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# OVW Fiscal Year 2022 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program Solicitation

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## Eligible Applicants:

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Other

## Other

Eligible applicants are limited to: Indian Tribal Governments, authorized designees of Indian Tribal Governments, and tribal consortiums in the United States or U.S. territories. For more information, see the Eligibility Information section of this solicitation.

## Letter of Intent

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a non-binding Letter of Intent to [OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov) by May 4, 2022. Interested applicants who do not submit a Letter of Intent are still eligible to apply. For more information, see the Application and Submission Information section of this solicitation.

## Pre-Application Information Sessions

OVW will post a pre-recorded Pre-Application Information Session on the [OVW website](#). This session is tentatively scheduled to be available by April 15, 2022. For more information, see the Application and Submission Information section of this solicitation.

## Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, email OVW at [OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov). Alternatively, interested parties may call OVW at 202-307-6026.

## Submission Information

**Registration:** To submit an application, all applicants must register online with the System for Award Management (SAM) and with Grants.gov. To ensure sufficient time to complete the registration process, applicants must register online with SAM and with Grants.gov immediately, but no later than May 4, 2022.

**Submission:** Applications for this program will be submitted through a two-step process: (1) submission of the **SF-424 and SF-LLL** in Grants.gov and (2) submission of the **full application** including attachments in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants). Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but not later than 24-48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. For technical assistance with Grants.gov, contact Grants.gov Applicant Support at 1-800-518-4726 or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). For technical assistance with JustGrants, contact OVW JustGrants Support at 1-866-655-4482 or

OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov.

For more information about registration and submission, see the Application and Submission Information section of this solicitation.

**Notification**

OVW anticipates notifying applicants of funding decisions by October 1, 2022.

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## Program Description

### Overview of OVW

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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. OVW grants support coordinated community responses to hold offenders accountable and serve victims.

### Statutory Authority

34 U.S.C. 10452

### About this OVW Program

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. §10452. The Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (referred to as the Tribal Governments Program) (CFDA # 16.587) was authorized to assist tribal governments and authorized designees of tribal governments to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking in their communities. For additional information about this program and related performance measures, including how awards contribute to the achievement of program goals and objectives, see:

- OVW grant program information: [OVW Grants and Programs Webpage](#).
- Program performance measures under the Measuring Effectiveness Initiative: [VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative webpage](#).
- Examples of successful projects in OVW's [most recent report to Congress](#) on the effectiveness of VAWA grant programs.

### Program Scope

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

### Purpose Areas

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. §10452, funds under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Develop and enhance effective governmental strategies to curtail violent crimes against women and increase the safety of Indian women consistent with tribal law and custom.
2. Increase tribal capacity to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking crimes against Indian women.
3. Strengthen tribal justice interventions including tribal law enforcement, prosecution, courts, probation, and correctional facilities.
4. Enhance services to Indian women victimized by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.
5. Work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.
6. Provide programs for supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed by one parent against the other with appropriate security measures, policies, and procedures to protect the safety of victims and their children.
7. Provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking, including rental or utilities payment assistance and assistance with related expenses such as security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing, and support services to enable a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community.
8. Provide legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence, at minimal or no cost to the victims.
9. Provide services to address the needs of youth (ages 11-24 years old) who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking and the needs of youth and children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including support for the non-abusing parent or caretaker of the youth or child.

Develop and promote legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to violent crimes

- against Indian women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.
11. Develop, strengthen, and implement policies, protocols, and training for law enforcement regarding cases of missing or murdered Indians as described in 25 U.S.C. § 5704.
  12. Compile and annually report data to the Attorney General related to missing or murdered Indians, as described in 25 U.S.C. § 5705.

### **Project Types**

Applicants may propose **either**:

1. a Standard Project: Applicants may propose activities under one or more of the twelve statutory purpose areas listed above or
2. an Improving Tribal Responses to Violence Against Native Women (ITR) Capacity-Building Project: ITR Capacity-Building applicants will initially engage in a comprehensive assessment process that identifies the strengths and gaps of their community's responses to domestic and sexual violence. Following the assessment, a customized project implementation plan will be developed in consultation with an OVW-designated Technical Assistance Provider(s).

**Note:** ITR Capacity-Building Projects are intended for applicants who have never received or not recently received an award under the Tribal Governments Program. OVW has the discretion to switch Standard Project applicants to an ITR Capacity-Building Project or vice versa.

### **OVW Priority Areas**

In FY 2022, OVW is interested in supporting the priority area(s) identified below. Applications proposing activities in the following areas will be given special consideration:

- Improve outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from underserved communities, particularly Two-Spirit/LGBTQ victims.

### **Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery or 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. Applications that propose any such activities may receive a deduction in points during the review process or may be eliminated from consideration. 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**

The activities listed below are out of the program scope and will not be supported by this program's funding. See also the list of unallowable costs in the Funding Restrictions section of this solicitation.

1. Research projects. Funds under this program may not be used to conduct research, 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. Prohibited research does not include assessments conducted for internal improvement purposes only (see Limited Use of Funds below). For information on distinguishing between research and assessments, see the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#).
2. Grant funds may not be used to directly address child abuse, child endangerment, other family violence issues (such as violence perpetrated by a child against a parent or by a sibling against another sibling), or neglect or exploitation.
3. Grant funds may not be used to provide substance abuse treatment services. However, grant funds may be used for counseling and referrals related to substance abuse issues.
4. Grant funds may not be used for education and prevention activities for students not specifically related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and/or stalking, such as "sexual harassment," "bullying," or "character building."
5. Grant funds may not be used for criminal representation of victims charged with crimes.

Applications that propose activities deemed to be substantially out-of-scope may receive a deduction in points during the

review process or may be eliminated from consideration.

### Limited Use of Funds

Grantees may use up to three percent of grant award funds 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.

### Activities Requiring Prior Approval

Recipients must receive prior approval before using grant funds to support 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 (see the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) for more information).

### Federal Award Information

#### Solicitation Categories

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

#### Awards, Amounts and Durations

##### Anticipated Number of Awards

60

##### Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards

\$1,000,000.00

##### Period of Performance Start Date

10/1/22 12:00 AM

##### Period of Performance Duration (Months)

36

##### Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation

\$41,000,000.00

### 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 2022 funding, depending on the merits of the applications and the availability of funding.

### Types of Awards

Awards will be made as grants.

### Award Period and Amounts

The award period is 36 months. Budgets must reflect 36 months of project activity, and the total "estimated funding" on the SF-424 must reflect 36 months. OVW anticipates that the award period will start on October 1, 2022.

This program typically makes awards in the range of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. OVW estimates that it will make up to 60 awards for an estimated \$41,000,000.

Funding levels under this program for FY 2022:

1. There is no minimum or maximum award amount.
2. Although there are no budget caps this fiscal year, it is unlikely that grant awards will exceed \$1 million in funding.

### Five-Year Funding Option

Applicants may elect to participate in a Five-Year Funding Option. With this option, applicants in good standing may be eligible for a non-competitive supplemental 24-month award for a total of five years.

Any future supplemental awards will be based on factors, including, but not limited to, grantee performance, accomplishment of project activities, appropriate spend down of existing funding, and OVW's available appropriation.

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

### **Types of Applications**

In FY 2022, OVW will accept applications for this program from the following:

**New:** Applicants that have never received funding under this program or whose previous funding under this program expired on or before May 24, 2021.

**Continuation:** Applicants that have an existing or recently closed (after May 24, 2021) award under this program. Continuation funding is not guaranteed.

Recipients of an FY 2020 or FY 2021 award under this program are NOT eligible to apply as the lead applicant on an FY 2022 proposal.

**Note:** Current grantees with a substantial amount of unobligated funds remaining (50 percent or more of the previous award) as of March 31, 2022 without adequate justification may not be considered for funding or may receive a reduced award amount if selected for funding in FY 2022.

### **Mandatory Program Requirements**

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

1. OVW-sponsored training and technical assistance (TTA).
2. OVW may conduct a program assessment or evaluation necessitating grantee involvement. Therefore, recipients may be expected to dedicate some OVW-funded time and resources to participating in an assessment or evaluation.
3. Recipients must make advance determinations of suitability for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors, in accordance with the award condition on this subject.

### **Eligibility Information**

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10452, the following entities are eligible to apply for this program:

1. Indian Tribal Government, meaning the governing body of an Indian tribe or any tribe, band, pueblo, nation, or other organized group or community (including any Alaska Native Village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.) that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians (34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(16) & (36)).
2. Tribal Designee, meaning an organization that is acting as the authorized designee of an Indian Tribal Government, as defined above.
3. Tribal Consortium, a coalition of two or more separate Indian Tribes that join together for the purpose of participating in self-governance.

#### **Ineligible Entities and Disqualifying Factors**

Applications submitted by ineligible entities or that do not meet all program eligibility requirements will not be considered for funding. In addition, an application 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 of application contents, and 6. timeliness. Failure to comply fully with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements (see Application and Submission section for more information on these requirements) will result in removal from consideration. An applicant with past performance issues, long-standing open audits, or an open criminal investigation also may not be considered for funding.

**Note:** Any nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax

described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code is not eligible for a grant from this program. See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(16)(B)(ii).

### **Cost Sharing or Matching**

This program has no matching or cost-sharing requirement.

### **Other Program Eligibility Requirements**

In addition to meeting the eligible entity requirements outlined above, applicants for this program must also meet the requirements below. All certification and other eligibility related documents must be current and developed in accordance with the FY 2022 solicitation.

Certifications must take the form of a letter, on letterhead, signed, and dated by the authorized representative. Failure to provide required certifications may disqualify an application from further consideration. At a minimum, an application missing the required certification letter will be required to submit a certification letter prior to receiving an award. The signed certification letter must be uploaded as a separate attachment in JustGrants. Sample certification letters can be found on the [OVW website](#).

### Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(12), to be eligible for an award, any recipient or subrecipient providing legal assistance with funds awarded under this program must certify in writing that:

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

### Required Partnerships

Applicants must demonstrate that the proposal was developed in consultation with a qualified partner.

A "qualified partner" is: (1) a nonprofit, nongovernmental Indian victim services program, such as a domestic violence shelter program or rape crisis center; (2) a nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; or (3) an advisory committee that includes women from the community to be served by the proposed project. All applicants **must** submit a Letter of Support from a "qualified partner." For an example of a Letter of Support, visit <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/page/file/1113406/download>. Prior to receipt of an award, an applicant that failed to submit a Letter of Support from a qualified partner will be required to submit one. Failure to submit the required Letter of Support with the application will result in a loss of points during the review process.

**Note:** Tribal Governments with a domestic violence/sexual assault program must submit a Letter of Support from a "qualified partner" as describe above. A Letter of Support solely from the Tribe's domestic violence/sexual assault program does not satisfy this requirement.

### Tribal Designees and Tribal Consortiums ONLY: Tribal Resolution or Other Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply

A Tribal Designee or Consortium applicant must include with its application a Tribal Resolution or Other Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply from each Tribe or Tribal Consortium Member. The Tribal Resolution or Equivalent Documentation must state that the applicant is authorized to submit an application on behalf of the Indian Tribe(s), be current (developed within the open period of the solicitation), and be signed by the authorized representative(s) from the applicant and Tribe(s).

In lieu of a Tribal Resolution, Tribal Consortiums with existing consortium bylaws or other governance documents that allow action without explicit authorization from the Tribal Consortium members may submit a copy of the bylaws or other governance documents that allow the consortium's action, without explicit support from all consortium members. This documentation must be current, must be sufficient to demonstrate authority for the application, must contain authorized signatures, and must be submitted by the application date.

Tribal Designees or Consortium applications that do not include a Tribal Resolution or Equivalent Documentation of Authority to Apply will be removed from consideration.

A Tribe may apply through an authorized Tribal Designee or as part of a Tribal Consortium and also submit a separate application as a lead applicant provided that the separate application requests funding for activities that are different from those for which the Tribal Designee or Consortium has applied.

#### Limit on Number of Applications

OVW will consider only one application per organization for the same service area. In addition, if an applicant submits multiple versions of the same application, OVW will review only the most recent system-validated version submitted before the deadline.

### **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 and on the [OVW website](#). Applicants wishing to request a paper copy of these materials should contact 202-307-6026 or [OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov).

**Pre-Application Information Session:** OVW will post a pre-recorded Pre-Application Information Session on its website. Listening to this session is optional and not a requirement to be eligible to apply. The session is tentatively scheduled to be available by April 15, 2022 on the [OVW website](#).

#### **Content and Form of Application Submission**

The information below (“**Letter of Intent**” through “**Submission Dates and Times**”) describes the full content and form of application submission.

#### **Letter of Intent**

Applicants intending to apply for FY 2022 funding under this program 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. The letter should be submitted to OVW at [OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov) by May 19, 2022. This letter will not obligate the applicant to submit an application. See the [OVW website](#) for a sample Letter of Intent.

#### **Formatting and Technical Requirements**

Applications must follow the requirements below for all documents attached to the application, unless otherwise noted. Points may be deducted for applications that do not adhere to the following requirements:

1. Double-spaced (charts may be single-spaced)
2. 8½ x 11 inch pages
3. One-inch margins
4. Type no smaller than 12 point, Times New Roman (TNR) or Arial font, except for footnotes, which may be in 10-point font
5. Page numbers
6. No more than 25 pages for the Proposal Narrative
7. Word documents in the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc), PDF files (.pdf), or Text Documents (.txt)
8. Headings and sub-headings that correspond to the sections identified in this section of the solicitation

#### **Application Contents**

Applications must include the required documents and demonstrate that the program eligibility requirements have been met. For a complete checklist of the application contents, see the Application Checklist in the Other Information section of this solicitation.

OVW will not contact applicants for missing items on the list below. Applications that do not include all the following documents will be considered substantially incomplete and will not be considered for funding:

1. Proposal Narrative
2. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative
3. Tribal Designees or Tribal Consortium ONLY: Tribal Resolution or Other Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply

#### **Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)**

##### Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

Applicants must complete the SF-424 in Grants.gov. The SF-424 is generated when the applicant begins the submission process in Grants.gov. For Type of Applicant (box 9), do not select "Other". The amount of federal funding requested in the "Estimated Funding" section of this form (box 18a) must match the amount of federal funding requested in the budget section of the application package. This program does not require a match; therefore, the value for the Applicant line (box 18b) should be zero. The individual who is listed as "**Authorized Representative**" (box 21) must be an individual who has the authority to apply for and accept grant awards on behalf of the organization or jurisdiction.

**Intergovernmental Review (SF-424 Question 19):** This solicitation ("funding opportunity") **is not** subject to Intergovernmental Review under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372. In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting the following response: "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372."

##### Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

All applicants must complete and submit the *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* (SF-LLL) form in Grants.gov. Applicants that expend any funds for lobbying activities must provide the information requested on the SF-LLL. **Applicants that do not expend any funds for lobbying activities should enter "N/A" in the required highlighted fields.**

#### **Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency Information)**

This section in the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. Applicants are required to review the Standard Applicant Information and make edits as needed, confirm the Authorized Representative, verify the legal name and address, and enter the ZIP code(s) for the areas affected by the project.

#### **Proposal Abstract**

The Proposal Abstract must provide a short summary (**no more** than two pages double-spaced) of the proposed project, including names of applicant and partners, project title, purpose of the project (including goal and intended outcome), primary activities for which funds are requested, who will benefit (including geographic area to be served), products and deliverables, and how the applicant will measure progress in completing project goals and objectives. Applicants must not summarize past accomplishments in this section. The Proposal Abstract, which is to be entered into a text box in JustGrants, will not be scored but is used throughout the review process.

#### **Data Requested with Application**

The Data Requested with the Application (DRA) includes two surveys that must be completed in JustGrants but are not scored: Pre-Award Risk Assessment and Tribal Governments DRA. A list of the questions included in each survey appears at the end of this solicitation under the heading, Survey Questions. Applicants should click on the Survey Name to access and complete the survey.

#### **Proposal Narrative**

The Proposal Narrative may not exceed 25 pages, double-spaced, and reviewers will not read beyond this page limit. The Proposal Narrative for Standard Projects must include the following three sections: Purpose of the Proposal, What Will Be Done, and Who Will Implement the Proposal. The Proposal Narrative for ITR Capacity-Building Projects must include the following section: What Will Be Done. The total point value for the proposal narrative section is 80 points. Applicants must upload the Proposal Narrative as an attachment in JustGrants.

##### Purpose of the Proposal (10 points) **Standard Projects ONLY**

This section must:

Describe the communities in the service area, including, but not limited to, traditionally underserved populations,

- such as communities of color, individuals with disabilities, individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, persons with limited English proficiency, older adults, and Two Spirit/LGBTQ+ communities.
2. Describe the geographic location of the service area for the project.
  3. Describe the challenge(s) or need(s) faced by the community.
  4. Identify the statutory purpose area(s) the applicant is proposing to address.

What Will Be Done (60 points) **Standard Projects ONLY**

The application must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the "Purpose of the Proposal" section above. The application must not include any of the activities listed as unallowable costs in the Funding Restrictions section of this solicitation.

This section must:

1. Describe how the proposed project will address the challenge(s) or need(s) identified in the Purpose of the Proposal section above.
2. Describe project goals, objectives, activities, tasks, and, if applicable, products/deliverables.
3. If applicable, describe how the proposed project will address the OVW priority area: Improve outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from underserved communities, particularly Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ victims. Explain how the proposed project activities will be tailored to address the needs and challenges of the Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ community.
4. Describe how the proposed project will address the unique needs of the traditionally underserved populations identified in the Purpose of the Proposal section above.
5. 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.

What Will Be Done (80 points) **ITR Capacity-Building Projects ONLY**

This section must:

1. Describe the service area.
2. State whether the proposed project will establish new programming and/or expand existing programming in the area (s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking.
3. Describe, if any, the services currently offered for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking.
4. If applicable, describe how the proposed project will address the OVW priority area: Improve outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from underserved communities, particularly Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ victims. Explain how the proposed project activities will be tailored to address the needs and challenges of the Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ community.
5. List any services that the applicant would like to implement for victims with this project.
6. Identify and describe the role(s) and qualifications of the key individuals and/or organizations, including project partners, that will be involved in the proposed project. Identify the "qualified partner" (1) a nonprofit, nongovernmental Indian victim services program, such as a domestic violence shelter program or rape crisis center; (2) a nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; or (3) an advisory committee that includes women from the community to be served by the proposed project. **Note:** the "qualified partner" cannot be the domestic violence/sexual assault program of a Tribal Government.

ITR Capacity-Building applicants do not need to submit the "Purpose of the Proposal" and "Who Will Implement the Proposal" sections of the Proposal Narrative. ITR Capacity-Building applicants must complete the "Budget and Associated Documentation" and "Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative" sections.

Who Will Implement the Proposal (10 points) **Standard Projects ONLY**

This section must:

1. Identify the key individuals and organizations, including project partners, involved in the proposed project.
2. Demonstrate that the individuals and organizations identified have the capacity to address the stated need and can successfully implement the proposed project activities; attach job descriptions of all key personnel. Identify the "qualified partner": (1) a nonprofit, nongovernmental Indian victim services program, such as a domestic violence shelter program or rape crisis center; (2) a nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; or (3) an advisory committee that includes women from the community to be served by the

proposed project. **Note:** the "qualified partner" cannot be the domestic violence/sexual assault program of a Tribal Government.

4. Describe the applicant's expertise in the areas of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and/or stalking, as appropriate.
5. Describe the project partner(s) expertise in the areas of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and/or stalking, as appropriate.

### **Budget and Associated Documentation**

Applicants must complete the web-based budget form in JustGrants. Applicants also must upload the applicable associated documentation as described below under each heading. The budget worksheet and budget narrative are worth a total of **10 points** and will be reviewed separately from the proposal narrative. The associated documentation will not be scored, but failure to include it may result in removal from consideration or a delay in access to funding.

### **Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)**

Complete the web-based budget worksheet and narrative form for all applicable cost categories. The budget narrative must describe each line item requested in the budget and explain all costs included in the budget, including how the costs of goods and services are determined and how they will fulfill the objectives of the project. Each budget cost category includes a text box to enter the budget narrative for that section. See the sample budget and the Creating a Budget webinar available on the [OVW website](#). Keep in mind that budgetary requirements vary among programs. Applicants must submit reasonable budgets based on the resources needed to implement their projects in their specific geographic location.

### Award Period and Amount

Budgets must cover a project period of 36 months, or three years, starting October 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2025. For FY 2022 there is no minimum or maximum award amount. Although there are no budget caps this fiscal year, it is unlikely that grant awards will exceed \$1 million in funding.

The budget must:

1. Display a clear link between the specific project activities and the proposed budget items. The budget should not contain items that are not supported by the proposal narrative.
2. Include funds to attend OVW-sponsored TTA in the amount of \$30,000 for applicants located in the 48 contiguous states and \$35,000 for applicants located in the territories, Hawaii, and Alaska. This amount is for the entire 36 months and NOT per year. Applicants also may budget expenses in excess of the required amount if they are aware of relevant non-OVW sponsored conferences or training for which they would like permission to use grant funds to support staff/project partner attendance.
3. Include funds or describe other resources available to the applicant to ensure access for individuals with disabilities, Deaf/hard of hearing individuals, and persons with limited English proficiency. See Accessibility under Federal Award Administration Information for more information.
4. Compensate all project partners for their full level of effort, as appropriate. For more information on compensating project partners, see the sample Budget Detail Worksheet on the [OVW website](#).
5. Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.331, a subaward is for the purpose of carrying out a portion of the federal award, such as compensating an MOU partner, and a contract is for the purpose of obtaining goods and services for the grantee's own use. The substance of the relationship is more important than the form of the agreement in determining whether the recipient of the pass-through funds is a subrecipient or a contractor. The awarding and monitoring of contracts must follow the recipient's documented procurement procedures, including full and open competition, pursuant to the procurement standards and monitoring requirements in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317-200.327 & 200.329. The issuance and monitoring of subawards must meet the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.332, which includes oversight of subrecipient/partner spending and monitoring performance measures and outcomes attributable to grant funds. For more information, see the sample Budget Detail Worksheet and the Solicitation Companion Guide on the [OVW website](#).

OVW awards are governed by the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and the [DOJ Financial Guide](#), which include information on allowable costs, methods of payment, audit requirements, accounting systems, and financial records. For additional information on allowable and unallowable costs, see the Funding Restrictions section below and the sample budget on the [OVW website](#).

### **Funding Restrictions**

The following information is provided to allow applicants to develop an application and budget consistent with program

requirements.

#### Unallowable Costs

The costs associated with the activities listed below are unallowable and must not be included in applicants' budgets.

1. Lobbying, except with explicit statutory authorization.
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. Recipients must receive prior approval to use grant funds to provide a working meal and/or refreshments at a meeting, conference, training, or other event; OVW may provide such approval 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. For additional information on restrictions on food and beverage expenditures, see [OVW conference cost planning](#).

#### Conference Planning and Expenditure Limitations

Applicants' budgets must be consistent with all requirements (including specific cost limits and prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (which is defined to include meetings, retreats, seminars, symposiums, training, and other similar events), and costs of attendance at such events. Information on conference planning, minimization of costs, and conference reporting is available at [OVW conference cost planning](#).

#### **Pre-Agreement Cost**

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.

#### **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)**

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs through the use of a negotiated indirect cost rate must have a current, signed, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement and must upload and attach a copy of the agreement to their application in JustGrants. Applicants (other than state, local, and tribal governments that receive more than \$35 million in direct federal funding per year) that do not have a current negotiated (including provisional) rate may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs, which may be used indefinitely.

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

#### **Financial Management Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)**

##### 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](#) and attach it to their application in JustGrants. In addition, applicants may be required to submit their current year's audit report at a later time.

#### **Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation**

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 and must upload and attach a

document with these disclosures to its application in JustGrants.

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 Data Requested with Application section) 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](#).

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).

#### **Additional Application Components**

The following components must be included with the application. Failure to supply this information may result in loss of points and/or removal from consideration for funding. Some components will be generated during the application submission process while others will be uploaded and attached to the application in JustGrants.

#### **Tribal Authorizing Resolution**

#### **Tribal Designees or Tribal Consortiums ONLY**

A Tribal Designee or Tribal Consortium applicant must include with its application a Tribal Resolution or Other Document (s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply from each Tribe or Tribal Consortium member. **Failure to supply this documentation will result in the application being removed from consideration.** For more information, see the "Eligibility Information" section of this solicitation.

#### **Letters of Support**

The Letter of Support is worth 10 points.

All applicants must submit a Letter of Support (LOS) from a "qualified partner": (1) a nonprofit, nongovernmental Indian victim services program, such as a domestic violence shelter program or rape crisis center; (2) a nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; or (3) an advisory committee that includes women from the community to be served by the proposed project.

**Note:** Tribal Governments with a domestic violence/sexual assault program must submit a LOS from a qualified partner as described above. A LOS from the Tribe's domestic violence/sexual assault program does not meet this

requirement.

The LOS must be signed and dated by the Authorized Representative of the proposed partner organization during the development of the application. OVW will accept electronic signatures. LOS missing signatures may result in a point deduction or delay in award, particularly if the LOS is missing the signature of a required partner.

For an example of a Letter of Support visit <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/page/file/1113406/download>.

#### **Letters of Nonsupplanting**

Applicants must attach a letter to OVW's Director, signed by the Authorized Representative, certifying that federal funds will not be used to supplant non-federal funds should a grant award be made. A sample letter is available on the [OVW website](#).

#### **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 upload and attach, under Additional Attachments in JustGrants, the completed acknowledgement form available on the [OVW website](#). This form must be signed by the Authorized Representative.

#### **Disclosures and Assurances**

Review, complete, and submit all disclosures, assurances, and certifications as described below.

##### **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

All applicants must complete and submit the *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* (SF-LLL) form in Grants.gov before beginning the application process in JustGrants.

##### **DOJ Certified Standard Assurances**

Applicants must read and acknowledge the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants.

##### **Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items**

Applicants must disclose all current and recent OVW awards (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](#). The applicant must also provide the same information regarding any current OVW awards, as well as any pending applications, on which the applicant is a subrecipient.

Applicants also must disclose all other federal grant programs from which the applicant currently receives funding or for which it has applied for funding in FY 2022 **to do similar work**. Provide this information in a table using the sample format found on the [OVW website](#). Both tables, if applicable, should be uploaded as attachments in JustGrants.

##### **DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements**

Applicants must read and acknowledge these DOJ certifications in JustGrants.

#### **How to Apply**

Applications must be submitted electronically via Grants.gov and JustGrants. Applicants that are unable to submit electronically must follow the instructions below under OVW Policy on Late Submissions. See **Submission Dates and Times** below for a list of steps for registering with all required systems and deadlines for completing each step.

##### **Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)**

Federal regulations require that an applicant for federal funding: (1) be registered in SAM before submitting its application; (2) provide a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) 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 or plan under consideration by a federal awarding agency. In addition, OVW may not make an award to an applicant until the applicant

has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with these requirements by the time OVW is ready to make an award, then OVW may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award. See 2 C.F.R. §§ 25.200, 25.205.

The Unique Entity ID (SAM) is a 12-character alpha-numeric value and once issued, will not change. Entities that are currently registered in SAM.gov already have a Unique Entity ID (SAM) which can be viewed in SAM.gov. 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 submission of grant applications.

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. 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 registered online with the SAM and with Grants.gov no later than May 4, 2022.

### Submission Dates and Time

After applicants 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 Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). The AOR submits the SF-424 and SF-LLL 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 on the [Grants.gov website](#).

In JustGrants, each applying entity will have an assigned Entity Administrator who is responsible for managing entity-level information and assigning roles in the system. The Entity Administrator is also the E-Biz POC designated in SAM.gov. See the [JustGrants website](#) for more information on registering with JustGrants.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is complete and submitted by the deadline. Failure to meet the submission deadline will result in an application not being considered for funding. Applicants should refer to the list below to ensure that all required steps and deadlines are met.

**Failure to begin registration or application submission by the deadlines stated in the list below is not an acceptable reason for late submission.**

### Applicant Actions with Required Dates/Deadlines

- 1. Register directly in SAM by May 4, 2022 and be assigned a Unique Entity ID (SAM) upon registration.** Access the SAM online registration through the SAM homepage and follow the online instructions for new SAM users. **Entities must update or renew their SAM registration at least once a year to maintain an active status.**
- 2. Register with Grants.gov by May 4, 2022.** Once the SAM registration is active, the applicant will be able to complete the Grants.gov registration.
- 3. Submit Letter of Intent by May 4, 2022** to the Tribal Governments Program, OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov, and 202-307-6026.
- 4. If necessary, request hardcopy submission by May 17, 2022.** Applicants that cannot submit an application electronically due to lack of internet access must contact the program at 202-307-6026 or OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov to request permission to submit a hardcopy application.
- 5. Download updated version of Adobe Acrobat at least 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline.** 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 solicitation and to submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL on Grants.gov. Go to the [Adobe Software Compatibility](#) page to verify that the Adobe software version is compatible with [Grants.gov](#).
- 6. Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov as early as possible, but no later than 24 – 48 hours prior to the Grants.gov deadline.** Applicants may find this funding opportunity on Grants.gov by using the CFDA/Assistance Listing number, Grants.gov opportunity number, or the title of this solicitation, all of which can be found on the cover page. Submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL well ahead of the Grants.gov deadline provides time to correct any rejections. The Grants.gov Workspace Status will change from "In Progress" to "Submitted" once the application has been successfully submitted in Grants.gov. Within 48 hours after submitting the application in Grants.gov, the applicant should receive four notifications from Grants.gov (i.e., submission receipt, validation receipt, grantor agency retrieval receipt, and agency tracking number assignment). Note: It is possible to receive the submission receipt and then receive a rejection notice a few minutes or hours later.  
**Register the Entity Administrator and the Application Submitter with JustGrants as early as possible but no**

later than 48-72 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Within 24 hours AFTER receiving a confirmation email from Grants.gov, the applicant will receive an email from [DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov](mailto:DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive an emailed link to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. The Entity Administrator also will need to log into JustGrants to review and invite the applicant's Authorized Representative(s) before an application can be submitted. More information on JustGrants roles is available on the [JustGrants website](#).

8. **Submit the complete application package at least 24 – 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline.** Some of the application components will be entered directly into JustGrants, and others will require uploading attached documents. Therefore, applicants will need to allow ample time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare each component. Applicants may save their progress in the system and revise the application as needed prior to hitting the Submit button at the end of the application in JustGrants. The Application Submitter, Entity Administrator, and Authorized Representative(s) will receive an email from JustGrants confirming submission of the application.
9. **Confirm application receipt:** Applicants should closely monitor their email and JustGrants accounts for any notifications from Grants.gov or JustGrants about a possible failed submission. The user who is authorized to submit applications on behalf of the organization is the one who will receive these notifications. OVW does not send out these notifications, nor does OVW receive a copy of these notifications. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify OVW of any problems with the application submission process. **Submitting the application components at least 48 hours before each deadline (Grants.gov or JustGrants, as applicable) will enable the applicant to receive notice of a failed submission and provide an opportunity to correct the error before the applicable deadline.**

#### **OVW Policy on Late Submissions/Other Submission Requirements**

Applications not submitted by **9:00 p.m. E.T. on May 24, 2022** 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 deadline. The lists below provide a description of the circumstances under which OVW will consider such requests. 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 the review process and criteria described in this solicitation.

To ensure fairness for all applicants, OVW requires that applicants requesting late submission adhere to the following:

#### **Experiencing Technical Difficulties Beyond the Applicant's Reasonable Control**

##### Issue with [SAM](#), Grants.gov, or JustGrants Registration

1. Register and/or confirm existing registration at least three weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure that the individual who will be submitting the application has [SAM](#), Grants.gov, and JustGrants 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.

**Note: Failure to begin the SAM, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration process in sufficient time (i.e., by the date identified in this solicitation) is not an acceptable reason for late submission.**

##### Unforeseeable Technical Difficulties During the Submission Process

1. Contact Grants.gov or OVW JustGrants, as applicable, for Applicant/User Support at least 24 hours prior to the applicable deadline.
2. Maintain documentation of all communication with Grants.gov or JustGrants Applicant/User Support.
3. Prior to the applicable deadline, contact this program, via email at [OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov) indicating that the applicant is experiencing technical difficulties, including issues with [SAM.gov](#), Grants.gov, or JustGrants, and would like permission to submit a late application. The email must include the following:
  - A detailed description of the difficulty that the applicant is experiencing.
  - The contact information (name, telephone, and email) for the individual making the late submission request.
  - The applicant's DUNS/UEI number.
  - Grants.gov or JustGrants application numbers and User Support tracking numbers
  - In the case of technical difficulties, the complete application packet (Proposal Narrative, Budget and Budget Narrative, Letter of Support, and a Tribal Resolution or Other Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply (Tribal Designees or Tribal Consortiums ONLY)).

**Common foreseeable technical difficulties for which OVW will not approve a late submission:** (1) Using an outdated version of Adobe Acrobat; and (2) Attachment rejection (Grants.gov will reject attachments with names that contain certain unallowable characters).

**Note:** Through Grants.gov and JustGrants, OVW can confirm when submission began. Applicants that attempt final submission less than 24 hours before the deadline will not be considered for late submission. By beginning the final submission process 24-48 hours before the deadline, applicants should have sufficient time to receive notice of problems with their submissions and make necessary corrections.

#### Severe Inclement Weather or Natural or Man-Made Disaster

1. Contact this program at OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov as soon as the applicant is aware of severe weather or a natural or man-made disaster that may impede the submission of an application by the deadline. The email should include a detailed description of the weather event or natural or man-made disaster. A detailed description includes when the event occurred, or is likely to occur, the impacted area, and the specific impact on the applicant and/or partners' ability to submit the application by the deadline (e.g., without power for "x" days, office closed for "x" days). If the application is complete and ready for the submission at the time the applicant notifies OVW, the application should be included with the email.
2. Applicants impacted by severe weather or a natural or man-made disaster occurring on the deadline must contact OVW within 48 hours after the due date or as soon as communications are restored.

**Note: OVW may not be able to accommodate all requests resulting from severe inclement weather or a natural or man-made disaster.**

OVW will review the request for late submission and required documents and notify the applicant whether the request has been approved or denied within 30 days of the submitted request.

### **Application Review Information**

#### **Review Criteria**

Applications will be scored based on the degree to which the application responds to each section and addresses each element in the section. Furthermore, applications will be scored based upon the quality of the response, capacity of the applicant and any partners, and the level of detail provided. Each element **must** be addressed in the section in which it is requested. Points may be deducted if the applicant does not include the information in the appropriate section regardless 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 Tribal Governments Program, scoring will be as follows:

1. Proposal narrative: (80) points, of which:
  - A. Purpose of the proposal: (10) points for Standard applications.
  - B. What will be done: (60) points for Standard applications and (80) points for ITR Capacity-Building applications.
  - C. Who will implement the proposal: (10) points for Standard applications.
2. Budget worksheet and budget narrative: (10) points for Standard and ITR Capacity-Building applications.
3. Letter of Support: (10) points for Standard and ITR Capacity-Building applications.

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 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 program's scope, activities that compromise victim safety, and, if applicable, past performance and priority area review. OVW reserves the right to deduct points from applications for the following reasons:

1. Activities that compromise victim safety and recovery and undermine offender accountability (deduct up to 5 points).
2. Out-of-scope and unallowable activities (deduct up to 5 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.**

#### *Past Performance Review*

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

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

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 the Federal Award Performance and Integrity Information System or 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. § 200.206.

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 down 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 may not be considered for funding.

#### **Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates**

It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by October 1, 2022.

#### **Federal Award Administration Information**

##### **Federal Award Notices**

Successful applicants will receive OVW award notifications electronically from JustGrants (not Grants.gov). Recipients will be required to log into JustGrants to review and accept the award. The Authorized Representative must acknowledge

having read and understood all sections of the award instrument and submit the required declaration and certification to accept the award; these steps will be completed electronically in JustGrants.

### **Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal 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 on the [OVW website](#). 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 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. Recipients may provide sex-segregated or sex-specific programming if doing so is necessary for the essential operation of a program, so long as the recipient provides comparable services to those who cannot be provided with the sex-segregated or sex-specific programming. Additional information on the civil rights obligations of OVW funding recipients can be found in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) under "Civil Rights Compliance."

#### Accessibility

Recipients of OVW funds must comply with applicable federal civil rights laws, which, among other things, prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability and national origin. Compliance with these laws includes taking reasonable steps to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful access to recipients' programs and activities and that these programs and activities are readily accessible to individuals with disabilities. More information on these obligations is available in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) under "Civil Rights Compliance."

### **General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements**

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

### **Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)**

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the following:

- Programmatic questions, contact this program at 202-307-6026 or [OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov).
- Financial questions, contact 888-514-8556 or [ovw.gfmd@usdoj.gov](mailto:ovw.gfmd@usdoj.gov)
- Technical questions:
  - Grants.gov Applicant Support at 800-518-4726 or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
  - OVW JustGrants Support at 1-866-655-4482 or [OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov)

### **Other Information**

#### **Public Reporting Burden- Paper Work 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.

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

**of Information Act.**

**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. <b>Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424.</b>	
1. <b>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL).</b>	
1. <b>Proposal Abstract.</b>	
1. <b>Letter of Intent.</b>	
1. <b>Surveys:</b>  a. <b>Pre-Award Risk Assessment</b> b. <b>Tribal Governments Data Requested with the Application (DRA).</b>	
1. <b>Proposal Narrative:</b>  a. <b>Purpose of the Proposal (Standard Projects only).</b> b. <b>What Will Be Done (both Standard and ITR Capacity-Building Projects).</b> c. <b>Who Will Implement the Proposal (Standard Projects only).</b>	
1. <b>Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative.</b>	
1. <b>Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable).</b>	
1. <b>Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable).</b>	
1. <b>Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable).</b>	
1. <b>Tribal Authorizing Resolution or Other Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply (Tribal Designees or Tribal Consortiums ONLY).</b>	
1. <b>Letter of Support.</b>	
1. <b>Letter of Nonsupplanting.</b>	
1. <b>Confidentiality Notice Form.</b>	
1. <b>Application Disclosure(s) of Duplication in Cost Items</b>	
1. <b>Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification Letter (if applicable).</b>	

**Survey Questions**

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Tribal Governments - Data Requested with Application

Applicants must respond to each question. The Data Requested with Application questionnaire is a required element and must be fully completed and submitted to successfully apply for this program.

**Grant Point of Contact Information**

1. Provide the following information for the grant point-of-contact. This person must be an employee of the applicant.

Name

Title

Address

Telephone number

Email address

## Organizational Questions

2. Is the applicant (the organization whose unique entity identifier/DUNS number is being used for the application) serving as a fiscal agent? A fiscal agent is an entity that does not participate in implementation of the project and passes all funds through to subrecipients, conducting minimal administrative activities. Note: The fiscal agent must be an eligible applicant for the program.

List all subrecipients

The applicant must check the box to acknowledge that the applicant will be responsible for all applicable statutory, fiscal, and programmatic requirements, including those of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as well as all project deliverables.

3. Has the applicant expended \$750,000 or more in federal funds in the applicant's past fiscal year?

Specify the end date of the applicant's fiscal year.

4. Is the applicant a nonprofit organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code?

Note: Any entity that is eligible for this program based on its status as a nonprofit organization must upload proof of 501(c)(3) status in the Additional Application Components section of JustGrants

5. Is the applicant a nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code?

6. Is the applicant a nonprofit organization that uses the Internal Revenue Service's three-step safe-harbor procedure to establish a rebuttable presumption that its executives' compensation is reasonable? For additional information about the safe-harbor procedure, see "Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation" in the Budget and Associated Documentation section of this solicitation.

Note: Applicant must upload the required Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation in the Budget/Financial Attachments section of JustGrants.

7. Is the applicant one of the following (check all that apply). Note: Checking any of these categories will not determine eligibility for funding; eligibility criteria, including related documentation requirements, are set forth in the Eligibility section of the solicitation.

8. Does the application propose to focus on a rural community or area (as defined by 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(26))?

9. Is the applicant a federally recognized tribe?

10. Is the applicant a tribal organization as defined by 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(38)?

11. Is the applicant a partner/subrecipient on a current grant or pending application for this grant program?

If a partner/subrecipient on a current award, provide the year of the award and the role of the applicant on the award.

If a partner/subrecipient on another pending application, provide the name of the applicant organization.

12. Are any proposed project partner(s)/subrecipient(s) on this application also a recipient, or project partner/subrecipient, on a current grant or another pending application for this grant program? If yes, the applicant is required to provide information on the relevant project partner(s)/subrecipient(s). The questionnaire allows for three project partner(s)/subrecipient(s). If the proposed project includes additional project partner(s)/subrecipient(s) that are on current grants or pending applications, contact the Program Unit at the email provided in this solicitation.

Provide the following information for the partner/subrecipient.

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13. Does the applicant propose to participate in the Five-Year Funding Option?

## **Pre-Award Risk Assessment 2**

### Pre-Award Risk Assessment 3

Will all funds awarded under this program be maintained in a manner that they will be accounted for separately and distinctly from other sources of revenue/funding? Provide a brief description of the applicant's policies and procedures that ensure funds will be tracked appropriately.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Does the applicant have a documented records retention policy? If so, briefly describe the policy and confirm that the policy complies with federal regulations. Information on Record Retention and Access can be found at 2 C.F.R. 200.334-200.338.

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.

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.GFMDusdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.GFMDusdoj.gov) or 1-888-514-8556 immediately after the applicant is notified of its award to coordinate training.

Does the applicant have policies and procedures in place to manage subawards and monitor activities of subrecipients as necessary to ensure that subawards are used for authorized purposes, in compliance with laws, regulations, and terms and conditions of the award, and that established subaward performance goals are achieved (2 C.F.R. 200.331-200.333)? Provide a brief description of the organization's policies and procedures on subrecipient management and monitoring.

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.

Is the applicant designated as high risk by a federal agency outside of DOJ? ("High risk" includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the applicant entity's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the applicant entity.) If so, provide the name(s) of the federal awarding agency, the date(s) the agency notified the applicant entity of the high risk designation,

contact information for the high risk point of contact at the federal agency, and the reason for the high risk status, as set out by the federal agency.