## Standard Special Conditions – Grants

1. **OVW Financial Grants Management Guide**
   The recipient agrees to comply with the financial and administrative requirements set forth in the current edition of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Financial Grants Management Guide.

2. **Civil Rights: EEOP**
   The recipient acknowledges that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if recipient is required to submit one pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302), that is approved by the Office for Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in suspension or termination of funding, until such time as the recipient is in compliance.

3. **OVW A-133 Audits**
   The recipient agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audit of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and further understands and agrees that funds may be withheld, or other related requirements may be imposed, if outstanding audit issues (if any) from OMB Circular A-133 audits (and any other audits of DOJ grant funds) are not satisfactorily and promptly addressed as further described in the current edition of the OVW Financial Grants Management Guide.

4. **Use of Federal Funds**
   Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government without the express prior written approval of OVW, in order to avoid violation of 18 USC § 1913. The recipient may, however, use federal funds to collaborate with and provide information to federal, state, local, tribal and territorial public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies and develop and promote state, local, or tribal legislation or model codes designed to reduce or eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (as those terms are defined in 42 USC 13925(a)) when such collaboration and provision of information is consistent with the activities otherwise authorized under this grant program.

5. **Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct**
   The recipient must promptly refer to the DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subgrantee, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a false claim for grant funds under the False Claims Act; or 2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving grant funds. This condition also applies to any subrecipients. Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by - mail: Office of the Inspector General U.S. Department of Justice Investigations Division 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 4706 Washington, DC 20530 e-mail: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov hotline: (800) 869-4499 or hotline fax: (202) 616-9881 Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at [www.usdoj.gov/oig](http://www.usdoj.gov/oig).

6. **OVW - Prohibit use of funds for ACORN and its subsidiaries**
   Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of any contract or subaward to either the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries, without the express prior written approval of OVW.

7. **High-risk - Cf. 28 C.F.R. parts 66, 70**
   The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed during the grant performance period if the agency determines that the recipient is a high-risk grantee. Cf. 28 C.F.R. parts 66, 70.

8. **Registration with the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier**
### Requirements
The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and OVW). The recipient also agrees to comply with applicable restrictions on subawards to first-tier subrecipients that do not acquire and provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The details of recipient obligations are posted on the Office on Violence Against Women web site at [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/sam-award-term.pdf](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/sam-award-term.pdf) (Award condition: Registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here. This special condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

#### 9. Text Messaging Policy
Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, “Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving,” 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the Department encourages recipients and subrecipients to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this grant, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

#### 10. Training Guiding Principles for Awardees
The recipient understands and agrees that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding provided under this award must adhere to the OVW Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grantees.html](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grantees.html).

#### 11. Nondiscrimination in programs involving students
The recipient understands and agrees that award funds may not be used to discriminate against or denigrate the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs for which financial assistance is provided from those funds, or of the parents or legal guardians of such students.

#### 12. Computer network requirement
The recipient understands and agrees that - (a) No award funds may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, and (b) Nothing in subsection (a) limits the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

#### 13. VAWA 2013 Nondiscrimination Condition
The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 added a new civil rights provision that applies to all OVW grants issued in FY 2014 or after. This provision prohibits OVW grantees from excluding, denying benefits to, or discriminating against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by OVW. The grantee acknowledges that it will comply with this provision.

#### 14. Non-Supplantation
The grantee agrees that funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, non-federal funds that would otherwise be available for the activities under this grant.

#### 15. Conference Costs for All Awardees
The recipient agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidance (including specific cost limits, 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, trainings, and other events), including the provision of food and/ or beverages at such events, and costs of attendance at such events. Information on pertinent laws, regulations, policies, and guidance is available at [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grantees.html](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grantees.html).

#### 16. Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory Requirements
The grantee agrees to comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements which may include, among other relevant authorities, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386, the Omnibus Crime Control and
17. Solicitation Specifications
The grantee must be in compliance with specifications outlined in the solicitation under which the approved application was submitted. The program solicitation is hereby incorporated by reference into this award.

18. Misuse of Award Funds
The recipient understands and agrees that misuse of award funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under an award, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

19. Audit Compliance
The recipient understands and agrees that grant funds may be frozen if the recipient does not respond in a timely fashion to requests to address Office of the Inspector General audit findings and financial or programmatic monitoring findings.

20. Approved Activities
Grant funds may be used only for the purposes in the recipient's approved application. The recipient shall not undertake any work or activities that are not described in the grant application, and that use staff, equipment, or other goods or services paid for with OVW grant funds, without prior written approval from OVW.

21. Termination for Cause
The Director of OVW, upon a finding that there has been substantial failure by the recipient to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and/or the terms and conditions of the award or relevant solicitation, will terminate or suspend until the Director is satisfied that there is no longer such failure, all or part of the award, in accordance with the provisions of 28 CFR Part 18, as applicable mutatis mutandis.

22. Duplication of Funding
The grantee agrees that if they receive any funding that is duplicative of funding received under this grant, they will notify their OVW grant manager as soon as possible so that a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) can be issued modifying the budget and project activities to eliminate the duplication. Further, the grantee agrees and understands that any duplicative funding that cannot be re-programmed to support non-duplicative activities within the program's statutory scope will be deobligated from this award and returned to OVW.

23. Confidentiality and Information Sharing
The grantee agrees to comply with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 13925(b)(2), nondisclosure of confidential or private information, which includes creating and maintaining documentation of compliance, such as policies and procedures for release of victim information. The grantee also agrees to ensure that any subgrantees meet these requirements.

24. Progress Reports Submission (OVW Standard)
The grantee agrees to submit semiannual progress reports that describe project activities during the reporting period. Progress reports must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the reporting periods, which are January 1 - June 30 and July 1 - December 31 for the duration of the award. Future awards may be withheld if progress reports are delinquent. Grantees are required to submit this information online, through the Grants Management System (GMS), on the semi-annual progress report for the relevant OVW grant programs.

25. Discretionary Programs Performance Measurements
Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), VAWA 2000 and subsequent legislation, grantees are required to collect and maintain data that measure the effectiveness of their grant-funded activities. Accordingly, the grantee agrees to submit semi-annual electronic progress reports on program activities and program effectiveness measures. Grantees are required to collect the information that is included on the Measuring Effectiveness Progress Report for the OVW Program under which this award is funded.

26. Final Progress Report (OVW Standard)
A final report, which provides a summary of progress toward achieving the goals and objectives
of the award, significant results, and any products developed under the award, is due 90 days after the end of the award. The Final Progress Report should be submitted to the Office on Violence Against Women through the Grants Management System with the Report Type indicated as "Final".

27. Reports: Quarterly Financial Reports
The recipient agrees that it will submit quarterly financial status reports to OVW on-line (at https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov) using the SF 425 Federal Financial Report form (available for viewing at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/standard_forms/ff_report.pdf), not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The final report shall be submitted not later than 90 days following the end of the award period.

28. Technical Assistance Participation
The grantee agrees to attend and participate in OVW-sponsored technical assistance. Technical assistance includes, but is not limited to, national and regional conferences, audio conferences, webinars, peer-to-peer consultations, and workshops conducted by OVW-designated technical assistance providers. All training will be coordinated by OVW-designated technical assistance providers.

29. Technical Assistance Funds - Allocation and Prior Approval
Funds allocated for OVW-sponsored technical assistance may not be used for any other purpose without prior approval by OVW. To request approval, grantees must submit a Program Office Approval Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) via the Grants Management System (GMS). The grantee must include a copy of the event's brochure, curriculum and/or agenda, a description of the hosts or trainers, and an estimated breakdown of costs should be attached to the GAN. The GAN request must be submitted to OVW at least 20 days prior to registering for the event. Approval to attend non-OVW sponsored events will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This prior approval process also applies to requests for the use of OVW-designated technical assistance funds to pay a consultant or contractor not designated as an OVW technical assistance provider to develop and/or provide training and/or technical assistance.

30. New Grantee Orientation
First-time grantees must agree to send key staff members to the OVW grantee orientation seminar. Additionally, if there is a change in the project director/coordinator during the grant period, the grantee agrees, at the earliest opportunity, to send the new project director/coordinator, regardless of prior experience with this or any other federal award, to an OVW grantee orientation seminar.

31. Consultant Rate
Approval of this award does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of $650 per day or $81.25 per hour. A detailed justification must be submitted to and approved by the Office on Violence Against Women prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds. Although prior approval is not required for consultant rates below these specified amounts, grantees are required to maintain documentation to support all daily or hourly rates.

32. Submission of Written Materials
The recipient agrees to submit one copy of all required reports and any other written materials or products that are funded under the project to OVW not less than twenty (20) days prior to public release. If the written material is found to be outside the scope of the program, or in some way to compromise victim safety, it will need to be revised to address these concerns or the grantee will not be allowed to use project funds to support the further development or distribution of the materials.

33. OVW Publication Disclaimer
All materials and publications (written, visual, or sound) resulting from award activities shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No. ____________ awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women."

34. Faith Based -- 28 CFR Part 38
The grantee agrees to comply with the applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38, the
Department of Justice regulation governing "Equal Treatment for Faith Based Organizations" (the "Equal Treatment Regulation"). The Equal Treatment Regulation provides in part that Department of Justice grant awards of direct funding may not be used to fund any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization. Recipients of direct grants may still engage in inherently religious activities, but such activities must be separate in time or place from the Department of Justice funded program, and participation in such activities by individuals receiving services from the grantee or a sub-grantee must be voluntary. The Equal Treatment Regulation also makes clear that organizations participating in programs directly funded by the Department of Justice are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary’s religion.

35. Activities that May Compromise Victim Safety
The grantee agrees that grant funds will not support activities that compromise victim safety and recovery, such as: procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived sex, age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the age and/or sex of their children; pre-trial diversion programs not approved by OVW or the placement of offenders in such programs; mediation, couples counseling, family counseling or any other manner of joint victim-offender counseling; mandatory counseling for victims, penalizing victims who refuse to testify, or promoting procedures that would require victims to seek legal sanctions against their abusers (e.g., seek a protection order, file formal complaint); the placement of perpetrators in anger management programs; or any other activities outlined in the solicitation under which the approved application was submitted.

36. Changes to MOU and/or IMOA
The grantee agrees to submit for OVW review and approval any anticipated addition of, removal of, or change in collaborating partner agencies or individuals who are signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding, and if applicable, the Internal Memorandum of Agreement.

37. Copyright Provision for Non-Profits and Institutions of Higher Education and Hospitals; Consultation Requirement
Pursuant to 28 CFR §70.36(a), the recipient may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was purchased, under this award. The Office on Violence Against Women reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish or otherwise use the work, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so. The Office on Violence Against Women also reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce publish or otherwise use, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), any work developed by a subrecipient of this award, for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so. In addition, the recipient (or subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor) must obtain advance written approval from the Office on Violence Against Women program manager assigned to this award, and must comply with all conditions specified by the program manager in connection with that approval before: 1) using award funds to purchase ownership of, or a license to use, a copyrighted work; or 2) incorporating any copyrighted work, or portion thereof, into a new work developed under this award. It is the responsibility of the recipient (and of each subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor as applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward, contract or subcontract under this award.

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Copyright Provision for State, Tribal and Local Governments; Consultation Requirement
Pursuant to 28 CFR §66.34, the Office on Violence Against Women reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), for Federal Government purposes: (a) any work that is subject to copyright and was developed under this award, subaward, contract or subcontract pursuant to this award; and (b) any work that is subject to copyright for which ownership was purchased by a recipient, subrecipient or a contractor with support under this award. In addition, the recipient (or subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor)
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