

UPDATE on Questions from LAV Pre Application call

- 1) Summary Data Sheet: If possible, applicants should try to fit the two charts into the four pages. However if you are unable to incorporate the charts into the Summary Data Sheet, you may upload the charts as separate documents***

LAV Call

Hello everyone. Welcome to the OVW Fiscal Year 2016 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program Pre-Application Call and Webinar. My name is Neelam Patel. I'm a program specialist here at OVW, LAV Unit, and I will be presenting today's call with the LAV unit. Lauren Nassikas, Associate Director, Carrie Mitchell, Program Specialist, Shannon Gaskins, Program Specialist, and Thelma Bailey, Program Assistant. They will be participating and answering your questions as well.

The purpose of today's call is to walk applicants through the solicitation and answer questions from applicants. We will only be clarifying information that is in the solicitation. We will not be answering questions on individual proposed projects. I will not be reading through most of the solicitation, but will highlight the main points of each section. For those individuals that are on the webinar platform and for those that are calling in, the main purpose of providing the webinar platform for this call is solely to provide the closed captioning for any applicants that need services of captioning. Therefore, the PowerPoint slides will just be stating information in the solicitation and they are just the headers. As a reminder, of today's call is being recorded and we hope to be able to post a transcript of the call on the OVW website with the application.

All lines are muted. If you have any questions during the conference call please either use the chat box to write your questions if you are on the webinar platform or if you are calling in you can email your questions to OVW.LAV@USDJ.GOV. We will do our very best to answer as many questions as possible at different points in the presentation and at the end of the presentation. Please note if you have specific questions for your application send those to OVW mailbox and we will respond to your questions directly after the call.

Finally, before I begin, participants might want to have a hard copy of the solicitation with them or a copy of it open on their computer so they can follow the presentation. With that said, let's begin.

The application deadline, as a reminder, the deadline for submission of your LAV application is 11:59 PM Eastern Time on February 8, 2016. I will repeat this a few times during the call,

but please remember this deadline is FINAL. Applications submitted after the deadline, after 11:59 PM Eastern Time on February 8, 2016 will not be considered for funding.

Applicants experiencing difficulty submitting an application should refer to the section in the solicitation titled “Experiencing Unforeseeable Technical Issues Section.” Applicants’ inability to start the uploading process of their application, prior to the due date, to only encounter issues with their connection or updated software issues, for example, will not be considered “experiencing unforeseeable technical issues.” To make sure you submit your application on time so that if you experience technical issues, please do not submit your application on the day of the due date and start the submission process days in advance of the due date.

Now we will move on to talk about registration. To ensure that all applicants have enough time to complete the registration process applicants must obtain a DUNS number, which is a Data Universal Number System, and register online with the System for Award Management and with Grants.Gov immediately, but no later than January 25. We say that because we want to make sure you have enough time to get access and upload the application. Failure to register in a timely manner is not a situation of experiencing unforeseeable technical issues.

The letter of registration. Some of you have already sent in your letter of registration. Although this is not required, we do encourage you to submit one by January 25 to the LAV email address. If you do not submit when you are still eligible to apply.

Moving onto eligibility, eligibility is limited to private nonprofit entities, publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity; territorial organizations; Indian tribal governments; and tribal organizations. Finally as a reminder if you have any questions regarding the solicitation you can contact the main federal OVW number at (202) 307-6026 or send an email to OVW.LAV@usdoj.gov. If you have technical issues you can contact the Grants.Gov customer service hotline number as OVW cannot assist with technical issues with Grants.Gov. Right now I will pause for any quick question.

There are no questions in the chat box.

So we will move on now to go briefly over the program description. I know you all probably reviewed the solicitation many times over but as a reminder LAV is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal services to aid victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating, and stalking for seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising from the abuse of the violence. As a reminder the grant program funds may not be used for criminal defense services. We provide awards under LAV to law school clinics, domestic sexual assault programs, legal services, crisis centers and other nonprofits, Indian tribal government and tribal organizations, and community organizations. We just want to remind you that the activities under LAV are determined by statute and federal policies. If you are a

recipient of an award you are bound by the provisions and the DOJ financial guide and anything under the financial guide and special conditions of your award.

We have received a number of emails and questions about the solicitation and one question we received was in that in the past solicitations holistic legal services were under the priority area and the question was why this year the holistic legal services was not under the priority area like last time. Holistic legal services is essential to address the multiple layers of legal needs of survivors and OVW decided to move holistic out of the priority area and as part of the program description. Is no longer just an area that applicants can or cannot choose for their project. As a reminder holistic legal services should not just include representation for emergency and nonemergency protection order hearings, but should focus on the array of legal matters arising out of the violence including but not limited to family matter, child support, divorce, custody, immigration, and other legal needs victims might need assistance with. We now can move on to the purpose area of the presentation. As you all know we have three purpose areas for the grant program and I want to focus on the questions we received so far a number three which is to implement and expand and establish efforts in projects to provide pro bono legal services. Not more than 10% of the funds awarded total by OVW in 2016 may be used for this purpose. The 10% is not based on the individual applicant proposal and it's 10% of all LAV funds awarded in 2016 may be used for that purpose.

Another question we received recently was how to calculate the pro bono percentage. One thing we want to clarify is that we are asking for this purpose it's not for direct legal work you are doing as the applicant organization or your partners are proposing for the application. The purpose is focused on the percentage of funds an applicant anticipates using to develop coordination, recruitment, training and mentoring private pro bono.

All lead applicants that are not sexual assault and/or domestic violence victim service providers are required to enter into a collaborative working relationship with sexual assault and/or domestic violence victim service providers within the community to be served. A sexual assault or domestic violence victim service provider is a nonprofit, nongovernmental or tribal organization or rape crisis center, including a state or tribal coalition, which assists or advocates for sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking victims as their primary mission. The sexual assault or domestic violence victim service provider must be involved in the development and implementation of the project. For example, if the lead applicant is an organization with a primary mission to provide services to victims of crime generally or is a legal services program, that organization must partner with a domestic violence or sexual assault program. An applicant without the required partnership may be removed from consideration. If you have any questions about whether or not your organization would be a sexual assault domestic violence program or any questions about the partnership please email the OVW.LAV mailbox and we can walk you through that. I'm not going to go over the difference between the different types of victim service advocates of the section the please review the section. One thing we do want you to remember is in the

section doesn't preclude applicants for getting support from government agencies and services within their budget however you must distinguish between the two and should include compensation of non-profits and nongovernmental victims organizations. If you are requesting funding for a government for a nongovernmental victim assistance advocacy organization your project narrative should explain the difference between the collaboration of the different organizations.

Finally applicants should explain information sharing between partners including how they will protect information is confidential and privileged. I will now go over briefly the certification letter. One thing that we do want to everyone to remember the certification letter is scored even though it is only five points. Five points can make quite a big difference. Make sure you include in your application assigned letter on letterhead dated during the time of the development of the application. Meaning after the release of the solicitation and not before the release of the solicitation. Do not use the certification letter because the verbiage has changed as of 2013 VAWA reauthorization.

The language of the certification is one of the appendixes for your convenient to look at.

I will now pause for any questions. There are a couple of questions that are coming into the chat box.

One of the questions is are applicants required to partner with a legal agency. A legal agency partner is not required.

So the question is the funding for LAV for attorneys only or could it be used for court advocates. You can use grant funds for your organization's court advocates. However the money cannot be used to cover a state position that uses a court advocate.

So there's a question about the campus special project. For agencies interested in working on the campus special project can you provide some examples of types of projects that they are interested in funding? Is it to provide legal services for students or is it about raising awareness among students and school administrators about victims' rights and policies?

The special campus project is not about raising awareness and is about providing the direct services to victims on college campuses. Whether the victimization of the college student is on campus or off campus. This is a new priority area and we really want to see what applicants are proposing for this priority area.

Another question is in the application how do we account people who were both domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Can we double count them?

How you will calculate whether or not you are primarily providing them with domestic violence focused legal services or sexual assault legal services.

We have another question asking is a standalone application from a domestic violence agency without collaboration be as competitive as one with the collaboration.

It is the domestic violence agency applicant's discretion whether or not for their proposed project they want to collaborate with another organization.

Another question are domestic violence agencies able to apply to provide legal services. Yes they can.

Can a domestic violence victim services organization partner with a private attorney on this grant?

Yes. You can partner with a private attorney on the grant.

The next question is legal services for purpose of the campus safety work includes advocacy by victim service organization as well as representation by attorneys correct. So legal service for purpose of the campus safety work includes advocacy as well as representation? It's how the applicant wants to develop the program.

Another question is primary victimization. Primary victimization is usually determined at the intake. What did the person come into the agency for in the first place, why did they call the first place? One thing you have to keep in mind that just because the client during the intake says that they were sexually assaulted doesn't mean that the client would define themselves as a sexual assault primary victimization.

On the call purpose area number three was discussed but could you please clarify how this breaks are particularly if you're a staff based program that uses pro bono attorneys how do you break it out.

Look at staff time how much about staff attorney time is dedicated to pro bono project. How much of it are the mentoring or supervising and that is how you are going to want to calculate the time to going to be spending in developing and implementing your pro bono project.

What factors go into renewing in continuing a proposal.

We have a programmatic review of continuation applicants after the peer review where points may be deducted and that criteria is also the in the solicitation. Another question is can we apply as a lead applicant on one LAV application and is a partner in another application. Yes you can apply as a lead and a partner however remember the amount that your organization is applying for as a lead and a partner and that you cannot exceed the cap for both for your organization. This is also for any applicant who is thinking of partnering up with a grantee from 2015 or 2014.

Think you carry so we will move on and talk now very briefly about the priority area. In 2016 fiscal year we're interest in priority area identified for LAV and application proposing activities in the following areas will be given special consideration during the review process. The first one is sexual assault focused application couple key things remember. One is the primary victimization of the victim who you are serving. So one of the question someone previously sent was can we provide services for domestic violence victims are also sexual assault victims and yes, victims may have experienced multiple victimizations but the main point I want to make is if the sexual assault was the primary victimization for which the client is seeking services. If you are continuation applicant focused 80% or more on sexual assault legal services you may submit application requesting up to \$800,000 and new applications that propose the focus 80% or more of the grant activities focused on sexual assault may submit applications requesting up to \$700,000 for 36 months. One key thing to remember is any applicant that is going to focus on sexual assault as a priority area must demonstrate the understanding of the range of legal services that is sexual assault survivor may require and willingness of the applicant and their partners to provide the services. Applicants should articulate the specific legal need of sexual assault survivors within the community and how projects fill the needs.

Applications should reflect applicant's specialized training experience in legal matters specific to sexual assault. We've provided in examples in the solicitation for you to refer to. To remember these are just examples it is not mandatory. However sexual assault focused applicants are encouraged to review each example for reference point for developing their own innovative sexual assault focused project.

As we already talked about there is a second priority area which is a campus special project. One thing to know about the special project is it's about providing comprehensive legal services to college and university students that experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on and off campus. Applicants must demonstrate understanding and commitment to addressing the legal needs of college and university students and should clearly show the applicant has the capacity to successfully implement the priority area. Unlike the sexual assault parity area the applications do not need to meet a percentage threshold to be considered under the priority area.

You will see as you read through the solicitation that there are specific questions that if you are proposing the campus special project that you will need to answer.

We will move on briefly to activities that may compromise victim safety. Please make sure you review the section carefully when you develop your application. And that the proposed activities don't compromise the safety and recovery of victims and applicants may receive deduction of points or may be eliminated from further consideration. Out of scope activities you can read through this section in the solicitation and please note that applicants cannot use funds to provide general training.

Finally I want to go over unallowable activities. One I want to mention is victim support is not allowable such as transitional housing, clothing, utilities, and personal items. However you can request funds to help victims with transportation to get them to and from meetings with attorneys and to and from court. I will now pause for any questions.

What percent of funds are expected to go to each priority area? We do not have a set percentage for each priority area. The only one that has a set percentage is sexual assault purpose area because LAV is required that at least 25% of the LAV funds every year support sexual assault legal services.

Is the 80% required only if you are requesting additional funds or must you meet that threshold to demonstrate a focus on sexual assault?

So the 80% is you are going to focus 80% of your project on sexual assault you may apply for up to \$800,000. If you want to focus on sexual assault but below 80% that is fine and would be considered a sexual assault project but would not be eligible to apply for the sexual assault caps listed in the solicitation.

Community trainings are no longer approved. You can conduct training for your staff as well as your partners, formal and informal partners. Training for other legal associations that might be assisting with some of the cases, as well as pro bono attorneys, is allowable.

Has OVW identified any model programs providing civil legal representation for sexual assault awareness?

We do not identify grantees as model programs because to be honest every program in every jurisdiction is very different so to say there is a model program is not something we would do. In terms of technical assistance that we have a couple of TA providers that provide sexual assault technical assistance in the civil side and some are developing on the criminal side.

Another question is if you will get points off for not focusing on a priority area. It's not held against any applicant if they don't apply for a priority area. The priority areas are for any applicant who is able and wanting to apply for the purpose areas.

To clarify OVW reserves the right to deduct for formatting or technical activities that compromise victim safety. But please note that if an application is substantially out of scope the application will not be considered for funding. An example of that would be a substantial number of activity that might compromise victim safety and unallowable activities that would be an example of such a thing.

I just want to say quickly about the sexual assault priority area and the campus priority area. If you are considering focusing your application on one of the purpose areas then you really have to demonstrate that you have the commitment, capacity, and expertise to the priority

area. If you are funded as a sexual assault focus program you will be monitored carefully about that sexual assault services and if it happens to be a situation where you are not providing the sexual assault legal services we will have to address that. We know that the bulk of the legal services provided for victims are for domestic violence and that's what we still anticipate in the applications.

One question is if a grantee's funding ended September 30, 2015 are they new or continuation? They would be considered a continuation.

Must the sexual assault victim services organization be the lead applicant for the priority area? The sexual assault organization does not need to be the lead applicant. Legal service organizations and victim services organizations can both apply as leads.

If Local Campuses Reported Numbers Are Low but Statistics Are High Can Funds Be Used for Outreach? Yes You Can Use Funds for Outreach.

A question about training when you say that we can use funds to train staff and partners does the partner receiving the training have to be a partner agency on the grant or can it be a partner that we collaborate with regularly who is not applying for the grant with us? The answer to that question is yes and I said earlier it's formal and informal partners.

Also would a partner agency receiving funding through a different grant be eligible for training from our agency? Yes, you can provide them training because they are a partner.

Another example for training: For example there are multiple victim services organizations in the area and you want to make sure the referrals that you are getting from all of the organization that the staff understands what you are doing and they are up to date with current information. You can provide these organizations training on your project.

I will go over really quickly the federal award information. All applications must be for 36 months. For continuation applications proposing 80% or more sexual assault may apply for up to \$800,000 for 36 months; new applications proposing 80% more focused on sexual assault may apply for up to \$700,000 for 36 months and all other LAV applications less than 80% sexual assault may apply for up to \$600,000.

Another question on the campus special project. The campus special project seems like given the underreporting there would need to be education to campus staff and students to encourage them to seek services, is that prohibited? It is allowable to do some outreach to inform the college community of your services.

We are thinking of proposing an in-house attorney and I would like to find out if this is included in the 10% of funds allocated for pro bono work or is it? If you are going to propose an in-house attorney whether as an employee or contract attorney, if they are getting paid through the proposed funds then that would not be considered pro bono.

Another Question: If there's multiple colleges in the service area do we have to serve all or can we choose a few? That's your discretion which campuses you will work with.

Okay so let us move on. Very quickly we went over eligible applicants already in the beginning but I want to make sure you read through that carefully to make sure you are eligible to apply. Make sure you read over the nonprofit organization requirements and the cost sharing match requirement and we do not have a cost sharing matching requirement for LAV. The limit on the number of application submissions and an applicant can only submit one application per organization and if you submit multiple versions of the same application on grants.gov we will only review the most recently submitted application.

There are a few questions that are requesting consensus comments of last year's applications. Please be sure to send your request to the LAV mailbox with the name of your organization and be sure that the person that is requesting it is the authorized representative. And include your application number.

Under the campus special project does that include legal representation only or can we provide legal advocacy work? It's your discretion how you want to develop the campus special project.

Can we use funds to provide legal services to college university staff as well as other faculty under the campus special project? If you refer back to the solicitation it is talking about the university college students. If you think that you want to include staff from campuses that's under your discretion on how you want to do that.

We will try to get through as many as we can and if we do not get your question in the chat box please email your question to the mailbox and were also getting a lot of questions are individually focused.

Will go on to the application submission. All applications are submitted through grants.gov and if you are going to wish to request to submit a paper copy that you need to contact the LAV mailbox. Again contact grants.gov directly if you've technical issues with grants.gov. We talked about the letter of registration and to submit one by January 25. One thing that we will talk about later also is in the letter we are asking to make sure your account is registered. check to make sure the registration is current. You have time now so please go make sure everything is current. For the application content I know you probably have all gone through very carefully as to what's needed and to remind you that failure to submit an application that contains all of the specified elements will negatively affect the application and it may not be considered for funding.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure it submitted by the deadline. We will not contact you for missing items. You do not need to upload flyers, brochures, annual reports, or letters of support. The formatting technical issues are pretty clear-cut make sure they are

double spaced. Type no smaller than 12 font and no more than 20 pages for the project narrative.

Going over the summary data sheet very quickly. It is worth five points and some people think all it's only worth five points and won't focus on this document. Five points can make or break your application. I do want to make a correction under #5: A list of other federal grant programs from which the applicant organization currently receives funding or for which it has applied for funding in FY 2016 to do similar work. Please provide this information in a table using the format found in APPENDIX E. THERE IS AN ERROR HERE: This is actually Appendix F. Also # 10 Summary of Current and Recent OVW Projects (if applicable). If the applicant has a current grant or cooperative agreement under any OVW program, or an award that has been closed within the last 12 months from the date this solicitation closes, the information below must be provided in a table using the format found in APPENDIX D. CORRECT IS APPENDIX E.

It is all under the appendixes so you can look for it that way as well. Also please make sure you calculate your percentages accurately to reflect your proposed project.

The project narrative is in three parts: Purpose of the Application, What will be Done, and Who Will Implement. The project narrative should be no more than 20 pages double spaced 12 point font. A comment on the Purpose of the Application: Number two is to describe the service area in which the project would be implemented, including location, population, and demographic information. Please make sure you have updated data for this section and include the most recent demographic information. In addition to the criteria above applicants applying under campus special project priority have two other questions that they must answer.

We have a question. Formatting for the summary data sheet does the four page limit include summary of the project. Per the solicitation it is included in the page limit. You should be able to fit it into four pages because the appendix provided is more of a summary of how to lay it out and it could be single or double spaced and I'm sure you can put them into one to four pages. While we did see everything in the summary data sheet should be one through four pages and if you think it's going to be a major issue then try to figure out how you are doing your table and putting it in and one thing we do not want to see is a 10 page table of all of the grants.

I will go over What will be Done. Again the section a lot of you have already read through it and there are additional two questions for campus special priority area. I also want to mention that for number eight if applicable include a description of the product. That means you do not have to include products if you don't have products. You have products you have to describe it if you don't have products, say we do not propose any project products.

Moving on to Who will Implement and as a reminder that sexual assault and/or domestic violence programs must be involved if the lead applicant is not a victim service sexual assault or domestic violence program. The Who will Implement section also has one question that is additional to the campus special project. I will pause for questions right now.

If we submit an application under the 80% sexual assault priority area are we precluded from also focusing on the campus special project? Applicants can apply for both priority areas.

In the past we were unable to his serve third-party victims, that is we could not assist an adult seeking a divorce from the spouse who sexually assaulted a child of the parties? Legal Services proposed should be for the primary victim. So in the scenario above the parent is the third party and would not be eligible for legal services. You can a provide services for a child as a primary victim but the child must be 11 years or older.

For the proposal abstract in one place the RFP says that can be single spaced and another places is double-spaced also in one place and says I must be one page and another place it says it can be two pages. This is an error also. The abstract is not scored and you can submit it for up to two pages and you can submit it single spaced it is not a score document

We will try to clean up the transcript and posted on the website I cannot promise. I will move on based on time. Budget detail worksheet and narrative is worth 15 point. All applicants are required to submit a detailed budget and supporting budget narrative. Remember it should reflect 36 months and follow budget limits. The budget should not contain any item that is not detailed in the project narrative. In some circumstances the budget narrative will be reviewed separately from a proposed project narrative therefore is very important that the budget narrative be as comprehensive as possible and described in the narrative format under each line item requested. There is a sample budget in appendix A. We have seven criteria mentioned in the budget section. For training and technical assistance it does state that any continuation applicant you must submit and allocate funds at least \$5,000 over 36 months, \$7,500 for new applicants and for applicants from Alaska Hawaii in US territory at least \$15,000. You are more than welcome to allocate more funding to travel to make sure all of your partners and staff are able to attend the technical assistance events. For those from Alaska, Hawaii, and the territories you can submit in your budget more funding.

When you allocate funds for partners for travel make sure their money for travel is under consultant contract category labeled as LAV technical assistance travel. One other thing that I want to mention on the budget under accommodations in language is that we encourage applicants to allocate grant funds to support activities that help ensure individuals with disabilities, Deaf individuals and those limited English proficiency have meaningful access to the program. You can use funds to provide interpreter services and please make sure that if you do to indicate that in your budget as well.

This to make sure your proposed services accessible to all victims. I will pause here for any other questions.

Please go over the total funding for partners. The amount you're going to provide for your partners is under the discretion of your organization and agreed upon by partners for how much you are going to compensate your partners.

A question is if we are primary applicants in the past and now we will be partner applicants with another applicant and the primary applicant who is applying this for the first time there. They would not have anything to put on the summary sheet. Did they include our experiences application even though we are not the primary applicant? The summary data sheet is asking for this information for the lead applicant. Not partners.

Another questions, For measurable goals and objectives do want us to quantify the number of clients served were cases handled? That's under your discretion as to how you answer those questions.

Another question: Can legal services applicant seek funding for partner agencies hiring a bilingual counselor the service would not be legal would be part of the partnership? Funds can be used to hire bilingual staff as long as the staff person's job is in scope of the LAV project. You have to fit that into what is allowable and what is not allowed under LAV and what they would be doing under the grant to support the legal services.

I will move on to memorandum of understanding and please remember this is not to exceed eight pages and a standalone document and domestic violence and sexual assault victim service organizations may submit an IMOU in lieu of an MOU. These organizations can determine whether or not they want to submit MOU or an IMOU. Legal service organizations must submit an MOU. It clearly states and explains in the solicitation what is considered a victim service organization. If you have any uncertainty as to whether you need an MOU or IMOU contact ovw.lav and additional questions for anyone who is applying under the campus special project is added to this section.

Okay I will move on to the next section it the additional required information it's pretty much all self-explanatory. There is additional information that you need to attach as well. If you have an indirect cost agreement you will be including indirect costs in your application you need to attach the most recent updated indirect cost agreement. I will talk quickly about the SAM registration and your registration number as I stated before we definitely want you to make sure that you register with your current information in SAM as soon as possible make sure you refer to the solicitation on how to obtain the registration. Submission dates and times we talked about this earlier that you must follow all of the steps in submit your application by the due date and again it is due 11:59 PM Eastern in your time on February 8, 2016. Applications submitted after this time and date will not be considered for funding. Failure to register or begin registering and starting the application process in a sufficient

time is not an acceptable for a request for late submission. Do not wait until the last day to begin your application submission to ensure successful application submission we encourage applicants to begin the submission of the application at least 48 hours and no less than 24 hours before the deadline. You never know what will happen with technology and make sure you give yourself the best amount of time. Remember if you submit your application on the grants.gov you will receive an email so whoever is uploading the material in grants.gov please make sure they are monitoring that email account for at least the next 24 through 48 hours. We have had people who have had someone upload the application for the organization and then that person when on vacation or on leave and the person was not checking their email for the failure to submit email from grants.gov. We do not know whether you have tried to submit in grants.gov since the notification is automatic from grants.gov to the individual submitting the application. If you submit more than one in grants.gov OVW will review the most recent version submitted. Please read over the unforeseeable technical issues section very carefully you should begin like I said the process at least 48 hours in advance and if you end up having technical issues you must contact LAV grant program by email or phone. You must contact LAV program prior to the application deadline if you are experiencing unforeseeable technical issues. Also you must contact LAV unit after the deadline within the 24 hour regarding your unforeseeable technical issue. Policy on late submission and again go over the information again and make sure you submit is on time and I'm going to pause here for any questions regarding the MOU. You can submit separate signature pages for each partner as long as each partner is aware on their signature sheet who the others are that will be signing the MOU.

I know some of you have experiences with grants.gov already but let us remind everyone in the past we have had a lot of applicants that had denials of their submission because they used fancy characters that were not allowable on grants.gov. Make sure when you title your application documents that you use simple titles such as FY 2016 project narrative. Make sure you are uploading all of your LAV application documents. We know some of you are probably applying for more than one OVW grant program and sometimes there can be confusion in uploading multiple applications around the same time.

Continuation applicants will be reviewed for past performance as listed on the section of the solicitation. Please note all the awards are final and not subject to an appeal. There was a question that we received regarding application checklist that is included in the solicitation and if required to attach the checklist. You do not need to attach the checklist. This is to help applicants with their submission and make sure they submitted all documents.

There was a question about letters of supports. Letters of support are not mandatory or required so please do not submit any letters of support. Letters of supports will not be reviewed.

So we are done and you had a lot of great questions there couple that we have not been able to answer they are more specific to your proposal. If you have any questions please send your email directly to the LAV mailbox. Would like to thank the National Council for helping us out with the technology on the phone and on the web and thank you all very much. Goodbye.