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## **OVW Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program - Solicitation Assistance Listing Number # 16.024**

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**Application JustGrants Deadline:** May 04, 2023 9:00 PM ET

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### **Overview**

#### **Eligible Applicants:**

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Other

#### **Other**

Eligible applicants are limited to: **Indian tribes, tribal consortiums, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations**. 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.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov) by April 4, 2023. 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 Session(s)**

OVW will conduct an optional web-based Pre-Application Information Session. 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.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov). Alternatively, interested parties may call OVW at

202-307-6026.

## **Submission Information**

### **Registration: OVW encourages first time applicants to apply for funding.**

Organizations applying for the first time for federal funding must complete a multi-step registration process with the following systems: System for Award Management (SAM), Grants.gov, and JustGrants (after successful SAM and Grants.gov registrations).

Organizations that have applied for funding previously must ensure their accounts with SAM, Grants.gov, and JustGrants are active and up to date.

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties with SAM should go to [https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd\\_sp](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp).

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties with Grants.gov should contact [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties with JustGrants should contact [OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov).

Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the registration process or ensure that all accounts are active and up to date by April 10, 2023.

### **Submission:**

Applications will be submitted to OVW in two steps:

**Step 1:** The applicant must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424) and the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL) in Grants.gov - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html>.

**Step 2:** The applicant must then submit the full application, including attachments, in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. OVW encourages applicants to review the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) and the JustGrants website for more information, resources, and training.

For more information about registration and submission, see the Prior to Application Submission and How to Apply sections of this solicitation.

### **Notification**

OVW anticipates notifying applicants of funding decisions by October 1, 2023.

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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. 12511(e)

### About this OVW program

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C § 12511(e). The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP) (CFDA # 16.024) supports efforts to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by Tribes, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations within Indian country and Alaska Native villages. TSASP supported projects provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, or police departments), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, non-offending family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault. 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](#).
- Program-specific sections in OVW's [most recent report to Congress](#) on the effectiveness of VAWA grant programs.

### What's New About this OVW Program

The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 added “direct payments” to the list of items that may constitute “intervention and related assistance” for victims of sexual assault under the TSASP statute. See the Purpose Areas and Budget sections of this solicitation for more information.

### 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. § 12511(e), funds under this program must be used to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects within Indian country and Alaska Native villages to provide intervention and related assistance to those victimized by sexual assault.

By statute, 34 U.S.C. § 12511(b)(2)(C), "intervention and related assistance" includes:

1. 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral.
2. Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, including medical facilities, police, and court proceedings.
3. Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, direct payments, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members.
4. Information and referral to assist the sexual assault victim and family or household members.
5. Community-based, culturally specific services and support mechanisms, including outreach activities for underserved communities
6. The development and distribution of materials on issues related to the services described in (1) – (5).

**Note: Direct payments to victims and their family or household members must be for costs directly related to the sexual assault.**

## **OVW Priority Areas**

In FY 2023, OVW has five programmatic priorities, of which the priority area identified below is applicable to this program. Applicants are strongly encouraged, but not required, to address a priority area. Applications proposing activities in the following area will be given special consideration.

1. Improve outreach, services, and support for survivors of sexual assault from underserved victims within tribal communities, particularly two-spirit victims. Examples of activities that can address this priority area include proposing to provide services tailored to the needs of the underserved population or expanding referrals for services to community-based organizations that serve a particular underserved community.

## **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. Please note that OVW will support survivor-centered alternative pathways to justice and non-criminal approaches to accountability that fall within the statutory scope of this program. 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. Activities focused on prevention efforts and public education (e.g., bystander intervention, social norms campaigns, and presentations on healthy relationships),
3. Criminal justice-related projects, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and forensic interviews.
4. Providing domestic violence or dating violence victim services unrelated to intimate partner sexual violence.
5. Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examiner programs.
6. Sexual Assault Response Team coordination.
7. Providing training to allied professionals and the community (e.g., law enforcement, child protection services, prosecution, other community-based organizations or tribal agencies).

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**

**Awards, Amounts and Durations**

**Anticipated Number of Awards**

15

**Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards**

\$525,000

**Period of Performance Start Date**

10/1/23

**Period of Performance Duration (Months)**

36

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

\$7,800,000

**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 2023 funding, depending on the merits of the applications and the availability of funding.

**Type of Award**

Awards will be made as grants.

**Project Types**

Applicants may propose to implement either a Standard project or an Improving Tribal Responses to Sexual Assault (ITRSA) Capacity-Building project.

**Standard project:**





## Types of Applications

In FY 2023, OVW will accept applications for this program from eligible applicants that did not receive an FY 2021 or FY 2022 TSASP award. All FY 2023 awards will be processed as new awards. Recipients of an FY 2021 or FY 2022 award are not eligible to apply as the lead applicant or as a partner/subrecipient on an FY 2023 proposal.

Note: Current grantees with a substantial amount of unobligated funds remaining (50 percent or more of the previous award) as of March 31, 2023, without adequate justification may not be considered for funding or may receive a reduced award amount if selected for funding in FY 2023.

## 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. Collection and reporting of performance indicators. Forms, instructions, training, and related tools for each OVW program are available on the [VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative](#) webpage.
3. 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..
4. All applicants participating in the Five-Year Funding Option are required to participate in a mandatory Project Implementation Workshop during the initial 36-month award period
5. **Provision of direct victim services to survivors of sexual assault.**  
**Applications must address both of the following requirements:**

- provision of core sexual assault victim services including at minimum: crisis intervention; advocacy and accompaniment; information and referral; counseling; support groups; and support for those collaterally affected by the victimization, including the victim's non-offending family or household members; **and**
- provision of services for a broad range of survivors of sexual assault perpetrated by a non-intimate partner (e.g., victims of sex trafficking who have also experienced sexual assault, adults abused as children, male survivors, child and youth survivors, and adults sexually assaulted by a non-intimate partner, such as a stranger, neighbor, family member, or coworker).

**Note: Applications failing to address both of the direct service requirements may receive a deduction in points during the review process and/or be required to**

**revise project goals and objectives prior to receiving an award.**

## Eligibility Information

### Eligible Applicants

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12511(e), the following entities are eligible to apply for this program:

1. Indian Tribes: A tribe, band, pueblo, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians, 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)(22)).
2. Tribal Consortiums: A coalition of two or more separate Indian Tribes that join together for the purpose of participating in self-governance.

**Note: For applicants applying as a tribal consortium, the applicant must submit documentation of authority to apply from each tribal consortium member, unless existing consortium bylaws or other governance documents allow action without explicit authorization from the consortium member tribes. In that case, a copy of the bylaws or other governance documents that allow the consortium's action, without explicit authorization from all consortium members, must be included with the application. This documentation must be current, must be sufficient to demonstrate authority for the application, must contain authorized signature(s), and must be submitted by the application due date.**

3. Tribal Organizations: (1) the governing body of any Indian Tribe; or (2) any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body of a Tribe or Tribes to be served, or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities (34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(45)).
4. Nonprofit Tribal Organizations: (1) a victim service provider that has as its primary purpose to assist American Indian or Alaska Native victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and (2) staff and leadership of the organization must include persons with a demonstrated history of assisting American Indian or Alaska Native victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (34 U.S.C. § 12291(a) (45)).

**Note: A victim service provider is a nonprofit, nongovernmental or tribal organization or rape crisis center, including a state or tribal domestic violence and/or sexual assault coalition, that assists or advocates for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victims, including a domestic violence shelter, faith-based organization or other organization, with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(50)). Victim service providers must provide direct services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as one of their primary purposes and have a demonstrated history of effective work in this field.**

#### Faith-Based and Community Organizations

Faith Based and community organizations, including culturally specific organizations, tribal organizations, and population specific organizations, that meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this solicitation (see “Faith-Based Organizations” on the [OVW website](#) for more information).

#### 501(c)(3) Status

Any entity that is eligible for this program based on its status as a nonprofit organization must be an 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. See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(i).

#### **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)(15)(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 2023 solicitation.

### Eligible Service Area

Eligibility is limited to Indian tribes, tribal consortiums, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations with programs and activities within Indian country and Alaska Native villages. See 34 U.S.C. § 12511(e)(2)(B).

**Note: The term “Indian country” means “(a) all land within the limits of any Indian reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States Government, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, and, including rights-of-way running through the reservation, (b) all dependent Indian communities within the borders of the United States whether within the original or subsequently acquired territory thereof, and whether within or without the limits of a state, and (c) all Indian allotments, the Indian titles to which have not been extinguished, including rights-of-way running through the same.” 18 U.S.C. § 1151. The term “Alaska Native village” has the same meaning given that term in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq.). 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(2).**

### 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

### Content of Application Submission

#### 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.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov).

#### Pre-Application Information Session(s)

OVW will conduct a web-based pre-application information session. During this session, OVW staff will review this program’s requirements, review the solicitation, and allow for a brief question and answer period. The session is tentatively scheduled for:

- March 30, 2023 at 2:00 pm EST

Participation in a pre-application information session is optional and not a requirement to be eligible to apply.

To register, contact the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program at [OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov) or at 202-307-6026. Registration must be received at least two days prior to the start of the session. Participants are not registered until they receive a confirmation email. The webinar will be captioned in English and Spanish. Interested applicants needing additional language assistance should contact this program at [OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov) or at 202-307-6026 as soon as possible, but no later than March 23, 2023.

The information below (“**Letter of Intent**” through “**How to Apply**”) describes the full content and form of application submission.

## **Content and Form of Application Submissions**

### **Letter of Intent**

Applicants intending to apply for FY 2023 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.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov) by April 4, 2023. 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 15 pages for the Proposal Narrative
7. 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.

**Applications that do not include all the following documents will be considered substantially incomplete, which may result in removal from consideration for funding, or if awarded, may result in award conditions precluding access to funds.**

1. Proposal Narrative
2. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative
3. Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply (not required for Indian Tribes)

### **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 of the application. 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**

All applicants must complete and submit, as an attachment, the Pre-Award Risk Assessment and the Summary Data Sheet in JustGrants. These documents are not scored.

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

Each applicant must respond to each question. **Do not submit responses from a prior fiscal year without updating them to be responsive to all questions listed in the questionnaire.** This information will be used for a mandatory pre-award risk assessment. Failure to provide this information or to respond to questions from OVW regarding this information in a timely manner could result in the application being removed from consideration or a delay in access to funds. Provide complete responses that address all questions included for each numbered item.

1. 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.
2. Does the applicant have written accounting policies and procedures? How often are these policies and procedures updated? Provide a brief list of the topics covered in the applicant's policies and procedures. OVW may request a copy for review during the application/award process or as part of the grant monitoring process.
3. Is the applicant's financial management system able to track actual expenditures and outlays with budgeted amounts for each grant or subgrant? Provide a brief summary of the organization's process for tracking expenditures, including tracking budgeted versus actual amounts.
4. Does the applicant have procedures in place for minimizing the time between transfer of funds from the United States Treasury and disbursement for project activities? Provide a short summary of the applicant's policy for requesting payments for grant awards.
5. Does the applicant have effective internal controls in place to ensure that federal funds are used solely for authorized purposes? Provide a brief description of the



applicant's internal controls that will provide reasonable assurance that the award funds will be managed properly.

6. Does the applicant have a documented records retention policy? If so, briefly describe the policy and confirm that the policy complies with federal regulations. Information on Record Retention and Access can be found at 2 C.F.R. 200.334-200.338.
7. Does the applicant or any of its employees have any potential personal or organizational conflicts of interest related to the possible receipt of OVW award funds? Applicants are required to disclose in writing any potential conflicts of interest to their awarding agency. See 2 C.F.R. 200.112 and Chapter 3.20, Grant Fraud, Waste and Abuse, of the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) for additional information.
8. Is the individual primarily responsible for fiscal and administrative oversight of grant awards familiar with the applicable grants management rules, principles, and regulations including the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 C.F.R. Part 200)? Provide a short list of the individual's qualifications/experience. If the individual is not familiar with the applicable rules and regulations, the applicant must contact OVW's Grants Financial Management Division at [OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov) or 1-888-514-8556 immediately after the applicant is notified of its award to coordinate training.
9. Does the applicant have policies and procedures in place to manage subawards and monitor activities of subrecipients as necessary to ensure that subawards are used for authorized purposes, in compliance with laws, regulations, and terms and conditions of the award, and that established subaward performance goals are achieved (2 C.F.R. 200.331-200.333)? Provide a brief description of the organization's policies and procedures on subrecipient management and monitoring.
10. Does the applicant currently require employees to maintain time distribution records that accurately reflect the work performed on specific activities or cost objectives in order to support the distribution of employees' salaries among federal awards or other activities (2 C.F.R. 200.430)? Budget estimates do not qualify as support for charges to federal awards. Provide a brief description of the organization's established timekeeping policies and procedures.
11. 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 names(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.

### **Summary Data Sheet**

The Summary Data Sheet must be uploaded as an attachment in JustGrants and should

be one to four pages in length (single or double spaced). The Summary Data Sheet does not count toward the 15-page limit for the Proposal Narrative. Several of the items below are required for every applicant for OVW funding and therefore may not be obviously relevant or specifically drafted for this program. Applicants should provide the most accurate answers. Responses to these items alone will not result in removal from consideration or determine eligibility for any funding priorities described in the solicitation for this program. Provide the following information:

1. Name, title, address, telephone number, and email address for the grant point of contact. This person must be an employee of the applicant.
2. Statement as to whether the applicant (the organization whose unique entity identifier/DUNS number is being used for the application) will serve 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 only administrative activities. If this is the case, the applicant must include a statement acknowledging that, should an award be made, the applicant will be responsible for all applicable statutory, fiscal, and programmatic requirements, including those of 2 CFR Part 200, as well as all project deliverables. The applicant must also list all of the entities with which it will enter into subaward agreements to implement the project. **Note: The fiscal agent must be an eligible applicant for this program.**
3. Statement as to whether the applicant has expended \$750,000 or more in federal funds in the applicant's past fiscal year. If so, specify the end date of the applicant's fiscal year.
4. Statement as to whether the applicant is 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. Statement as to whether the applicant is a nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
6. Statement as to whether the applicant is a nonprofit organization that uses the Internal Revenue Service's three-step safe-harbor procedure to establish a rebuttable presumption that its executives' compensation is reasonable. 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: Applicants that use the safe-harbor procedure must upload the required Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation in the Budget/Financial Attachments section of JustGrants.**
7. Statement as to whether the applicant is a faith-based organization.
8. Statement as to whether the applicant is a culturally-specific organization (defined as a private nonprofit/tribal organization for which the primary purpose of the

organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks, or Hispanics).

9. Statement as to whether the applicant is a sexual assault victim service provider (defined as a victim service provider for which the primary purpose of the organization is to provide intervention and related assistance to victims of sexual assault without regard to their age).
10. Statement as to whether the application proposes to focus on a rural community or area (as defined by 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(32)).
11. Statement as to whether the applicant is a federally recognized tribe.
12. Statement as to whether the applicant is a tribal organization as defined by 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(45).
13. Statement as to whether the applicant is 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.
14. Statement as to whether any proposed project partner(s)/subrecipient(s) on this application is also a recipient, or partner/subrecipient, on a current grant or another pending application for this grant program. If so, the applicant is required to provide the following information on the relevant project partner(s)/subrecipient(s):
  - Partner/subrecipient name
  - Year of award or pending application
  - Role of partner/subrecipient
15. Statement as to whether the application proposes to address the following OVW Priority Area: Improve outreach, services, and support for survivors of sexual assault from underserved victims from tribal communities, particularly two-spirited victims.
16. Identify applicant type. Note: see the eligibility requirements/definitions in the Eligibility Information section of this solicitation.
  - Indian Tribe
  - Tribal Consortium
  - Tribal Organization
  - Nonprofit Tribal Organization
17. Identify the type of application
  - Standard
  - Improving Tribal Responses to Sexual Assault Against Native Women (ITRSA Capacity-Building)
18. Does the application propose to focus programs and activities within Indian country or Alaskan Native villages? See the Eligibility Information section of the solicitation for the definitions of Indian country and Alaska Native villages.
19. List each Pueblo/Nation/Tribe/Band/Alaska Native Village where the project will be implemented.

## **Proposal Narrative**

The Proposal Narrative may not exceed 15 pages, double-spaced, and reviewers will not read beyond this page limit. The Proposal Narrative must include the sections below. The total point value for the proposal narrative section is **80 points**. Applicants must upload the Proposal Narrative as an attachment in JustGrants.

## **STANDARD PROJECTS**

### Purpose of the Proposal (20 points)

This section must clearly state the need for the project.

1. Describe the tribal community(ies) 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 LGBTQ+ two-spirit communities.
  - a. Geographic location
  - b. Demographic profile of the populations in the service area (e.g. tribal and non-tribal residents, poverty rate, workforce profile, or other relevant information)
2. Using local data (reference the data source), discuss, in general, the problem of sexual assault within the tribal community.
3. Discuss culturally specific sexual assault training and TA resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project.
4. For each of the following community resources listed below, describe services currently available to the target population(s) that will be served by the project. Include both tribal and non-tribal resources. Specifically discuss gaps and/or barriers to accessing the services for American Indian and Alaska Native sexual assault survivors and their family or household members. Include a specific statement if the resource does not exist in the service area.
  - a. victim advocacy program(s),
  - b. law enforcement,
  - c. civil and criminal courts,
  - d. sexual assault forensic exams and follow-up health care services, and
  - e. mental health services – adult and child.

### What Will Be Done (45 points)

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. Clearly define and describe the measurable goals, objectives, activities, timeline for implementation (by project month or quarter), and person responsible for each task of the proposed project. **\*See the note below.**
2. Describe how the proposed project will account for and meet the unique cultural concerns and needs of sexual assault survivors and their families within the tribal community(ies) to be served.
3. Describe how the proposed project will ensure outreach and response to a broad range of survivors of sexual violence (e.g., victims of sex trafficking who have also experienced sexual assault, adults abused as children, male survivors, child and youth survivors, and adults sexually assaulted by a person other than an intimate partner, such as a stranger, neighbor, family member, or coworker, community leader, clergy/spiritual leader). In consideration of funding limitations and community needs, applicants may choose to focus on a specific age range.
4. Discuss the plan to ensure that key individuals involved in the proposed project receive sexual assault specific training and TA. **Note: The \$35,000 set aside for TTA may include support for specialized professional development, training, and clinical supervision for counselors and advocates.**
5. Describe how the proposed project will address the unique needs of the traditionally underserved populations identified in the Purpose of the Proposal section above.
6. Describe how the proposed project will be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities, individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, and persons with limited English proficiency.
7. Describe how survivors and individuals with applicable lived experiences related to the project (such as involvement in the justice system, homelessness, or substance use) have been consulted to inform or otherwise contributed to the development of the proposed project and/or will be consulted as the project is implemented.

**\*Note: Project activities must be directly related to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for sexual assault victims, family and household members of such victims, and those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization. Core victim services must include, at minimum: crisis intervention, advocacy and accompaniment, information and referral, counseling, support groups, and support for those collaterally affected by the victimization, including non-offending family and household members.**

Applicants may use a chart to help fulfill this section. The chart may be single spaced.

Example Table of Goals, Objectives, and Implementation Steps for "What Will be Done"

Section of Narrative

<b>Project Goal</b>			
<b>Objective 1.</b>			
	<b>Need(s) Activity Responds To</b>	<b>Who is Responsible</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Activity 1.			
Activity 2.			
<b>Objective 2.</b>			
Activity 1.			
Activity 2.			

Who Will Implement the Proposal (15 points)

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.

For an applicant applying as an Indian Tribe:

1. Identify where the program responsible for implementing the proposed project is situated within the Tribe’s governmental structure (e.g., independent sexual assault response program, dual services domestic violence/sexual assault program, a component of a social services or behavioral health department).
2. Describe the overall services provided by the tribal government component where the proposed project will be situated.

For an applicant applying as a tribal consortium, tribal organization, or nonprofit tribal organization:

1. Describe the overall services provided by the agency/organization responsible for implementing the proposed project.
2. Describe how the organization partners with the federally recognized Indian Tribe (s) within its service area to provide sexual assault victim services to victims and their families.

**IMPROVING TRIBAL RESPONSES TO SEXUAL ASSAULT (ITRSA) CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECTS**

## What Will Be Done (80 points)

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 of sexual assault services.
3. Describe, if any, the services currently offered for victims of sexual assault in the service area. List any services that the applicant would like to implement for victims with this project.
4. Describe the safety needs of victims who will be served by this project and how the applicant intends to address those needs with this proposed project.
5. List the individual(s) who will serve as the project coordinator(s) and their expertise in the area of sexual assault services. If the project coordinator is not known, describe the qualifications for the proposed project coordinator position.
6. Identify and describe the role(s) of the key individuals and/or organizations, including project partners, that will be involved in the proposed project.

ITRSA Capacity-Building applicants do not need to submit the “Purpose of the Proposal” and “Who Will Implement the Proposal” sections of the Project Narrative. These applicants must complete the “Budget and Associated Documentation” and “Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative” sections.

### **Budget and Associated Documentation**

Applicants must submit a detailed budget and budget narrative and must upload the applicable associated documentation as described below under each heading. OVW strongly encourages the use of a spreadsheet (e.g., excel, numbers, etc.) for the budget attachments. The budget worksheet and budget narrative are worth a total of **20 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 (attachment)**

Attach in JustGrants a detailed budget and budget narrative 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. 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

- The award period is 36 months. Budgets must reflect 36 months of project activity.
- Awards for FY 2023 will be made for up to \$500,000 for Standard Projects and \$525,000 for ITRSA Capacity-Building Projects.

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. Compensate all project partners for their full level of effort, unless otherwise stated in the partner's letter of support. For more information on compensating project partners, see the sample Budget Detail Worksheet on the [OVW website](#).
3. Include sufficient funds to fully provide language access or describe other resources available to the applicant to ensure meaningful access for persons who are limited in their English proficiency because of their national origin. See Accessibility under the Federal Award Administration Information section of this solicitation for more information.
4. Include sufficient funds to fully provide access for individuals with disabilities or who are Deaf/hard of hearing or describe other resources available to the applicant to ensure meaningful access for such individuals. See Accessibility under the Federal Award Administration Information section of this solicitation for more information.
5. Compensate survivors and individuals with applicable lived experiences related to the project (such as involvement in the justice system, homelessness, or substance use) who participate as consultants, in an advisory capacity, in focus groups, or in other work activities.
6. Include funds to attend OVW-sponsored TTA in the amount of **\$35,000 minimum**. This amount is for the entire 36-month project period 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.
7. Funds set aside for TTA may include support for specialized professional development, training and clinical support for advocates and counselors.
8. 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](#).

Direct payments may be made to assist sexual assault victims and their family or household members for costs directly related to the sexual assault. Where possible, OVW encourages recipients to pay vendors directly. Examples of costs that direct payments may cover include, but are not limited to:

1. Replacement bedding, clothing, or other household items;
2. Securing new or temporary housing, including paying a security deposit, first month's rent, or moving expenses;
3. Travel expenses;
4. Childcare expenses;
5. Food;
6. Utility assistance (other than utilities in arrears): and
7. Security measures such as re-keying locks, replacing a cell phone, or purchasing a motion detector or security camera that does not require installation (see Funding Restrictions below regarding not using grant funds for minor renovations).

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.
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

Food and beverages are generally considered personal expenses for which government funds should not be used. Exceptions may be made for working meals that are necessary to accomplish official business and enhance the cost effectiveness of the conference. Recipients **must** receive prior approval before using grant funds to provide a working meal and/or refreshments at a meeting, conference, training, or other event. Examples of when OVW might grant such approval include, but are not limited to:

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-Award Costs**

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 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)(15)(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).

#### **Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply**

TSASP applicants are required to submit document(s) demonstrating authority to apply on behalf of the applicant entity and/or support for the application as described below.

##### For an applicant applying as an Indian tribe:

No additional documentation is required.

##### For an applicant applying as a tribal consortium:

Submit documentation of authority to apply from each tribal consortium member, unless existing consortium bylaws or other governance documents allow action without explicit authorization from the consortium member tribes. In that case, a copy of the bylaws or other governance documents that allow the consortium's action, without explicit authorization from all consortium members, must be included with the application. This documentation must be current, must be sufficient to demonstrate authority for the application, must contain authorized signature(s), and must be submitted by the application due date.

##### For an applicant applying as a tribal organization or nonprofit tribal organization:

Submit a letter of support from each of the Tribes to be served through the proposed project. For purposes of this application a letter of support is a document, from a federally-recognized tribe, demonstrating its support for the applicant organization's proposed project. The letter of support should be dated and signed by the Authorized

Representative of the Tribe during the development of the application.

The Letter(s) of Support must:

1. Address whether the Tribe is familiar with the types of services provided by the applicant AND whether these services are available and provided to tribal members;
2. Describe whether the Tribe has previously worked or partnered with the applicant organization, and, if so, under what circumstances; and
3. Clearly explain why the Tribe supports the applicant's proposed project.

For an example Letter of Support, see [OVW Resources for Applicants](#).

### **Additional Application Components**

The following components will not be scored but must be included with the application. Failure to supply this information may result in the application being removed from consideration. Some components will be generated during the application submission process while others will be uploaded and attached to the application in JustGrants.

### **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](#).

### **Proof of 501(c)(3) Status (Nonprofit Organizations Only)**

As noted under Eligible Applicants, an entity that is eligible for this program based on its status as a nonprofit organization must be an 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 the Code. All such applicants are required to attach a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing their tax-exempt status. OVW cannot make an award to any nonprofit organization that does not submit a 501(c)(3) determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service.

### **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.

## **Disclosure 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.

### **DOJ Certified Standard Assurances 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.

### **Summary of Other Federal Funding**

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 closed within the 12 months before 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 2023 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.

## **Prior to Application Submission**

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

Entities applying for the first time for federal funding must complete a multi-step registration process. Applicants must register with the systems listed below to successfully submit an application.

1. SAM. Registration with SAM includes receiving a UEI. (**Average registration completion time – 2-3 weeks**)
2. Grants.gov (**Average registration completion time – 1 week**)
3. JustGrants. Registration with SAM and Grants.gov must be completed before an applicant can register with JustGrants. (**Average registration completion time – 3 days**)

**Note:** registration time frames are estimates. Applicants experiencing registration challenges (including lengthy registration wait times) should refer to the “OVW Policy for Applicants Experiencing Technical Difficulties During the Registration and Submission Processes section of this solicitation for guidance on how to proceed.”

Please see the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) for additional details regarding SAM, Grants.gov, and JustGrants registration.

Entities that have previously applied for funding from DOJ must ensure their accounts with SAM, Grants.gov, and JustGrants are active and up to date.

**It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they are properly registered with SAM, Grants.gov, and JustGrants. OVW strongly encourages all applicants to begin the registration process, or ensure that all accounts are active and up to date, by April 10, 2023. Failure to do so may result in the application being removed from consideration for funding.**

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties with SAM should go to [https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd\\_sp](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp).

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties with Grants.gov should contact [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties with JustGrants should contact [OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov).

Additionally, applicants experiencing technical difficulties with any of the systems listed above during the registration, account update, or application submission processes should refer to the OVW Policy for Applicants Experiencing Technical Difficulties During the Registration and Submission Processes section of this solicitation for guidance on how to proceed.

## **How to Apply**



### **Submission Dates and Times**

All applications must be submitted electronically first in Grants.gov (SF-424 and SF-LLL) and then in JustGrants. **Applicants must make every effort to submit their application in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Note: the Grants.Gov deadline is 3 days before the JustGrants application deadline.** If an applicant must submit their application via email due to a technical difficulty, they must do so by the JustGrants application deadline, but **no earlier than 4 hours prior to the JustGrants application deadline.** Applicants experiencing technical difficulties during the application submission process should refer to the OVW Policy for Applicants Experiencing Technical Difficulties During the Registration and Submission Processes section of this solicitation for guidance on how to proceed.

**OVW strongly encourages all applicants to begin the application submission process at least 48 hours prior to the Grants.gov application deadline. Failure to do so may result in missing the deadline and therefore not being considered for funding.**

**OVW will not accept applications after the JustGrants deadline, except for severe inclement weather or natural or man-made disaster. See the OVW Policy on Late Submission Request Due to Severe Inclement Weather or Natural or Man-Made Disaster section of this solicitation.**

### **Submission Information and Other Submission Requirements**

Applications will be submitted to OVW in two steps:

**Step 1:** The applicant must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424) and the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL) in Grants.gov - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html>.

**Step 2:** The applicant must then submit the full application, including attachments, in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. OVW encourages applicants to review the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) and the JustGrants website for more information, resources, and training.

**Tip:** JustGrants functions better using a PC with Chrome or Edge web browser.

### **OVW Policy for Applicants Experiencing Technical Difficulties During the Registration and Submission Processes**

Technical difficulties are issues that are beyond the applicant's control (e.g., JustGrants login issue, issue with the web-based budget). OVW can confirm when each registration and/or submission action began.



### *Technical difficulties with SAM or Grants.gov*

1. Contact SAM or Grants.gov support as soon as the applicant is aware of a problem.
2. Maintain documentation of when the issue began and all communication with technical support.
3. Notify this program, via email at [OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov), stating the applicant is experiencing technical difficulties with SAM or Grants.gov. The applicant should provide regular updates to this program via email at [OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov).
4. If the technical difficulty cannot be resolved before the Grants.gov deadline, the applicant must notify this program via email at [OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov) before the Grants.gov deadline.
5. Once the Grants.gov deadline passes an applicant will not be able to apply in JustGrants. Therefore, the applicant must email the complete application packet (Proposal Narrative, Budget and Budget Narrative, and Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply and all documentation supporting the technical difficulty to this program at **OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov** by **9:00 p.m. E.T. on May 4, 2023**.

### *Technical difficulties while applying in JustGrants*

1. Contact the OVW JustGrants Help Desk at [OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov) prior to the JustGrants deadline.
2. Maintain documentation of all communication with the OVW JustGrants Help Desk.
3. Actively work with the OVW JustGrants Help Desk to attempt to resolve the technical difficulty.
4. Contact this program, via email at [OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov), prior to the JustGrants deadline (**9:00 p.m. E.T. on May 4, 2023**), indicating the applicant is experiencing technical difficulties with JustGrants and would like permission to submit an application via email. The email must include the following:
  - A detailed description of the technical difficulty the applicant is experiencing.
  - The contact information (name, telephone, and email) for the individual making the request.
  - The applicant's UEI number.
  - JustGrants application numbers and User Support tracking numbers.
  - The complete application packet (Proposal Narrative, Budget and Budget Narrative, and Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply).

It is not guaranteed that applications submitted via email will be considered for funding, even if the email is received before the JustGrants application deadline. OVW will decide and notify applicants of the decision within 30 days of the JustGrants application deadline. Applicants may be asked to coordinate with OVW to submit their application in

Grants.gov and JustGrants later.

OVW Policy on Late Submission Request Due to Severe Inclement Weather or Natural or Man-Made Disaster

OVW will only accept applications after **9:00 pm ET on May 4, 2023** in cases of severe inclement weather or natural or man-made disaster. The information below provides the process applicants must follow in such a circumstance.

1. Contact this program at [OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@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 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 or around the deadline must contact OVW within 48 hours after the deadline 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 TSASP, scoring will be as follows:

### Standard Project:

1. Proposal narrative: 80 points, of which:

- Purpose of the proposal: 20 points.
  - What will be done: 45 points.
  - Who will implement the proposal: 15 points
2. Budget worksheet and budget narrative: 20 points.

#### Improving Tribal Responses to Sexual Assault (ITRSA) Capacity-Building Project:

1. Proposal narrative: 80 points, of which:
  - What will be done: 80 points.
2. Budget worksheet and budget narrative: 20 points.

Voluntary match or other cost sharing methods will not be considered in the evaluation of the application.

#### **Review and Selection Process**

Applications will be subject to a peer review and a programmatic review.

#### Peer Review

OVW will subject all eligible, complete, and timely applications to a peer review process that is based on the criteria outlined in this solicitation. OVW may use internal reviewers, [external reviewers](#), or a combination of both.

OVW Peer reviewers may include victim advocates, judges, prosecutors, police officers, legal professionals, and others with expertise in areas such as, tribal communities, colleges and universities, rural areas, urban areas, working with individuals with disabilities or older adults, and providing services to victims, including transitional housing and services provided by culturally specific organizations and those provided by the faith-based organizations. While some peer reviewers are expert consultants on violence against women issues, the vast majority of peer reviewers are active practitioners or recent retirees from the professions mentioned above. To ensure that applications are reviewed by individuals with on-the-ground experience responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. OVW does not use professional peer reviewers.

#### 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 add up to 10 points to applications fully addressing OVW priority areas and to deduct points applications for the following reasons:

1. Activities that compromise victim safety and recovery and undermine offender accountability (deduct up to 25 points).
2. Out-of-scope and unallowable activities (deduct up to 25 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 listed 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 purposes 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. Applicants may review and comment on information about themselves that another federal awarding agency has previously entered. OVW will consider the applicant's comments as well as other information available in SAM 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, 2023.

## 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 who are limited in their English proficiency because of their national origin have meaningful access to recipients' programs and activities. Recipients also are responsible for ensuring that their programs and activities are readily accessible to individuals with disabilities, including those with physical or cognitive disabilities, as well as individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing. OVW encourages applicants to go beyond minimum compliance with these requirements and allot sufficient resources to ensure programs and activities are fully accessible. 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 SAM, 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.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.Tribal.SASP@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. 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. Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424	
2. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	
3. Proposal Abstract	
4. Letter of Intent	
5. Pre-Award Risk Assessment	
6. Summary Data Sheet	
7. Proposal Narrative:  Standard Project  a) Purpose of the Proposal b) What Will Be Done c) Who Will Implement the Proposal  Improving Tribal Responses to Sexual Assault (ITRSA) Capacity-Building Project  a) What Will Be Done	
8. Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative	
9. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)	
10. Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)	
11. Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)	
12. Documents Demonstrating Authority to Apply(if applicable)	
13. Letter of Nonsupplanting	
14. Proof of 501(c)(3) Status (Nonprofit Organizations Only)	
15. Confidentiality Notice Form	
16. Summary of Other Federal Funding	


