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Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

OVW Fiscal Year 2015 State and Territorial Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program Solicitation

Solicitation Release Date

This solicitation was released on or about **April 3, 2015**.

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to **state and territorial sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions**.
(See "[Eligibility](#)")

Deadlines

Application: All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) on **May 15, 2015**.
(See "[Submission Dates and Times](#)")

Registration: To ensure all applicants have ample time to complete the registration process, applicants must obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number, register online with the System for Award Management (SAM) and with [Grants Management System \(GMS\)](#) immediately, but no later than **May 1, 2015**.
(See "[Registration](#)")

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact OVW at (202) 307-6026.

In Fiscal Year 2015, OVW applications will be submitted through GMS. For technical assistance with [GMS](#), contact OVW GMS Support at 1-866-655-4482.

It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by September 30, 2015.

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OVW State and Territorial Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Programs (CFDA 16-556)

A. Program Description

Overview

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Created in 1995, OVW implements the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation and provides national leadership on issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Since its inception, OVW has supported a multifaceted approach to responding to these crimes through implementation of grant programs authorized by VAWA. By forging state, local and tribal partnerships among police, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders and others, OVW grants help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities' capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

About the OVW State and Territorial Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Programs

This solicitation provides program and application guidelines for Fiscal Year 2015 and contains information on how to apply for two grant programs: 1) State and Territorial Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions (State and Territorial Coalitions Program) and, 2) Sexual Assault Services Program for Coalitions (SASP Coalitions Program). (These programs are jointly referred to as the Coalition Programs.) By statute, the purposes of these programs are: to coordinate victim services activities, collaborate and coordinate with federal, state, territorial and local entities; and to support the maintenance and expansion of state and territorial sexual assault coalitions.

State and Territorial Coalitions Program

State and territorial domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions play a critical role in advancing the goals of VAWA, serving as a collective voice to end violence against women through collaboration with federal, state, and local organizations. Statewide sexual assault coalitions provide direct support to member rape crisis centers through funding, training and technical assistance, public awareness activities, and public policy advocacy (e.g. state coalitions might work with law enforcement, prosecution, and community organizations to enhance their responses to victims of sexual assault). Statewide domestic violence coalitions provide comparable support to member domestic violence shelters and other domestic violence victim service providers. For approximately one-third of states and territories, these support services are provided through a dual sexual assault and domestic violence coalition. For the small number of states and territories where more than one state or territorial sexual assault and/or domestic violence coalition exists, only those coalitions that meet statutory eligibility requirements will be eligible. (See OVW's website for a current list of eligible state and territorial sexual assault, domestic violence and dual coalitions, <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/statedomestic.htm>). This grant program supports the enhancement of coalitions by funding specific projects.

SASP Coalitions Program

The Sexual Assault Services Program was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), 42 U.S.C. 14043g, and is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related

assistance for victims of sexual assault. Ten percent of the SASP funding stream is set aside for state, territorial, and tribal sexual assault coalitions to assist in supporting the maintenance and expansion of such coalitions.

For additional information on the **Coalition Programs**, including what past grantees have accomplished with their grant funds and to view the program's performance measures, see <http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/vawamei/statecoalitionsupdates.htm>.

Program Scope

Activities supported by the Coalition Programs are determined by statute, federal regulations, and OVW policies. If an applicant receives an award, the funded project is bound by the provisions of this solicitation, the [Financial Guide](#), any updates to the Financial Guide, and the conditions of the recipient's award.

Purpose Areas

In FY 2015, funds under the **Coalition Programs** may be used for the following purposes:

A. State and Territorial Coalition Program

- Coordinating state and territorial victim services activities; and
- Collaborating and coordinating with federal, state, territorial, and local entities engaged in anti-violence against women activities.

Examples of activities that may be supported

Grant funds may be used for activities, including the following:

- Providing training and technical assistance to member agencies;
- Expanding the technological capacity of coalitions and/or member agencies;
- Developing or enhancing appropriate standards of services for member programs, including culturally appropriate services to underserved populations;
- Conducting statewide, regional and/or community-based meetings or workshops for victim advocates, survivors, legal service providers, and criminal justice representatives;
- Bringing local programs together to identify gaps in services and to coordinate activities;
- Increasing the representation of underserved populations in coordination activities, including providing financial assistance to organizations that serve underserved communities to participate in planning meetings, task forces, committees, etc.;
- Engaging in activities that promote coalition-building at the local and/or state level; and
- Coordinating federal, state and territorial and/or local law enforcement agencies to develop or enhance strategies to address identified problems.

B. SASP Coalitions Program

- To support the maintenance and expansion of sexual assault state and territorial coalitions.

Examples of activities that may be supported

Grant funds may be used for the following activities:

- Working with local sexual assault programs and other providers of direct services to encourage appropriate responses to sexual assault within the state or territory;
- Working with judicial and law enforcement agencies to encourage appropriate responses to sexual assault cases;
- Working with courts, child protective services agencies, and children's advocates to develop appropriate responses to child custody and visitation issues when sexual assault has been determined to be a factor;
- Designing and conducting public education campaigns;
- Planning and monitoring the distribution of grants and grant funds within their state or territory; or
- Collaborating with and informing federal, state, or local public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies to reduce or eliminate sexual assault.

Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery

The following activities have been found to jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions:

1. Procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived 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 gender of their children;¹
2. Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of persons receiving OVW-funded services;
3. Crafting policies that require victims to report domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking crimes to law enforcement or that require victims to participate in criminal proceedings;
4. Crafting policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator;
5. Developing materials that are not tailored to the dynamics of domestic violence, sexual assault or the culturally specific population to be served; and
6. Crafting policies or engaging in practices that impose restrictive conditions to be met by the victim in order to receive services (e.g. mandatory counseling, seeking an order for protection).

Applications that propose activities that compromise victim safety and recovery may be eliminated from further consideration entirely.

Out-of-Scope Activities

OVW has determined the activities listed below to be out of the program scope. Applications that are determined to be substantially outside the scope of the Coalition Programs will not be considered for funding. The following activities are out of scope and will not be supported by Coalition Programs grant funding:

¹If an award is made, the recipient will also be subject to statutory prohibitions on discrimination. For further information on these civil rights requirements, see the section on "Violence Against Women Act Non-Discrimination Provision" under "F. Federal Award Administration Information".

1. Research projects (This does not include program assessments conducted only for internal improvement purposes. See section on Research and Protection of Human Subjects in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#).)
2. Direct services for victims.

B. Federal Award Information

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. Therefore, OVW encourages applicants to develop a plan to sustain project activities if federal funding through the Coalition Programs becomes no longer available.

Award Period

The grant award period is **12** months. Budgets must reflect **12** months of project activity, and the total “estimated funding” on the SF-424 must reflect **12** months. The award period will start on September 1, 2015.

Award Amounts

Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs.

Funding levels under the Coalition Programs for FY 2015 is as follows:

Sexual Assault Coalitions

Sexual assault coalitions in each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands should propose activities under the State and Territorial Coalitions Program purpose areas and budget for **\$82,882**. Activities related to SASP Coalitions Program purpose area should be budgeted for **\$48,214**. The total of budgets submitted by sexual assault coalitions clearly denoting the different activities should equal **\$131,096**.

Dual Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions

Eligible dual sexual and domestic violence coalitions will receive the combined allocation for activities under the State and Territorial Coalitions Program purpose areas. Dual coalitions must ensure an equitable distribution of funds in their budgets to sexual assault and domestic violence related activities. Consequently, dual sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions in each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands should propose activities under the State and Territorial Coalitions Program purpose areas budgeted for **\$82,822**. Activities related to SASP Coalitions Program purpose area can only be directed to sexual assault activities and should be budgeted for **\$48,214**. The total of budgets submitted by dual sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions clearly denoting the different activities should equal **\$213,978**.

Domestic Violence Coalitions

Domestic violence coalitions in each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands should propose activities under the State and Territorial Coalitions Program purpose areas budgeted for **\$82,882**. The total of budgets submitted by domestic violence coalitions should clearly denote only State and Territorial Coalitions Program purpose area activities and equal **\$82,882**.

Awards will be made as **grants**.

For more information on budgets, and things that must be included, please see [Budget Detail Worksheet](#) and [Narrative](#).

C. Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants

It is very important that applicants review this information carefully. Applications that are submitted by ineligible entities or that do not meet all program eligibility requirements will not be considered for funding.

Eligible Entities

Eligible entities for this program are:

| Eligible Entity | State and Territorial Coalitions Program | SASP Coalitions Program |
|---|--|---|
| State and territorial sexual assault coalitions (See OVW's website for a current list of eligible state sexual assault coalitions, http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/statedomestic.htm) | State and territorial sexual assault coalitions are eligible for funding through the State and Territorial Coalitions Program and should provide programming, activities, and budget details addressing the purpose areas of the State and Territorial Coalitions Program. | State sexual assault coalitions are eligible for funding through SASP Coalitions Program and should provide programming, activities, and budget details addressing the purpose areas of SASP Coalitions. |
| Dual sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions (See OVW's website for a current list of eligible dual coalitions, http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/statedomestic.htm) | Dual coalitions are eligible for funding through the State and Territorial Coalitions Program and should provide programming, activities, and budget details addressing the purpose areas of the State and Territorial Coalitions Program. | Dual coalitions are eligible for funding through SASP Coalitions Program as it relates to their sexual assault services and should provide programming, activities, and budget details addressing the purpose areas of SASP Coalitions. |
| State and territorial domestic violence coalitions (See OVW's website for a current list of eligible state domestic violence coalitions, http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/statedomestic.htm .) | State domestic violence coalitions are eligible for funding through the State and Territorial Coalitions Program and should provide programming, activities, and budget details addressing the purpose areas of the State and Territorial Coalitions Program. | State and territorial domestic violence coalitions are not eligible for funding appropriated through SASP Coalitions Program. |

Nonprofit Organization Requirements

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 the Coalition Programs.

Cost Sharing or Match Requirement

This program has no matching or cost sharing requirement.

Limit on Number of Application Submissions

If an applicant submits multiple versions of the same application, OVW will review only the most recent system-validated version submitted.

D. Application and Submission Information

Address to Request Application Package

The complete application package is available on [GMS](#) or at the OVW website at <http://www.justice.gov/ovw>.

Content and Form of Application Submission

Application Contents

This section describes what is included in a complete application package. Applicants should anticipate that failure to submit an application that contains all of the specified elements will negatively affect the review of the application and may result in the application not being considered for funding. Should a decision be made to make an award, it may result in the inclusion of special conditions that preclude access to or use of award funds pending satisfaction of the conditions.

Do not submit documents in addition to those specified in this solicitation. Please note that any materials submitted as part of an application may be released pursuant to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Formatting and Technical Requirements

1. Double spaced (Project Abstract, Summary Data Sheet and charts may be single space)
2. 8½ x 11 inch paper
3. One-inch margins
4. Type no smaller than 12 point, Times New Roman font
5. Page numbers
6. No more than 20 pages for the Project Narrative
7. Word documents must be 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 Requirements

Applications must include the following required documents and demonstrate that the program eligibility requirements have been met:

1. Project Narrative
2. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative

Summary Data Sheet

The Summary Data Sheet should be one to four pages in length and may be single or double spaced. The Summary Data Sheet does not count toward the 20 page limit for the Project Narrative. Please provide the following information:

1. Name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address for the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant agency (see "[Application for Federal Assistance \(SF-424\)](#)" for the definition of the AOR).
2. Name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address for the grant point-of-contact, who must be an employee of the applicant agency.
3. Statement as to whether the organization applying will serve as a fiscal agent / sponsor for an organization or organizations that will ultimately implement the project. If so, the applicant must include a statement acknowledging that, should an award be made, it would be responsible for all statutory, fiscal and programmatic requirements, as well as all project deliverables. The organization applying for the award must also list all of the entities it will enter into agreements with to perform the work, and should include a description of how these entities intend to accomplish the purposes of the award if such a description is not already provided in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) submitted as part of the application.
4. Statement as to whether the agency applying has expended \$500,000 in federal funds in the organization's past fiscal year. Please specify the end date of the applicant's fiscal year.
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 2015 to do similar work (see "[Appendix D Summary of Current and Pending Non-OVW Grants to do the Same or Similar Work](#)").
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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. If the applicant is not a nonprofit organization or is a nonprofit that does not use the safe-harbor procedure, provide a statement to that effect. For additional information about the safe-harbor procedure, see "[Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation](#)" section.
9. The percentage of grant activities that will address each of the following issues:
 - A. Sexual assault;
 - B. Domestic violence;
 - C. Dating/teen dating violence; and/or
 - D. Stalking.

10. Summary of Current and Recent OVW Projects (if applicable) in [Appendix D](#) .
- A. If the applicant has a current grant award or cooperative agreement under any OVW program, or received an award that has been closed within the last 12 months from the date this solicitation closes, the information below must be included.
- i. Identify all grants by OVW program, award number, and project period.
 - ii. Specify the total funding amount for each grant (initial and supplemental amounts, if applicable).
 - iii. Specify the total funds remaining in each grant as of the date of application.
 - iv. Provide the total funds remaining in each budget category (Personnel, Fringe, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Construction, Contractual, and Other) for each grant.
 - v. Provide justification for remaining funds.
 - vi. Estimate the amount of grant funds that will be remaining at the end of the current project period.
 - vii. List the number and titles of all full-time and/or part-time positions funded by the award.

Project Narrative

The Project Narrative may not exceed 20 pages in length, double-spaced. The Project Narrative comprises the following 3 sections:

Purpose of Application

This section must include:

1. The need to be addressed by the proposed project;
2. Current services offered by the coalition;
3. Gaps in services;
4. Service areas; and
5. Target population.

What Will Be Done

This section must include the information below. In doing so, the applicant must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the "Purpose of Application" section.

1. Goals and objectives, describing the specific tasks and activities necessary to accomplish each;
2. Expected outcomes;
3. A timeline that identifies when activities will be accomplished; and
4. Products, if any, that will be generated and a description of how they could be used to assist member programs and/or collaborative efforts with federal, state, territories, or local entities engaged in violence against women intervention activities. Grantees will be required to submit all products to OVW for review and approval prior to public release.

Who Will Implement the Project

This section must include the information below. In doing so, the applicant must justify who will be involved in the project and demonstrate that they have the capacity to address the stated need and that they can successfully implement the stated project activities.

1. Key personnel;
2. Qualifications of key personnel;
3. Identification of any coalition partners; and
4. Capacity of the organization.

Proposal Abstract

The Proposal Abstract should provide a short and accurate summary (no more than 2 pages double-spaced) of the proposed project, including who will be involved with the proposed project, what will be done as primary activities, what products will be produced, the service area where the proposed project will take place and who will be impacted by the proposed project. Applicants should not summarize past accomplishments in this section.

Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative

All applicants are required to submit a detailed budget and supporting budget narrative. Budgetary requirements vary slightly among programs, and applicants must read the solicitation closely to determine the requirements of the budget and budget narrative for each OVW program.

Award Period and Amount

1. The grant award period is 12 months. Budgets must reflect 12 months of project activity.
2. Awards under the Coalition Programs for FY 2015 will be made for the following amounts: \$131,096 for Sexual Assault Coalitions; \$213,978 for Dual Coalitions; and \$82,882 for Domestic Violence Coalitions.

Budget Requirements

Applicants must submit reasonable budgets based on the resources needed to implement their projects in their specific geographic location. The budget should display a clear link between the specific project activities and the proposed budget items. Specifically, the budget should not contain any items that are not detailed in the project narrative. The budget narrative must support all costs included in the budget and explain how the costs of goods and services are determined and how they will fulfill the overall objective of the project.

In some circumstances, the budget and budget narrative will be reviewed separately from the proposed project narrative. Therefore, it is very important that the budget narrative be as comprehensive as possible and describe in a narrative format each line item requested in the budget.

A Sample Budget Detail Worksheet is available in [Appendix A](#). When preparing the Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative, please use the Sample Budget Detail Worksheet as a guide and be sure to include all necessary budget categories as outlined in the Worksheet. The budget must adhere to the Financial Guide.

Additional Required Information

The following documents should be included with your submission.

Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation

Any applicant that is a nonprofit organization that uses the Internal Revenue Service's three-step safe-harbor procedure for establishing a rebuttable presumption that its executives' compensation is reasonable, must provide the following: (1) a brief description of the process used for determining the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees, including the independent persons involved in reviewing and approving such compensation (in lieu of a description, an applicant may submit its written compensation policy); (2) the comparability data used in establishing executive compensation; and (3) contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision regarding executive compensation. This third element can usually be addressed by submitting minutes from board meetings where compensation was considered and approved.

Applicants that want to learn about best practices for establishing compensation for their executives and the IRS's safe-harbor procedures can find more information through the National Council of Nonprofits, <http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/nonprofit-executive-compensation-policy>.

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 the Violence Against Women Act, as amended. The [Acknowledgement of Notice of Statutory Requirement to Comply with the Confidentiality and Privacy Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, as Amended](#) is available on the OVW website and must be signed by the authorized representative and uploaded to the application on [GMS](#).

Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

Applicants must complete the SF-424 online. For "Type of Applicant", please do not select "other." Please pay careful attention to the amount of federal funding requested in the "Estimated Funding" section of this form. This amount must match the amount of federal funding requested in the budget section of the application package. Only include values for "Applicant" if the program solicitation requires a match. The individual who is listed in "Authorized Representative" must be the AOR for the applicant agency. The AOR is an individual who has the authority to apply for and accept grant awards on behalf of the organization or jurisdiction.

Standard Assurances and Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Form 4061/6)

Please carefully review the assurances and certification forms online. These forms will be completed online at a later time during the application process. All applicants must complete the *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* (SF-LLL) form. Applicants that expend any funds for lobbying activities must provide the detailed information requested on the form. Applicants that do not expend any funds for lobbying activities should enter "N/A" in the required highlighted fields.

Letter of Nonsupplanting

Applicants must submit a letter to OVW's Director, signed by the AOR, certifying that federal funds will not be used to supplant state or local funds should a grant award be made. Please refer to http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/nonsup_letter.pdf for a sample letter. This should be a separate attachment to the application in [GMS](#).

Financial Accounting Practices

Each applicant must prepare a response to the following questions. OVW will review the applicant's responses to assist in evaluating the adequacy of the organization's financial management system and to identify areas of need for training and technical assistance. This section of your application should be no more than two pages and should be a separate attachment to the online application in [GMS](#).

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? Please provide a brief description of the organization'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? Please provide a brief list of the topics covered in the organization'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 applicants' financial management system able to track actual expenditures and outlays with budgeted amounts for each grant or subgrant? Please provide a brief summary of the organization's process for tracking expenditures.
4. Does the applicant have procedures in place for minimizing the time elapsing between transfer of funds from the United States Treasury and disbursement for project activities? Please provide a short summary of the organization's policy for requesting payments for grant awards.
5. Does the applicant have effective internal controls in place to adequately safeguard grant assets and to ensure that they are used solely for authorized purposes? Please provide a brief description.
6. Does the applicant have a documented records retention policy? If so, briefly describe the policy.
7. 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 new Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200) issued on December 26, 2013? Please 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 or 1-888-514-8556 immediately after the organization is notified of their award to coordinate training.

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 or OJP must complete a Financial Capability Questionnaire, and submit it online. Additionally, the applicant may be required to submit their current year's audit report at a later time. The form is found at the following link: [Accounting System and Financial Capability Questionnaire](#).

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs through the use of an indirect cost rate must have a federally-approved indirect cost agreement. Please include a copy of a current, signed federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement. This should be a separate attachment to the application in [GMS](#).

Non-federal entities, other than state and local governments and Indian tribes that have never received a federally-approved indirect cost rate may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely. If chosen, this methodology once elected must be used consistently for all federal awards until such time as a non-federal entity chooses to negotiate for a rate.

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

Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM)

Applicants for federal grants and cooperative agreements are required to have a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number to submit an application. A DUNS Number is a unique nine-character identification number provided by the commercial company **Dun & Bradstreet (D&B)**. Once you have completed the D&B registration, your DUNS Number should be available the next business day.

Federal guidelines require that applicant organizations must (1) be registered in SAM prior to submitting an application; (2) provide a valid DUNS number in its application; and (3) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active federal award or an application under consideration by a federal awarding agency. Also, federal agencies may not make an award to an applicant until that applicant has complied with all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements. If an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time that OVW is ready to make an award, then OVW may make the determination that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award and use that determination as a basis for making the award to another applicant.

Registration

There is no fee associated with the registration process. Additionally, the registration process cannot be expedited. OVW strongly discourages applicants from paying a third party to register on their behalf in an attempt to expedite the registration process. To ensure all applicants have ample time to complete the registration process, applicants must obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number, register online with the System for Award Management (SAM) and with [GMS](#) immediately, but no later than May 1, 2015.

Each applicant must obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and submit their application online via [GMS](#) according to the instructions. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications 48, but no less than 24, hours before the deadline to allow sufficient time to address technical problems. Applicants should ensure that the DUNS number for the application is for an organization that is eligible to apply for the grant program. Also, only the organization that is registered in SAM may use that DUNS number and [GMS](#) registration to submit an application.

The SAM centralizes information about grant recipients and also provides a central location for grant recipients to change organizational information. **Organizations must update/renew their registration annually in order to maintain a current registration status.** [GMS](#) uses SAM to establish roles and IDs for electronic grant applicants.

If the applying organization already has an Employer Identification Number (EIN), the SAM registration will take **up to two weeks to process**. If the applying organization does not have an EIN, then **the applicant should allow two to five weeks for obtaining the information from IRS when requesting the EIN via phone, fax, mail or Internet**. Follow the steps listed below to register in the SAM:

1. Obtain a DUNS number at the following website <http://www.dnb.com/us/> or call (866) 705-5711.
2. Access the SAM online registration through the SAM homepage at <https://www.sam.gov/> and follow the online instructions for new SAM users.
3. Complete and submit the online registration. If the applying organization already has the necessary information on hand, the online registration takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, depending upon the size and complexity of the business or organization. Once the SAM registration becomes active, the applicant will be able to return to [GMS](#) and complete the registration. **Please note that organizations must update or renew their SAM registration at least once a year to maintain an active status.**

Submission Dates and Times

It is very important that all applicants read this section carefully. Applicants that do not complete all the steps in registering and submitting their application by the due date will not be considered for funding. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their applications are complete at the time of submission. OVW will not contact applicants for missing items. Applicants should anticipate that failure to meet all registration and submission deadlines will result in their application being removed from consideration. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is submitted by the deadline.

All applications will be submitted electronically. The deadline for submitting applications in response to this solicitation is **11:59 p.m. E.T. on May 15, 2015**. Applications submitted after **11:59 p.m. E.T. on May 15, 2015** will not be considered for funding. Applicants experiencing difficulties submitting an application should refer to the [Experiencing Unforeseeable Technical Issues](#) section of this solicitation.

Applicants must be registered and current with the SAM registration and with [GMS](#) prior to submitting an application. It is strongly recommended that applicants begin the registration process immediately, but no later than **May 1, 2015** in order to ensure that the registration process is completed and any difficulties are resolved well in advance of the application deadline. **Failure to begin the registration or application submission process in sufficient time is not an acceptable reason for a late application submission. It is important that applicants do not wait until the day of the application deadline to begin the application submission process. To ensure a successful application submission, OVW strongly encourages applicants to submit their applications at least 48, but no less than 24, hours before the deadline.**

Note: For applicants without Internet access, who cannot submit an application electronically, please contact **Kim Galvan at 202-307-3348** no later than **May 1, 2015** to request permission to submit an application by alternative means.

OVW Policy on Duplicate Applications

If an applicant submits multiple versions of an application, OVW will review the most recent version submitted.

Experiencing Unforeseeable Technical Issues

As previously stated, applicants should begin the **registration process** immediately, but no less than **May 1, 2015**. Furthermore, the applicant should begin the **application submission process** 48, but no less than 24, hours prior to the application deadline. This will allow for sufficient time for the applicant to contact the appropriate individuals and take corrective action, as outlined in this solicitation, should unforeseeable technical issues arise. If technical difficulties are experienced at any point during the application process, the applicant must contact **OVW GMS Support at 1-866-655-4482, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. E.T.**

If an applicant experiences unforeseeable technical issues that prevent submission of an application by the deadline, the applicant must take the following actions:

1. contact Kim Galvan at 202 307 3348 or at kim.c.galvan@usdoj.gov prior to the application deadline stating that they are experiencing unforeseeable technical issues and provide a phone number and/or email address where the applicant can be reached; and
2. contact the technical support number above prior to the application submission deadline.

Within 24 hours after the deadline, the applicant must again contact Kim Galvan at **202-307 3348** or kim.c.galvan@usdoj.gov to request permission to submit the application. At that time, the applicant will be required to email the complete grant application and DUNS number, and provide a **GMS** Help Desk tracking number(s). After OVW reviews all of the information submitted and verifies the technical issues were unforeseeable with the Help Desk, OVW will contact the applicant to either approve or deny the request to submit a late application. If the technical issues cannot be verified as unforeseeable, the application will be rejected as late.

The following conditions are not valid reasons to permit late submissions: (1) failure to begin the registration process in sufficient time; (2) failure to register or update information on the SAM website; (3) failure to follow **GMS** or Grants.gov instructions as posted on its website; and (4) failure to follow all of the instructions in the OVW solicitation.

OVW Policy on Late Submissions

OVW offers several options for applicants to provide advance notice to OVW if receipt of their application will be delayed due to a temporary lack of Internet access, unforeseeable technical difficulties, or geographic isolation. If applicants do not provide advance notice to OVW about an issue that may cause a delay in the submission of the application, the application will not be considered for funding. If applicants follow the steps outlined above, OVW will consider an applicant's request for late submission. Extension of deadlines is not guaranteed and late submission does not automatically result in an award. Late submission only allows an application to be considered for funding. If late submission is approved, the application will be reviewed for registration information and completeness, and to ensure that the applicant meets the basic eligibility requirements (BMR) as defined in the solicitation. If the applicant meets BMR the application will be subject to both peer review and programmatic review before any funding decision is made.

Extraordinary Natural or Manmade Disasters

In cases of extraordinary natural or manmade disasters, such as extreme weather emergencies or terrorist acts, applicants may request to submit applications up to seven calendar days late by sending an e-mail to the contact listed in the solicitation. The request should specify the nature of the disaster and how it affected the applicant's ability to submit an application on time. OVW may request additional documentation from the applicant verifying the extraordinary natural or manmade disaster.

Intergovernmental Review Single Point of Contact Review

Executive Order 12372 requires applicants from state and local units of government or other organizations providing services within a state to submit a copy of the application to the [state Single Point of Contact \(SPOC\)](#) if one exists and if the program has been selected for review. Applicants must contact their state SPOCs to determine whether their programs have been selected for state review. The applicant should enter the date that the application was sent to the SPOC or the reason such submission is not required in the section of the SF 424 which refers to EO 12372. Applicants can find a list of SPOCs on the Office of Management and Budget website at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc.

Funding Restrictions

Federal grants are governed by the provisions of the OMB circulars applicable to financial assistance and the Financial Guide. The Financial Guide includes information on allowable costs, methods of payment, audit requirements, accounting systems, and financial records. This document outlines the successful administration of grant funds.

Any recipient of an award will be responsible for monitoring subgrants/contracts, including MOU partner activities, under the grant in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, OMB circulars and guidelines, and the Financial Guide. Primary recipients will be responsible for oversight of subgrantee/partner spending and monitoring specific performance measures and outcomes attributable to the use of OVW funds.

Food and Beverage/Costs for Refreshments and Meals

Generally food and beverage costs are **not** allowable, and under no circumstances may OVW funding be used to supply food and/or beverages during refreshment breaks. OVW may approve the use of OVW funds to provide food and/or beverages for a meal at a meeting, conference, training, or other event, if one of the following applies:

1. The location of the event is not in close proximity to food establishments. It should be a priority to try 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 budget narrative, and funds may only be used to purchase food and/or beverages for a meal at a meeting, conference, training, or other event if OVW approves the specific expenditures in advance.

Conference Planning and Expenditure Limitations

Applicants should be aware of 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, training and other similar 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>. Applicants should also be aware of the following specific restrictions on conference planning and expenditure limitations:

1. Cost of Logistical Conference Planning
2. Cost of Programmatic Conference Planning
3. Conference Space and Audio-Visual Equipment and Services
4. Prohibition on Trinkets at Conferences
5. Entertainment at Conferences
6. Food and Beverages at Conferences
7. Prior Approval Required Before Entering Into Contracts or Expending Funds for Conferences
8. Conference Reporting

Updated Department of Justice and OVW guidance on conference planning, minimization of costs, and conference cost reporting is accessible on the OVW website <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grantees.html>. For additional information regarding food and beverage regulations, please refer to the Financial Guide.

Training and Technical Assistance

All applicants are strongly encouraged to allocate funds in the amount of **\$5,000** to support travel costs associated with technical assistance and capacity-building activities sponsored by OVW-designated technical assistance providers. Applicants from Alaska, Hawaii, and United States Territories should allocate **\$8,000** to account for higher travel costs. Include an estimated breakdown for these costs in the "Consultants/Contracts" category, including the number of trips, number of travelers, airfare or mileage, lodging, per diem, etc. (OVW technical assistance is provided free of charge to grantees, so applicants do not need to include registration fees). This amount should equal the full set-aside amount listed above.

Program Assessments

Applicants may not use any OVW funds to conduct research. However, up to three percent of the budget may be allocated for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of funded activities. For example, funds may be used to conduct pre- and post-testing of training recipients or for victim satisfaction surveys. In conducting such testing or surveys, grantees may not collect, analyze or disseminate any information that would disclose the identity of an individual.

Accommodations and Language Access

Applicants are encouraged to allocate grant funds to support activities that help to ensure individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals and persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services, language interpretation and translation services, or the purchase of adaptive equipment.

Applicants proposing to use grant funds to create websites, videos and other materials must ensure that they are accessible to persons with disabilities. Grant funds must be allocated for these purposes.

Pre-Agreement Cost Approval

Please be aware that 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. Please see the Financial Guide for more information on pre-award costs.

Program Income

Program income is income generated from the federally-supported activities or earned as a result of the award and requires prior approval from OVW. Program income is not a requirement for this program.

Applicants that anticipate earning program income must include in the budget how the income will be expended. If approved, the program income will be in addition to the award amount and must be used for allowable activities or the program. Recipients that earn program income but did not anticipate earning program income at the time of the award must use the income generated for allowable activities of the program and reduce the award amount (rather than increase funds available for the program).

Unallowable Activities

The following is a list of activities that are unallowable and cannot be supported by Coalition Programs grant funding. Applications that propose unallowable activities may receive a point deduction during the review process. Applications that include substantial unallowable activities will not be considered for funding.

1. Lobbying
2. Fundraising
3. Purchase of real property
4. Construction
5. Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting)

Other Submission Requirements

As discussed in the "[Submission Dates and Times](#)" section above, applications must be submitted electronically via [GMS](#). Applicants that are unable to submit electronically must follow the instructions contained in the 'Note' in the "[Submission Dates and Times](#)" section above.

Reminder: To ensure a successful application submission, OVW strongly encourages applicants to submit their applications at least 48, but no less than 24, hours before the deadline.

Grants Management System

Applicants are required to submit applications through the Office of Justice Programs' [Grants Management System](#) (GMS) instead of [Grants.gov](#). In order to apply for a grant through [GMS](#), go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/> and either sign in using the applicant's current [GMS](#) ID and password or register as a new user. Once the applicant has logged into [GMS](#), they should select

the program that they intend to apply for and follow the instructions. Training materials are available on the main [GMS](#) homepage.

E. Application Review Information

Criteria

Applications will be subject to a programmatic review. Applications will be reviewed based on the degree to which the applicant responds to each section and addresses each element contained within the corresponding section. Furthermore, applications will be reviewed based upon the quality of the response and the level of detail provided. Each element **must** be addressed in the section in which it is requested.

1. Summary data sheet
2. Project narrative
 - A. Purpose of the application
 - B. What will be done
 - C. Who will implement
3. Budget narrative and detail

Review and Selection Process

Programmatic Review

All applications that are considered for funding will be subject to a programmatic review. The programmatic review consists of assessing for scope, activities that compromise victim safety and, if applicable, past performance.

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 be asked to revise their application and may experience a delay in receiving funds.

As a part of the programmatic review process, applicants with current or recent (closed within the calendar year) OVW awards and/or cooperative agreements will be conducted by OVW, for past performance based on the elements listed below:

1. Progress reports submitted by the applicant, in conjunction with monitoring conducted by OVW, demonstrate the effectiveness of the current project, indicating timely progress toward meeting project goals and objectives;
2. Demonstration that past activities supported with OVW grant funds have been limited to program purpose areas;
3. Adherence to all special conditions of existing grant award(s) from OVW;
4. Adherence to programmatic and financial reporting requirements, including timely submission of required reports;
5. Completion of close-out of prior awards in a timely manner;
6. Appropriate utilization and active participation in OVW-sponsored workshops and other technical assistance events as required by a special condition of the current or recent award;
7. Receipt of financial clearances on all current or recent grants from OVW;

8. Timely resolution of issues identified in any audit or on-site financial or programmatic monitoring visit;
9. Adherence to the Office of Management and Budget single-audit requirement; and
10. Timely expenditure of grant funds.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the OVW Director. All award decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Compliance with OVW Financial Requirements

Each OVW grantee agrees to follow the financial and administrative requirements in the Financial Guide as a condition of receiving grant funding. If OVW determines that a current grantee has violated any of the requirements of the Guide, the grantee may be denied continuation funding.

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 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 will likely not receive an additional OVW award until all issues are resolved.

Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates

It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by September 30, 2015.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notice

Successful applications will receive OVW award notifications electronically from the [OJP Grants Management System](#). This award notification will be sent to the individuals listed as the Authorized Representation and the Point of Contact in [GMS](#) for the application that was selected for funding and will include instructions on accepting the award. Recipients will be required to login; accept any outstanding assurances and certifications on the award; designate financial points of contact; and review, sign, and accept the award. The award acceptance process involves physical signature of the award document and terms and conditions by the authorized representative and the scanning of the fully-executed award document to OVW.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements Information for All Federal Award Grantees

Applicants selected for awards must agree to comply with additional legal, administrative, and national policy requirements upon acceptance of an award. OVW strongly encourages applicants to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting an application. Additional information for each requirement can be found in the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#).

1. [Civil Rights Compliance](#)
2. Funding to Faith-Based Organizations
3. Confidentiality and Privacy Protections

4. Research and the Protection of Human Subjects (if applicable)
5. Anti-Lobbying Act
6. Reporting Requirements
7. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (if applicable)
8. DOJ Information Technology Standards (if applicable)
9. Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds
10. Criminal Penalty for False Statements
11. Reporting Fraud, Waste, Error, and Abuse
12. Suspension or Termination of Funding
13. Nonprofit Organizations
14. Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
15. Rights in Intellectual Property
16. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006
17. Awards in Excess of \$5,000,000 – Federal Taxes Certification Requirement
18. Active SAM Registration

Awards under this program will be made as grants. General terms and conditions applied to all OVW grants and cooperative agreements, including [awards made by this program](#), are available at [Standard Special Conditions-Grants](#) and [Standard Special Conditions-Cooperative Agreements](#). Each OVW grant program has additional program specific conditions that are included in the award document immediately following the standard special condition. Some awards will also have project-specific special conditions to ensure compliance with the statutory scope of the Coalition Programs.

Violence Against Women Act Non-Discrimination Provision

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 added a new civil rights provision that applies to all FY 2015 OVW grants. 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. For more information on this prohibition, see <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/docs/fags-ngc-vawa.pdf>. Additional information on the civil rights obligations of OVW funding recipients can be found in the Solicitation Companion Guide under "Civil Rights Compliance."

Compliance with OVW Financial Requirements

Each OVW grantee agrees to follow the financial and administrative requirements in the Financial Guide as a condition of receiving grant funding. If OVW determines that a current grantee has violated any of the requirements of the Guide, the grantee's award may be frozen or terminated and the grantee may be denied continuation funding.

Reporting

Reporting Requirements

All OVW grantees receiving awards are required to submit a semi-annual progress report and quarterly Federal Financial Reports (SF 425). Appropriate progress report forms will be provided to all applicants selected for an award. Forms will be submitted electronically via [GMS](#). Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if forms are delinquent.

Public Reporting Burden - Paperwork 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. We try to create forms and

instructions that are accurate, can be easily understood, and which impose the least possible burden on you to provide us with information. The estimated average time to complete and file this form is 30 hours. If you have comments regarding the accuracy of this estimate, or suggestions for making this form simpler, you can write to the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC 20530.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OVW Coalition Programs Unit at (202) 307-6026.

For technical assistance with GMS, contact OVW GMS Support at 1-866-655-4482.

H. Other Information

Application Checklist

Applicants must submit a fully executed application to OVW, including all required supporting documentation. OVW will not contact applicants for missing items. Additionally, if an applicant plans to submit an application under any other OVW grant program this fiscal year, please 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 Legal Assistance for Victims Certification Letter submitted with a Transitional Housing Program Application).

| Application Document | |
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| 1. Summary of Current OVW Projects, If Applicable | |
| 2. Summary Data Sheet | |
| 3. Project Narrative | |
| 4. Purpose of the Application | |
| 5. What Will Be Done | |
| 6. Who Will Implement | |
| 7. Proposal Abstract | |
| 8. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative | |
| 9. Application for Federal Assistance: SF 424 | |
| 10. Standard Assurances and Certifications | |
| 11. Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation | |
| 12. Confidentiality Notice Form | |
| 13. Letter of Nonsupplanting | |
| 14. Financial Accounting Practices | |
| 15. Financial Capability Questionnaire (nonprofits only) | |
| 16. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (only if the applicant has a current Federally-approved rate) | |

Do not submit documents in addition to those specified in this solicitation. Please note that any materials submitted as part of an application may be released pursuant to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

APPENDIX A

Budget Guidance & Sample Budget Detail Worksheet

Budget Guidance

Cost guidance for selected items is provided below to assist applicants in preparing the budget detail worksheet. In developing your budget detail worksheet please refer to the [Financial Guide](#).

Consultants/Contracts

Compensation for services by an individual consultant should be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. Applicants should consider the type of services provided and the experience and expertise of the individual consultant when deciding if a consultant's rate is reasonable. Applicants are strongly discouraged from requesting consultant rates in excess of \$650 per day. Please note that this does not mean that the rate can or should be as high as \$650 for all consultants. If a project is ultimately selected for funding with a budget allocating more than \$650 per day to a consultant, the applicant must provide additional information to OVW for review and approval before consultant costs are incurred. Applicants should also include all costs associated with consultants/contracts in the "Consultants/Contracts" category, including travel-related costs. These costs should not be reflected in the Personnel or Travel categories.

Applicants should follow the same established procurement policies with federal funds as they would with non-federal funds. All procurement transactions should be awarded in a manner that provides maximum open, free and fair competition, and must follow 2 CFR Part 200.317-326. All sole-source procurements (those not awarded competitively) in excess of \$150,000 require prior approval from OVW. This applies to procurements of goods and services, but not to selection of subrecipients. MOU project partners are generally considered subrecipients for time spent working on program objectives. For additional information on determining whether the recipient of the pass-through funds is a subrecipient or a contractor, please refer to 2 CFR Part 200.330.

Rent

Rental costs are generally allowable under OVW programs. Applicants should list square footage and cost per square foot in the budget. The amount must be based on the space that will be allocated to implement the OVW project, not the costs of the entire rental space. **Rental costs are not allowable for property owned by the applicant or if the applicant has a financial interest in the property.** In this case only the costs of ownership, including maintenance costs, insurance, depreciation, utilities, etc., are allowable costs. The applicant must indicate in the budget narrative whether or not they own the space that will be rented.

Audit Costs

Costs for audits not required or performed in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 or 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F – Audit Requirement are unallowable. If the applicant agency did not meet the applicable expenditure threshold during the organization's fiscal year, the cost of any audit performed may not be charged to the grant.

Indirect Costs

Applicants that have current, federally-approved, indirect cost rates may seek to claim indirect costs and must submit a copy of their current federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement with the application. Applicants may choose to waive indirect costs.

Non-federal entities, other than state and local governments and Indian tribes, which have never received a federally-approved indirect cost rate, may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely.

Purchase and/or Lease of Vehicles

The purchase and/or lease of vehicles is prohibited under most OVW grant programs, although some programs allow for purchasing vehicles on a case-by-case basis. Please refer to the solicitation for which you are applying to determine whether vehicles can be purchased or leased. If requesting a vehicle, a lease/purchase analysis must be submitted with the application.

Compensation for Partners

In developing the budget, applicants should compensate all project partners for their participation in any project-related activities, including but not limited to, compensation for time and travel expenses to participate in project development, training, and implementation. The budget **must** include compensation for all services rendered by project partners, including nonprofit, nongovernmental domestic violence and/or sexual assault victim services programs and state and tribal domestic violence and/or sexual assault coalitions. If a partner is a state or local governmental agency and the partnership duties are conducted within the course of the agency's "regular" scope of work, applicants do not need to compensate the partner if the partner a) offers this arrangement; and b) an explanation of this arrangement is included in the application.

Non-federal contributions

Any non-federal contributions can be discussed in the project narrative or Memorandum of Understanding (if required). **Applicants should not include supplemental contributions in the budget, budget narrative, or SF-424.**

Applicants are advised that if they voluntarily decide to provide matching funds through the use of in-kind contributions, and include this information in the budget or budget narrative, the voluntary contributions will become a mandatory requirement under the grant award. Grantees that fail to provide sufficient mandatory matching funds through cash or in-kind contributions during the award period may be required to meet their obligation by making a cash payment to the Office on Violence Against Women in order to close out the grant award.

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| Worker's Compensation | \$70,500 x 1.00% | \$ 705 |
| Unemployment Compensation | \$70,500 x 0.50% | \$ 353 |
| Investigator | | |
| Employer's FICA | \$135,000 x 7.65% | \$10,328 |
| Health Insurance | \$135,000 x 6.12% | \$ 8,262 |
| Worker's Compensation | \$135,000 x 1.00% | \$ 1,350 |
| Unemployment Compensation | \$135,000 x 0.50% | \$ 675 |
| Administrative Assistant | | |
| Employer's FICA | \$ 7,200 x 7.65% | \$ 551 |
| Health Insurance | \$ 7,200 x 6.12% | \$ 441 |
| Worker's Compensation | \$ 7,200 x 1.00% | \$ 72 |
| Unemployment Compensation | \$ 7,200 x 0.50% | \$ 36 |
| TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS: | | \$ 32,481 |

TOTAL PERSONNEL AND FRINGE BENEFITS: \$ 245,181

The tribe is requesting fringe benefits for the Program Coordinator, the Investigator, and the Administrative Assistant.

C. Travel – Itemize travel expenses of project personnel by purpose (e.g., staff to training, field interviews, advisory group meeting, etc.). Show the basis of computation (e.g., six people to 3-day training at \$X airfare, \$X lodging, \$X per diem). In training projects, travel and meals for trainees should be listed separately. Show the number of trainees and unit costs involved. Identify the location of travel, if known. Indicate source of Travel Policies applied, Applicant or Federal Travel Regulations.

| <u>Purpose of Travel</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Computation</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--|-----------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance | TBD | Airfare | \$500 (avg.) x 3 people x 4 trips | \$ 6,000 |
| | | Lodging | \$100 (avg.) x 3 nights x 3 people x 4 trips | \$ 3,600 |
| | | Per diem | \$ 50 (avg.) x 4 days x 3 people x 4 trips | \$ 2,400 |

\$12,000 of the required \$20,000 in OVW mandated technical assistance and training funds has been allocated to cover the cost of travel for staff of the tribe in accordance with program guidelines. The remaining amount of \$8,000 has been allocated for partner travel and can be found in Section G of this form. The sites of the training sessions are unknown at this time. Travel estimates are based upon the tribe's formal written travel policy.

TOTAL TRAVEL: \$ 12,000

D. Equipment – List non-expendable items that are to be purchased. (Note: Organization’s own capitalization policy for classification of equipment should be used.) Expendable items should be included in the “Supplies” category. Applicants should analyze the cost benefits of purchasing versus leasing equipment, especially high cost items and those subject to rapid technical advances. Rented or leased equipment costs should be listed in the “Contractual” category. Explain how the equipment is necessary for the success of the project. Attach a narrative describing the procurement method to be used.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Computation</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| (2) Video Cameras | \$750/camera x 2 cameras | \$ 1,500 |

The video cameras will be used during the interviews of alleged offenders, as well as to record witness testimony in preparation for trial in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

TOTAL EQUIPMENT: \$ 1,500

E. Supplies – List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copying paper, and other expendable items such as books, hand held tape recorders) and show the basis for computation. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.

| <u>Supply Items</u> | <u>Computation</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------|
| Office Supplies (paper, printer, toner, pens, etc.) | \$150/month x 36 months | \$5,400 |
| Postage | \$ 50/month x 36 months | \$1,800 |
| 75 Victim Assistance Kits | \$ 25/kit x 75 kits | \$1,875 |

Office supplies and postage are needed for the general operation of the program. The Victim Assistance Kits will be provided to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who seek assistance from the program. The kits contain toiletries and other necessities. The estimated cost is based on previous kit prices from other programs. We estimate that at least 75 kits will be needed.

TOTAL SUPPLIES: \$ 9,075

F. Construction – As a rule, construction costs are not allowable. In some cases, minor repairs or renovations may be allowable. Consult with the program office before budgeting funds in this category.

| <u>Purpose</u> | <u>Description of Work</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL CONSTRUCTION: | | <u>\$ 0</u> |

G. Consultants/Contracts – Indicate whether applicant’s formal, written Procurement Policy or the Federal Acquisition Regulations are followed.

Consultant Fees: For each consultant enter the name, if known, service to be provided, hourly or daily fee (8-hour day), and estimated time on the project. Consultant fees in excess of \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour require additional justification and prior approval from the Office on Violence Against Women.

| <u>Name of Consultant</u> | <u>Service Provided</u> | <u>Computation</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Consultant /Trainer | Sexual Assault Training | \$650/day x 3 days | \$ 1,950 |
| Part-Time Prosecutor | Prosecution | \$50/hr. x 20 hrs./month x 36 months | \$ 36,000 |

A Consultant/Trainer will provide a three day on-site training on sexual assault and related issues to tribal leaders, law enforcement, prosecution, court personnel, and medical and social services personnel. The training will focus on the challenges of providing support and advocacy services to Indian victims of sexual assault, dating violence, and elder abuse.

The tribe will hire a Part-Time Prosecutor. The Part-Time Prosecutor will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$50/hour. The Part-Time Prosecutor will spend 20 hours each month prosecuting crimes related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Subtotal Consultant Fees: \$ 37,950

Consultant Travel: List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultant in addition to their fees (i.e., travel, meals, lodging etc.).

| <u>Purpose of Travel</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Computation</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--|---------------------|-------------|---|------------------------|
| OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance | TBD | Airfare | \$550 (avg.) x 2 people x 4 trips | \$ 4,400 |
| | | Lodging | \$100 (avg.) x 3 nights x2 people x 4 trips | \$ 2,400 |
| | | Per diem | \$ 50 (avg.) x 3 days x 2 people x 4 trips | \$ 1,200 |
| | | | Subtotal OVW-Mandated Training: | <u>\$ 8,000</u> |
| Delivery of Sexual Assault Training | Tribe's Reservation | Airfare | \$500 (avg.) x 1 person x 1 trip | \$ 500 |
| | | Lodging | \$ 50 (avg.)/night x 2 nights | \$ 100 |
| | | Per diem | \$ 35 (avg.)/day x 3 days | \$ 105 |
| | | | Subtotal Sexual Assault Training: | <u>\$ 705</u> |

Subtotal Consultant Travel: \$ 8,705

\$8,000 of the required \$20,000 in OVW mandated technical assistance and training funds has been allocated to cover the cost of travel for staff of the tribe in accordance with program guidelines. The sites of the training sessions are unknown at this time.

Funds have also been allocated to pay for the Consultant/Trainer to travel to the reservation to provide sexual assault training.

Contracts: Provide a description of the product or services to be procured by contract and an estimate of the cost. Applicants are encouraged to promote free and open competition in awarding contracts. A separate justification must be provided for sole source contracts in excess of \$150,000.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Computation</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cell Phone Service | \$75/month x 36 months | \$ 2,700 |
| Equipment and Rental Lease | \$300/month x 36 months | \$10,800 |
| Subtotal Contracts: | | <u>\$ 13,500</u> |

The Shelter Advocates will share a cellular phone so that they may be contacted 24 hours/day, 7 days a week to provide emergency services and transportation to victims in need.

Equipment to be rented and/or leased includes the copier and printer. The copier and printer costs are allocated based on historical usage

TOTAL CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANTS: \$ 60,155

H. Other Costs – List items (e.g., rent, reproduction, telephone, janitorial or security services, and investigative or confidential funds) by major type and the basis of the computation. For example, provide the square footage and the cost per square foot for rent, and provide a monthly rental cost and how many months to rent.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Computation</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Sexual Assault Training Manual | \$ 25/manual x 25 manuals | \$ 625 |
| Resource Manual | \$ 25/manual x 75 manuals | \$ 1,875 |
| Crisis Hotline | \$ 75/month x 36 months | \$ 2,700 |
| Brochures | \$.25/brochure x 1,000 copies x 2 Titles | \$ 500 |
| Rent | \$1.50/sq. foot x 1,000 sq. feet x 36 months | \$54,000 |
| Utilities | \$200/month x 36 months | \$ 7,200 |
| Housing Assistance | \$500/family x 12 families/year x 3 years | \$18,000 |

The Sexual Assault Training manuals will be purchased from the Sexual Assault Resource Center and will be used in conjunction with the on-site training that will be provided by the Consultant/Trainer.

The Project Coordinator will develop and produce a Resource Manual for services both on and off the Reservation for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Copies of the manual will be provided to all units of Tribal government and to victim services and social services agencies in the local community.

Many victims in the more geographically remote areas of the Reservation do not have long distance service, and it is a long distance call for most of them to reach the program office. The project will continue to operate an 800 hotline for victims. It will be staffed by volunteers on a daily basis.

The program has previously developed brochures explaining the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault and detailing the services offered by the program. Additional copies of the brochures need to be reproduced. Based on previous distribution patterns, it is anticipated that the program will distribute 1,000 copies of each brochure during the 36 month grant period.

The Victim Services Program rents a safe house that is located off-reservation in the local community. The house is used to provide temporary housing to victims of domestic violence and their minor children who are in need of a safe place to stay after fleeing an abusive situation. The rent is consistent with the fair market rate for similar properties in the local community.

The cost of utilities (i.e., gas, electric, and water service) averages \$200/month. The services are necessary to ensure that the house is suitable for occupancy.

Funds have been budgeted to provide transitional housing assistance to at least one victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking each month. Each victim and her dependents will receive up to \$500 to assist with rent and utility payments or security deposits.

TOTAL OTHER COSTS: \$ 84,900

I. Indirect Costs – Indirect costs are allowed if the applicant has a federally approved indirect cost rate. A copy of the rate approval (a fully executed, negotiated agreement) must be attached. If the applicant does not have an approved rate, one can be requested by contacting the applicant’s cognizant federal agency, which will review all documentation and approve a rate for the applicant organization, or if the applicant’s accounting system permits, costs may be allocated in the direct costs categories. Non-federal entities, other than state and local governments and Indian tribes, which have never received a federally-approved indirect cost rate, may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Computation</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| 13.25% of Direct Salaries (Excluding Fringe Benefits) | \$212,700 x 13.25% | \$28,183 |

TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS: \$ 28,183

The Indirect Cost Rate Agreement was approved by the Department of the Interior, the applicant's cognizant federal agency on January 1, 2013. (A copy of the fully executed, negotiated agreement is attached).

Budget Summary – When you have completed the budget worksheet, transfer the totals for each category to the spaces below. Compute the total direct costs and the total project costs. Indicate the amount of federal funds requested and the amount of non-federal funds that will support the project.

| Budget Category | Amount |
|------------------------------|--|
| A. Personnel | \$212,700 |
| B. Fringe Benefits | \$ 32,481 |
| C. Travel | \$ 12,000 |
| D. Equipment | \$ 1,500 |
| E. Supplies | \$ 9,075 |
| F. Construction | \$ 0 |
| G. Consultants and Contracts | \$ 60,155 |
| H. Other Costs | \$ 84,900 |
| | Total Direct Costs \$412,811 |
| I. Indirect Costs | \$ 28,183 |
| | TOTAL PROJECT COSTS <u>\$ 440,994</u> |
| Federal Share Requested | \$ 440,994 |
| Non-Federal (Match) Amount | \$ 0 |

APPENDIX B

Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation

SAMPLE

Disclosures Related to Executive Compensation Sample Cover Letter

[Applicant Letterhead]

[Date]

Director
Office on Violence Against Women
145 N Street, NE
Suite 10 W.
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Director:

The [Applicant] is a nonprofit organization that uses the Internal Revenue Service's three-step safe-harbor procedure for establishing a rebuttable presumption that our executives' compensation is reasonable. Therefore, I am submitting the following information to you, as required by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013:

(1) a brief description of the process used for determining the compensation of our officers, directors, trustees, and key employees, including the independent persons involved in reviewing and approving such compensation;

[or, if relevant]: (1) a copy of our written policy for determining the compensation of our officers, directors, trustees, and key employees, which includes the independent persons involved in reviewing and approving such compensation;]

(2) the comparability data used in establishing executive compensation; and

(3) contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision regarding executive compensation.

Sincerely,

[Applicant's Authorizing Official]

Attachments

APPENDIX C

Summary of Current and Recent OVW Projects

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Summary of Current and Recent OVW Projects

| Applicant Name | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|---|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Service Area: | | | | | | | | |
| Size of Service Area: | | | | | | | | |
| Size of Target Population: | | | | | | | | |
| Award Number | Award End Date | Program | Award Amount | Amount Remaining | Extension Needed? | Extension Needed: Timeframe | Grant-Individual(s), Job Title(s), and Percentages | Justification for Remaining Funds |
| 2012-XX-XX-XXXX | 7/31/2015 | 2014 CLSSP | \$300,000 | TOTAL: \$250,000 A. Personnel: <u>\$200,000</u> B. Fringe: <u>\$50,000</u> C. Travel: <u>\$0</u> D. Equipment: <u>\$0</u> E. Supplies: <u>\$0</u> F. Construction: <u>\$0</u> G. Consultants and Contracts: <u>\$0</u> H. Other Costs: <u>\$0</u> I. Indirect Costs: <u>\$0</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | 2FT DV/SA Advocates: John Doe (25%) and Jane Doe (35%) | |
| 2013-XX-XX-XXXX | 12/31/2014 | 2011 CTAS | \$932,000 | TOTAL: \$467,850 A. Personnel: <u>\$250,000</u> B. Fringe: <u>\$100,000</u> C. Travel: <u>\$0</u> D. Equipment: <u>\$0</u> E. Supplies: <u>\$0</u> F. Construction: <u>\$0</u> G. Consultants and Contracts: <u>\$100,000</u> H. Other Costs: <u>\$0</u> I. Indirect Costs: <u>\$17,850</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | 1FT DV Advocate: Janet Doe (20%); 2FT Shelter Advocates: Jay Doe (10%) and Jan Doe (30%); 1FT Victim Liaison: John Doe (50%) | |
| | | | TOTAL: | TOTAL: | | | | |
| | | | \$1,232,000 | \$717,850 | | | | |

APPENDIX D

Summary of Current and Pending Non-OVW Federal Grants to do the Same or Similar Work

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**Summary of Current and Pending Non-OVW
Federal Grants to do the Same or Similar Work**

| [Applicant Name] | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|------------------------|--|---|--|
| Service Area: | | | | | | | |
| Federal Awarding Agency | Award Number | Program | Award End Date | Award Amount | Amount Remaining | Grant-Individual(s), Job Title(s), and Percentages | Please describe how this project differs from the application for OVW funding. |
| OJP | XXX-XXX-XXXX | OVC | 9/30/2017 | \$300,000 | TOTAL: \$250,000 A. Personnel: <u>\$200,000</u> B. Fringe: <u>\$50,000</u> C. Travel: <u>\$0</u> D. Equipment: <u>\$0</u> E. Supplies: <u>\$0</u> F. Construction: <u>\$0</u> G. Consultants and Contracts: <u>\$0</u> H. Other Costs: <u>\$0</u> I. Indirect Costs: <u>\$0</u> | 2FT DV/SA Advocates: John Doe (25%) and Jane Doe (35%) | [Insert description.] |
| Service Area: | | | | | | | |
| Federal Awarding Agency | Application Number (if known) | Program | Project Period | Total Requested Amount | Amount Requested | Grant-Individual(s), Job Title(s), and Percentages | Please describe how this project differs from the application for OVW funding. |
| COPS | XXX-XXX-XXXX | CAMP | 36 months | \$300,000 | TOTAL: \$300,000 A. Personnel: <u>\$200,000</u> B. Fringe: <u>\$50,000</u> C. Travel: <u>\$0</u> D. Equipment: <u>\$0</u> E. Supplies: <u>\$50,000</u> F. Construction: <u>\$0</u> G. Consultants and Contracts: <u>\$0</u> H. Other Costs: <u>\$0</u> I. Indirect Costs: <u>\$0</u> | 1FT DV Advocate: Janet Doe (20%); 1FT Shelter Advocate: Jay Doe (10%); 1FT Victim Liaison: John Doe (50%) | [Insert description.] |