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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, OVW may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. 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 34 U.S.C. 10271-10273), 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.


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 the Department of Justice (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, including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance. The recipient also agrees that all financial records pertinent to this award, including the general accounting ledger and all supporting documents, are subject to agency review throughout the life of the award, during the close-out process, and for three years after submission of the final Federal Financial Report (SF-425) or as long as the records are retained, whichever is longer, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.333, 200.336.

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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 unique entity identifiers

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

The recipient also must comply with applicable restrictions on subawards ("subgrants") to first-tier 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/award-conditions (Award Condition: Requirements related to System for Award Management (SAM) and unique entity identifiers), and are incorporated by reference here.

5. Requirements to report actual or imminent breach of personally identifiable information (PII)

The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent breach (as defined in OMB M-17-12) if it (or a subrecipient) – 1) creates, collects, uses, processes, stores, maintains, disseminates, discloses, or disposes of personally identifiable information (PII) (as defined in 2 C.F.R. 200.79) within the scope of an OVW grant-funded program or activity, or 2) uses or operates a Federal information system (as defined in OMB Circular A-130). The recipient’s breach procedures must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to an OVW Program Manager no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

6. 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 https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (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.

7. 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 https://www.justice.gov/ovw/conference-planning.

8. 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 https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-and-faqs-grantees.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.
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.

13. 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."

14. 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 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.

15. 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 https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (Award Condition: General appropriations-law restrictions on use of federal award funds), 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.

16. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct

The recipient and any subrecipients ("subgrantees") 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, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W. Suite 7100, Washington, DC 20530; and/or (2) 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://oig.justice.gov/hotline.

17. 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 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.

18. **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.

19. **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.
20. Availability of general terms and conditions on OVW website

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

21. Compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements


22. Compliance with solicitation requirements

The recipient agrees that it 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.

23. VAWA 2013 nondiscrimination condition

The recipient acknowledges that 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13) 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 agrees 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.

24. 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.

25. Limitation on use of funds to approved activities

The recipient agrees that grant funds will be used only for the purposes described in the recipient's approved application. The recipient must not undertake any work or activities that are not described in the grant application, and must not use staff, equipment, or other goods or services paid for with grant funds for such work or activities, without prior written approval, via Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN), from OVW.

26. Non-Supplantation

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

The recipient agrees to comply with the provisions of 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 all subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier meet these requirements.

28. Activities that compromise victim safety and recovery and undermine offender accountability

The recipient agrees that grant funds will not support activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability, 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.

29. Termination or suspension 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 C.F.R. Part 18, as applicable mutatis mutandis.

30. Maintaining contact information

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

31. Semiannual and final performance progress report submission (All OVW awards except state formula programs)

The recipient agrees to submit semiannual performance progress reports that describe activities conducted during the reporting period, including program effectiveness measures. Reports must be submitted throughout the project period, even if no funds were spent and no activities were conducted in a given reporting period. Future awards may be withheld if reports are delinquent.

The information that must be collected and reported to OVW can be found in the reporting form associated with the grant program or initiative under which this award was made. Performance 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. Recipients are required to submit their reports through the Grants Management System (GMS).
Management System (GMS), unless and until OVW issues updated instructions for report submission. The final report is due 90 days after the end of the project period and should be marked “final” in the Report Type field in GMS.

OR

Performance progress reports and final report submission (state formula program awards)

The recipient agrees to provide OVW with specific information regarding subawards (“subgrants”) made under this award. The recipient agrees to submit an annual report that includes: a) an assessment of whether stated goals and objectives were achieved; b) information on the effectiveness of activities carried out with grant funds, including the number of persons served and the number of persons seeking services who could not be served; c) information on each subaward made; and (d) such other information as OVW may prescribe. Recipients are required to submit this report after the end of each calendar year but no later than March 30 each year. Recipients and subrecipients must use the designated forms and/or systems made available by OVW for performance reporting, which identify the information that recipients and subrecipients must collect and report as a condition of receiving funding under this award.

A final report is due 90 days after the end of the project period. This report must be submitted to OVW through the Grants Management System with the Report Type marked “final,” unless and until OVW issues updated instructions for report submission.

32. Reports: Quarterly Financial Reports

The recipient agrees that it will submit quarterly financial status reports to OVW through the Grants Management System (GMS) (at https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov) using the SF 425 Federal Financial Report form (available for viewing at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/post-award-reporting-forms.html#sortby=1), 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.

33. Program income (all OVW awards except state formula programs)

Program income, as defined by 2 C.F.R. 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.

OR
**Subrecipient program income (state formula program awards)**

The recipient understands and agrees that it has responsibility for approval of program income earned by subrecipients. Program income, as defined by 2 C.F.R. 200.80, means gross income earned by a 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, program income must be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. In order to add program income to a subaward, subrecipients must seek approval from the recipient prior to generating any program income. Any program income added to a subaward must be used to support activities that were approved in the budget and follow the conditions of the subaward agreement. Any program income approved by the recipient must be reported by the subrecipient to the recipient so that it is reported on the 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, the recipient must provide approval by the end of the project period. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in audit findings for both the recipient and the subrecipient.

**34. 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 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) Subaward Reporting System (FSRS). The details of recipient obligations, which derive from FFATA, are posted on the OVW web site at [https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees#award-conditions](https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees#award-conditions) (Award Condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation), and are incorporated by reference here.

**35. Copyrighted works**

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 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.
36. Required SAM and FAPIIS reporting (Cumulative amount under award number exceeds $500,000)

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 FAPIIS within SAM are posted on the OVW website at: https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees (Award Condition: Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, including Recipient Reporting to FAPIIS), and are incorporated by reference here.