

OVW FY 2020

National Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention  
Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center Call  
for Concept Papers

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PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

# General Information

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## Solicitation

- <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>

## Resources for Applicants

- [www.justice.gov/ovw/how-apply](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/how-apply)
- <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants>

## Where to apply?

- [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)
- CFDA Number: 16.526
- Funding Opportunity Number: OVW-2020-18273

# Application Due Date

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- Applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on **May 12, 2020**
- Submitted through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

# About the DVHP TARC

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- Expansion of efforts that began in fiscal year 2012
- Funding supported the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative (DVHP-DI), testing and evaluating lethality/risk assessment tools and other strategies to reduce domestic violence homicides
- Effort to streamline TA efforts for jurisdictions exploring implementation of a DVHP intervention
- DVHP interventions require coordinated involvement and commitment of community- and system-based professionals and organizations
- DVHP TARC will help jurisdictions identify and understand needs, gaps, resources, and capacity required to successfully implement a DVHP intervention

# Scope of DVHP TARC

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- Provide customized and intensive TTA on implementing a DVHP intervention
- Engage in a comprehensive community assessment to identify needs, gaps, resources, and capacity to implement a DVHP intervention in a jurisdiction
- Maintain a resource center about existing and new DVHP interventions
- Provide training, TA, and resources for law enforcement, domestic violence victim service providers, prosecutors, judges and other court staff, involved in implementing a DVHP intervention

# Activities of the DVHP TARC

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- Develop and deliver high-quality training, TA, and resources to OVW grantees, sub-grantees, and potential grantees on implementing DVHP interventions.
- TTA may include but is not limited to:
  - Developing/enhancing and deploying a community assessment with a team of experts
  - Development and implementation of strategic plans specific to implementing a DVHP intervention
  - On-site TTA
  - Regional trainings
  - National trainings
  - On-line training including webinars or web-based resources
  - Virtual or telephonic consultation

# OVW Priority Areas

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- Reduce violent crime against women and promote victim safety through investing in law enforcement, increasing prosecution, and promoting effective prevention
- Increase efforts to combat stalking
- Address the specific challenges that rural communities face in responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

Applications proposing activities that address any of the OVW priority areas will be given special consideration

# Activities the Compromise Victim Safety

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- 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
- Applications that propose any such activities may receive a deduction in points during the review process or may be eliminated from consideration entirely
- Information on activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability may be found in the Solicitation Companion Guide



# Out-of-Scope Activities

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- Research projects
- Direct victim services and justice system interventions
- Applications focused on a single state, region, or local geographic community

# Award Period and Amount

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- Initial award period is 39 months, DVHP TARC may receive up to a total of 60 months of funding
- Budgets and the total “estimated funding” on the SF-424 must reflect 39 months of activities
- Award period will start on July 1, 2020
- OVW estimates that it will make 1 award for an estimated \$3,000,000
- The selected applicant may be invited to apply non-competitively for supplemental funding to support the remainder of the 60-month period
- Award will be made as a cooperative agreement
- No match or cost sharing requirement
- Mandatory planning period with OVW and project partners

# Eligibility

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- Institutions of higher education
- Nonprofit organizations

## *Limitation*

- The applicant cannot be an entity that developed or is developing a risk, lethality, danger, or similar DVHP assessment, tool, model, or intervention
- Any tool affiliated with the selected applicant will be excluded from the NDVHP TARC

# Application Requirements

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- Project Concept Narrative
- Four (4) Letters of Support (LOS)

Applications that do not include these documents will be considered substantially incomplete and will not be considered for funding.

Applications are scored in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Summary data sheet – 5 points
- Project concept narrative – 70 points total, of which:
  - Capacity to implement the project – 50 points
  - Staffing plan – 20 points
- Letters of Support – 25 points

# Project Concept Narrative

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- Capacity to Implement the Initiative
  - Successfully Coordinating TTA on a National Level and Managing Large Scale Projects
  - Capacity and Commitment to Develop a Comprehensive Plan to Establish and Implement the NDVHP TARC
- Staffing Plan

# Letters of Support

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- Separate attachments
- Four LOS required
  - A previous recipient of training and/or TA from the applicant.
  - A domestic violence victim service provider or state domestic violence or dual coalition
  - The applicant's administration, executive, board of directors or similarly situated administrative oversight body
  - An individual expert consultant and/or OVW TA provider
- The selected applicant will be required to submit additional documents that includes specific project goals, objectives, and deliverables, and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) during the planning phase

# Budget

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- Not required at the time of submission
- The selected applicant will be required to submit additional documents that includes specific project goals, objectives, and deliverables, and a budget detail worksheet and budget narrative during the planning phase
- OVW expects the planning phase to begin when the award is made, currently estimated for July 2020.

# Grants Financial Management Division

## Pre-Award Risk Assessments

- Summary Data Sheets
  - Single Audit (threshold and fiscal year)
  - IRS three-step safe-harbor procedure – Executive Compensation –
    - Sample Disclosure Letter
    - Address all four parts
  
- Financial Accounting Practices
  - Ten questions; Multiple parts to each question
  - Most Common issues:
    - Brief list of policies and procedures not provided
    - Budgeted vs. Actual process not provided
    - Record Retention policy not provided
    - Knowledge of rules and regulations



# Resources

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Creating a Budget: Training for OVW Applicants –

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants>

Uniform Guidance - 2 CFR Part 200

<https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=2:1.1.2.2.1>

DOJ Financial Guide –

<https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/index.htm>

Program Specific Solicitation -

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>

# Contact Information

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# Reminders

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- Applications are due May 12, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern
- Start the submission process at least 48 hours but no later than 24 hours before May 12, 2020
- Applications submitted after 11:59 p.m. Eastern on May 12, 2020 will not be considered for funding
- Questions regarding the solicitation call OVW at (202) 307-6026 or email [OVW.ICJR@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.ICJR@usdoj.gov)

# Ask a Question

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# Questions

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Q1. We are a nonprofit educational institution but not a 501c3. I'm assuming we would still qualify?

A1. Yes, you would still qualify to apply.

Q2. Was any type of assessment created during the demonstration project? Is that available to review somewhere?

A2. No assessment was created from the DVHP-DI project.

Q3. How much weight would you place on demonstrated previous experience with large scale projects of similar nature?

A3. The Project Concept Narrative is 70 points total. Of that, the Capacity to Implement the Project represents 50 points. Applications are scored out of 100 points so half of an application's total score is based on the Capacity to Implement section.