicants should refer to the chart below to ensure that all required steps and deadlines are met.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the application submission process at least 48 hours, but no later than 24 hours, before February 15, 2018.

Application Action	Contact Information	Date
Solicitation Availability	Grants.gov and OVW Website	January 3, 2018- February 15, 2018
Request Permission to Submit a Hardcopy Application Due to Lack of Internet Access	For applicants who cannot submit an application electronically, contact the OVW TA Initiative Program at OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov	January 25, 2018
Confirmation of Application Receipt	Grants.gov 1. The Authorized Organization Representative should closely monitor their email for any notification from Grants.gov about a possible failed submission. The Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is a user role within Grants.gov for a	February 15, 2018 Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the application submission process at least 48

	<p>user that is authorized to submit applications on behalf of the organization.</p> <p>2. The Authorized Organization Representative should receive a minimum of two emails from Grants.gov. One will confirm receipt of the application package. The other will either notify the Authorized Organization Representative that the application was successfully submitted, or it will notify the Authorized Organization Representative that there was an error with the application submission.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>hours but no later than 24 hours before the deadline</p>
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All applications will be submitted electronically. The deadline for submitting applications in response to this solicitation is **11:59 p.m. E.T. on February 15, 2018**. Applications submitted after **11:59 p.m. E.T. on February 15, 2018** will not be considered for funding, unless the applicant receives OVW permission to submit a late application. Applicants experiencing difficulties submitting an application should refer to Experiencing Technical Difficulties During Submission in the chart below.

OVW Policy on Duplicate Applications

An applicant should submit one application per each purpose area for which they are applying. If an applicant submits multiple versions of an application, OVW will review the last version submitted before the deadline.

OVW Policy on Late Submissions

In limited circumstances, OVW will approve a request to submit an application after the due date. The chart below provides a description of the circumstances under which OVW will consider such requests. OVW will only consider a late submission request if all steps outlined below have been followed. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the late submission process. OVW’s approval of a late submission request is not an indication of the application’s final disposition. Applications approved for late submissions are still subject to all of the review process and criteria described in this solicitation.

Failure to begin registration or application submission in sufficient time to acquire the correct version of Adobe software is not an acceptable reason for late submission. Applicants should register with SAM and Grants.gov by January 25, 2018. To support applicants in submitting their proposals and promote a fair process, applicants who may be in need of an extension of the due date must adhere to the following:

Process for Requesting Late Submission

Severe Inclement Weather or Natural Disaster	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Document when the severe inclement weather or natural disaster occurred, the impacted area, and the specific impact on the applicant/partners (e.g., without power for “x” days, office closed for “x” days). 2. Contact OVW at the earliest possible date and provide the information described in #1. 3. Contact OVW at least 24 hours prior to the solicitation closing if needing to request a late submission. Applicants impacted by severe inclement weather or a national disaster occurring on the due date can contact OVW up to 72 hours after the due date but as soon as possible. 	<p>OVW may not be able to accommodate all requests resulting from severe inclement weather or a natural disaster but will do its best.</p>

Experiencing Technical Difficulties Beyond the Applicant’s Reasonable Control		
Issue	Applicant Action	OVW Advice
<p>Issue with SAM or Grants.gov Registration</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register and/or confirm existing registration at least 3 weeks prior to the application due date to ensure that the individual who will be submitting the application has SAM and Grants.gov access. 2. Maintain documentation of when registration began, any issues related to registration, and all communication with technical support. 3. Notify OVW as soon as you become aware of a problem with registration but no later than 14 days before the application due date. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Failure to begin the SAM or Grants.gov registration process in sufficient time (i.e., by the date identified in this solicitation) is not an acceptable reason for late submission. 2. Ensure that the person who will be submitting the proposal is the person registered in SAM to submit on behalf of the applicant.
<p>Experiencing Unforeseeable Technical Difficulties During the Application Submission Process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Document when you began the submission process. 2. Contact Grants.gov at least 24 hours prior to the solicitation closing. 3. Maintain documentation of all communication with Grants.gov support. 4. Contact the OVW TA Initiative Program at OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov indicating that the applicant is experiencing 	<p>Common foreseeable technical difficulties for which OVW will not approve a late submission requests include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Using an outdated version of Adobe Acrobat; and b. Attachment rejection. <p>Through Grants.gov, OVW can confirm when submission began. Applicants who start</p>

	<p>technical difficulties and would like permission to submit a late application. Provide a phone number and/or email address at which someone with the authority to submit the application and required documentation can be reached for the first 3 business days immediately following the due date.</p> <p>5. Respond promptly to communication from OVW requesting the complete application package, applicant DUNS Number, Grants.gov helpdesk tracking numbers, and any other relevant documentation.</p>	<p>the submission process less than 24 hours before the deadline will not be considered for late submission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By beginning the application submission process 24-48 hours before the deadline, applicants should have sufficient time to receive notice of problems with their submissions and make necessary corrections. 2. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the most up-to-date version of Adobe Acrobat is installed on all computers that may be used to submit the proposal. This should be done at least 48 hours before the deadline. 3. To ensure that attachments are not rejected, attachment names should only include allowable characters.
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Intergovernmental Review - 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 [state Single Point of Contact \(SPOC\)](#) 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 that refers to EO 12372. Applicants can find a list of SPOCs on the Office of Management and Budget website at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc.

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. The guide also outlines the successful administration of grant funds.

Any recipient of an award will be responsible for monitoring subawards and 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

subrecipient/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. OVW may approve the use of OVW funds to provide food and/or beverages for a working 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. For additional guidance on food and beverage expenditures go to <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees>.

Budget clearance does not constitute prior approval of food and beverage costs. Recipients must seek approval of these costs through the OVW conference approval process.

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 related to conference planning is available at <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees>. Applicants should also be aware of the following specific restrictions on conference planning and expenditure limitations:

1. 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
7. Prior Approval Required Before Entering Into Contracts or Expending Funds for Conferences
8. Conference Reporting

Budget clearance does not constitute prior approval to hold a conference. Recipients must seek approval of these costs through the conference approval process.

Updated Department of Justice and OVW guidance on conference planning, minimization of costs, and conference cost reporting is available on the OVW website at <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees>.

Training and Technical Assistance

All applicants are required to allocate funds in the amount of \$7,500 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 \$10,000 to account for higher travel costs. These specific applicants may exceed the budget caps to account for this increased travel amount. The \$7,500 or \$10,000 is for the entire project period and NOT per year. 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/Subawards" category. Label both costs as "OVW Technical Assistance." OVW technical assistance is provided free of charge to grantees, so applicants do not need to include registration fees. The amounts included in the budget should equal the full, required set-aside amount listed above.

These funds can **only** be used for OVW-designated technical assistance, unless otherwise approved by OVW. 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. Applicants may budget for expenses in excess of the OVW estimate if they are aware of relevant non-OVW sponsored conferences for which they would like permission to use grant funds to support staff/project partner attendance.

Program Assessments

Grantees under this program are prohibited from using OVW funds to conduct research. Upon budget approval, they may use funds to assess their work for quality assurance and program improvement purposes only. Assessments for quality assurance and program improvement might include surveying training participants about the quality of training content and delivery or convening discussion forums with key stakeholders. Applicants considering proposing program assessments should refer to the [DOJ/OJP decision tree](#) to ensure that the activity does not qualify as human subjects research.

Pre-Agreement Cost Approval

OVW generally does not allow pre-award costs. 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. See the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) for more information on pre-award costs.

Other Submission Requirements

As discussed in the [Submission Dates and Times](#) section above, applications must be submitted electronically via [Grants.gov](#). Applicants that are unable to submit electronically must follow the instructions in that section.

After applicants obtain their DUNS number and register with SAM, they can begin the [Grants.gov](#) registration process. In order to apply for a grant, the applying organization must complete the [Grants.gov](#) registration process prior to beginning an application for a federal grant. Complete instructions can be found at [Grants.gov](#). **The registration process generally takes between three and five business days and may take as long as four weeks if all steps are not completed in a timely manner.** Grants.gov is not the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Grants Management System (GMS). If applicants experience difficulties at any

point during this process, they should call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at **1-800-518-4726**.

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

The application process can move forward once the organization successfully registers with Grants.gov. Registration is a one-time process.

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)	Parentheses ()	Curly braces { }	Square brackets []
Lower case (a – z)	Ampersand (&)	Tilde (~)	Exclamation point (!)
Numbers (0-9)	Comma (,)	Semicolon (;)	Apostrophe (‘)
Underscore (_)	At sign (@)	Number sign (#)	Dollar sign (\$)
Hyphen (-)	Percent sign (%)	Plus sign (+)	Equal sign (=)
Space	When using the ampersand (&) in XML, applicants must use the “&#amp;#38;” format.		
Period (.)			

OVW strongly suggests using simple titles for all documents, such as “FY 2018 OVW Project Narrative.” Visit the Grants.gov website to review the most up-to-date guidelines about the use of specific characters.

Submitting a Grant Application

Important Grants.gov update. Grants.gov has updated its application tool. The legacy PDF application package is being phased out and will be retired on December 31, 2017. Grants.gov Workspace is now the standard application method for applying for grants. Applicants should familiarize themselves with the Workspace option now. For complete information and instructions on using Workspace (and other changes), go to the Workspace Overview page at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview.html>.

To ensure a successful application submission, OVW strongly encourages applicants to start uploading their applications at least 48, but no less than 24, hours before the deadline.

The Grants.gov 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. except federal holidays.

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 TA Initiative, scoring will be as follows:

1. Summary Data Sheet: (5) points
2. Project Narrative: (65) points, of which
 - A. Purpose of the Project: (20) points
 - B. What Will be Done: (30) points
 - C. Who Will Implement: (15) points
3. Budget Narrative and Detail Worksheet: (15) points
4. MOU: (10) points
5. Letters of Support: (5) points

Review and Selection Process

Peer Review

OVW will subject all eligible applications to a peer review process that is fair and based on the criteria outlined in this solicitation. OVW may use internal reviewers, external reviewers, 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 area review. OVW reserves the right to deduct points from applications for the following reasons:

1. Activities that compromise victim safety and recovery and undermine offender accountability (deduct up to 25 points.)
2. Out-of-scope activities (deduct up to 10 points)
3. Past performance (deduct up to 25 points)
4. Formatting and Technical Requirements (deduct up to 5 points)

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. An applicant with considerable past performance issues may receive a deduction in points as described above or be removed from consideration entirely regardless of the application's peer review score.

As a part of the programmatic review process described above, applicants will be reviewed for past performance and risk based on the elements listed below.

1. Demonstrated effectiveness of the current project indicated by 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
6. 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 [DOJ Financial Guide](#)

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 October 1, 2018.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

Successful applications will receive OVW award notifications electronically from the OJP Grants Management System (GMS) (not Grants.gov). 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 log in; 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](#), scanning the fully executed award document, and returning the scanned document to OVW via facsimile or email.

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, including those requirements enumerated below. 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 [Solicitation Companion Guide](#).

1. 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. National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (if applicable)
9. DOJ Information Technology Standards (if applicable)
10. Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds
11. Criminal Penalty for False Statements
12. Reporting Fraud, Waste, Error, and Abuse
13. Suspension or Termination of Funding
14. Nonprofit Organizations
15. Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
16. Rights in Intellectual Property
17. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006
18. Awards in Excess of \$5,000,000 – Federal Taxes Certification Requirement
19. Active SAM Registration and Unique Identifier Requirements
20. Whistleblower Protections for Employees of OVW Grantees
21. Prohibited Conduct by Recipients Related to Trafficking in Persons
22. General Appropriations Law Restrictions on Use of Federal Funds
23. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters Including Recipient Reporting to FAPIIS

Terms and conditions for OVW awards, including awards under this program are available at <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees>. 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 civil rights provision that applies to all FY 2018 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 <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/docs/faqs-ngc-vawa.pdf>. Additional information on the civil rights obligations of OVW funding recipients can be found in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) under "Civil Rights Compliance."

Accessibility

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. Compliance with these laws includes taking reasonable steps to ensure that persons with limited English

proficiency have meaningful access to recipients' programs and activities and that these programs and activities are readily accessible to individuals with disabilities. More information on these obligations is available in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#). Applicants must allocate grant funds or other available resources to support activities that help to ensure meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language interpreter services, language interpretation and translation services, or the purchase of adaptive equipment.

Reporting

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 reports are delinquent.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OVW contact OVW TA Initiative Program at OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov.

H. Other Information

Application Checklist

Applicants must submit a fully executed application to OVW, including all required supporting documentation. Prior to peer review, 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, 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 Rural Program letter submitted with a Transitional Housing Program application will not be transferred to the Rural application).

Application Document	Date Completed
1. Letter of Registration	
2. Summary Data Sheet	
3. Project Narrative	
4. Purpose of the Application	
5. What Will Be Done	
6. Who Will Implement	
7. Proposal Abstract	
8. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative	
9. Memorandum of Understanding	
10. Letters of Support	
11. Status of Current Project (if applicable)	
12. Application for Federal Assistance: SF 424	
13. Standard Assurances and Certifications	
14. Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)	

15. Confidentiality Notice Form	
16. Disclosures of Process Related to Executive Compensation	
17. Financial Accounting Practices	
18. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)	
19. Letter of Nonsupplanting	

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

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 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 can be submitted to the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC 20530.

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, including the awarding of consultant contracts, should be conducted in a manner that provides maximum open, free and fair competition, and must follow 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317-200.326. 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 Partners/Subrecipients

MOU project partners are generally considered subrecipients for time spent working on program objectives. The following MOU project partner responsibilities are consistent with the characteristics in 2 C.F.R. § 200.330 that support their classification as subrecipients: they are using federal funds to carry out a program for a public purpose specified in the authorizing statute, they are responsible for adherence to program requirements, they are responsible for programmatic decision making, their performance is measured in relation to whether program objectives are met, and in some cases they may be responsible for determining who is eligible to receive assistance (services) under the grant award. In contrast, a contractor provides goods and services within normal business operations, provides similar good and services to many different purchasers, normally operates in a competitive environment, provides goods and services that are ancillary to the operation of the program, and programmatic requirements may not be applicable to the services they are providing. 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](#), as well as the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#).

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 a subrecipient and would be reimbursed for their actual costs incurred for the project rather than a fee for service. 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.

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.

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 which may be used indefinitely. This includes state and local governments that have never negotiated an indirect cost

Purchase and/or Lease of Vehicles

The purchase and lease of vehicles are prohibited under most OVW grant programs, although some programs allow for purchasing vehicles on a case-by-case basis. 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.

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.

Note: The following budget is an example intended to assist you in preparing your application budget. The sample expenses may not fit the purposes or activities of this particular grant program.

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.

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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.

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<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 Investigator	\$70,500 x 0.50%	\$ 353
Employer's FICA	\$135,000 x 7.65%	\$10,328
Health Insurance	\$135,000 x 6.12%	\$ 8,262
Worker's Compensation	\$135,000 x 1.00%	\$ 1,350
Unemployment Compensation Administrative Assistant	\$135,000 x 0.50%	\$ 675
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
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 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.

<u>Purpose of Travel</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$12,000

\$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 or consultant 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>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
(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, thumb drives, and flash drives) and show the basis for computation. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.

<u>Supply Items</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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/Subawards – 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.

<u>Name of Consultant</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Consultant /Trainer	Sexual Assault Training	\$650/day x 3 days	\$ 1,950
Part-Time Civil Attorney	Civil Legal Assistance	\$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 Civil Attorney. The Part-Time Civil Attorney will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$50/hour. The Part-Time Prosecutor will spend 20 hours each month providing civil legal assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, 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.).

<u>Purpose of Travel</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Delivery of Sexual Assault Training	Tribe's Reservation	Airfare	\$500 (avg.) x 1 person x 1 trip	\$ 500
		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: \$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>Item</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cell Phone Service	\$75/month x 36 months	\$ 2,700
Equipment and Rental Lease	\$300/month x 36 months	\$10,800
Subtotal Contracts:		<u>\$ 13,500</u>

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

Subawards/Partner Compensation: Provide a description of project activities for which subrecipients/MOU partners will receive compensation under the award, including services for victims. Include any compensation for partner/subrecipient travel in this section as well.

<u>Subrecipient Name</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
XYZ Victim Services Organization		
Advocate	\$40,000 annual salary x .25 FTE	\$10,000
Advocate	Benefits x 28% of FTE salary	\$ 2,800
XYZ Housing Provider		
Rent subsidies	\$150/mth x 12 mths x 15 victims/families	\$27,000
Permanent housing advocate	\$40,000 annual salary x .10 FTE	\$ 4,000
Permanent housing advocate	Benefits x 28% of FTE salary	\$ 1,120
Subtotal Subawards:		<u>\$44,920</u>

MOU partner XYZ Victim Services Organization will provide victim advocacy services, including safety planning and court accompaniment services. The MOU partner XYZ Housing Provider will provide rent subsidies for victims and their dependents as well as permanent housing placement services and advocacy. The rent subsidy rates are based on our experience with available community housing.

Subaward Travel: List all expenses to be paid from the grant to project partners/subaward recipients to cover project related travel expenses including participation at OVW-mandated training (i.e., travel, meals, lodging etc.).

<u>Purpose of Travel</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$8,000

TOTAL CONTRACTS, CONSULTANTS, AND SUBAWARDS: \$ 113,075

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>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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 rate with the Federal government and receive less than \$35 million in direct Federal funding per year. Tribes that have never negotiated an indirect cost rate with the Federal government may also use the 10% de minimis rate.

<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, 2017. (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	Amount
A. Personnel	\$212,700
B. Fringe Benefits	\$ 32,481
C. Travel	\$ 12,000
D. Equipment	\$ 1,500
E. Supplies	\$ 9,075
F. Construction	\$ 0
G. Consultants and Contracts	\$ 105,075
H. Other Costs	\$ 84,900
Total Direct Costs	\$ 457,731
I. Indirect Costs	\$ 28,183
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	<u>\$ 485,914</u>
Federal Share Requested	\$ 485,914
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 2018 [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 [Grants.gov](#) Users ONLY – I understand that upon application submission in [Grants.gov](#) 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 [Grants.gov](#), all information listed in [Grants.gov](#) must be current and active. [Insert Applicant Name] verified that all information listed in [Grants.gov](#) (Name and contact information for the AOR, organization address, etc.) is current and active on [Insert Date].

Additionally, [Insert Applicant Name] anticipates submitting applications for the following FY 2017 Technical Assistance Initiative Targeted and Competitive Comprehensive purpose areas: [insert the assigned number(s) and the name of the purpose area(s) as listed in the solicitation your organization anticipates applying for].

Sincerely,

[Authorized Representative]

APPENDIX C

Disclosures of Process Related to Executive Compensation

Disclosures of Process 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:

Following is the process used to determine the compensation of officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (together, "covered persons"):

The text of the letter should include the following: (1) the composition of the body that reviews and approves compensation arrangements for covered persons; (2) the methods and practices used by the applicant nonprofit organization to ensure that no individual with a conflict of interest participates as a member of the body that reviews and approves a compensation arrangement for a covered person; (3) the appropriate data as to comparability of compensation that is obtained in advance and relied upon by the body that reviews and approves compensation arrangements for covered persons; and (4) the written or electronic records that the applicant organization maintains as concurrent documentation of the decisions with respect to compensation of covered persons made by the body that reviews and approves such compensation arrangements, including records of deliberations and of the basis for decisions.

Sincerely,

[Authorized Representative]

Attachments

APPENDIX D

Summary of Current and Recent OVW Projects

Summary of Current and Recent OVW Projects

Applicant Name								
Service Area: Size of Service Area: Size of Target Population:								
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
2015-XX-XX-XXXX	7/31/2017	2015 CLSSP	\$300,000	TOTAL: \$250,000 A. Personnel: <u>\$200,000</u> B. Fringe: <u>\$50,000</u> C. Travel: <u>\$0</u> D. Equipment: <u>\$0</u> E. Supplies: <u>\$0</u> F. Construction: <u>\$0</u> G. Consultants and Contracts: <u>\$0</u> H. Other Costs: <u>\$0</u> I. Indirect Costs: <u>\$0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		2FT DV/SA Advocates: Abby Smith and Bill Thompson	
2016-XX-XX-XXXX	12/31/2018	2016 CTAS	\$932,000	TOTAL: \$467,850 A. Personnel: <u>\$250,000</u> B. Fringe: <u>\$100,000</u> C. Travel: <u>\$0</u> D. Equipment: <u>\$0</u> E. Supplies: <u>\$0</u> F. Construction: <u>\$0</u> G. Consultants and Contracts: <u>\$100,000</u> H. Other Costs: <u>\$0</u> I. Indirect Costs: <u>\$17,850</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		1FT DV Advocate (Anne Tyler); 2FT Shelter Advocates (Mary Harrison and Elizabeth Baker); 1FT Victim Liaison (John Jones)	
			TOTAL:	TOTAL:				
			\$1,232,000	\$717,850				

APPENDIX E

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

**Summary of Current and Pending Non-OVW
 Federal 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	Describe how this project differs from the application for OVW funding.
OJP	XXX-XXX-XXXX	OVC	9/30/2018	\$300,000	TOTAL: \$250,000 A. Personnel: <u>\$200,000</u> B. Fringe: <u>\$50,000</u> C. Travel: <u>\$0</u> D. Equipment: <u>\$0</u> E. Supplies: <u>\$0</u> F. Construction: <u>\$0</u> G. Consultants and Contracts: <u>\$0</u> H. Other Costs: <u>\$0</u> I. Indirect Costs: <u>\$0</u>	2FT DV/SA Advocates: John Smith (25%) and Jane Edwards (35%)	[Insert description.]
Pending Applications							
Service Area:							
Federal Awarding Agency	Application Number (if known)	Program	Project Period	Total Requested Amount	Amount Requested	Grant-Individual(s), Job Title(s), and Percentages	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: <u>\$200,000</u> B. Fringe: <u>\$50,000</u> C. Travel: <u>\$0</u> D. Equipment: <u>\$0</u> E. Supplies: <u>\$50,000</u> F. Construction: <u>\$0</u> G. Consultants and Contracts: <u>\$0</u> H. Other Costs: <u>\$0</u> I. Indirect Costs: <u>\$0</u>	1FT DV Advocate: Janet Anderson (20%); 1FT Shelter Advocate: Jay Summers (10%); 1FT Victim Liaison: John Neil (50%)	[Insert description.]

