

United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

Working Together to End the Violence

FY 2017 General Terms and Conditions for Cooperative Agreements

1. Requirements of the award; remedies for non-compliance or for materially false statements

The conditions of this award are material requirements of the award. Compliance with any certifications or assurances submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance also is a material requirement of this award.

Failure to comply with any one or more of these award requirements—whether a condition set out in full below, a condition incorporated by reference below, or a certification or assurance related to conduct during the award period—may result in the Office on Violence Against Women ("OVW") taking appropriate action with respect to the recipient and the award. Among other things, the OVW may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. The Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including OVW, also may take other legal action as appropriate.

Any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to the federal government related to this award (or concealment or omission of a material fact) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 42 U.S.C. 3795a [now 34 U.S.C.10272]), and also may lead to imposition of civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

Should any provision of a requirement of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law. Should it be held, instead, that the provision is utterly invalid or -unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severable from this award.

2. Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements and DOJ Grants Financial Guide

The recipient agrees to comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements"), and the current edition of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OVW website to include any amendments made throughout the course of the grant period.

3. Requirement to report potentially duplicative funding

If the recipient currently has other active awards of federal funds, or if the recipient receives any other award of federal funds during the period of performance for this award, the recipient promptly must determine whether funds from any of those other federal awards have been, are being, or are to be used (in whole or in part) for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are provided under this award. If so, the recipient must promptly notify the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) in writing of the potential duplication, and, if so requested by the DOJ awarding agency, must seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope grant adjustment notice (GAN) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

4. Requirements related to System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

The recipient must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at <u>https://www.sam.gov</u>. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining the currency of information in SAM.

The recipient also must comply with applicable restrictions on subawards ("subgrants") to firsttier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees"), including restrictions on subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to the recipient) the unique entity identifier required for SAM registration.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees (Award condition: Registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

5. Requirements pertaining to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate award)

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of recipients, subrecipients ("subgrantees"), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of the recipient or of any subrecipient.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OVW web site at <u>https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees</u> (Award condition: Prohibited conduct by recipients and subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

6. Compliance with applicable rules regarding approval, planning, and reporting of conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears on the OVW website at <u>https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees</u>.

7. OVW training guiding principles

The recipient understands and agrees that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding provided under this award must adhere to the OVW Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at <u>https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees</u>.

8. Effect of failure to address audit issues

The recipient understands and agrees that the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) may withhold award funds, or may impose other related requirements, if (as determined by the DOJ awarding agency) the recipient does not satisfactorily and promptly address outstanding issues from audits required by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements (or by the terms of this award), or other outstanding issues that arise in connection with audits, investigations, or reviews of DOJ awards.

9. Potential imposition of additional requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) during the period of performance for this award, if the recipient is designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

10. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

11. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38, specifically including any applicable requirements regarding

written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries. Part 38 of 28 C.F.R., a DOJ regulation, was amended effective May 4, 2016.

Among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38 also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to recipient and subrecipient ("subgrantee") organizations that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to recipients and subrecipients that are faith-based or religious organizations.

12. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "education programs."

13. Restrictions on "lobbying" and policy development

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds may not be used by the recipient, or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, in order to avoid violation of 18 U.S.C. 1913. The recipient, or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") may, however, use federal funds to collaborate with and provide information to federal, state, local, tribal and territorial public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies and develop and promote state, local, or tribal legislation or model codes designed to reduce or eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (as those terms are defined in 42 U.S.C. 13925(a) [now 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)) when such collaboration and provision of information is consistent with the activities otherwise authorized under this grant program.

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds awarded by OVW from being used by the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier, to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact OVW for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OVW.

14. Compliance with general appropriations-law restrictions on the use of federal funds for this fiscal year

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent

restrictions, for each fiscal year, are set out at <u>https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees</u>, and are incorporated by reference here. Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or a subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, the recipient is to contact OVW for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OVW.

15. Reporting potential fraud, waste, and abuse, and similar misconduct

The recipient, and any subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier, must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this award-- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award should be reported to the OIG by—(1) mail directed to: Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice, Investigations Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 4706, Washington, DC 20530; (2) e-mail to: <u>oig.hotline@usdoj.gov</u>; and/or (3) the DOJ OIG hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish) at (800) 869-4499 (phone) or (202) 616-9881 (fax).

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at https://www.usdoj.gov/oig.

16. Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters

No recipient or subrecipient ("subgrantee") under this award, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

1. In accepting this award, the recipient-

a. represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

b. certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to

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prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

2. If the recipient does or is authorized under this award to make subawards ("subgrants"), procurement contracts, or both—

a. it represents that—

(1) it has determined that no other entity that the recipient's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

(2) it has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and

b. it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

17. Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)

The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must comply with, and is subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

The recipient also must inform its employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

Should a question arise as to the applicability of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712 to this award, the recipient is to contact the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) for guidance.

18. Encouragement of policies to ban text messaging while driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), DOJ encourages recipients and subrecipients

("subgrantees") to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

19. Special Condition for 2 CFR 200.210(b)(2)

The recipient agrees to follow the applicable set of general terms and conditions that are available at <u>https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees</u>. These do not supersede any specific conditions in this award document.

20. Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements which may include, among other relevant authorities, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C 3711 et seq. [now 34 U.S.C. 10101], the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 109-162, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, P.L. 113-4, and OVW's implementing regulations at 28 CFR Part 90.

21. Solicitation Requirements

The recipient must be in compliance with requirements outlined in the solicitation under which the approved application was submitted. The program solicitation is hereby incorporated by reference into this award.

22. VAWA 2013 Nondiscrimination Condition

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 added a civil rights provision that applies to all OVW grants issued in FY 2014 or after. This provision prohibits recipients of OVW awards 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. The recipient acknowledges that it will comply with this provision. The recipient also agrees to ensure that any subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier will comply with this provision.

23. Misuse of Award Funds

The recipient understands and agrees that misuse of award funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under an award, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

24. Approved Activities

Grant funds may be used only for the purposes in the recipient's approved application. The recipient shall not undertake any work or activities that are not described in the grant application,

and that use staff, equipment, or other goods or services paid for with OVW grant funds, without prior written approval from OVW.

25. Non-supplantation

The recipient agrees that funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, non-federal funds that would otherwise be available for the activities under this grant.

26. Confidentiality and Information Sharing

The recipient agrees to comply with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 13925(b)(2) [now 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2)], nondisclosure of confidential or private information, which includes creating and maintaining documentation of compliance, such as policies and procedures for release of victim information. The recipient also agrees to ensure that any subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier meet these requirements.

27. Activities that May Compromise Victim Safety

The recipient agrees that grant funds will not support activities that compromise victim safety and recovery, such as: 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 sex of their children; procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of persons receiving OVW-funded services; procedures or policies that impose requirements on victims in order to receive services (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.); procedures or policies that fail to ensure service providers conduct safety planning with victims; project design and budgets that fail to account for the access needs of participants with disabilities and participants who have limited English proficiency or are Deaf or hard of hearing; or any other activities outlined in the solicitation under which the approved application was submitted.

28. Termination for Cause

The Director of OVW, upon a finding that there has been substantial failure by the recipient to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and/or the terms and conditions of the award or relevant solicitation, will terminate or suspend until the Director is satisfied that there is no longer such failure, all or part of the award, in accordance with the provisions of 28 CFR Part 18, as applicable mutatis mutandis.

29. GMS Contact Information

The recipient acknowledges that it is responsible for maintaining updated contact information in the Grants Management System. To update information in GMS for either the point of contact and/or the authorized representative, the recipient must submit a Grant Adjustment Notice.

30. Progress Reports Submission (OVW Standard)

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The recipient agrees to submit semiannual progress reports that describe project activities during the reporting period. Progress reports must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the reporting periods, which are January 1 - June 30 and July 1 - December 31, for the duration of the award. Future awards may be withheld if progress reports are delinquent. Recipients are required to submit this information online, through the Grants Management System (GMS), on the semi-annual progress report for the relevant OVW grant programs.

31. Discretionary Programs Performance Measurements

Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), VAWA 2000 and subsequent legislation, recipients are required to collect and maintain data that measure the effectiveness of their grant-funded activities. Accordingly, the recipients agrees to submit semi-annual electronic progress reports on program activities and program effectiveness measures. Recipients are required to collect the information that is included on the semi-annual progress report for the OVW Program under which this award is funded.

32. Final Progress Report (OVW Standard)

A final report, which provides a summary of progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the award, significant results, and any products developed under the award, is due 90 days after the end of the award. The Final Progress Report should be submitted to the OVW through the Grants Management System with the Report Type indicated as "Final".

33. Reports: Quarterly Financial Reports

The recipient agrees that it will submit quarterly financial status reports to OVW on-line (at <u>https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov</u>) using the SF 425 Federal Financial Report form (available for viewing at <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/post-award-reporting-forms.html#sortby=1</u>), not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The final report shall be submitted not later than 90 days following the end of the award period.

34. Program Income

Program income, as defined by 2 CFR 200.80, means gross income earned by the non-Federal entity that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the Federal award during the period of performance. Without prior approval from OVW, program income must be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. In order to add program income to the OVW award, the recipient must seek approval from its program manager via a budget modification Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) prior to generating any program income. Any program income added to the federal award must be used to support activities that were approved in the budget and follow the conditions of the OVW award. Any program income approved via budget modification GAN must be reported in the recipient's quarterly Federal Financial Report SF-425 in accordance with the addition alternative. If the program income amount changes (increases or decreases) during the project period, it must be approved via a budget modification GAN by the end of the project period. If the budget modification is not submitted and approved, it could result in audit findings for the recipient.

35. FFATA Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards ("subgrants") of \$25,000 or more and, in certain circumstances, to report the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the recipient and first-tier subrecipients of award funds. Such data will be submitted to the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS). The details of recipient obligations, which derive from the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), are posted on the Office on Violence Against Women web site at:

https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2010/12/08/ffata-award-term.pdf (Award condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation), and are incorporated by reference here. This condition, and its reporting requirement, does not apply to grant awards made to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own and/or operate in his or her name).

36. Changes to MOU and/or IMOA

The recipient agrees to submit for OVW review and approval any anticipated addition of, removal of, or change in collaborating partner agencies or individuals who are signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding, and if applicable, the Internal Memorandum of Agreement.

37. Prior Review and Approval of Written Materials

The recipient agrees to submit one copy of all required reports and any other written materials or products that are funded under this project not less than twenty (20) days prior to public release for OVW review and approval. Prior review and approval of all such material is required if project funds are to be used to publish or distribute any written material developed under this award.

38. OVW Publication Disclaimer

All materials and publications (written, visual, or sound) resulting from award activities shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No.

awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women."

39. Copyright Provision for All Awards

Pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.315(b), the recipient may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was acquired, under this award. OVW reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

OVW also reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), any work

developed by a subrecipient ("subgrantee") of this award, for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

In addition, the recipient (or subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor of this award at any tier) must obtain advance written approval from the OVW program manager assigned to this award, and must comply with all conditions specified by the program manager in connection with that approval, before: 1) using award funds to purchase ownership of, or a license to use, a copyrighted work; or 2) incorporating any copyrighted work, or portion thereof, into a new work developed under this award.

It is the responsibility of the recipient (and of each subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor as applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward, contract or subcontract under this award.

40. New Grantee Orientation

First-time recipients, or continuation recipients if requested, must agree to have key staff members, as identified by OVW, attend the OVW grantee orientation seminar, which may be offered in-person, online, or a combination of both. Additionally, if there is a change in the project director/coordinator during the grant period, the recipient agrees, at the earliest opportunity, to send the new project director/coordinator, regardless of prior experience with this or any other federal award, to an OVW grantee orientation seminar or require completion of the orientation online, whichever is available.

41. Technical Assistance Funds - Allocation and Prior Approval

The recipient agrees that funds allocated for OVW-sponsored technical assistance may not be used for any other purpose without prior approval by OVW. To request approval, recipients must submit a Program Office Approval Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) via the Grants Management System (GMS). The recipient must attach to the GAN a copy of the event's brochure, curriculum and/or agenda, a description of the hosts or trainers, and an estimated breakdown of costs. The GAN request must be submitted to OVW at least 20 days prior to registering for the event. Approval to attend non-OVW sponsored events will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This prior approval process also applies to requests for the use of OVW-designated technical assistance funds to pay a consultant or contractor not designated as an OVW technical assistance provider to develop and/or provide training and/or technical assistance.

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Technical Assistance Provider Training Requirement

The recipient agrees to set aside funds, as required in the solicitation under which this application was submitted, to enhance the delivery of OVW-supported training and technical assistance (TA) and ensure that OVW-supported TA and TA providers reflect OVW's mission and priorities and the goals of the Violence Against Women Act. Key project staff, identified by OVW, must attend or participate in TA courses on topics including, but not limited, to: accessibility, organizational cultural competency, advanced adult learning theory and application, curriculum and product development, and financial and grants management. Courses will be selected by

OVW and delivered by OVW and/or organizations identified by OVW. Funds set aside for this purpose may not be used for any other training or purpose without the approval of OVW through the issuance of a Grant Adjustment Notice.

42. Technical Assistance Participation

The recipient agrees to attend and participate in OVW-sponsored technical assistance. Technical assistance includes, but is not limited to, national and regional conferences, audio conferences, webinars, peer-to peer consultations, and workshops conducted by OVW-designated technical assistance providers. All training will be coordinated by OVW-designated technical assistance providers.

43. Consultant Rate

Approval of this award does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour. A detailed justification must be submitted to and approved by OVW prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds. Although prior approval is not required for consultant rates below these specified amounts, recipients are required to maintain documentation to support all daily or hourly rates.

44. Prior Approval Required Before Entering Into Contracts or Expending Funds for Conferences

The recipient must complete and submit the Conference and Events Approval Form to OVW for review and approval prior to entering into any contract (with the exception of logistical or programmatic planning contracts) or expending any funds for any meeting, conference, training, or other event. This includes conferences for which OVW is not the primary source of funding if OVW support will exceed \$20,000.

45. Cost of Logistical Conference Planning

The cost allowed for logistical conference planning (this is applicable regardless of whether the recipient is planning in-house or is contracting with an outside conference planner) is limited to \$50 for each attendee (trainers, instructors, presenters and facilitators are to be included as attendees when calculating the planning threshold), not to exceed a cumulative total of \$8,750. For example, if the number of attendees at a conference is 100, the cost allowed for a logistical planner is \$5,000 (\$50 X 100 attendees). Indirect cost rates must be applied to conference planning thresholds. If it is expected that the conference planning will meet these limitations, no further justification is required. If the recipient expects that these limitations will be exceeded, then the recipient must justify the costs in writing and those costs must be approved by the OVW before the recipient proceeds with the logistical planning.

46. Cost of Programmatic Conference Planning

The cost allowed for programmatic conference planning (this is applicable regardless of whether the recipient is planning in-house or is contracting with an outside programmatic conference planner) is limited to \$200 for each attendee (trainers, instructors, presenters and facilitators are to be included as attendees when calculating the planning threshold) not to exceed a cumulative cost total of \$35,000. For example, if the number of attendees at the conference is 100, the cost allowed for a programmatic planner is \$20,000 (\$200 X 100 attendees). Indirect cost rates must be applied to conference planning costs in accordance with negotiated agreements and must be included when calculating the planning thresholds. If these limitations are met, no further justification or approval is required. If the recipient expects that these limitations will be exceeded, then the recipient must justify the costs in writing and those costs must be approved by the OVW before the recipient proceeds with the programmatic planning.

47. Conference Space and Audio-Visual Equipment and Services

Recipients must limit the cost of conference space and audio-visual equipment to \$25 per day per attendee (trainers, instructors, presenters and facilitators are to be included as attendees when calculating the conference space and audio-visual equipment threshold), not to exceed a total of \$20,000 for the conference. Indirect cost rates must be applied to conference space and audio-visual equipment costs in accordance with negotiated agreements, and must be included when calculating this threshold. If the recipient expects that these limitations will be exceeded, then the recipient must justify the costs in writing and those costs must be approved by OVW before the recipient enters into any contract for the use of conference space and audio-visual equipment.

48. Prohibition on Trinkets at Conferences

The recipient acknowledges that trinkets (items such as hats, mugs, portfolios, t-shirts, coins, etc., regardless of whether they include the conference name or logo) must not be purchased with funds made available under this agreement. Basic supplies that are necessary for use during the conference (e.g., pens, paper, name tags) may be purchased.

49. Entertainment at Conferences

The recipient acknowledges that funds made available under this agreement may not be used for costs of entertainment, including amusement, diversion, social activities and any costs directly associated with such costs (such as tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities).

50. Food and Beverages at Conferences

Subject to OVW prior approval, and under limited circumstances, OVW funds may be used to purchase food and/ or beverages for meals served during a meeting, conference or training and, under very specific circumstances, during refreshment breaks. Refreshment breaks will only be considered where there are unique and extenuating circumstances and require significant justification. OVW may approve the use of funds to purchase food and/ or beverages served at a working meal if the recipient can justify that provision of the meal is necessary to accomplish official business and enhance the cost effectiveness of the conference. For example, a meal may be permissible where the conference would need to be extended if the working meal is not provided.

Furthermore, if a meal is approved by OVW, the cost of any individual meal, including taxes and any hotel service costs (e.g., labor cost for room setup), must not exceed 150 percent of the General Services Administration (GSA) Meals and Incidental Expenses (M&IE) rate for that meal in that locality per attendee. OVW strongly encourages costs to stay at or below 100% of the applicable per diem rate for any meal provided, including any service costs. The current GSA M&IE rate breakdown by meal and by locality can be found at https://gsa.gov/portal/content/101518. This restriction does not impact direct payment of per diem amounts to individuals in a travel status under the recipient's travel policy.

51. Conference Reporting

Within 30 days after the end of any conference, meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium, training activity, or similar event funded, in whole or in part, under this award, and the total cost of which exceeds \$20,000 in award funds, the recipient must provide the OVW program manager with a completed Conference and Events Reporting Form found at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/training-and-technical-assistance. (Note that the conference expenditures reported on this form should be all those that were paid with OVW funds; do not report those that were funded by another entity.)

52. FAPIIS Reporting by Recipients (Cumulative amount under award number exceeds \$500,000)

Recipient integrity and performance matters:

Requirement to report information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings to SAM and FAPIIS

The recipient must comply with any and all applicable requirements regarding reporting of information on civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings connected with (or connected to the performance of) either this OVW award or any other grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the federal government. Under certain circumstances, recipients of OVW awards are required to report information about such proceedings, through the federal System for Award Management (known as "SAM"), to the designated federal integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIIS").

The details of recipient obligations regarding the required reporting (and updating) of information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings to the federal designated integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIIS") within SAM are posted on the OVW web site at: <u>https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees</u>, (Award condition: Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, including Recipient Reporting to FAPIIS), and are incorporated by reference here.

53. Restrictions on Implementing Multiple Awards under the Same Purpose Areas

The grantee acknowledges that it has a current OVW grant award that is supporting the same purpose areas as this new award. The recipient may obligate, expend and draw down from this award only funds for travel related expenses to attend OVW-sponsored technical assistance events up to \$10,000. The grantee agrees not to obligate, expend, or draw down any additional

funds under this award until all funds are expended on their current OVW award for the same purpose(s). If the grantee needs to obligate, expend, or draw down additional funds from this award prior to the completion/expiration of the current award, they must submit a written request to their program manager for review and approval. Once the request is approved, a Grant Adjustment Notice will be issued allowing the grantee access to funds.

54. Conditional Clearance with Release of TA Funds

The recipient's budget is pending review and approval. The recipient may obligate, expend, and draw down only funds for travel-related expenses up to \$10,000 to attend OVW-sponsored technical assistance events, unless there is another condition on the award prohibiting obligation, expenditure, and drawdown of any funds, in which case the condition prohibiting any obligation, expenditure or drawdown of funds will control. Remaining funds will not be available for drawdown until OVW's Grants Financial Management Division has approved the budget and budget narrative, and a Grant Adjustment Notice has been issued removing this special condition. Any obligations or expenditures incurred by the recipient prior to the budget being approved are made at the recipient's own risk. If applicable, the Indirect Cost Rate will be identified in the Grant Adjustment Notice when the budget is approved.