

DARYL FOX: Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's webinar, OVC FY 2023 Anti-Human Trafficking Programs Funding Opportunities Overview, hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime.

At this time, it's my pleasure to introduce Cindy Erich, Senior Policy Advisor with the Office for Victims of Crime to begin the presentation. Cindy?

CYNTHIA ERICH: Hi. Thank you, Daryl. Again, my name is Cindy Erich. I'm a Senior Policy Advisor in OVC's Human Trafficking Division. Good morning or good afternoon, wherever you're calling in from. And I'd like to thank you on behalf of our team here for taking time to join today--join us today to learn more about OVC's FY '23 Anti-traffic--trafficking solicitations. Here, you will see our fabulous team, the Office for Victims of Crime's Human Trafficking Division Staff. I'll be joined by my colleagues, Natalia and Kristin, who will be presenting portions of this webinar today. And a number of us will be assisting with answering questions in the chat.

So today, we will discuss a bit about OVC and the OVC Human Trafficking Division. And we'll provide an overview of all FY '23 OVC Human Trafficking solicitations, including funding opportunity focus, eligibility, required application documents, and we will also review the many resources and tools available to you as you are applying to these opportunities. The main purpose today is to help potential applicants understand what funding opportunities might be of interest based on your type of organization, the kind of work that you do, and the populations that you serve. At this time, we're excited to announce all of our anti-trafficking funding opportunities or solicitations, as we call them, have been released publicly. As such, we'll cover some basic information and any significant changes for those FY '23 solicitations that are still open.

So the Office for Victims of Crime is part of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, OJP. And we administer the Crime Victims Fund. And we channel this funding to victim compensation and assistance programs throughout the United States. We also raise awareness about victims' issues, promote compliance with victims' right laws, and provide training and technical assistance and publications and products to victims' assistance professionals and allied partners. OVC is the largest federal funder of anti-trafficking programs in the United States. We currently oversee almost 500 anti-trafficking awards, representing over \$330 million. OVC receives funding through a number of anti-trafficking appropriations, including funds authorized under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. The OVC Human Trafficking Division, which was formed in 2020 to centralize OJP's, the Office of Justice Programs' anti-trafficking activities within the Office for Victims of Crime. Our mission is to enhance capacity to identify, assist, and provide services to all victims of human trafficking. And we lead the Nation in supporting victim-centered and trauma-informed programs, policies, and resources that promote justice, access, and empowerment.

In fiscal year 2023, OVC has been appropriated over \$1.8 billion to help improve victim services throughout the Nation. As I mentioned, the majority of OVC funding is Victims of Crime Act funding. However, we do anticipate this year that over \$95 million in anti-

trafficking funding will be disseminated to the field to support comprehensive victim services, multidisciplinary task forces, and statewide system improvement efforts and training and technical assistance for the anti-trafficking field.

Now, let's do--take a more in-depth look at anticipated FY '23 OVC Anti-Trafficking Solicitations.

So all nine of our FY '23 Anti-Trafficking Solicitations have been released and are shown on this slide with their respective Grants.gov and JustGrants due dates. We're going to get into what that means and the differences between Grants.gov and JustGrants in a moment. Please do note at this time that one solicitation, the first one on the slide, Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking, has already closed. As such, we will only be discussing the eight open solicitations during this webinar. All OVC's funding opportunities are posted on [OVC's website](#). I'll put that in the chat. But barring unforeseen circumstances, we anticipate that all solicitations will be open for 60 days from the day they are posted. Unless otherwise stated in the solicitation, the project periods for all awards under these solicitations will be 36 months.

Daryl, thank you for putting the link into the chat, you can all look to that directly. Again, we will only be discussing open solicitations on this slide and number two through eight [nine] in the order that they are listed on this slide. And we'll also provide some additional details and highlight some significant changes, if there are any, from previous years for those solicitations two through eight [nine] that are still open. We will not have time to cover everything. So we really do encourage you to read the solicitations very carefully before you apply.

So the first solicitation we'll be digging into is the 20--FY '23 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking. We have marked it here as number two since the first solicitation, as I mentioned, has already closed. The FY '23 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking solicitation is focused primarily on providing direct services to victims of trafficking. Meaning the funds can be used to provide a variety of comprehensive services to survivors of human trafficking. Types of direct services may include, but are not limited to, case management, mental health, substance use, housing, employment, education, and legal services. Other solicitations that we will discuss later in the presentation may include some direct services, but they have other significant program elements as well that we'll be discussing.

Please be aware that if you're looking for funding to provide direct services to a population comprised primarily of children or youth, sex and labor trafficking victims, you'd want to apply to the Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking. I'm going to say that again. If you are looking to provide funding to provide direct services--my apologies. If you are looking for funding to provide direct services to a population comprised primarily of children or youth and sex/labor trafficking victims, you will want to apply to the Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking.

Similarly, if your program primarily focuses on housing services for survivors of trafficking of any age, again, housing services for survivors of trafficking of any age, you should plan to apply under our housing-specific solicitation, which we will also discuss in a moment. Both the youth-specific and housing-specific solicitations will be discussed. Next slide, please.

The purpose of the FY '23 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking solicitation is to develop, expand, or strengthen victim service programs for victims of human trafficking. This program also responds to specialized service needs that have been identified by the anti-trafficking field. This solicitation is intended for programs serving--programs serving adults, or a combination of adults and youth. The Services for Victims of Human Trafficking solicitations have three categories with different award amounts depending on the purpose area. This is important. So please keep in mind that we tend to use the term category or purpose area interchangeably in our solicitations. And this refers to the specific section of the solicitation that you are applying under. It's very important that when you apply, you double check to be sure that you are applying under the correct category or purpose area. Each one will have a unique competition ID, which is listed on the first page of the solicitation. Again, this will make a lot more sense as we continue to go through our webinar and give you more guidance as you're--on the specific competition IDs further in the webinar. But it's important as--for those categories that you are applying to that you double check which one you're applying and the correct category and purpose area under each.

Like last year, there are three purpose areas in the Services for Victims of Human Trafficking solicitation, which are Purpose Area 1, Developing Capacity to Serve Human Trafficking Victims. Specifically, this is for organizations that have limited or no prior experience with serving victims of human trafficking or organizations that have limited or no prior experience in receiving direct federal funding to serve victims of human trafficking. Again, that's Developing Capacity to Serve Human Trafficking Victims, Purpose Area 1.

Purpose Area 2, Enhancing Access to Comprehensive Services for Human Trafficking Victims, this purpose area is specifically for organizations with a demonstrated history of serving human trafficking victims with a comprehensive range of direct services.

And Purpose Area 3 is organizations with a demonstrated history of providing a specialized service beyond case management to victims of human trafficking. You can see each of these has a different award amount and looking specifically within the solicitation to see which one--which of the categories is most appropriate for your organization.

So moving onto our third solicitation, the FY '23 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program Services and Training and Technical Assistance. While the previous solicitation our Services for Victims of Human Trafficking solicitation will support comprehensive and specialized services provided by programs serving primarily adult victims of human trafficking, this solicitation, the Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance

Program, is intended for applicants seeking funding for programs that focus primarily on providing housing services to trafficking survivors, regardless of the age of clients. I'll say that again. This solicitation focuses primarily on providing housing services to trafficking survivors regardless of the age of clients. This solicitation also has multiple categories, including a category to fund, one TTA provider. We will first discuss the program service purpose areas in this solicitation.

The program--This program supports transitional housing and short-term housing assistance for victims of all forms of human trafficking. You'll note that on this slide and on some of the forthcoming slides that we have underlined the category within a solicitation that the slide is focused on. So, as you'll see here, services is underlined, so this slide is specifically targeted towards the services portion, not the training and technical assistance areas of this solicitation. And again, as with the previous solicitation, the award amount depends on the purpose area. We would be discussing the housing TTA category after we discuss the service awards.

This year, there are three purpose areas in the Housing Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking solicitation. Purpose Area 1, Developing Capacity to Provide Housing Assistance to Human Trafficking Victims, this is intended for organizations with experience providing housing services, but limited or no prior experience in serving victims of human trafficking. So again, organizations with experience providing housing services but limited or no prior experience in serving victims of human trafficking, also for anti-trafficking organizations with limited or no prior experience in providing housing services to victims of human trafficking, or organizations with no prior experience in receiving direct federal funding to serve victims of human trafficking.

Purpose Area 2 is intended for Enhancing Access to Comprehensive Services for Human Trafficking Victims. This is intended for organizations with a demonstrated history of serving anti-trafficking victims with housing assistance and support services, or that has a formal partnership with a victim service provider with demonstrated experience. Applicants that request the full award amount must provide strong justification that they have a demonstrated history of serving human trafficking victims with housing assistance and support services, or have a formal partnership with a victim service provider with demonstrated experience.

And then Purpose Area 3 is the Housing Training and Technical Assistance provider, which we will discuss in a--in a few moments in the TTA portion of our webinar.

As you can tell from the previous slides, there have been several significant changes to the solicitation from last year. So again, please, regardless of the solicitation, it's really important to become familiar with the solicitation and read it carefully. We are giving a broad-brush overview of all of our open solicitations, but it is really up to you to look at these solicitations very carefully to make sure that you're answering them appropriately. So in summary, the first significant change was the change in purpose area for this award--for this solicitation. Please note that there are now two purpose areas focused on direct services and one TTA provider. Beyond offering two distinct categories for

housing services, there are additional changes that were made to program services--purpose areas specifically. This solicitation now allows applicants to--the ability to use funds for emergency shelter. However, the majority of funds must support Rapid Re-Housing. Applications focused primarily on emergency--on emergency shelter or crisis housing are out of scope for this solicitation and may be excluded from peer review consideration. Again, applications focused primarily on emergency shelter or health--crisis housing are out of scope for this solicitation; may be excluded from peer review consideration. They could consider applying under the Services for Victims of Human Trafficking solicitation, which I previously discussed.

Applications must dedicate funds to culturally responsive and meaningfully accessible services that support victims and any dependents in secure permanent housing. Additionally, all grant funded programs must provide staff at least one session of training annually related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and/or accessibility and tie these to program goals and objectives. Finally, applicants are encouraged to use federal funds to create or support a housing navigator position, to build collaborative partnerships, to identify housing options and remove barriers for victims of human trafficking in obtaining housing. That's a lot of information. Again, these are all detailed and spelled out within the solicitation, but look very closely at what the applications must include when you're submitting your applications.

Moving on to the third purpose area in this year's Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program solicitation, the training and technical assistance, as you see TTA is underlined here. So that will be our main focus on this slide. We'll--we will find a project to support OVC's human trafficking housing grantees and their partners in meeting their award goals and objectives as previously discussed on the earlier slide. This TTA provider will--project will also provide practitioner-driven, evidence-based, training and technical assistance to OVC-funded victim service providers and housing entities to develop, expand, or enhance housing assistance for all victims of human trafficking. This may include resources for other anti-trafficking programs providing housing services. The expectations for our anti-trafficking housing training and technical assistance provider have changed since the project was last competed in FY 2020, so we encourage all applicants to review the solicitation carefully.

The FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking solicitation is comparable to our Services for Victims of Human Trafficking solicitation discussed earlier. However, while the Services for Victims of Human Trafficking solicitation will support comprehensive and specialized services provided by programs serving adult victims or primarily adult victims of human trafficking, if you have a program that focuses primarily on providing youth services to trafficking survivors, then you will want to apply under this FY '23 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking. Again, this is programs focusing primarily on providing youth services to trafficking survivors.

This program is designed to enhance the quality and quantity of services available to assist victims of human trafficking under the age of 18. This opportunity is for programs

serving victims who were trafficked and began receiving services while under the age of 18. And these awards are up to \$950,000.

And I will now turn it over to my colleague Natalia for the additional information on our program.

NATALIA AGUIRRE: Thank you so much, Cindy. So moving on to our fifth solicitation, like our Housing Assistance solicitation, our OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance solicitation has both a program site category and a training and technical assistance category. Again, I will discuss the training and technical assistance category in a moment, but right now I will focus on the program sites that will work to prevent and reduce victimization of girls who are vulnerable or who are victims of sex and/or labor trafficking.

It is important to note that this solicitation differs from the Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking Program that Cindy discussed earlier, in that the program may be primarily focused on prevention and may serve girls at-risk of human trafficking. This is the only OVC solicitation that allows prevention activities to be the primary focus of project activities and is also the only one that allows programs to focus specifically on girls. Please note, services may be provided to girls and young women up to and including age 25. Again, that's different from the Integrated Services solicitation. Program sites are expected to replicate and scale-up prevention and early intervention programs that have been evaluated or have been shown to be effective or promising, and to implement or enhance efforts to identify and provide trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive services.

For the training and technical assistance component in this solicitation, applicants will support training and technical assistance for the program sites and assist them in preventing and reducing the victimization of girls who are vulnerable to sex trafficking.

The next solicitation is--we have two solicitations that have been released related to our OVC FY 2023 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking. One is for the task force themselves and another is for the training and technical assistance component. Again, we will talk about the TTA solicitation after we discuss the ECM Task Force themselves.

Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking solicitation, law enforcement and victim applicants both apply for funding to support the development or enhancement of multidisciplinary human trafficking task forces that work to identify victims of human--of sex and labor trafficking, ensure that they have access to a comprehensive array of services, and conduct trauma-informed, victim-centered human trafficking investigations and prosecutions.

Please note that this solicitation has three purpose areas. Purpose Area 1 funding will help new task forces with critical first steps related to starting up a multidisciplinary task

force and establishing a strong foundation of task force co-leadership structure, clear roles and responsibilities, and internal processes and protocols.

Purpose Area 2 funding will support expanded task force partnerships, refinement, and implementation of existing and new protocols; meaningful survivor engagement; and continued commitment to implement a diverse set of proactive approaches that are victim-centered and trauma- and survivor-informed.

Purpose Area 3 funding will assist with statewide multidisciplinary responses to human trafficking for a statewide task force at any stage of development, whether new or previously OJP-funded.

This slide highlights some of the key changes in the OVC ECM solicitation. But again, it does not replace reviewing the entire solicitation for other minor changes that occur from year to year. As mentioned on the last slide, this year, for the first time, the ECM solicitation offers a category for statewide task forces, new or previously funded, that recognizes the challenges of establishing a statewide approach and offers a higher funding amount that reflects these differences. This solicitation includes how OVC defines a high functioning ECM Task Force, as well as a process that reflects the stages of how ECM Task Forces evolve over time. There are several sections of the solicitation that discuss how OVC provides support and training and technical assistance to OVC-funded task forces to help them successfully achieve program goals, objectives, and completion of required deliverables. In certain sections of this solicitation, there is language that specifically requests information on designated partners. For example, if you are a law enforcement lead applicant, please be sure to identify your proposed prosecution partner and vice versa. You can view a recording from a separate pre-application webinar that has already occurred on April 5th about the FY 2023 ECM solicitation on the [OVC website](#). And we will go ahead and insert that link into the chat for those who are interested.

The second solicitation related to the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking is focused on the training and technical assistance. The OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force TTA solicitation is a standalone solicitation that will fund a project to support the needs of all current OVC ECM Task Force partners to develop and sustain a multidisciplinary approach that increases their capacity to identify and support victims and hold offenders accountable.

The program will provide a TTA strategy that clearly identifies, defines, and supports the core elements of a successful ECM Task Force model and assists sites to plan, develop, and implement a set of sustainable, multifaceted strategies that identify victims of all forms of trafficking, connects them to high quality services, and includes investigative and prosecutorial methods that are rooted in victim-centered, trauma-informed practices. The successful applicant will propose a collaborative model of training and technical assistance that involves a consortium collective of experienced technical assistance entities with nationally recognized practitioners that possess expertise in the core areas of ECM program design.

The next solicitation is our OVC FY 2023 Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Program. This is a standalone solicitation. Please note that this training and technical assistance solicitation has multiple purpose areas, which I will discuss on the next slide.

This program supports the provision of training and technical assistance and the development of tools and resources to assist service providers and the anti-human trafficking field in ensuring successful outcomes for survivors of human trafficking. This year, there are two purpose areas, as I previously mentioned. Purpose Area 1 is for Training and Technical Assistance for Legal Providers and focus on--will focus on supporting providers, whose focus is providing legal services to trafficking victims. Purpose Area 2, Enhancing Grantee Response to Labor Trafficking is intended to focus on OVC's anti-trafficking grantees, across various programs, in enhancing their response to labor trafficking. The selected applicants will make supporting OVC FY 2023 anti-trafficking grantees a priority, of these grantees will have committed to enhancing their organizational or community response to labor trafficking in concrete ways outlined in their application.

And then last but not least, the nine--the last of our nine solicitations is very different from the rest. This year, we have released the OVC FY 2023 Human Trafficking Fellowship Program solicitation.

In this solicitation OVC seeks applications for an individual to assist the anti-trafficking field in identifying and understanding human trafficking issues and promising practices for assisting survivors of human trafficking. This OVC fellowship will fund a 1 to 3-year fellowship and includes three potential areas of focus, identified by OVC. The first is Service Provision Program Model Analyses, Analysis of Human Trafficking Diversion Courts for Minors, and finally, Forced Criminality Analyses. The fellow will be expected to conduct a landscape analysis and/or literature review on their area of focus; conduct qualitative interviews and/or site visits with grantees and key stakeholders; assess the availability and collective--and collect quantitative data; and to author a report intended for external publication. The fellow will also assist OVC with requested research to practice and evidence integration activities. We are looking for someone with strong research and/or data analysis expertise and experience. Applicants may propose a full- or part-time position over the course of 12 to 36 months. It is anticipated that the fellow will be onsite at OVC for some portion of their fellowship period. However, this requirement is flexible and, upon award, OVC will work with the fellow to determine a schedule for onsite and remote work.

I will now turn it over to my colleague Kristin to discuss eligibility.

KRISTIN WESCHLER: Thank you so much and good afternoon everyone. I will take us through the remaining of our slide content this afternoon. So turning to eligibility, you will want to ensure that you check the eligibility listed in each individual solicitation, as each solicitation may have categories or purpose areas that have different eligible applicants.

You can find specific details about eligibility on the front cover page of each solicitation. If you are unsure if you are eligible, please email the OJP Response Center, and we will drop that email in the chat so you can access that, and it is posted on a subsequent slide.

We also want to mention that OVC has a priority that you have probably seen reflected in all of our FY 2023 anti-trafficking solicitations. For much of the past two decades, anti-trafficking efforts within the United States have focused predominantly on sex trafficking, and there is growing recognition that more needs to be done to address labor trafficking. This was reflected in the 2018 reauthorization of the TVPA, which increased reporting obligations regarding prohibited goods produced through forced labor. It was also reflected in the 2022 Trafficking in Persons Report. It was a top recommendation of which was to increase efforts to comprehensively address labor trafficking in the United States. While OVC has always worked to ensure that all victims of human trafficking are provided with needed services, our agency is committed to expanding the services that are available to labor trafficking victims, and ensuring that offenders are held accountable. Consequently, OVC's 2023 anti-trafficking funding opportunities include new language to emphasize that applicants should propose meaningful responses to labor trafficking victims in their applications. There's more information in our posted solicitations about what this means. And as mentioned, when we discussed FY 2023 TTA areas of concentration, OVC will be offering our grantees robust TTA resources and tools to assist them with this effort.

There are other standard components in many of OVC's anti-trafficking solicitations, which we encourage you to review in more detail, as they may have a bearing on your application and award, if selected. Specifically, OVC's Anti-Trafficking Mandatory Program requirements. Also, the federal civil rights laws that prohibit recipients of funding from discriminating in the delivery of services. OVC also expects that its grantees will engage in practices that remove barriers to receive services and support survivor autonomy. There's also guidance for OVC-funded programs serving children and youth that specify that services must be tailored to ensure that they are developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, victim-centered, and trauma-informed. In addition, OVC encourages the use of a shared decision-making model and other evidence-based and evidence-informed practices. And finally, unallowable costs and limitations on the use of OVC anti-trafficking funds is outlined in each solicitation and in the DOJ Financial Guide.

So in support of 2021 Advancing Racial Equity Executive Order, OJP will provide priority consideration when making award decisions to the following areas. The first, are applications that propose a project or projects that are designed to promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality. The second area are applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project or projects are enhanced because they, or at least one proposed subrecipient, that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the application budget, they identify

themselves as a culturally specific organization. More information is available in each individual solicitation. So please be sure though, to note in your application abstract, if you are requesting this priority consideration. And I will repeat that. Please be sure to note in your application abstract, if you are requesting one of these two priority considerations.

All right. Next, we're going to cover the critical documents that you need to submit with your application. So generally speaking, to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding, you must be, first, an eligible applicant and your application must propose activities within scope of the solicitation. And third, your application must have these three critical elements, and they are the proposal abstract, the proposal narrative, and the budget worksheet and budget narrative. Now please note that the proposal narrative have elements that are listed within each solicitation, while the budget worksheet and budget narrative are a web-based form embedded in the JustGrants platform. Each solicitation may have additional required documents. So please read each solicitation carefully; because if you miss any of the required elements, you will not advance to peer review.

The application checklist is provided at the end of each solicitation, which will list other documents to include with your submission. Please use the checklist in your review prior to submitting your application to ensure you have attached all the documents. Other resources to aid you in developing your application include the DOJ Submission Checklist, and we're going to put a number of resources in the chat. We're getting into our resources. So, please keep an eye on the chat, if you're wanting access to some of these resources. So the first is the [DOJ Submission Checklist](#). Another resource is the JustGrants Quick Reference about [Application Attachments](#). And then there is a larger [Application Submission Job Aid](#), and cover it--that covers potential attachments that you may be asked to provide. All those links we'll put in the chat.

One critical element that applies to all of OVC human traffic programs are our match requirements. All OVC anti-trafficking solicitations are statutorily required to include a 25 percent cash or in-kind match. The only exception to this is the Preventing Trafficking of Girls solicitation, the Human Trafficking Fellowship Program, and all of our TTA funding opportunities, regardless of whether they are in a standalone solicitation, or a category in a larger solicitation. So again, the only areas that don't require match are Preventing Girls, the Fellowship Program, and all of our TTA funding. In other words, funding-- federal funds awarded under solicitations that require match may not cover more than 75 percent of the total cost of the project being funded. There will be more information and directives in the solicitations, including the formula you should use to determine the amount of match required for your project. Note, that the 25 percent match is calculated as 25 percent of the total project budget, including matching funds. It is not 25 percent of the amount you are requesting for a federal award. We often see applicants who are confused by this and who accidentally underestimate match, because they did not use the formula in the solicitation. So please review the solicitation carefully.

Now we're going to explore different resources available to you and information on the different systems you'll be working with during your application process.

The first tool provides information on managing an OVC-funded human trafficking award. And we're going to add another link in the chat. The [OVC Human Trafficking Program Frequently Asked Questions](#) or FAQs, provide answers to many questions frequently asked by OVC human trafficking grantees. It is a great resource for helping you understand some of what you can expect if you receive an OVC Anti-Trafficking award. Next.

To learn about OVC's history in funding, to find products, and register for upcoming events, you can also visit the [OVC website](#). This is also where you can sign up for social media to keep up-to-date with the latest news and developments from OVC.

A good starting point for applicants is the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), which serves as the primary reference manual to assist OJP, OVW, and COPS Office award recipients in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to safeguard grant funds and ensure funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded. It compiles a variety of laws, rules, and regulations that affect the financial administrative management of your award. References to the underlying laws and regulations have been provided in the guide as much as possible. So the DOJ Financial Guide should be the starting point for all recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards. The top 10 topics in the guide, as listed in the slide here, include things such as the financial management systems, allowable costs, unallowable costs, federal financial reports, and many others.

Next, we also have an [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#). This guide provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding. It addresses a variety of policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many, or in some cases, all OJP program applicants or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in Fiscal Year 2023. Some OJP grant programs may have program solicitations that expressly modify a provision of this guide. In such cases, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in the solicitation as to any such expressly modified provision.

Next, we're going to touch on reporting. Here, OVC anti-trafficking grant applications-- applicants and grantees will find an overview of [performance measurement](#) activities. While you will not submit performance measures with your application, this resource will give you an idea of the types of information that will be requested if you receive an award. And the website can help you familiarize with the systems you might be using.

Now, we're going to move on to some of the system tools. Hopefully, you're already familiar with [SAM.gov](#). Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management or SAM. You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. And an expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov

and JustGrants. Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete. However, we have been recently informed that applicants are now encouraged to start the registration process 30 days before any deadline to allow the time necessary to complete the full process. If you plan to apply for a specific DOJ opportunity, refer to the Grants.gov due date provided on the solicitation and plan your SAM.gov registration accordingly. Again, they have updated this guidance and encouraged applicants 30 days prior to deadline in order to ensure clearance for a successful submission.

Once you are all set in SAM.gov, [Grants.gov](#) will be your first stop in starting the application. Under the Applicants tab, you'll find training and information on applying, the Grants.gov system, and the funding opportunity process. Please be aware that all OJP solicitations have two deadlines. We had noted this--Cindy had noted this in the first slide. There were two dates associated with each solicitation, and you must meet both those deadlines to be considered for funding. The first date is in Grants.gov, and then roughly a week later, you will need to submit your full application in JustGrants. Once you submit in Grants.gov, please keep an eye out for email verifications confirming that you have successfully submitted. If you do not successfully submit in Grants.gov, you will not be able to complete your application in JustGrants.

So another system after Grants.gov, of course, is [JustGrants](#). And there are a number of training resources available to you. JustGrants is the grants management system for the Department of Justice, including all parts of the Office of Justice Programs, the Office for Violence Against Women, and the Community Oriented Policing Services. JustGrants is intended to be an end-to-end grants management system that applicants and grantees will access and use throughout the grant cycle, from application, through award, to program and grant closeout. JustGrants offers a variety of training resources on the DOJ website. You can explore the resources by topic. And typically you will find resources such as in job--in-depth job aid reference guides that provide step-by-step instructions with screenshots about a process. There are also short step-by-step videos, which are meant to be used while you're working and can really help you in the middle of a JustGrants task and want to verify next steps. And we also have quick reference guides that will walk you step by step through each specific task. Two quick reference guides related to the application submission topic are the Application Attachments Quick Reference Guide and Printing an Application Quick Reference Guide.

JustGrants also provides office hours. So just as--JustGrants Office Hours on [Application Mechanics](#) occur every Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time. These are live virtual sessions to discuss everything you will need to know to submit an application. The next sessions are listed here and on a website, which we will put in the chat.

Other topics that are covered on different days during office hours include Entity Management virtual Q&A on Tuesdays. Award Acceptance virtual Q&A on Thursdays. That'll be helpful for after you have been notified of an award. And then Post-Management virtual Q&A on Mondays. So a lot of support pre- and post-award that are available to you.

Please be sure to start your application in JustGrants as soon as possible to confirm you have access and to do your best to submit your application well before the due date. OJP will only accept late applications, if an applicant can demonstrate that there is a technical reason they could not submit. So you will want to ensure you have plenty of time to address any technical issues you may encounter and furthermore that you document those attempts in addressing the technical issue you are encountering.

To assist potential applicants in developing strong proposals in response to current funding opportunities, OVC has hosted educational [webinars](#) for interested stakeholders to learn more about the program objectives and submission requirements. Each webinar had a question and answer session before the conclusion. You may review our previously held webinars for information on how to apply at the link that will be provided in the chat.

Sign up, also, for [News From OVC](#) to stay up to date on webinars as they are scheduled. You can find OVC's [funding opportunities](#) and other opportunities on the [DOJ Program Plan](#) page or OVC website. Links for both of these have also been added in the chat.

Here is a list of critically important contact information that will be--support you as you prepare your application. This information is included in each application. The first is the SAM.gov assistance support. This is for assistance in registering or renewing your SAM.gov registration.

Next is Grants.gov, which is available to provide technical assistance when submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL documentation. They can be reached by phone at 1-800-518-4726 or email to support@grants.gov.

Some other critically important information is JustGrants, which provides technical assistance on submitting the full application in the JustGrants system. They can be reached by phone at 833-872-5175 or email to JustGrants, all one word, Support@usdoj.gov. [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov]

Now, it's important that when contacting any of the system helpdesks, please be sure to request a tracking number so you can document that you sought assistance with your issue. This will be important in the event that you need to document that you have a technical issue that prevented you from successfully submitting your application.

Finally, the OJP Response Center is available to provide technical assistance and answer questions about programmatic requirements of the solicitation. They can be reached at 800-851-3420 or email grants@ncjrs.gov. If you are a current grantee, we appreciate your understanding that your grant manager and other OVC staff cannot answer questions about an open solicitation directly. For purposes of fairness and transparency, if you reach out to us, we will have to refer you back to the OJP Response Center so that your question can be documented and addressed officially.

Finally, please keep in mind that the OJP Response Center is also who you will need to contact within 24 hours of the Grants.gov or JustGrants solicitation deadline should you experience any technical issues that prevented your application submission. Keep in mind you will need to be able to document any technical issues, which is why starting your application early and maintaining any tracking numbers, if you're reporting an issue, is critical.

And, finally, feel free to go social with OVC. Stay up to date with our news and happenings. You can find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

And with that, I am going to transition us over to our question and answer session, which we are going to have moderated by Lindsay.

DARYL FOX: Thanks for that, Kris--Kristin. Lindsay was having some technical issues on her side, so I don't know if there's anybody else that's designated that you wanted to perhaps look at into Q&A. While we're waiting for that, anybody on the call, can enter questions in the Q&A box. Far bottom right of your screen, three dots, select Q&A and select all panelists. Plenty of time left in today's webinar to get through those. I know staff have been feverishly answering those in the Q&A for you all. So--hopefully, those answers have been helpful.

BRECHT DONOGHUE: Hi, Daryl. This is Brecht.

KRISTIN WESCHLER: Okay.

BRECHT DONOGHUE: Oh, sorry. It's Lindsay. Are you there?

KRISTIN WESCHLER: No. Go ahead, Brecht. I was going to--you're going to say what happened.

BRECHT DONOGHUE: Well, yeah. I was going to say--so this is Brecht Donoghue. I can jump in for Lindsay and do my best here. I will tell everyone online that there seems to be an issue with DOJ's VDI because a number of us--sort of blinking in and out. So we are going to do our best to tag team here with questions. If Lindsay gains--oh, she's just jabbered me to say no one can hear her. So--yeah. So we'll do our best here. The bottom line, I know there have been a lot of questions in the Q&A and a few in the chat too, so if you can manage to get them into the Q&A, that would be super helpful for us. We may not get a chance to answer all of them. And, also, some of them are also very specific, as far as like eligibility or allowability. For all of the questions, those specific questions but also questions that we don't get to today, please take note of the email. It was in a previous slide and I imagine it can get dropped in the chat again, Grants@ncjrs.gov. That is the place to go with your questions, if they do not get answered or if they are so specific that we just cannot answer them today. Some of them take a little research. So we thank you for your patience as we, sort of, work

through them. So I am going to take a quick look at the Q&A and, sort of, work backwards. And I may refer some of them to colleagues to see if they can answer them.

So the first question I'm seeing--and, again, I'm sorry. There's a lot of them, so I'm going to do my best. But I'm sort of going to work them through in order of ones that I see. "For the services for victims, it can include adults plus youth. Which ages?"

So I don't think we specify in that solicitation specific ages. I believe the point there is that it can be either programs serving adult survivors of human trafficking or programs that serve both adults and youth survivors of human trafficking. But if you have a program that is specific to just primarily serving youth, then you would want to be taking a look at that Integrated Services solicitation for Minor Victims because that's the one that is for programs that primarily focus on youth.

Let's see here. What else am I seeing? For--let's see. "For the age range for youth?"

I am now trying to actually remember. And I'm hoping one of my colleagues can put it in the chat for me because I believe we say that it is as long as their victimization occurred when they were under 18. But I'm hoping one of my colleagues can confirm that for me. Oh, up to age 18. Thanks, Cindy. There we go. And, again, it also is for folks who potentially were victimized when they were under 18.

Let's see here. Wow. These are really specific. Let's see. "Can you use an indirect cost ratio as a match?"

Okay. That's one of those specific questions that I think we would need to do some research on. So I'm going to suggest you email ncjrs.gov.

"If you assume you're a culturally specific org and indicate that in the abstract, but reviewers do not feel..."

I believe we got this question on an earlier webinar and the answer was that OVC makes all final determinations. The--We do not make selections based on peer review alone. So we would be making a final determination in all cases as to whether or not you are meeting the requirements of any particular priority area.

Let's see. For some of these questions--so I'm just going to say, "for the services and housing for trafficking victims were examples of capacity building activities supported?"

In a lot of these cases, I am going to say we are going to need to refer you back to the solicitation. We can answer clarifying questions, but we can't give additional information that is not in the solicitation. That's simply not fair for purposes of competition and fairness. However, what I will say is that there are a list of services at the end of most of our services solicitations that we do typically fund under services solicitations. It's in Appendix A of many of our services solicitations. So I would encourage you to go take a look at that.

Let's see. I'm sort of scrolling around here. I don't know if any--go back down. Sorry, guys. It's just a little difficult to do while your screen is blinking in and out.

The email for the question for match is grants@ncjrs.gov. I see Tammy just posted it in the chat.

Yeah, I've seen "somebody talking about how cumbersome it is to enter the budget into JustGrants."

I don't believe you can enter multiple years into the first tab. I think that you have to do them on all the different tabs. Certainly, you can talk to the JustGrants helpdesk to see if there's any tricks for making that process easier. But I believe that that is what is needed by our Office of the Chief Financial Officer in order to take a look at your budget.

Let's see. Yeah, some of these--so, again, a quest--"the question from the advocate mentor."

You know, I would just encourage you who is wanting to know if any of these solicitations would work with you. I would encourage you to go take a look and start reading. If you have specific questions, please go ahead and email them to grants@ncjrs.gov.

"What is the difference--or is there a difference in the services that can be provided under funding opportunities between PA 1 versus PA 3?"

So I assume that is referring to the Direct Services for Human Trafficking Victims. PA 1 is intended for organizations that may be new to federal funding, new to serving human trafficking victims. Essentially, they're sort of, you know, getting their feet wet in this particular area of services. PA 3 is for specialized services. So this is where you might have a service provider that is specifically focusing primarily on providing something like legal services or employment services or mental health services. So it is--I understand, could be a little bit tricky when you're providing comprehensive services to figure out if you fall in Purpose Area 2 [1] or Purpose Area 3. I would suggest you take a look at your budget and, sort of, see where the majority of your funding is falling. But if you are primarily doing one particular type of service, then I would encourage you to apply under Purpose Area 3, whereas if you are providing an array of services and you are new to federal funding or new to providing services for human trafficking victims, I think Purpose Area 1 would be the area for you.

I've seen some questions that have already been answered but I am going to just sort of refer to them. "Can an applicant apply under two of the purpose areas within one proposal application?"

In most cases, yes. But it specifically should say that in the--in the solicitation. So just take a look back at the solicitation and confirm that it does say that you can apply under multiple purpose areas.

Let's see. "Please verify that federal funds that pass through to the state and city can count as matching funds."

I got to be honest with you, I'm not 100 percent sure about that question. So I would encourage you--I would--yeah. I would encourage you to send that one into ncjrs.gov and we can get that answered for you.

Let me see. I'm scrolling back down. And I don't know if--I don't want to like make any of my colleagues jump in, but if anybody is seeing any particular questions that you think need to--need to be highlighted or a burning answer, please feel free to interrupt me and jump in.

"Is there a set of guidelines for appropriate personnel ranges based on experience and education?"

No. I don't believe there's anything like that.

"Is it required that activities stated in the application be geographically specific or confined to your county, city, or can activities extend to your entire state?"

Your activity--yes. Your activities can extend to your entire state, assuming you believe you have the capacity to meet that need. You would just want to specify the area you intend to serve in your application.

Let's see. Apologies for the pauses but I'm trying to very quickly look at questions in the--in the Q&A. So--yeah. Yeah, Natalia said, "Please direct any questions on eligibility to grants@ncjrs.gov." I know I keep repeating it, but if there's one takeaway from this webinar it is that that is the place to go if you've got questions and we will do our best to get those answers as quickly as possible.

Let's see. "Can costs include transitional and emergency rent and utilities costs?"

That really depends on the solicitation. So I would go back in and take a look at the solicitation. I would say in most cases, I believe the answer would be yes. But, again, I would encourage you to take a look at the solicitation.

Let's see. Someone's "concerned about the time it might take to register in SAM.gov and Grants.gov."

I think what I would say is I would start the process as soon as possible and see how far you get. My understanding from applicants is that there is a fair degree of variability about how quickly SAM.gov registration takes place. But it's certainly worth it to, at

least, try and see if you can get that process started. And I do see some questions in the chat but I'm going to encourage people to put them over in the Q&A. Let me see if I can...

"We have been working with foreign-born survivors of human trafficking through USCRI. Can we apply for the grant?"

Yes. We do not have any limitations on--based on nationality of the individuals who are trafficked.

But please do put these in the Q&A because it's much easier for me. Let's see. Land acquisition is generally not allowable. I'm sorry. There's a question about "could land acquisition be done?"

Again, I would encourage you to take a look at both the solicitation and the appendix at the end that talks about the types of services that are allowable. And, also, if there's additional questions you have that are not covered in the solicitation, the DOJ Financial Guide, which is a link that is in all of our solicitations, is also another wonderful resource.

"Are referrals to law enforcement tracked by those providing services?"

No. Not--no.

"Can survivor services be split between grants, (e.g. housing assistance and case management), under housing assistance award and counseling under victim services if time is clearly documented?"

Yes. So I think, if I'm understanding this correctly, you can use more than one award to provide services to an individual. However, you would need to be tracking that information very carefully, both in terms of your budgets, but also in terms of how you are doing your reporting because it might make your reporting a little tricky. But I think it's not at all unusual for our grantees to use multiple awards to, sort of, supplement the services that they provide their clients.

Somebody asked about the fellowship. It is--I'll say this is actually--so they were asking "about the fellowship, is it from year to year or it is only every couple of years?"

This particular fellowship is--we--it's somewhat new solicitation and the award is for up to 3 years, so I don't necessarily know whether or not we will offer it again next year. And I would also make note that for all of our awards as we make them, when we say it's for a 3-year period, they are not annual, as far as your--when you think about your budget. You are--should be submitting for a 3-year budget to cover the entire--entirety of the project and make sure not to exceed the amount--award amount that is listed in the solicitation, which is, again, for the entire 3-year period. It's--it is not an annual amount.

Let's see. I'm--There's a question about fees and Kristin answered. There's no--you're right. There's no fees associated with applying for OVC funds.

So I see--"what's the link for solicitation area one please?"

I think you might need to be more specific about what particular solicitation you're looking for. And, again, I would just note that sometimes when we talk about Purpose Area 1, Purpose Area 2, etc., we are talking about one solicitation that has multiple purpose areas that you can--you're going to need to select one using the competitive ID. So when you go into Grants.gov and again when you go into JustGrants, you will need to make sure that you are applying to the correct purpose area. So just--that's one of those things to just take note of as you start your applications. Don't--You know, read everything carefully in Grants.gov and JustGrants to just make sure that you're not moving fast and accidentally applying under the wrong purpose area.

Let's see. "Can a state trial court, specifically a human trafficking intervention court, be a lead applicant?"

I would say--I mean, in theory, sure. But I--without knowing which solicitation you are actually specifically interested in, I can't speak to the eligibility. So I would go--suggest that you go back and read the eligibility section of that particular solicitation. And if you're not sure based on the eligibility section, then send an email into grants@ncjrs.gov.

Daryl, are there questions in here that you see that I am just not getting to? Because my computer is being very not helpful about scrolling up at the moment.

DARYL FOX: No. I think you're covering a lot of what's been asked. Like you said, a lot of direction to this slide here at grants@ncjrs.gov for any programmatic-specific questions about a solicitation.

BRECHT DONOGHUE: I see a question that is just in the chat and I do want to address it because it's something that's generally true for most of OVC's discretionary solicitations about "capital projects."

In most cases, buying--construction and buying land is not allowable under OVC's discretionary programs. The one exception to that is some of our tribal solicitations, but, in general, that is not an allowable expense.

DARYL FOX: And, Brecht, I don't know if you got to this one. But a question "about the fellowship. That's the same application process as all these other ones, correct?"

BRECHT DONOGHUE: Yes.

DARYL FOX: I assume.

BRECHT DONOGHUE: Yep. An individual would need to go in and register in SAM in order to be able to apply. But, again, I think it's certainly worth trying to get that in. I know--again, I saw a question about--concerned about the timing, you know? Theoretically, it's only supposed to take 10 days. So hopefully it would come through in plenty of time to apply. But it's--I know Kristin was just warning everyone because we have been hearing some stories about it taking longer for some folks.

There was another question I know earlier that I answered about "Whether there were any requirements for service providers to show that those receiving services are indeed victims of human trafficking and who sets those requirements?"

And my response, which I will just repeat here, was that we rely on our grantee's expertise to make a determination whether or not someone is a survivor of human trafficking. And, in addition, we allow for--we understand that this is not necessarily a fast process and it takes time. And we encourage our grantees to provide services to individuals who are potential survivors of human trafficking with an understanding that, you know, it may take some time. There's no specific time limit as to when you make a final determination as to whether or not they are, or are not, a survivor of trafficking.

Let's see. Thanks to my colleagues, by the way, who are doing the yeoman's work of answering questions in the chat.

"Do you have to indicate the source of match with the application?"

Yes. You should indicate the source of match in your application. We understand that, you know, some of these things are hard to nail down. So--you know, certainly, that's not to say that if things change once you--an award is made and you need to make adjustments, that we will work with you to do so. But you should have a pretty strong idea of how you would meet that 25 percent match. And I will underscore the point that was made earlier, again, which is that please, please take a close look at how you calculate match in the solicitation. There is an equation that's in there. I know a lot of times you think about it, you're like 25 percent match. That means if I'm applying for a \$100,000, the match is \$25,000. That's actually not the way it works. There's--it has to--it's 25 percent of the total project funds, which include both match and the award that you are getting from OVC. So it's really important to just do that math so that you get the match right, right from the start.

So I'm seeing some questions that, sort of, get beyond the scope of the solicitation, which, you know, we're not going to--we're not going to get into. So, for example, for the HT fellowship, the requirements of the solicitation are that there be--that the individual spend 5 days in Washington DC every 6 months. We are very flexible on that. And were you to be awarded, we would work with the individual to identify days that worked best for them. But--yeah.

So--and so I'm seeing another question about match. "Please--can you please clarify the match? Did you say that match has to be 25 percent of the maximum funding available?"

No. No. I'm sorry. Yeah, just to be clear. Oh, and I see Darian answered it. It's not the maximum of--it's the maximum of what you are--It's 25 percent of the total project cost and that project cost is what you are requesting. So if you request lower than the maximum amount that is allowable under a particular solicitation, you would simply need to request it--or you would need to include match that calculates to 25 percent of the total project cost, as you are submitting in your proposal. It's not the maximum. Let's see.

DARYL FOX: Just for everybody today, just to reiterate that the PowerPoint, transcript, and recording for today will be posted to the OVC website. So you'll be able to go back and reference everything that was mentioned in today's presentation. Thanks, Tammy. And you just put the link on where the--you could find those.

BRECHT DONOGHUE: Thanks, Daryl. Appreciate it. Looking to see if I see anything that hasn't either been answered in the chat. I see... So somebody asked, "Will the links supplied in the chat be available with the recording?"

The slides, transcript, and recording will be posted to the OVC website. Thanks, Natalia. And I believe that most of the links are--will be available either--well, Daryl, correct me if I'm wrong, but will we--because I think most of them are actually hyperlinked in the actual presentation. Or is that--how are the--how are--"How can folks get the links that we have been providing? Would you be able to answer that?"

DARYL FOX: That's--yeah. That's correct. So, you know, within today's presentation, you can't click on the PowerPoint so we're including them in the chat. When we post it, it'll be a 508 version of the PowerPoints. So all those will be hyperlinked within the slide deck that you'll be able to click on directly.

BRECHT DONOGHUE: Got it. Okay. Oh, sorry, Pat. The--your question about--regarding "if immigrants can be considered a culturally specific group" has not been--

You know what? I--I'm going to encourage you to send that one into ncjrs.gov simply because I'd like to talk--check that through the--just to be clear, the priority areas that are in the solicitations, many of our OVC solicitations, are actually OJP-wide. So our larger organization, the Office of Justice Programs, which includes the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and a number of other offices, all are using these priority areas. So I do want to make sure that we're answering consistently across offices. So please send that question into NCJRS and we can get you an answer. Because I have a gut--I have a gut feeling but I don't want us to tell you the wrong thing.

Is there any other questions that folks did not get answered? I don't want to end prematurely, but I feel like a lot of these got answered.

Yes. Pat, that is the correct email.

I will just note too, by the way, that that is also the email--this is--I mean, this is my own personal like, you know, soapbox I'm going to get up on just for a second. That is also the email to email if you have any technical issues submitting your award. So please note that email down. That is the place to email. I know--I believe Kristin talked about it earlier. You definitely need to have documentation that you've tried to contact either Grants.gov or the JustGrants helpdesk. If you talk to them, or better yet email them, so you get a tracking number because you need a tracking number to document that you--they had issues. We use that tracking number to confirm that you were working with them to address your technical issues. But the bottom line is that if you do encounter technical issues and you're working up to the deadline and just cannot, for whatever reason, submit your application, immediately email that grants@ncjrs.gov email address, because that is what we need to have in order to even consider your technical waiver request. So I know it can be confusing because there are a lot of helpdesks and people may think that they've contacted one helpdesk but--and that's enough. But the grants@ncjrs.gov is the place to go with any specific questions about the solicitation that are not, sort of, system-related, government system-related and it's the place to go if you think you are going--well, if you need to request a technical waiver request because you've had an issue with a government system.

All right. I'm not seeing any new questions. Oh, wait. Hold on. My thing just skipped here. All right. Sorry. My--for some reason, my thing is skipping around a little bit here. I see some questions about the fellowship again. Again, I would refer you back to the solicitation. I think that--and if you feel--still feel like your question is not answered after you look at--take a look at the solicitation, please email it into grants@ncjrs.gov.

For the question about Grants.gov, "specifically about whether you're applying as an organization or individual?"

I believe you would be putting individual, but, honestly, I would check with Grants.gov just to make sure that that is in fact the case.

Lizette, your quest--oh, well, wait. Let me see. Things are skipping around here on me.

"What is the difference--is there a difference in the services that can be provided under funding opportunity two,"--I feel like I--oh, you know what? My--I'm sorry. My--I am like being plagued by technology here. My Q&A just jumped up about 20 questions, so apologies.

As far as specific questions about how you're applying as an individual under the fellowship, I think you're going to have to put those into grants@ncjrs.gov. Because

you--those are questions I just can't answer right off the bat here. We would need to do some research. Again, I don't want to give folks the wrong answer.

All right. I think things are winding down, Daryl. So unless--oh. "Is there a separate timeline required or is the timeline within the narrative sufficient?"

Again, that is--I would take a look at the solicitation to see what it says. You can also look at the checklist at the end, which should say whether or not a timeline is required. I know in most--in some cases, there is a timeline built into JustGrants in some of the solicitations. And in those cases, I guess I would say--I think it's rare you would have to attach a separate timeline, but please do take a look at the language in the solicitation to make sure that there isn't a specific requirement that says otherwise.

So the question about "can this funding be combined?"

Unfortunately, there's not enough information there for me to answer that question. I mean, there are specific restrictions about comingling funds and such. So I think that there would have to be more specificity to that question. And, honestly, I probably can't answer it now. It would be one that would be better to email into grants@ncjrs.gov.

Oh, that's a good question, Amy. "How long after the deadline are applicants notified of award?"

In general, in most cases, I would say that all applicant--all successful applicants will be notified before the begin--beginning of the next fiscal year. So what that means is by September 30th, successful applicants will be notified. It usually takes a little bit longer for unsuccessful applicants to be notified. That usually happens, I mean, sometimes--most of the time in October. It could sometimes go into November. Unsuccessful applicants will receive--Unsuccessful applicants who move beyond basic minimum requirement screening and move into peer review will receive their peer review comments to review and potentially resubmit for next year. If you don't receive them for any reason, please feel free to email us and we will do our best to get those to you. But the awards are made on a rolling basis. And in most years, there have been some exceptions, for example, when we first stood up JustGrants and had some technical issues. But in most years, you can expect that all awards will be made by September 30th. Oh, and I've got two people answering that. Great, guys.

All right. Well, we have--we're almost at 2:00 and I think we got to the majority of questions. You all asked some very good questions today and apologies to those that were so specific we were not able to answer. Like I said, for those that we can answer because they're not going beyond what's in the solicitation, please send those into grants@ncjrs.gov and we will get answers to you. But in all cases, I would also refer folks back to the solicitation because that really is the best place to go to, sort of, understand what we're looking for and, in particular, pay close attention to the selection criteria and the scoring matrix because that really is what peer reviewers use to make an assessment of your application.

Pamela, I don't know that--I don't know if there are any abstracts or other documents available online. I don't think we have any for the Human Trafficking Division. So that's--yeah. That's not something I think we have available right now.

All right. Well, I want to thank you all today for taking us--spending an entire hour and a half with us and your patience as we work to answer the questions and with our technology issues. And I'm going to turn it back over to Daryl. Well--and--sorry. I should also thank you for your interest in OVC. We really are looking forward to reading many wonderful applications this year. And with that, I'm going to turn it back over to Daryl to close us out. Thank you.

DARYL FOX: Wonderful. Thank you. Thank you to all our panelists. So on behalf of the Office of Victims of Crime and our panelists, thank you for joining today's webinar. This will end today's presentation.