

U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program

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Assistance Listing Number 16.529

Application Due

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: September 23, 2025, by 11:59 PM Eastern Time Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: September 25, 2025, by 8:59 PM Eastern Time

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Basic Information

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is accepting applications for funding in response to this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Created in 1995, OVW administers grant programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation and provides national leadership on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. OVW grants support coordinated community responses that provide services to victims and hold offenders accountable.

Executive Summary

The purpose of the Disability Grant Program is to provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and abuse by caregivers against individuals with disabilities (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)) and Deaf people and to enhance direct services to such individuals.

Funding Opportunity Details	
Federal Agency Name	U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
Funding Opportunity Title	OVW FY 2025 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program
Announcement Type	Initial
Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2025-172418
Assistance Listing Number	16.529
Statutory Authority	34 U.S.C § 20122
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$12,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	20
Expected Award Amount(s)	Up to \$600,000
Expected Award Period(s)	36 months

Key Dates

This table contains deadlines and other important dates.

Key Dates	
Funding Opportunity Release Date	On or about August 21, 2025
Sam.gov Registration/Renewal	Recommend <u>completing process</u> by September 2, 2025
Grants.gov Registration/Renewal	Recommend <u>completing process</u> by September 2, 2025
Grants.gov Deadline	September 23, 2025, by 11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET)
JustGrants Deadline	September 25, 2025, by 8:59 PM ET
Decision Notification Date	OVW anticipates notifying applicants of funding decisions on or about October 1, 2025

Contact Information

For assistance with the application process or questions about this funding opportunity, contact the resources listed below.

Contact Information	
OVW Contact	Phone: 202-307-6026
OVVV Contact	Email: OVW.Disabilities@usdoj.gov
	Phone: 866-606-8220
For assistance with SAM.gov	Website: https://sam.gov/content/help
	Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET Monday-
	Friday
	Phone: 800-518-4726
	Email: support@grants.gov
For assistance with Grants.gov	Website: https://www.grants.gov/support
	Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed
	federal holidays)
For assistance with JustGrants	Phone: 866-655-4482
For assistance with JustGrants	Email: OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov

Resources for Applying

<u>Application Resources</u>

- Application Companion Guide
- Resources for Applicants
- Budget Information on <u>OVW Website</u>
- JustGrants Application Submission Training

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

Entities that are eligible to apply are:

States and Territories

• State governments, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands (34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(37)).

Units of Local Government

- Any city, county, township, town, borough, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a State (or territory) (34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(47)).
- The following are not considered units of local government: (1) police departments; (2) pre-trial service agencies; (3) district or city attorneys' offices; (4) sheriffs' departments; (5) probation and parole departments; (6) shelters; (7) nonprofit, nongovernmental victim service agencies including faith-based or community-based organizations; and (8) universities. (28 C.F.R. § 90.2(g)).

Indian Tribal Governments

- The governing body of an Indian Tribe; or
- A Tribe, band, pueblo, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians, including any Alaska Native Village or regional or village corporation (as defined in, or established pursuant to, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq.)), that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians (34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(43)).

Tribal Organizations

- The governing body of any Indian Tribe;
- Any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body of a Tribe or Tribes to be served, or which is democratically elected by

the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization, and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; or

Any Tribal nonprofit organization (34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(45)).

Victim Service Providers

 A nonprofit, nongovernmental or Tribal organization or rape crisis center, including a state or Tribal coalition, that assists or advocates for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victims, including domestic violence shelters, faith-based organizations, and other organizations, with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(50)).

Nonprofit, Nongovernmental Organizations Serving Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People

An organization with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (see note below) that has experience and expertise serving individuals with disabilities and/or Deaf people (34 U.S.C. §§ 20122(c)(1)(D) & 12291(b)(15)(B)(i)).

Note: Any entity that is eligible for this program based on its status as a nonprofit organization must be an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code. See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(i).

Other Program Eligibility Requirements

In addition to being an eligible entity, applicants also must meet the requirements below.

<u>Eligible Service Area</u>: Projects must be implemented at the state or local level. Projects may not be multi-state, regional, or national.

Required Partnerships: Every application must include a partnership made up of the following:

• At least one victim service provider or tribal organization serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

AND

• At least one nonprofit, nongovernmental organization or tribal organization serving people with disabilities and/or Deaf people.

The applicant may be one of the required partnership organizations.

Applications without the required partners will be removed from consideration. Applications must document the required partners in the <u>Proposal Narrative</u> and <u>Memorandum of Understanding</u> sections of the proposal.

Types of Applications

This year, OVW will accept applications for this program from applicants that have never received funding under this program, or whose current Disability Grant Program award project period ends on or before September 30, 2025.

Note: Current recipients with a substantial amount of unobligated funds remaining (40 percent or more of the current award) as of May 31 of this year, without adequate justification, may not be considered for funding or may receive a reduced award amount if selected for funding under this NOFO.

Ineligible Entities and Disqualifying Factors

Applications submitted by ineligible entities or that do not meet all other program eligibility requirements will not be considered for funding. In addition, an application deemed deficient in one or more of the following areas may not be considered for funding:

- 1. Program-specific unallowable costs
- 2. Risk review
- 3. Completeness of application contents
- 4. Meeting deadlines

An application will be removed from consideration if the applicant does not comply fully with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM.gov requirements (see <u>Submission Requirements and Deadlines</u> section for more information on these requirements).

An applicant with past performance issues, long-standing open audits, or an open criminal investigation also may not be considered for funding.

Note: 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 this program. See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(ii).

Limit on Number of Applications

OVW will consider only one application for this program per organization for the same service area (i.e., the geographic area to be served). If an applicant submits multiple versions of the same application, OVW will review only the most recent system-validated version submitted before the deadline.

Cost-sharing

This program has no matching or cost-sharing requirement.

Program Description

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 20122. For a brief description of this program, see the Executive Summary.

For more information about OVW programs, including how recipients of OVW grant funding achieve program goals, see:

- OVW grant program information: <u>OVW Grants and Programs webpage.</u>
- Data that recipients collect and report: <u>VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative webpage.</u>
- What recipients have achieved and some of the evidence-based approaches they may have used: OVW's most recent report to Congress on the effectiveness of VAWA grant programs.

Purpose Areas

Funds under this program must be used for one or more of the purposes listed below. Applicants proposing to address purpose area 6 must propose to address another purpose area as well. Additionally, grantees that modify facilities under purpose area 6 will be required to work with OVW to meet the requirements of relevant laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

- To provide personnel, training, technical assistance, advocacy, intervention, risk reduction (including using evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide) and prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking against individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;
- 2. To conduct outreach activities to ensure that individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking receive appropriate assistance;
- 3. To conduct cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement and other first responders, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities about risk reduction, intervention, prevention, and the nature of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;
- 4. To provide technical assistance to assist with modifications to existing policies, protocols, and procedures to ensure equal access to the services, programs, and activities of victim service providers for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;
- 5. To provide training and technical assistance on the requirements of shelters and victim service providers under federal anti-discrimination laws, including -
 - a. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.); and
 - b. section 794 of Title 29 (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973).
- 6. To modify facilities, purchase equipment, and provide personnel so that shelters and victim service organizations can accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;

- 7. To provide advocacy and intervention services for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault; or
- 8. To develop model programs to enhance the capacity of organizations serving individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Statutory Considerations

The Disabilities Program statute requires that, in awarding grants, the Director will ensure that the needs of underserved populations are being addressed. 34 U.S.C. § 20122(d). The term "underserved populations" means "populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, [and] populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age)[.]" 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(46). To meet this statutory priority, OVW will give special consideration to applications focused on addressing barriers faced by individuals from underserved populations who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Priorities

Applications that fare well in merit review and substantively address one or more of the priorities listed below, to the extent consistent with the program's authorizing statute, may receive priority consideration for funding:

- 1. Measures to combat human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration and cartel operations, that support safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and/or stalking; and
- 2. Projects to provide victim services, especially housing, and improve law enforcement response in rural and remote areas, Tribal nations, and small towns that often lack resources to effectively combat domestic violence and sexual assault.

Program Requirements

Applicants that receive funding under this program will be required to engage in the following activities:

- 1. Participate in OVW-sponsored training and technical assistance (TTA).
- 2. Collect and report performance indicators. Forms, instructions, training, and related tools for each OVW program are available on the VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative webpage.
- 3. Participate in an assessment or evaluation, if OVW conducts one that requires recipient involvement.
- 4. If providing legal assistance with grant funds, comply with certain statutory requirements related to supervision, training, and expertise of individuals providing legal assistance, among other requirements. Applicants proposing to provide legal services must submit a Delivery of

Legal Assistance letter in JustGrants at the time of application submission. Information about this requirement can be found in the <u>Additional Application Components</u> section of this NOFO.

Program-Specific Unallowable Costs

Applications proposing activities described below may have deducted points during the review process or may be removed from consideration.

Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery or Undermine Offender Accountability

OVW will not fund activities that compromise victim safety and recovery, deter healing for victims, and/or undermine offender accountability. See the <u>Application Companion Guide</u> for more details about these activities, including program-specific information.

Out-of-Scope Activities

*** This list of out-of-scope activities is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-todate information about out-of-scope activities, please see the OVW website at:

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-notices-of-funding-opportunity.***

The activities listed below are out of the program scope.

- 1. Research projects. Funds under this program may not be used to conduct research, defined by 28 C.F.R. § 46.102(d) as a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. However, assessments conducted for internal improvement purposes only may be allowable. For information on distinguishing between research and assessments, see the <u>Application Companion Guide</u>.
- 2. Promoting or facilitating the violation of federal immigration law.
- 3. Inculcating or promoting gender ideology as defined in Executive Order 14168, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*.
- 4. Promoting or facilitating discriminatory programs or ideology, including illegal DEI and "diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility" programs that do not advance the policy of equal dignity and respect, as described in Executive Order 14173, *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*. This prohibition is not intended to interfere with any of OVW's statutory obligations, such as funding for HBCUs, culturally specific services, and disability programs.
- 5. Activities that frame domestic violence or sexual assault as systemic social justice issues rather than criminal offenses (e.g., prioritizing criminal justice reform or social justice theories over victim safety and offender accountability).
- 6. Generic community engagement or economic development without a clear link to violence prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.
- 7. Programs that discourage collaboration with law enforcement or oppose or limit the role of police, prosecutors, or immigration enforcement in addressing violence against women.
- 8. Awareness campaigns or media that do not lead to tangible improvements in prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.

- 9. Initiatives that prioritize illegal aliens over U.S. citizens and legal residents in receiving victim services and support.
- 10. Excessive funding for consulting fees, training, administrative costs, or other expenses not related to measurable violence prevention, victim support, and offender accountability.
- 11. Any activity or program that unlawfully violates an Executive Order.
- 12. Activities and services for children under the age of 11.
- 13. Implementing projects that are not accessible to people with disabilities or Deaf people.
- 14. National, regional, or multi-state projects. Projects should be implemented at the state or local level only.
- 15. Hosting or presenting at national or regional conferences.
- 16. For projects providing legal assistance, criminal defense of victims charged with crimes. However, representation in postconviction relief proceedings is permissible with respect to the conviction of a victim relating to or arising from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Note: Recipients should serve all eligible victims as required by statute, regulation, or award condition.

Other Unallowable Costs

Grant funds under this program also may not be used for the following costs:

- 1. Lobbying.
- 2. Fundraising.
- 3. Purchase of real property.
- 4. Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting), except as allowed under purpose area 6.
- 5. Construction.

Limited Use of Funds

Recipients of an award under this program may use up to one percent of the funds to assess the need for internal improvements (e.g. convening listening sessions to identify service gaps in the community; surveying participants about the quality of the training.) The OVW research decision tree in the <u>Application Companion Guide</u> describes how applicants can ensure that such assessments are not prohibited human subjects research.

Activities Requiring Prior Approval

OVW must approve the following activities before recipients use grant funds to support them:

- 1. Surveys, regardless of their purpose, to ensure they are within the scope of the award and meet the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act.
- 2. Renovations, including such minor activities as painting, carpeting, or installing lighting. Recipients must also ensure that funded renovations comply with the <u>National Environmental</u>

<u>Policy Act (NEPA)</u> and related laws, which may be time-consuming and include public notice and consultation.

Type of Award

Awards will be made as grants.

Application Contents and Format

Application Contents

Applications must include the required documents and meet the program eligibility requirements. For a checklist of all required items, see the <u>Application Submission Checklist</u> section of this NOFO.

OVW will not contact applicants for missing items on the list below. **Applications must include ALL** the following to be considered for funding:

Required Application Components	Number of Possible Points		
Proposal Narrative			
Purpose of the Proposal	25		
What Will Be Done	25		
Who Will Implement	25		
Budget			
Budget worksheet and narrative	15		
Memorandum of Understanding and Supporting Documents			
MOU	10		

Formatting and Technical Requirements

Applications must follow the requirements below for all attachments, unless otherwise noted. OVW may deduct points for applications that do not adhere to these requirements:

- 1. Double-spaced text (charts may be single-spaced)
- 2. 81/2 x 11-inch pages
- 3. One-inch margins
- 4. Arial font, type no smaller than 11-point, except for footnotes, which may be 9-point
- 5. Correctly numbered pages
- 6. No more than 20 pages for the Proposal Narrative
- 7. Documents in the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc), PDF files (.pdf), or Text Documents (.txt)

8. Headings and sub-headings that correspond to those identified below for each application component

Proposal Abstract

The Proposal Abstract must provide a short summary (no more than 2,000 characters) of the proposed project, including names of lead applicant and project partners, project title, purpose of the project, primary activities for which funds are requested, who will benefit (including geographic area to be served), and products and deliverables. The abstract should not summarize past accomplishments. The Proposal Abstract must be entered into a text box in JustGrants. It will not be scored but will be used throughout the review process.

Data Requested with Application

Applicants must complete the Pre-Award Risk Assessment questionnaire in JustGrants. The questionnaire will not be scored. The questions are listed in <u>Appendix A</u> of this NOFO.

Summary Data Sheet

(1 to 4 pages maximum, single or double-spaced)

The Summary Data Sheet must be completed and submitted as an attachment under the Additional Application Components section in JustGrants. It will not be scored. Refer to <u>Appendix B</u> for the list of questions.

Proposal Narrative

(75 points, 20 pages maximum, double-spaced)

The Proposal Narrative must include the sections outlined below.

Purpose of the Proposal (25 points)

This section must:

- 1. Identify the type of disability the project will address.
- 2. Identify the geographic area where the project will be implemented (e.g., Mohave County, AZ, New York City, state of Florida).
- 3. Describe the specific barriers the population identified in #1 above faces when attempting to access and use victim services.
- 4. If applicable, describe how the proposal will address <u>priority one</u> (human trafficking and transnational crime) and/or <u>priority two</u> (under-resourced rural and remote areas, Tribal nations, and small towns.

What Will Be Done (25 points)

The application must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the barriers to accessing and using victim services described in the Purpose of the Proposal section above. This section should not include any of the activities listed as <u>unallowable costs</u> in the Program Description section of this NOFO.

This section must:

- 1. Describe each activity that will be implemented.
- 2. Detail how each activity will address each barrier identified in the Purpose of the Proposal section. In doing so, applicants should explain why the activity was selected. Identify the products, if any, that will be developed (e.g., flyers, brochures, videos, outreach materials, training curriculum, etc.).
- 3. Describe what steps the applicant and any proposed partner(s) will take to make proposed services accessible to people with disabilities, people with limited English proficiency, and people who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

Who Will Implement (25 points)

This section must:

- 1. Identify the key people and organizations, including project partners involved in the proposed project.
- 2. Demonstrate that the people and organizations identified have the capacity to address the stated need and can successfully implement the proposed project activities.
- 3. Describe how survivors with disabilities will be involved in shaping the project activities proposed in What Will Be Done section.

Budget and Associated Documentation

OVW awards are governed by the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and the DOJ Financial Guide.

Applicants must submit a detailed budget and budget narrative and upload the applicable associated documentation under each heading, as described below. The budget worksheet and budget narrative will be reviewed separately from the Proposal Narrative. The associated documentation will not be scored, but failure to include it may result in removal from consideration or a delay in access to funding.

For additional information on budget requirements and allowable costs, see the <u>Budget Information</u>, the <u>Sample Budget Narrative</u> (including Excel file), and the <u>Creating a Budget</u> webinar on the OVW website.

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (15 points)

Applicants must upload in JustGrants a detailed budget and budget narrative for all applicable cost categories. OVW strongly encourages using a spreadsheet (e.g., Excel, Numbers, etc.) for the budget worksheet. The budget narrative must describe each line item requested in the budget and explain all costs included in the budget, including how the costs of goods and services are determined and how

they will fulfill the objectives of the project. Budgetary requirements vary among programs. The budget should be reasonable and based on the resources needed to implement the proposed project in the applicant's specific geographic location.

Award Period and Amounts

The award period is 36 months. Budgets, including the total "estimated funding" on the <u>SF-424</u>, must reflect 36 months of project activity. OVW anticipates that the award period will start on October 1, 2025.

Awards under this program for FY 2025 will be made for up to \$600,000.

OVW has the discretion to make awards for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants before making an award or after an award is made but prior to access to funds.

The budget must:

- 1. Present a clear link between the specific project activities and the proposed budget items. The budget should not contain items that are not supported by the Proposal Narrative.
- 2. Fairly and reasonably compensate all project partners for their full level of effort, unless otherwise stated in the MOU.
- 3. Include sufficient funds to provide language access, identify other funds that the applicant has budgeted for language access for this project, or describe other resources that the applicant has secured to ensure meaningful access for persons with limited English proficiency. See the Application Companion Guide for more information.
- 4. Include \$10,000.00 to provide access for people with disabilities or who are Deaf/hard of hearing, identify other funds that the applicant has budgeted for such access for this project, or describe other resources that the applicant has secured to ensure meaningful access for such people. See the <u>Application Companion Guide</u> for more information. Funds budgeted for access may not be reprogrammed.
- 5. Include funds to attend OVW-sponsored TTA in the amount of \$15,000.00 for applicants located in the 48 contiguous states and \$20,000.00 for applicants located in Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii, and Alaska. This amount is for the entire 36 months and NOT per year. Applicants also may budget expenses in excess of the required amount if they are aware of relevant non-OVW sponsored conferences or training for which they would like permission to use grant funds to support staff/project partner attendance.
- 6. Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities.
 - a. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.331, a subaward is for the purpose of carrying out a portion of the federal award, such as compensating an MOU partner; a contract is for the purpose of obtaining goods and services for the recipient's use.
 - b. The substance of the relationship is more important than the form of the agreement in determining whether the entity receiving federal funds is a subrecipient or a contractor.

- c. The awarding and monitoring of contracts must follow the recipient's documented procurement procedures, including full and open competition, pursuant to the procurement standards and oversight requirements in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317-200.327.
- d. The issuance and monitoring of subawards must meet the requirements of 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.328-200.329 & 200.332, which includes oversight of subrecipient spending and overall performance to ensure that the goals of the subaward are achieved.

For more information on distinguishing between subawards and contracts, see the <u>Budget</u> <u>Information</u>, the <u>Sample Budget Narrative</u>, and the <u>Application Companion Guide</u>.

Food and Beverage/Costs for Refreshments and Meals

Recipients **must** receive prior approval before using grant funds to provide a working meal and/or refreshments at a meeting, conference, training, or other event. Food and beverages are generally considered personal expenses for which government funds should not be used. Exceptions may be made for working meals that are necessary to accomplish official business and enhance the cost effectiveness of the meeting or conference. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- 1. The location of the event is not in close proximity to food establishments, despite efforts to secure a location near reasonably priced and accessible commercial food establishments.
- 2. Failure to serve 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 applicant's budget narrative, including relevant details about the applicant's community, such as a rural or remote location. For additional information on restrictions on food and beverage expenditures, see OVW Conference Costs Guidelines (posted on the OVW website).

Conference Planning and Expenditure Limitations

Applicants' budgets must be consistent with all requirements (including specific cost limits and 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), and costs of attendance at such events. Information on conference planning, minimization of costs, and conference reporting is available at OVW Conference Planning.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (If applicable)

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs through the use of a negotiated indirect cost rate must have a current, signed, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement and must upload and attach a copy of the agreement to their application in JustGrants. Applicants that do not have a current federal negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate), may elect to charge a de minimis rate of up to 15% of modified total direct costs (MTDC).

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.

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 <u>Applicant Financial</u> <u>Capability Questionnaire</u> and attach it to their application in JustGrants. In addition, applicants may be required to submit their current year's audit report at a later time.

Nonprofits Only: Disclosure of Process for Setting Executive Compensation (if applicable)

Nonprofit organizations that use the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Safe Harbor Procedure (described below) must submit a special disclosure to OVW (required by 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(iii)). All other applicants may skip this section.

IRS Safe Harbor Procedure: A nonprofit organization that provides unreasonably high compensation to certain executives may subject both the organization's managers and those who receive the compensation to additional federal taxes. However, the IRS may treat executive compensation levels as reasonable if the nonprofit organization satisfies certain rules set out in IRS regulations. These rules concern the organization's process for making compensation decisions and are known as the "three-step safe-harbor procedure" to create a "rebuttable presumption" of reasonableness for compensation of an organization's executives. See 26 C.F.R. § 53.4958-6.

The special disclosure must describe the process the applicant uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. At a minimum it must describe (terms explained in IRS regulations are in italics):

- 1. the composition of the body that reviews and approves *compensation* arrangements for officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (covered individuals);
- 2. the methods and practices used by the organization to ensure that no individual with a *conflict of interest* participates in such review and approval;
- 3. the *appropriate data as to comparability* (obtained in advance) that the body uses to review and approve compensation arrangements for covered individuals; and
- 4. the records the applicant maintains as concurrent and adequate *documentation* of the body's decisions related to compensation, including records of deliberations and of the basis for decisions.

The disclosure must be uploaded as an attachment to the application in JustGrants, titled "Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation." A sample disclosure is available on the OVW website.

Note: OVW is required by law to make the applicant's disclosure available for public inspection, if requested. In addition, if funded, the applicant must update its disclosure in certain circumstances (e.g., if it changes the way it determines compensation).

Memorandum of Understanding and Supporting Documents

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (10 points)

The MOU is a document containing the terms of the partnership and the allocation of roles and responsibilities between two or more parties, and it must be included as an attachment to the application in JustGrants. The MOU is not a substitute for a subaward agreement, which ensures that subrecipients adhere to the requirements of the award and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.332). Partners receiving funds under the award generally are considered subrecipients because they are carrying out a portion of the federal award.

The MOU **must** be a single document developed specifically for this application. It **must** be signed and currently dated by the Authorized Representative of each proposed partner organization. OVW will accept electronic signatures. MOUs missing signatures may result in a point deduction or **removal from consideration**, **particularly if the MOU is missing the signature of a required partner**. 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. A sample MOU is available on the OVW website.

The MOU must clearly:

- 1. Identify the project partners and provide a brief history of the collaborative relationship between those partners, including when and under what circumstances the collaborative relationship began and when each partner entered into the relationship.
- 2. Describe the roles and responsibilities each partner will assume to ensure the success of the proposed project.
- 3. State that each project partner has reviewed the budget, is aware of the total amount being requested, and is being equitably compensated for their work under the grant or is agreeing to be partially compensated or receive no compensation from the grant.
- 4. Display a clear link between the expertise of the partner organizations and the proposed activities described in the Proposal Narrative.
- 5. Demonstrate that the partnership requirement has been met as described in the Other Program Eligibility Requirements section of this NOFO.

Additional Application Components

The following documents will not be scored but must be uploaded and attached to the application in JustGrants. Failure to do so may result in the application being removed from consideration.

Certification Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities

This Certification Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-to-date information about the certification requirement, please see the OVW website at: https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-notices-of-funding-opportunity.

Applicants must attach a letter to OVW's Director, signed by the Authorized Representative, certifying that grant funds will not be used for the following out-of-scope activities:

- 1. Promoting or facilitating the violation of federal immigration law.
- 2. Inculcating or promoting gender ideology as defined in Executive Order 14168, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*.
- 3. Promoting or facilitating discriminatory programs or ideology, including illegal DEI and "diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility" programs that do not advance the policy of equal dignity and respect, as described in Executive Order 14173, *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*. This prohibition is not intended to interfere with any of OVW's statutory obligations, such as funding for HBCUs, culturally specific services, and disability programs.
- 4. Activities that frame domestic violence or sexual assault as systemic social justice issues rather than criminal offenses (e.g., prioritizing criminal justice reform or social justice theories over victim safety and offender accountability).
- 5. Generic community engagement or economic development without a clear link to violence prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.
- 6. Programs that discourage collaboration with law enforcement or oppose or limit the role of police, prosecutors, or immigration enforcement in addressing violence against women.
- 7. Awareness campaigns or media that do not lead to tangible improvements in prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.
- 8. Initiatives that prioritize illegal aliens over U.S. citizens and legal residents in receiving victim services and support.
- 9. Excessive funding for consulting fees, training, administrative costs, or other expenses not related to measurable violence prevention, victim support, and offender accountability.
- 10. Any activity or program that unlawfully violates an Executive Order.
- 11. All other activities listed under the Out-of-Scope Activities section.

Note: Nothing in this certification prohibits recipients from serving all eligible victims as required by statute, regulation, or award condition.

See sample Certification of Out-of-Scope Activities Letter.

Letter of Nonsupplanting

Applicants must attach a letter to OVW's Director, signed by the Authorized Representative, certifying that federal funds will not be used to supplant non-federal funds should a grant award be made. A sample <u>Letter of Nonsupplanting</u> is available on the OVW website.

Proof of 501(c)(3) Status (Nonprofit Organizations Only)

As noted under the <u>Eligible Applicants</u> section, an entity that is eligible for this program based on its status as a nonprofit organization must be an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Code. All such applicants are required to attach a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing their tax-exempt status. OVW cannot make an award to any nonprofit organization that does not submit a 501(c)(3) determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service.

Confidentiality Notice Form

All applicants are required to acknowledge that they have received notice that recipients and subrecipients must comply with the confidentiality and privacy requirements of VAWA, as amended. Applicants must upload and attach, under Additional Attachments in JustGrants, the completed acknowledgement form available on the OVW website. This form must be signed by the Authorized Representative.

Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification

As referenced under the <u>Program Requirements</u> section of this NOFO, applicants proposing to provide legal assistance must certify in writing that:

- 1. Any person providing legal assistance with funds through this program
 - (A) has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or
 - (B) (i) is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in subparagraph (A); and
 - (ii) has completed, or will complete, training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide.
- 2. Any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a tribal, state, territorial, local, or culturally specific domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, state, territorial, and local law enforcement officials:
- Any person or organization providing legal assistance with funds through this program has informed and will continue to inform state, local, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate state and local law enforcement officials of their work; and
- 4. The recipient's organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or child sexual abuse is an issue.

A sample letter is available on the OVW website.

Disclosures and Assurances

All applicants must review, complete, and submit all disclosures, assurances, and certifications in JustGrants as described below.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)

Applicants are required to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure form (Standard Form/SF-LLL) **IF** they have paid or will pay any person to lobby in connection with the award for which they are applying **AND** their application is for more than \$100,000. This disclosure requirement is not applicable to such payments by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or any other Indian organization

that are permitted by other federal law. For this requirement, lobbying means influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress. (See 31 U.S.C. § 1352; 28 C.F.R. part 69.)

Applicants that are required to submit the SF-LLL must download the form from https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/sample/SFLLL_2_0-V2.0.pdf, complete it, and upload it with their application when prompted to do so in JustGrants.

Summary of Other Federal Funding

Applicants must disclose whether they have any of the following: 1) an OVW grant or cooperative agreement that is open or that closed within 12 months of the date this funding opportunity closes; 2) a subaward under an OVW grant or cooperative agreement that is open or that closed within 12 months of the date this funding opportunity closes; 3) a pending OVW application as either the lead applicant/potential recipient or as a partner/potential subrecipient; 4) a federal award to do the same or similar work; or 5) a pending federal application to do the same or similar work.

Applicants must provide this information by completing the Summary of Other Federal Funding form in the Disclosures and Assurances section of JustGrants during the application submission process.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Applicants must read and acknowledge the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants, a copy of which is available here.

<u>DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements</u>

Applicants must read and acknowledge these DOJ certifications in JustGrants, a copy of which is available <u>here</u>.

Submission Requirements and Deadlines

The complete application package (this NOFO, including links to required forms) is available on Grants.gov and on the OVW website. Applicants wishing to request a paper copy of these materials should contact OVW at 202-307-6026 or OVW.Disabilities@usdoi.gov

Deadlines for the steps below are in the Key Dates section of this NOFO.

Prior to Application Submission

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)

Entities applying for the first time must register with the following systems:

- SAM.gov: Registration with <u>SAM.gov</u> includes receiving a UEI and takes an average of **2 to 3** weeks.
- Grants.gov: Registration with Grants.gov takes an average of 1 week.

 JustGrants: Registration with JustGrants needs to be completed <u>ONLY</u> after successful submission of Step 1 of the application as described below under How to Apply.

Note: Registration time frames are estimates. Applicants experiencing registration challenges should contact the system's <u>help desk</u> and refer to the <u>OVW Policy for Applicants Experiencing Technical Difficulties During the Registration and Submission Processes</u> section below for guidance on how to proceed.

Entities that have previously applied for funding from DOJ must ensure their accounts with SAM, Grants.gov, and JustGrants are active and up to date.

All applicants must maintain active registration in SAM.gov with current information whenever they have a federal award or an application under consideration by a federal agency. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they are registered with SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants. OVW strongly encourages all applicants to begin the registration process or ensure that all accounts are active and up to date. Failure to do so may result in missing the application deadline and therefore not being considered for funding.

How to Apply

Step 1:

Submit the SF-424, which is generated when the applicant begins the submission process in Grants.gov. To view the form before completing it in Grants.gov, applicants should click the Package tab under the funding opportunity for which they are applying and select Preview. Preview then provides links to the form.

For Type of Applicant (box 9), do not select Other. The amount of federal funding requested in the "Estimated Funding" section of this form (box 18a) should match the amount of federal funding requested in the budget of the application. This program does not require a match; therefore, the value for the Applicant line (box 18b) should be zero. The individual who is listed as "**Authorized Representative**" (box 21) must have the authority to apply for and accept grant awards on behalf of the organization or jurisdiction.

Intergovernmental Review (SF-424 Question 19): This funding opportunity is subject to Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. Applicants must check the Office of Management and Budget's website for the names and addresses of state Single Points of Contact (SPOC) under Intergovernmental Review. If the applicant's state appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact the state SPOC to comply with the state's process under E.O. 12372. In completing the SF-424, the applicant must make the appropriate selection in response to question 19 once it has complied with its state E.O. 12372 process. An applicant whose state does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting the following response: "Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the state for review."

Step 2:

Submit the full application, including attachments, in JustGrants at https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/. Applicants begin Step 2 of the application submission process by reviewing the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants, making edits as needed, confirming the Authorized Representative, verifying the legal name and address, and entering the ZIP code(s) for the areas affected by the project. OVW encourages applicants to review the JustGrants website for more information, resources, and training.

Tip: JustGrants functions better using a PC with Chrome or Edge web browser.

Note that the Grants.gov and JustGrants deadlines are typically only a few days apart.

Submission Dates and Times

Applicants must make every effort to submit their application electronically in Grants.gov and JustGrants by the <u>deadlines</u>.

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties, severe inclement weather, or natural or manmade disasters affecting submission should follow the steps described on OVW's website.

Application Tip: OVW strongly encourages all applicants to begin the submission process at least 48 hours prior to the Grants.gov application deadline. Failure to do so may result in missing the application deadline and therefore not being considered for funding.

Application Submission Checklist

Applicants must submit all required application items. Prior to peer review, OVW will not contact applicants for missing items. Applicants applying to more than one OVW program are responsible for ensuring that only documents pertinent to this funding opportunity are included with this application. OVW will not redirect documents 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 Item	Required?	Submission Type	Submission Website	Date Completed
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424	Yes	Online Form	Grants.gov	
Proposal Abstract	Yes	Online Form	JustGrants	
Pre-Award Risk Assessment	Yes	Online Form	JustGrants	
Summary Data Sheet	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
Proposal Narrative	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	

Application Item	Required?	Submission Type	Submission Website	Date Completed
Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
Indirect Cost Rate Agreement	If applicable	Attachment	JustGrants	
Financial Capability Questionnaire	If applicable	Attachment	JustGrants	
Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation	If applicable	Attachment	JustGrants	
Memorandum of Understanding	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
Certification Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
Letter of Nonsupplanting	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
Proof of 501(c)(3) Status	If applicable	Attachment	JustGrants	
Confidentiality Notice Form	Yes	Attachment	JustGrants	
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	If applicable	Attachment	JustGrants	
Summary of Other Federal Funding	If applicable	Online Form	JustGrants	
Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification	If applicable	Attachment	JustGrants	

Application Review Information

Responsiveness Review

Criteria that make an application or project ineligible are listed in the <u>Application Contents</u> and <u>Eligibility</u> sections of this NOFO. Additional information about circumstances that may result in removal from consideration is provided below under <u>Review and Selection Process</u> and <u>Risk Review</u>.

Review Criteria

Applications will be scored based on the degree to which the application responds to each section and addresses each element in the section. Applications will also be scored based upon the quality of the response, capacity of the applicant and any partners, 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. Scoring details can be found in the <u>Application Contents</u> section of this NOFO.

Voluntary match or other cost sharing methods will not be considered in the evaluation of the application.

Review and Selection Process

Applications will be subject to a peer review and a programmatic review.

Peer Review

OVW will subject all eligible, complete, and timely applications to a <u>peer review process</u> that is based on the criteria outlined in this NOFO. OVW may use internal reviewers, external reviewers, or a combination of both.

OVW peer reviewers may include victim advocates, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, legal professionals, and others with expertise in areas such as tribal communities, colleges and universities, rural areas, urban areas, working with people with disabilities or older adults, and providing services to victims, including transitional housing and services provided by community organizations and the faith community. While some peer reviewers are expert consultants on violence against women issues, the vast majority are current practitioners or recent retirees from the professions mentioned above. To ensure that applications are reviewed by people with on-the-ground experience responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, OVW does not use professional peer reviewers. All reviewers are required to adhere to OVW's peer review conflict of interest policy, which is designed to identify and resolve any issues that may call into question a reviewer's impartiality or objectivity regarding an application.

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. Activities outside the statutory scope of the program or initiative and/or unallowable under the Uniform Guidance or the DOJ Financial Guide (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 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 listed above or be removed from consideration regardless of the application's peer review score.

Past Performance Review

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

- 1. Adherence to the grant program's statutory purposes and requirements.
- 2. Implementation of the project according to plan, without significant obstacles and/or challenges.
- 3. Implementation of the project within the original period of performance.
- 4. Drawdown of funds commensurate with the level of program activities completed.
- 5. Management of award such that applicant has had uninterrupted access to funds.
- Attendance at/participation in all required OVW-sponsored training and technical assistance events.
- 7. Timely resolution of issues identified during programmatic monitoring.
- 8. Completion of close-out of prior awards within 120 days of the project end date.
- 9. Timely resolution of issues necessary to close out prior awards.
- 10. Timely resolution of issues identified during financial monitoring.
- 11. Timely response to OVW requests.
- 12. Development of deliverables that support the project goals and objectives and are of acceptable quality.
- 13. Implementation of the project as designed without unjustified modification.
- 14. Timely submission of federal financial reports (FFR).
- 15. Timely submission of performance reports.
- 16. Submission of complete and accurate performance reports.
- 17. Adherence to the terms and conditions of existing grant award(s) from OVW.

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

Risk Review

Prior to making an award, OVW must evaluate the risk posed by applicants as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.206(b), using the applicant's responses to the questions listed in <u>Appendix A</u>. OVW must also review and consider integrity and performance information about applicants that is available in SAM.gov. Applicants may review and comment on information about themselves that another federal

awarding agency has previously entered. OVW considers the applicant's comments as well as other information available in SAM.gov in making its judgment about the risk posed by making an award to the applicant.

High-Risk Recipients

Based on DOJ's assessment of each recipient's current or past funding, unresolved audit issues, delinquent programmatic and fiscal reporting, and prior performance, a recipient may be designated "high-risk." Awards to high-risk recipients may carry special conditions such as increased monitoring and/or prohibitions on drawing down funds until certain requirements are met. High-risk recipients with substantial or persistent performance or compliance issues, long-standing open audits, or open criminal investigations may not be considered for funding.

Award Notices

OVW notifies applicants through JustGrants (not Grants.gov) when they receive an award. Successful applicants then log into JustGrants to review and accept the award. The Authorized Representative must acknowledge that they have read and understood all sections of the award instrument and they must submit the required declaration and certification to accept the award. These steps must be completed electronically in JustGrants.

By the anticipated decision notification date in the <u>Key Dates</u> section of this NOFO, unsuccessful applicants will receive a letter addressed to their Authorized Representative with information on how to receive feedback on their application.

Availability of Funds

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds as well as any modifications or additional requirements imposed by law. There is no guarantee that funds will be available in the future. Depending on availability of funding and an application's merit, OVW may fund an application not selected under this funding opportunity in a future fiscal year or under another OVW program.

Post-Award Requirements and Administration

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

Applicants selected for awards must agree to comply with additional legal, administrative, and national policy requirements. OVW strongly encourages applicants to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to applying. This information can be found in the Requirements for All OVW Applicants and Recipients section of the Application Companion Guide.

<u>Terms and conditions</u> for OVW awards are available on the OVW website. These terms are subject to change prior to the issuance of the awards.

Post-award Reporting Requirements

OVW recipients must submit semi-annual performance reports and quarterly Federal Financial Reports (SF-425). Performance report forms will be provided to all award recipients. Forms will be submitted electronically. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. For more information on post-award reporting requirements, including requirements for certain recipients to report information on civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings in SAM, see the Application Companion Guide and the award condition on recipient integrity and performance matters available on the OVW website.

Other Information

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, easily understood, and not unnecessarily burdensome. 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.

Note: Any materials submitted as part of an application may be released pursuant to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Appendix A: Pre-Award Risk Assessment

Note: Applicants must complete this questionnaire in JustGrants. The questions listed below are for reference only. Each applicant must respond to each question. Do not submit responses from a prior fiscal year without updating them to be responsive to all questions listed in the questionnaire. 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 application being removed from consideration or a delay in access to funds. Provide complete responses that address all questions included for each numbered item.

- 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 C.F.R. 200.334-200.338.
- 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 C.F.R. 200.112 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 C.F.R. 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 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 C.F.R. 200.331-200.333)? Provide a brief description of the organization's policies and procedures on subrecipient management and monitoring.
- 10. Does the applicant 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 C.F.R. 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.
- 11. Is the applicant designated as high risk by a federal agency outside of DOJ? (High risk includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the applicant entity's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the applicant entity.) If so, provide the names(s) of the federal awarding agency, the date(s) the agency notified the applicant entity of the high risk designation, contact information for the high risk point of contact at the federal agency, and the reason for the high risk status, as set out by the federal agency.

Appendix B: Summary Data Sheet

The Summary Data Sheet must be completed and submitted as an attachment under the Additional Application Components section in JustGrants.

- 1. Provide the following information for the grant point-of-contact. This person must be an employee of the applicant.
 - Name
 - Title
 - Address
 - Telephone number
 - Email address
- 2. Is the applicant (the organization whose unique entity identifier is being used for the application) serving as a fiscal agent? A fiscal agent is an entity that does not participate in implementation of the project and passes <u>all</u> funds through to subrecipients, conducting minimal administrative activities. Note: The fiscal agent must be an eligible applicant for the program.
 - Yes go to 2A (Note: The applicant acknowledges that it will be responsible for all applicable statutory, fiscal, and programmatic requirements, including those of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as well as all project deliverables)
 - No
 - 2A. List all subrecipients
- 3. Has the applicant expended \$750,000 or more in federal funds in the applicant's past fiscal year?
 - Yes Specify the end date of the applicant's fiscal year.
 - No
- 4. Does the application substantively address any of the following priorities:
 - Measures to combat human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration and cartel operations, that support safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and/or stalking.
 - Yes
 - o No
 - Projects to provide victim services, especially housing, and improve law enforcement response in rural and remote areas, Tribal nations, and small towns that often lack resources to effectively combat domestic violence and sexual assault.
 - o Yes
 - o No

- 5. Is the applicant a nonprofit organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code?
 - If yes, the applicant must upload proof of 501(c)(3) status in the Additional Application Components section of JustGrants.
- 6. Is the applicant a nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code?
- 7. Is the applicant 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? For additional information about the safe-harbor procedure, see <u>Disclosure of Process for Setting Executive Compensation</u> in the Budget and Associated Documentation section of this NOFO.
- 8. Identify applicant type:
 - State or Territory
 - Unit of Local Government
 - Indian Tribal Government
 - Tribal Organization
 - Victim Service Provider
 - Disability and/or Deaf Services Organization
- 9. Identify the project focus:
 - Local
 - State
- 10. Provide the name of the required nonprofit, nongovernmental or tribal victim services provider (this may be the applicant).
- 11. Provide the name of the required nonprofit, nongovernmental or tribal organization providing services to individuals with disabilities and/or Deaf people (this may be the applicant).
- 12. Provide the name(s) of any additional partners.
- 13. Identify the type of disability the application proposes to address.
- 14. Does the application propose any minor renovations in either the project narrative or the budget? Note: Minor renovations are considered to be small projects that do not change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size. Examples include adding signage or installing lighting.