



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

OVW Fiscal Year 2019 Alaska Full Faith and Credit Training and Technical Assistance Initiative Call for Concept Papers

Release Date: on or about July 22, 2019

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are generally limited to: **National, tribal, statewide, or other nonprofit organizations with the capacity to provide statewide training and technical assistance in Alaska and expertise working with Alaska Native villages.**
(See "[Eligibility Information](#)")

Deadlines

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) on October 2, 2019.
(See "[Submission Dates and Times](#)")

Registration Information: To submit an application, all applicants must obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number and register online with the System for Award Management (SAM) and with [Grants.gov](#). To ensure sufficient time to complete the registration process, applicants must obtain a DUNS Number and register online with SAM and with [Grants.gov](#) immediately, but no later than August 19, 2019.

(See "[Registration](#)")

Letter of Intent: Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to Lucille.moran@usdoj.gov by August 19, 2019. This letter confirms that the applicant has registered with SAM and [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Submitting a Letter of Intent will not obligate a potential applicant to submit an application. Interested applicants who do not submit a Letter of Intent are still eligible to apply.

(See “[Letter of Intent](#)”)

Contact Information

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

Submission and Notification Information

Submission: Applications for this initiative will be submitted through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). For technical assistance with [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), contact the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Customer Support Line at 1-800-518-4726.

The [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) number assigned to this announcement is OVW-2019-16710.

Notification: OVW anticipates notifying applicants of funding decisions by November 1, 2019.

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Federal Award Information:

Funding Type:	Cooperative Agreement
Estimated Total Funding:	\$275,000
Expected Number of Awards:	1
Award Ceiling:	\$275,000
Award Floor	N/A
Average Projected Award Amount:	\$275,000
Letter of Intent Due:	August 19, 2019
Application Due:	October 2, 2019
Anticipated Start Date:	November 1, 2019
Length of Project Period:	24 months

OVW Alaska Full Faith and Credit Training and Technical Assistance Initiative (CFDA 16.526)

A. Program Description

Overview

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Created in 1995, OVW administers grant programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation and provides national leadership on issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. OVW grants support coordinated community responses to hold offenders accountable and serve victims.

Project Background

On June 28, 2019, Attorney General William P. Barr declared a law enforcement emergency in rural Alaska. He directed DOJ to deploy additional resources to respond to this emergency. Alaska is home to some of the most remote communities in all of America, including 229 federally recognized tribes. This geographic isolation contributes to law enforcement problems not seen anywhere else in our nation. The lack of law enforcement resources results in a high violent crime rate, especially in Alaska Native communities.

In response to the emergency declaration, OVW will award one grant for \$275,000 through its Alaska Full Faith and Credit Training and Technical Assistance Initiative for training and technical assistance for state and local law enforcement, prosecutors and other government attorneys, and court personnel on enforcement of tribal protection orders. In addition, the grantee will provide training and technical assistance for tribal courts and communities on issuance and enforcement of protection orders.

Statutory Authority

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(11).

About the OVW Alaska Full Faith and Credit Training and Technical Assistance Initiative

Included in VAWA legislation is the full faith and credit provision (18 U.S.C. § 2265), which provides that states, tribes, and territories (the enforcing jurisdictions) must enforce a qualifying protection order from outside the enforcing jurisdiction as if the protection order had been issued by the enforcing jurisdiction. The enforcing jurisdiction cannot require registration of the order, or notification of such registration to a respondent, as a prerequisite for enforcement. During OVW's Annual Tribal Consultations, many tribes, including Alaska tribes, have expressed concern about a lack of state enforcement of tribal protection orders. The purpose of this initiative is to improve enforcement of tribal protection orders and thereby enhance the safety of victims in Alaska Native villages by providing technical assistance and training to tribes, state and local law enforcement, prosecutors, and government attorneys, and courts.

Program Scope

Activities supported by this initiative are determined by statute, federal regulations, and OVW policies. If an applicant receives an award, the funded project is bound by the provisions of this solicitation, the [DOJ Financial Guide](#), including updates to the guide after an award is made, the

section of the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) entitled “Post-Award Requirements for All Federal Award Recipients,” and the conditions of the award. All applicants must propose activities to serve the current and potential grant or sub-grant recipients of one or more OVW grant programs. OVW cannot support projects focusing on entities or individuals that are not eligible to receive funding, services, training, or other resources through any of OVW’s grant programs.

Purpose Areas

In FY 2019, funds under the Alaska Full Faith and Credit Training and Technical Assistance Initiative (the Alaska Full Faith and Credit Initiative) must be used to improve the enforcement of tribal protection orders in Alaska. Applications should propose the following activities:

1. Training and technical assistance for state and local law enforcement, prosecutors and other government attorneys, and court personnel on enforcement of tribal protection orders.
2. Training and technical assistance for tribal courts and communities on issuance and enforcement of protection orders.

Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery and Undermine Offender Accountability

OVW does not fund activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions. Information on activities that compromise victim safety and recovery and undermine offender accountability may be found in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#).

Applications that propose any activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability may receive a deduction in points during the review process or may be eliminated from consideration entirely. Any application selected for funding will include an award term prohibiting use of funds for activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability.

Out-of-Scope Activities

The activities listed below are out of the program scope, and they will not be supported by this program’s funding.

1. Research projects (This does not include assessments conducted only for internal improvement purposes (up to three percent of the award). For information on distinguishing between research and assessments, see the heading on this topic in the [Funding Restrictions](#) section of this solicitation and the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#).)
2. Direct victim services and justice system interventions - OVW’s Alaska Full Faith and Credit Initiative funds are intended to support educational and training opportunities and technical assistance for current and potential OVW grantees and sub-grantees. They are not meant to support law enforcement activities, legal representation, direct services, or other interventions.

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

Activities Requiring Prior Approval

Activities listed below will require prior approval in order to be supported by grant funds.

1. Surveys, whether conducted as part of a program or needs assessment, or for any other purpose. Prior approval is necessary to determine whether the activity is within the scope of the award and meets the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act.
2. Training events, including conferences, meetings, roundtables, and on-site trainings.

B. Federal Award Information

Availability of Funds

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. There is no guarantee that funds will be available in the future. OVW may elect to make awards in a future fiscal year for applications submitted under this solicitation but not selected for FY 2019 funding, depending on the merits of the applications and the availability of funding.

Award Period and Amounts

The award period is 24 months. Budgets must reflect 24 months of project activity, and the total "estimated funding" on the SF-424 must reflect 24 months. The award period will start on November 1, 2019.

OVW estimates that it will make one award for an approximately \$275,000.

OVW has the discretion to make an award for a greater or lesser amount than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants prior to making an award.

The award will be made as a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements are awards under which OVW expects to have ongoing substantial involvement in award activities. For this initiative, the substantial involvement includes, but is not limited to, participating in project meetings, developing and approving final agendas, reviewing and approving faculty, products, and curricula, and identifying participants for training and technical assistance activities. Award recipients must be willing to work closely with OVW on the implementation of their proposed project, and be willing to modify project activities at OVW's request in order to address the needs of existing grantees and/or emerging issues.

Mandatory Program Requirements

Applicants that receive funding under this initiative will be required to engage in the following activities in addition to conducting training under both of the purpose areas described above:

1. Recipients must participate in OVW-sponsored training and technical assistance.
2. All applicants for the FY 2019 Alaska Full Faith and Credit Initiative must include a planning period with their OVW program specialist and project partners. The planning period must include a process for tribes in Alaska to provide input regarding challenges they have experienced in getting protection orders enforced.

C. Eligibility Information

Applications that are submitted by ineligible entities or that do not meet all initiative eligibility requirements will not be considered for funding. In addition, an application that is deemed deficient in one or more of the following categories may not be considered for funding: 1. [activities that compromise victim safety](#), 2. [out-of-scope activities](#), 3. [unallowable costs](#), 4. [Pre-](#)

[Award Risk Assessment](#), 5. [completeness](#), and 6. [timeliness](#). Further, an applicant with [past performance issues](#), long-standing open audits, or an open criminal investigation also may not be considered for funding.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible entities for this initiative are national, tribal, statewide, or other nonprofit organizations. Faith-based and community organizations that meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this solicitation.

The applicant must meet all three of the criteria listed below:

1. Expertise and experience regarding protection order creation, issuance, and enforcement, including the requirements of VAWA's full faith and credit provision;
2. At least three years of experience providing legal training and technical assistance; and
3. Experience working with Alaska tribes and knowledge of the specific issues facing Alaska tribes in creation, issuance, and enforcement of tribal protection orders.

Note: These requirements may be met through subrecipients (also known as "partners"). The required expertise and experience must be documented in the Who Will Implement section of the Concept Paper Narrative and in the Letter of Qualification and/or Letters of Intent to Collaborate.

Nonprofit Organization Requirement – Offshore Accounts

Any nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code is not eligible for a grant from this initiative. See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(16)(B)(ii).

Cost Sharing or Matching

This initiative has no match or cost sharing requirement.

Limit on Number of Applications

OVW will consider only one application per organization in response to this solicitation. If an applicant submits multiple applications, OVW will review only the most recent system-validated version submitted before the deadline.

D. Application and Submission Information

Address to Request Application Package

The complete application package (this solicitation, including links to required forms) is available on [Grants.gov](#) or the [OVW website](#). Applicants wishing to request a paper copy of these materials should contact lucille.moran@usdoj.gov or 202-307-6026.

Content and Form of Application Submission

The information below ("Letter of Intent through "Additional Required Information") describes the full content and form of application submission. For a complete checklist of required contents, see the "[Other Information](#)" section in this solicitation.

Letter of Intent

Applicants intending to apply for FY 2019 funding under this initiative are strongly encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent. The letter should state that the applicant is registered and current with

SAM and with [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). The letter should be submitted to OVW at lucille.moran@usdoj.gov by 11:59 p.m. August 19, 2019. This letter will not obligate the applicant to submit an application. See <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants> for a sample Letter of Intent.

Formatting and Technical Requirements

Applications must follow the requirements below. Pages that contain blurred text, or text that is too small to read comfortably may be removed. Points may be deducted for applications that do not adhere to the formatting requirements.

1. Applications must be double-spaced (charts may be single spaced).
2. Applications must be formatted on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper with one inch margins.
3. Applications must be in Times New Roman (TNR), 12-point font, except for footnotes, which may be TNR 10-point font.
4. Applications must have page numbers.
5. Concept Paper Narrative may be no longer than 15 pages.
6. OVW accepts documents in Microsoft Word (.doc), PDF files (.pdf), or Text Documents (.txt).
7. The Concept Paper Narrative must contain the following headings: Purpose of Concept Paper, What Will be Done, Who Will Implement the Project, and Performance Measures.

Application Contents

Applications must include the following required documents and demonstrate that the initiative eligibility requirements have been met. Applications that do not include the documents in bold will be considered substantially incomplete and will not be considered for funding.

1. Summary Data Sheet
2. Proposal Abstract
3. **Concept Paper Narrative**
4. **Letters of Intent to Collaborate and/or Letter of Qualification**

Summary Data Sheet (5 Points Total)

The Summary Data Sheet should be one to four pages and must be double spaced. The Summary Data Sheet does not count toward the 15-page limit for the Concept Paper Narrative. Provide the following information:

1. Name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the Authorized Representative (individual with authority to accept grants on behalf of the applicant).
2. Name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address for the programmatic point-of-contact. This person must be an employee of the applicant who has involvement in the grant project.
3. Statement as to whether the applicant (the organization with the DUNS number listed in the application) will issue subawards **without any other involvement in the project**. The applicant must be an eligible entity and is responsible for meeting all award requirements.
4. Statement as to whether the applicant has expended \$750,000 in federal funds in the applicant's past fiscal year. If so, specify the end date of the applicant's fiscal year.
5. Summary of current and pending OVW grants (if applicable). If the applicant has a current grant or cooperative agreement under any OVW grant program or an award that has been closed within the last 12 months from the date this solicitation closes, the information must be provided in a table using the sample format found on the OVW website <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants>. Failure to provide the

required table will result in a loss of points. The applicant should also provide the same information regarding any current OVW grants or pending applications on which the applicant is a subrecipient.

6. A list of all other federal grant programs from which the applicant currently receives funding or for which it has applied for funding in FY 2019 **to do similar work**. Provide this information in a table using the sample format found on the OVW website <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants>.
7. A list of all current and pending non-federal grants for which the applicant currently receives funding or for which it has applied for funding in FY 2019 **to do the same work**. Provide this information in a table using the sample format on the OVW website <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants>.
8. Statement as to whether the applicant is a nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
9. Statement as to whether the applicant is a nonprofit organization that uses the Internal Revenue Service's three-step safe-harbor procedure to establish a rebuttable presumption that its executives' compensation is reasonable. If the applicant is not a nonprofit organization or is a nonprofit that does not use the safe-harbor procedure, provide a statement to that effect. For additional information about the safe-harbor procedure, see "Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation" in the [Additional Required Information](#) section.
10. The title of the proposed project.
11. If the applicant should choose to work with subrecipients, a list of all potential subrecipients (organization names and/or individual consultants) and the estimated funding amount requested for each.

Proposal Abstract (not scored)

The Proposal Abstract must provide an executive summary (no more than two pages double-spaced) of the proposed project, including names of applicant and potential subrecipients, vision and outcomes for the project, primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit. Applicants must not summarize past accomplishments in this section.

Concept Paper Narrative (80 Points Total)

The Concept Paper Narrative may not exceed 15 pages in length, double-spaced. The Concept Paper Narrative must include the following four sections:

Purpose of Concept Paper (20 points)

This section must:

1. Describe the need for the project, including the challenges and knowledge gaps in full faith and credit enforcement of protection orders in Alaska;
2. Describe the intended audience for the project and the relationship between the intended audience and the stated area of need;
3. Describe current or previous technical assistance efforts to address the challenges and knowledge gaps in full faith and credit enforcement of protection orders in Alaska;
4. Describe the expected impact that the proposed project will have on each of the identified challenge(s) and knowledge gap(s) and the target audience(s); and
5. Explain the expected measurable outcome of the project.

What Will Be Done (25 points)

The concept paper must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the “Purpose of Concept Paper” section above.

This section must:

1. Explain the project vision, goals and objectives;
2. Provide a detailed description of the activities that will be undertaken to accomplish the project vision, goals and objectives, including a planning process;
3. Describe how the applicant will ensure timely delivery of training and technical assistance in Alaska, including to remote villages;
4. Describe how the project will reach state law enforcement officers, prosecutors and other government attorneys, and courts to train them on creation, issuance, and enforcement of tribal protection orders;
5. Describe how the project will reach tribal courts and communities to train them on creation, issuance, and enforcement of protection orders entitled to full faith and credit;
6. Justify why the chosen technical assistance delivery methods are appropriate for the target audience or profession as well as for the goals and objectives;
7. Provide a corresponding timeline for the completion of each activity and product to be developed. Include in the timeline the estimated number of each deliverable (e.g., number of trainings, webinars, and on-site technical assistance opportunities) and a planning period with OVW and any subrecipients;
8. Provide a justification of the estimated number of individuals, agencies, and/or jurisdictions that would receive training and technical assistance under this project;
9. Describe how the proposed project will be accessible to individuals with disabilities, individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, and persons with limited English proficiency; and
10. If the concept paper includes developing a product or participating in another program, describe the dissemination or implementation method/plan for each proposed product or program.

Who Will Implement the Project (30 points)

This section must:

1. Identify the key individuals and organizations involved in the proposed project (including the applicant and any subrecipients), and describe the role of each individual and organization;
2. Provide the percentage of time each key individual will devote to the project, and the specific activities in which each individual will participate;
3. Provide the qualifications and experience of the key individuals and consultants, including their experience providing technical assistance and/or training and their expertise on enforcement of protection orders;
4. Describe how the applicant and any subrecipients will meet the experience and expertise eligibility criteria from page five;
5. Describe any experience or expertise that the applicant and/or subrecipients possess with regard to Alaska state laws, policies, law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts;
6. If the applicant proposes on-site technical assistance, describe the capacity and experience to do so; and

7. If an applicant proposes to hold any in-person meetings, which necessitate logistical planning, the application must indicate if an outside planner will be hired. If no outside planner will be hired, the application must document that the applicant or a subrecipient is the most cost-effective means of obtaining conference logistical services.

Performance Measures (5 points total)

Describe how the applicant will assess the project's progress, the quality and utility of the training and technical assistance deployed, and the potential impact of the training and technical assistance on practices and policies with regard to creation, issuance, and enforcement of protection orders in Alaska.

Letters of Intent to Collaborate or Letter of Qualification (15 Points Total)

If the applicant meets all three of the expertise and experience criteria described on page five, then it can provide a Letter of Qualification. If the applicant chooses to meet any of these criteria through one or more subrecipients, then the applicant will need to provide Letters of Intent to Collaborate from all subrecipients. If the applicant meets some of the criteria and is choosing to meet some through subrecipients, then it should provide both a Letter of Qualification and Letters of Intent to Collaborate.

Letter of Qualification

If the applicant meets any of the expertise and experience criteria described above, then it should provide a letter, signed by the [Authorized Representative](#) of the applicant, during the development of the application. The letter must include the following:

1. The number of years of experience that the applicant possesses in providing training and technical assistance;
2. If there are measurable outcomes to their success as a technical assistance provider;
2. The subject matter and audiences of the technical assistance provided by the applicant;
3. The applicant's background and experience regarding protection order creation, issuance, and enforcement, including the requirements of VAWA's full faith and credit provision; and
4. The applicant's experience with and knowledge of tribes in Alaska, including expertise on the issues facing Alaska tribes in protection order creation, issuance, and enforcement.

Letters of Intent to Collaborate

If the applicant is using one or more subrecipients to meet the expertise and experience criteria, it must provide Letters of Intent to Collaborate from each subrecipient. Letters must be signed and dated by the [Authorized Representative](#) of each proposed subrecipient during the development of the application. The letters must provide:

1. The number of years of experience that the subrecipient possesses in providing training and technical assistance (if applicable);
2. If the subrecipient has measurable outcomes of success of their work;
3. The subject matter and audiences of the technical assistance provided by the subrecipient (if applicable);
4. The subrecipient's background and experience regarding protection order creation, issuance, and enforcement, including the requirements of VAWA's full faith and credit provision (if applicable);
5. The subrecipient's experience with and knowledge of tribes in Alaska, including expertise on the issues facing Alaska tribes in protection order creation, issuance, and enforcement (if applicable);

6. A brief history of the collaborative relationship between the applicant and the subrecipient;
7. The roles and responsibilities the subrecipient will assume to ensure the success of the proposed project; and
8. The subrecipient's intention to collaborate with the applicant and any other partners to carry out the project.

If an applicant selected for funding is meeting the expertise and experience criteria through one or more subrecipients, the applicant will be required to develop and fully execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during the planning period of the award, which will be an expected award deliverable.

Additional Required Information

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

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

Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

Applicants must complete the SF-424 online. For "Type of Applicant," do not select "other." The amount of federal funding requested in the "Estimated Funding" section of this form must match the amount of federal funding requested in the budget section of the application package. This initiative does not require a match; therefore, the values for the Applicant line should be zero. The individual who is listed in "**Authorized Representative**" must be an individual who has the authority to apply for and accept grant awards on behalf of the organization or jurisdiction.

Standard Assurances and Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Form 4061/6)

Carefully review the assurances and certification forms online. Applicants will receive a request to compile these forms online during the application submission process. All applicants must complete the *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* (SF-LLL) form. Applicants that expend any funds for lobbying activities must provide the detailed information requested on the form. Applicants that do not expend any funds for lobbying activities should enter "N/A" in the required highlighted fields.

*The following documents must be uploaded and attached **separately** to the application:*

Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)

All nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that apply for funding from OVW and have not previously (or within the last three years) received funding from OVW must complete an Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire. In addition, applicants may be required to submit their current year's audit report at a later time. The questionnaire can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/866126/download>.

Confidentiality Notice Form

All applicants are required to acknowledge that they have received notice that grantees and subgrantees must comply with the confidentiality and privacy requirements of VAWA, as amended. Applicants must submit the acknowledgement form available on the OVW website at http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/pages/attachments/2015/01/20/confidentiality_acknowledgement_form_42015.pdf. This form must be signed by the [Authorized Representative](#).

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)

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

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

Each applicant must state at the time of its application (in the Summary Data Sheet mentioned earlier) whether the applicant is a nonprofit organization that uses the Internal Revenue Service's three-step safe-harbor procedure to establish a rebuttable presumption that its executives' compensation is reasonable. If the applicant states that it uses the safe-harbor procedure, then it must disclose, in an attachment to its application (to be titled "Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation"), the process it uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (together, "covered persons"). See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(16)(B)(iii).

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

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

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

Pre-Award Risk Assessment

Each applicant must respond to the questions below. This information will be used for a mandatory pre-award risk assessment. Failure to provide this information or to respond to questions from OVW regarding this information in a timely manner could result in the applicant being removed from consideration or a delay in access to funds. Provide complete responses that address all questions included for each numbered item. This section of the application should be no more than four pages.

1. Will all funds awarded under this initiative 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. §§ 200.333-200.337.
7. Does the applicant or any of its employees have any potential personal or organizational conflicts of interest related to the possible receipt of OVW award funds? Applicants are required to disclose in writing any potential conflicts of interest to their awarding agency. See 2 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. §§ 200.330-200.332)? 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.

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. Applicants that have never received a federally-approved indirect cost rate may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs, which may be used indefinitely. This includes state, local, and tribal governments that have never negotiated an indirect cost rate with the federal government and receive less than \$35 million in direct federal funding per year.

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

Letter of Nonsupplanting

Applicants must submit a letter to OVW's Director, signed by the [Authorized Representative](#), certifying that federal funds will not be used to supplant non-federal funds should a grant award be made. A sample letter is available at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants>.

Unique Entity Identifier (DUNS Number), System for Award Management (SAM), and Grants.gov Registration

Applicants for federal grants and cooperative agreements are required to have a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number to submit an application. A DUNS Number is a unique, nine-character identification number provided by the commercial company **Duns & Bradstreet (D&B)**. Once an applicant has applied for a DUNS number through D&B, its DUNS Number should be available within two business days.

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

SAM centralizes information about grant recipients and also provides a central location for grant recipients to change organizational information. [Grants.gov](#) uses SAM to establish roles and IDs for electronic grant applicants.

If the applicant already has an Employer Identification Number (EIN), the SAM registration will take **up to two weeks to process**. If the applicant does not have an EIN, then **the applicant should allow two to five weeks for obtaining an EIN from the Internal Revenue Service. There is no fee associated with these processes. Additionally, these processes cannot be expedited.** OVW strongly discourages applicants from paying a third party to apply or register on their behalf in an attempt to expedite these processes. To ensure all applicants are able to apply by the deadline for this solicitation, applicants must have obtained a DUNS number and registered online with the SAM and with [Grants.gov](#) no later than August 19, 2019.

Submission Dates and Times

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

Applicant Action	Information	Dates/Deadline
Apply for a DUNS number	Obtain a DUNS number at the following website http://www.dnb.com/us/ or call (866) 705-5711.	August 19, 2019
Register with SAM	Access the SAM online registration through the SAM homepage at https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1#1 and follow the online instructions for new SAM users. If the applicant already has the necessary information on hand, the online registration takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, depending upon the size and complexity of the business or organization. Organizations must update or renew their SAM registration at least once a year to maintain an active status.	August 19, 2019
Register with Grants.gov	Once the SAM registration becomes active, the applicant will be able to complete the Grants.gov registration (see Other Submission Requirements for more information on registering for and using Grants.gov).	August 19, 2019
Submit Letter of Intent	Lucille.moran@usdoj.gov , (202)307-6026	August 19, 2019
Download Updated Version of Adobe	Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the most up-to-date version of Adobe Acrobat is installed on all computers that may be used to download the grant application package and submit the proposal. To verify if the Adobe software version is compatible with Grants.gov , visit the following link: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/adobe-software-compatibility.html .	At least 48 hours before application deadline of 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) on October 2, 2019
Request Hardcopy Submission (If Needed)	Applicants that cannot submit an application electronically due to lack of internet access must contact the POC at (202)307-6026 or OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov to request permission to submit a hardcopy application.	August 19, 2019
Begin Application Submission Process	Applications must be submitted electronically via Grants.gov	11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) on October 2, 2019
Complete Application Submission Process	Grants.gov	11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) on October 2, 2019

<p>Confirmation of Application Receipt</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorized Organization Representatives (AORs) should closely monitor their email for any notification from Grants.gov about a possible failed submission. The AOR is a user role within Grants.gov for a user who is authorized to submit applications on behalf of the organization. 2. The AOR should receive a minimum of two emails from Grants.gov. One will confirm receipt of the application package. The other will contain either a notice that the application was successfully submitted or a notice that there was an error with the application submission. <p>OVW does not send out these notifications, nor does OVW receive a copy of these notifications. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify OVW of any problems with the application submission process.</p>	<p>Submitting the application at least 48 hours before the application deadline of 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) on October 2, 2019 will enable the applicant to receive notice of a failed submission and provide an opportunity to correct the error before the deadline.</p>
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OVW Policy on Late Submissions

Applications submitted after **11:59 p.m. E.T.** on October 2, 2019 will not be considered for funding, unless the applicant receives OVW permission to submit a late application. In limited circumstances, OVW will approve a request to submit an application after the due date. The charts below provide a description of the circumstances under which OVW will consider such requests. OVW’s approval of a late submission request is not an indication of the application’s final disposition. Applications approved for late submission are still subject to all of the review process and criteria described in this solicitation.

Failure to begin registration or application submission by the deadlines stated in the chart above is not an acceptable reason for late submission. To ensure fairness for all applicants, OVW requires that applicants requesting late submission adhere to the following:

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

within 72 hours after the due date or as soon as communications are restored.	
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Experiencing Technical Difficulties Beyond the Applicant's Reasonable Control		
Issue	Applicant Action	OVW Policy
Issue with SAM or Grants.gov Registration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register and/or confirm existing registration at least 3 weeks prior to the application due date to ensure that the individual who will be submitting the application has SAM and Grants.gov access and is the person registered to submit on behalf of the applicant. 2. Maintain documentation of when registration began, any issues related to registration, and all communication with technical support. 3. Notify OVW as soon as the applicant becomes aware of a problem with registration but no later than 14 days before the application due date. 	Failure to begin the SAM or Grants.gov registration process in sufficient time (i.e., by the date identified in this solicitation) is not an acceptable reason for late submission.
Experiencing Unforeseeable Technical Difficulties During the Application Submission Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Document when the applicant began the submission process. 2. Contact Grants.gov for technical support at least 24 hours prior to the application deadline. 3. Maintain documentation of all communication with Grants.gov support. 4. Contact the POC for this initiative at Lucille.moran@usdoj.gov indicating that the applicant is experiencing technical difficulties and would like permission to submit a late application. Provide a telephone number and/or email address at which someone with the authority to submit the application and required documentation can be reached for the first 3 	<p>Common foreseeable technical difficulties for which OVW will not approve a late submission requests include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Using an outdated version of Adobe Acrobat; and b. Attachment rejection. <p>Through Grants.gov, OVW can confirm when submission began. Applicants who start the submission process less than 24 hours before the deadline will not be considered for late submission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By beginning the application submission process 24-48 hours before the deadline, applicants should have sufficient time to receive notice of

	<p>business days immediately following the application deadline.</p> <p>5. Respond promptly to communication from OVW requesting the complete application package, applicant DUNS Number, Grants.gov helpdesk tracking numbers, and any other relevant documentation.</p>	<p>problems with their submissions and make necessary corrections.</p> <p>2. To ensure that attachments are not rejected, attachment names should only include allowable characters. (See "Other Submission Requirements").</p>
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Intergovernmental Review - Single Point of Contact Review

Executive Order 12372 requires applicants from state and local units of government or other organizations providing services within a state to submit a copy of the application to the state Single Point of Contact (SPOC) if one exists and if the program has been selected for review. Applicants must contact their state SPOCs to determine whether their programs have been selected for state review. The applicant must enter the date that the application was sent to the SPOC or the reason such submission is not required in the section of the SF 424 that refers to EO 12372. Applicants can find a list of SPOCs on the Office of Management and Budget website at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/SPOC-Feb.-2018.pdf>

Funding Restrictions

The following information is provided to allow applicants to develop an application and budget consistent with the initiative requirements.

Unallowable Costs

The activities listed below are unallowable, and costs for them must not be included in applicants' budgets.

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

Food and Beverage/Costs for Refreshments and Meals

Generally, food and beverage costs are **not** allowable. OVW may approve the use of grant funds to provide a working meal at a meeting, conference, training, or other event, if one of the following applies:

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

4. Other extenuating circumstances necessitate the provision of food.

Justification for an exception listed above must be included in the applicant's budget narrative, and grantees may only use funds to purchase food and/or beverages if OVW approves the specific expenditures in advance. For additional information on restrictions on food and beverage expenditures go to <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/conference-planning>.

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

Conference Planning and Expenditure Limitations

Applicants' 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 <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/conference-planning>. This includes requirements pertaining to:

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

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

Research and Assessments

Grantees under this program are prohibited from using OVW funds to conduct research, which is defined in 28 C.F.R. § 46.102 as a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Surveys and focus groups, depending on their design and purpose, may constitute research and therefore be out of scope.

However, grantees may use funds (up to three percent of the award) to assess their work for internal improvement purposes only, such as by convening a listening session to identify service gaps in the community, or surveying training participants about the quality of training content and delivery. Applicants considering such assessments must refer to the OVW research decision tree in the Solicitation Companion Guide to ensure that the activity does not qualify as human subjects research. The [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) also provides additional information on federal requirements related to research, assessments, and surveys.

Pre-Agreement Cost Approval

OVW generally does not allow pre-award costs. Costs incurred prior to the start date of the award may not be charged to the project unless the recipient receives prior approval from OVW. See the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) for more information on pre-award costs.

Other Submission Requirements

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

After applicants obtain their DUNS number and register with SAM, they can begin the [Grants.gov](#) registration process. The applying organization must complete the [Grants.gov](#) registration process prior to beginning an application for a federal grant. The E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) must register the applicant organization with [Grants.gov](#). The E-Biz POC oversees the applicant's [Grants.gov](#) transactions and assigns the AOR. The AOR submits the application to [Grants.gov](#) and must register with [Grants.gov](#) as well. In some cases the E-Biz POC is also the AOR for the applicant. Complete instructions can be found at [Grants.gov](#).

This registration process generally takes between three and five business days and may take as long as four weeks if all steps are not completed in a timely manner. The application process can move forward once the applicant successfully registers with [Grants.gov](#). Grants.gov is not the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Grants Management System (GMS). If applicants experience difficulties at any point during this process, they should call the [Grants.gov](#) Customer Support Hotline at **1-800-518-4726**.

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

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

Use simple titles for all documents, such as “FY 2019 OVW Project Narrative.” Visit the [Grants.gov](#) website to review the most up-to-date guidelines about the use of specific characters.

Submitting a Grant Application

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

The [Grants.gov](#) Help Desk can be reached at 1-800-518-4726 and is available 24/7, except federal holidays.

E. Application Review Information

Criteria

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

1. Summary data sheet: (5) points
2. Concept paper narrative: (80) points, of which
 - A. Purpose of the project: (20) points
 - B. What will be done: (25) points
 - C. Who will implement: (30) points
 - D. Performance measures (5) points
3. Letters of intent to collaborate and/or Letter of qualification: (15) points

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

Programmatic Review

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

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

An application that is deemed to be substantially out of scope, proposes a substantial number of activities that are unallowable, or proposes activities that pose a significant threat to victim safety or a serious breach of confidentiality will not be considered for funding. An applicant with considerable past performance issues may receive a deduction in points as described above or be removed from consideration entirely regardless of the application's peer review score.

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

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

Prior to making an award, OVW is required to review and consider any information about applicants included in the designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently FAPIIS). Applicants may review and comment on information in FAPIIS about themselves that another Federal awarding agency has previously entered. OVW will consider the applicant's comments as well as other information available in FAPIIS in making its judgment about the risk posed by making an award to the applicant as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.205.

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

High-Risk Grantees

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

Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates

It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by November 1, 2019.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

Successful applications will receive OVW award notifications electronically from the OJP Grants Management System (GMS) (not Grants.gov). This award notification will be sent to the individuals listed as the [Authorized Representative](#) and the Point of Contact on the SF-424 for the application that was selected for funding and will include instructions on accepting the award. Recipients will be required to log in; accept any outstanding assurances and certifications on the award; designate financial points of contact; and review, sign, and accept the award. The award acceptance process involves physical signature of the award document and terms and conditions by the [Authorized Representative](#), scanning the fully executed award document, and returning the scanned document to OVW via facsimile or email.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Information for All Federal Award Recipients

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 submitting an application. This information can be found in the section of the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) entitled “Post-Award Requirements for All Federal Award Recipients.”

Terms and conditions for OVW awards are available at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions>. These terms are subject to change prior to the issuance of the awards.

Violence Against Women Act Non-Discrimination Provision

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 added a civil rights provision that applies to all FY 2019 OVW grants. This provision prohibits OVW grantees from excluding, denying benefits to, or discriminating against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by OVW. For more information on this prohibition, see <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/docs/faqs-ngc-vawa.pdf>. Additional information on the civil rights obligations of OVW funding recipients can be found in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) under “Civil Rights Compliance.”

Civil Rights Compliance

As a condition for receiving funding from OVW, recipients must comply with applicable federal civil rights laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Department of Justice (DOJ) regulation for the Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations. Depending on the funding source, a recipient must also comply with the nondiscrimination provisions within the applicable program statutes, which may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (“the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act”). Collectively, these federal laws prohibit a recipient of OVW funding from discriminating either in employment (subject to the exemption for certain faith-based organizations) or in the delivery of services or benefits on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability. In addition, recipients of OVW funding may not discriminate on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits.

Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of national origin in the delivery of services or benefits, entails taking

reasonable steps to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) have meaningful access to their programs and activities. An LEP person is one whose first language is not English and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. To assist recipients in meeting their obligation to serve LEP persons, DOJ has published a number of resources, including a language access assessment and planning tool, which are available at https://www.lep.gov/guidance/guidance_DOJ_Guidance.html. Additional resources are available at <http://ojp.gov/about/ocr/lep.htm>. Additionally, applicants must include within their program budgets the costs for providing interpretation and translation services to eligible LEP persons or explain how language access will be provided if grant funds are not needed for this purpose. Similarly, recipients are responsible for ensuring that their programs and activities are readily accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities. Grantees must allocate grant funds or other available resources to support activities that help to ensure meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services or the purchase of adaptive equipment. For resources, see www.ADA.gov or contact OVW.

Compliance with these laws also includes taking reasonable steps to ensure that recipients' programs and activities are readily accessible to individuals with disabilities, including physical, intellectual, and psychological disabilities. More information on these obligations is available in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) under "Civil Rights Compliance."

Reporting

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

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the following: for programmatic questions, contact the POC for this initiative at (202) 307-6026 or Lucille.moran@usdoj.gov, for financial questions, contact (202)307-6026 or OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov, and for technical support, contact (800)518-4726 for Grants.gov helpdesk.

H. Other Information

Application Checklist

Applicants must submit a fully executed application to OVW, including all required supporting documentation. Prior to peer review, OVW will not contact applicants for missing items. Additionally, if an applicant plans to submit an application under any other OVW grant program this fiscal year, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that only documents pertinent to this solicitation are included with this application. OVW will not redirect documents that are inadvertently submitted with the wrong application (e.g., a Rural Program letter submitted with a Transitional Housing Program application will not be transferred to the Rural application).

Application Document	Date Completed
1. Letter of Intent	
2. Summary Data Sheet	
3. Concept Paper Narrative a) Purpose of the Application b) What Will Be Done c) Who Will Implement d) Performance Measures	
4. Proposal Abstract	
5. Letters of Intent to Collaborate and/or Letter of Qualification	
6. Application for Federal Assistance: SF 424	
7. Standard Assurances and Certifications	
8. Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)	
9. Confidentiality Notice Form	
10. Disclosures of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)	
11. Pre-Award Risk Assessment	
12. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)	
13. Letter of Nonsupplanting	

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

Public Reporting Burden - Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

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