

DARYL FOX: Good afternoon, everyone. And welcome to today's webinar, "OVC FY 2023 Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant Program," hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime.

At this time, it's my pleasure to introduce Victoria Jolicoeur, Program Manager with the Office for Victims of Crime, for some welcome remarks and to begin the presentation. Victoria?

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: Hi, everyone. I'd like to thank you for taking the time today to hear more about our Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Program Grant. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask them at the end. And we look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

The Webinar Outline. So the OVC Overview and Mission. The Solicitation Overview, we'll talk about the funding opportunity focus, eligibility, and required documents. The Application Process and Tools and any questions and answers. You can also find [funding opportunities](#) at the link on the screen. It looks like Tammy has dropped it in the chat for everyone to review. Next slide.

Okay. OVC's mission is committed to--OVC is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. We currently support victims in tribal communities, state victim compensation and assistance program, training and technical assistance and information resources, victims of international terrorism and mass violence, federal agencies' provision of victim services, survivors of human trafficking, and demonstration and service projects. If any time you'd like to find out more about our funding opportunities, again, you can go to OVC's website. Next slide.

The anticipated funding for OVC in 2023 looks about--over \$1,800,000 in funding. Was that \$1,000,000,000? [\$1,800,000,000] Human Trafficking, Tribal, VOCA Compensation, and Discretionary programs. Next slide.

OVC Funding Opportunity. The OVC 2023 solicitation, you'll see the Eligibility, Documents to Apply, Application Process and Resources. Next slide.

So here, we'll talk about the eligibility for this particular grant. States and territories. City or township governments. Native American tribal governments. And any other organization that has a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including a domestic violence and sexual assault victim service provider, a domestic violence and sexual assault coalition, a community-based and culturally specific organization, and any other nonprofit nongovernmental organization. Also including any organization that works directly with pets, service animals, emotional support animals, or horses, and collaborates with any organization listed above, including an animal shelter or an animal welfare organization.

For additional information on eligibility, please review each solicitation's cover page. Next slide.

So with this funding, OVC seeks to provide funding for shelter and transitional housing and other assistance to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals, which under this program means pets, service animals, emotional support, animals, and horses. This program will support three purpose areas. This is a little bit different from the previous years. So this year, we have Purpose Area 1, Training And Technical Assistance Provider to support the 23 existing and future potential grantees in meeting their grant objectives. And then Purpose Area 2 and 3 are not that new to us. Purpose Area 2, a large award up to \$400,000, and Purpose Area 3, small awards up to \$100,000. And we have the small award purpose area for grant programs or grantees or organizations who are doing this work, but don't necessarily have the need to take on a large amount of up to \$400,000. But with the smaller award, your--the expectation of the goals and objectives remain the same. Next slide.

So we set up definitions. The term "domestic violence victim" means a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as established in Public Law 115-334. Definitions set out in 34 U.S.C. 20127, "Emotional Support Animal," "Pet," "Service Animal," and "Other Terms." Next slide.

All right. So as I talked about it earlier, OVC intends to fund three separate purpose areas under the solicitation. Purpose Area 1, there will be one large award for Training And Technical Assistance in the amount of \$500,000, 36-month project period. Purpose Area 2, up to five awards in the amount of \$400,000. And then Purpose Area 3, up to eight at \$100,000, all with 36 month durations--three-year project periods starting October 1, 2023. Next slide.

The goal of this program is to provide shelter and transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals and to provide training and technical assistance to the program grantees. Next slide.

Next. Thank you. Purpose Area 1 Objectives. You'll see this in the solicitation. Sometimes, we just like to go over them so they're at the top of your brain when you're applying or thinking about applying. The primary purpose--primary program objective for Purpose Area 1, the Training and Technical Assistance category, is increasing collaboration between and among OVC grantees and other federally funded service providers and programs, community partners and other stakeholders to enhance victim identification, referrals, service delivery and assistance; supporting OVC Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance grantees in meeting their award goals and objectives. And third, improving the quality and availability of services provided to domestic violence victims and their companion animals. This is a new--this program is--We consider it still fairly new as this the third year we'd be--we'd be funding this program. But the Training And Technical Assistance, we're really hoping that that is an opportunity for the grantees to, kind of, have discussions in the field on what's going

on, what kind of help they need, and how OVC can help meet--help them meet their goals and objectives with some assistance from the field. Next slide.

Purpose Area 2 and 3 objectives are the same. So you want to keep that in mind. If you're applying for Purpose Area 3 for the smaller awards, the objectives are to provide shelter and transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals, to increase the number of shelter beds and transitional housing options to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence who need shelter or housing for themselves and their companion animals. Third, to conduct training on the link between domestic violence and abuse--and the abuse and neglect of companion animals;-- excuse me--the needs of victims of domestic violence; promising practices for providing, or referring, support services to such victims; and promising practices in designing and delivering services that protect victim confidentiality. Next slide.

Purpose Area 1 Deliverables. So including convening OVC grantees annually for the purposes of sharing knowledge and facilitating peer support among OVC grantees and providing training and technical assistance, which will be measured by: number of TA-- training and technical assistance, TT--excuse me. TTA requests received; number of TTA requests delivered; type of training and technical assistance provided; number of organizations and/or persons trained; number of domestic violence victims with companion animals who were served; the purpose, amount, type, and duration of assistance. The Purpose Area 1 Deliverables. Next slide.

Purpose Area 2 and 3 Deliverables include the following services for victims of domestic violence with companion animals. One, provide emergency, short-term, and transitional shelter and housing assistance for victim victims of domestic violence and their companion animals. Two, assisting with expenses for the relocation or temporary shelter, housing, boarding, or fostering of the companion animals that are related to securing the safety of the companion animal. Three, providing support services designed to assist a victim who is fleeing a situation of domestic violence to locate and secure safe housing for the victim and the victim's companion animal. Four, deliver training--delivery of training for relevant stakeholders on the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of animals; the needs of victims of domestic violence; promising practices for providing services to such victims; promising practices for providing such victims with referrals to victim services;, and the importance of confidentiality. Next slide.

OJP Priority Areas. Priority Areas Considerations Supporting Executive Order 139852, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. Applications that include projects that will promote racial equity and remove--and removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality. Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project are enhanced because the applicant, (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40 percent of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Web Form--Budget Web-Based Form), identifies as a

culturally specific organization. And receiving priority consideration for one or more--one or more priority areas does not guarantee an award. For additional information, please see the solicitation. Next slide.

Types of Award. The awards that will be made will be made as grants. Grants are a legal instrument of financial assistance, awarding agency maintains an oversight and monitoring role, without substantial involvement with the awarding agency. For more information, see Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for more Information. Next slide.

Next, we'll have the Application and Submission Information.

Timelines are important. Grants.gov deadline is April 10, 2023, 11:59 PM. The JustGrants deadline is a week later, April 17 at 8:59 PM. Please take note of these deadlines. DOJ expects to award grants no later than September 30th, 2023. All project [start] dates should be on or after October 1, 2023. Please note, successful applicants may not begin work until the budget has been reviewed and officially approved by OJP. Additional information and/or restrictions may be outlined in your award package. Next slide.

Applications Must. Must means must. To meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding your application must have the following, a Proposal Abstract, a Proposal Narrative. In the narrative, a Description of the Issue/Statement of the Problem, Project Design and Implementation, Capabilities and Competencies, Plan for Collecting the Data for the Solicitation's Performance Measures. Also a Budget Web-Based Form, including budget details and a budget narrative. You'll see below. Remember, if you fail to submit any of the required documents, your application will not be considered for funding. Next slide.

Proposal Abstract. An abstract is a clear and simple summary statement about your proposal. The statement should be no more than 400 words and should include the following, purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, and intended beneficiaries and subrecipients. This will be completed in the JustGrants Web-based form. Next slide.

Proposal Narrative Format. The proposal narrative must be double-spaced, use a standard 12-point font, have no less than one inch margins, must not exceed 15 numbered pages, be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. It must be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. Next slide.

And the Proposal Narrative Format. The following sections are part of the proposal narrative. We talked about that in the previous slide, Statement of the problem/Description of the issue, Project design and implementation, Capabilities and competencies, Plan for collecting the data required for this solicitation performance measures. All of these are weighted categories. Outline all the current requirements and

make a plan to fulfil each and every requirement. You want to make sure that your proposal gets all of the points needed. Next slide.

The Proposal Narrative. This is the Description of the Issue or Statement of the Problem. For Purpose Area 1, applicants must describe their training and technical assistance and resource needs relevant to OVC funded grantees and other stakeholders assisting domestic violence victims and their companion animal. Applicants should use qualitative (i.e., things that can be observed but not measured, such as victim needs) and quantitative data (i.e., things that can be counted or measured, such as number of victims with companion animals) to describe the problem, identifying the source of any data or evidence cited. Two, identify challenges and opportunities relevant to the program. Three, identify gaps and ongoing challenges related to the training and technical delivery for this program.

Purpose Areas 2 and 3, applicants must address the applicant's understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Specify how the proposed project will address any identified gaps and available emergency or transitional shelter or housing services. Next slide.

Proposal Narrative: the Project Design and Implementation. So, purpose--for Purpose Area 1, this section must: state the goals and objectives of the project. Provide a detailed description of the proposed activities necessary to conduct the project and meet the stated goal and objectives. Provide a description of how the applicant will collaborate with OVC Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance grantees. Include a timeline for all of the tasks and activities to be completed. Describe the role of the project partners. Address how the proposed project will assist OVC grantees, OVC Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance grantees, and other service providers with addressing the needs of domestic violence victims and their companion animals. Address Priority Area 1(A) consideration in this section. Next slide.

Proposal Narrative: Project Design and Implementation. This is for Purpose Areas 2 and 3. And it must include the following: state the project's goals and objectives. Goals and objectives must relate to those stated in this solicitation. Provide a description of the victim services that will be provided through the proposed project, such as emergency and transitional housing assistance; assistance with expenses for the relocation or temporary shelter, housing, boarding, or fostering of the companion animals that are related to securing the safety of the animals; and support services designed to enable a victim who is fleeing a situation of domestic violence to locate and secure safe housing, among other assistance. Describe how and where the services will be provided. Three, describe the planned training for relevant stakeholders on the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of animals; the needs of victims of domestic violence; the needs of victims of domestic violence; promising practices for providing support services to such victims; promising practices for providing such victims with referrals to victim services; and the importance of confidentiality. If the applicant is

seeking priority consideration of Priority Area 1(A), it should address that in this section. Next slide.

Proposal Narrative: Capabilities and Competencies. Again, these are all weighted categories. So, you want to pay close attention to them in the solicitation while you are drafting your proposal. This section must: demonstrate the experience and expertise of the applicant in any project partners to effectively fulfill the requirements of this solicitation. Identify the key individuals and organizations, if applicable, including in the proposed project. Three, describe specific roles and responsibilities of all project partners and key staff. Four, demonstrate that the individuals who will staff the project are qualified to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and can successfully conduct the proposed project activities. Five, document plans and provide position descriptions for any staff to be hired. Six, demonstrate that the project and the staffing plan provides for the safe and adequate care of animals. Describe the applicant's administrative and financial capacity to manage federal grants. Address Priority Area 1(B) in this section. Next slide.

Proposal Narrative: Plan for Collecting Data. This section must include the following information, another weighted section. Describe the process for measuring the project performance. Identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for the performance measures. Describe how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the project's impact. Describe the process to accurately report the data. Next slide.

The Web-Based Budget Form, Budget Web-Based Form (Worksheet and Narrative). Use JustGrants web-based form. Personnel costs should relate to the key personnel for the project. The budget should include adequate funding to fully implement the project, broken out by year, reflecting 36 months. The budget should be mathematically sound and correspond with information described in the Proposal Narrative and aligned with the project design. Next slide.

Create a SMART budget. Be specific when listing all of your expenses. Under the computation column of the budget, make sure your costs are Measurable. Ensure that your budget items are Attainable. If you put your timeline next to your budget, make sure each item is accounted for, then your budget should be Relevant. Make sure your budget is Time-bound and broken down year by year or month by month. Goal setting, SMART Goals. Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound. Next slide.

Additional Documents to Apply. You'll see the DOJ Application Submission Checklist, Application Attachments, Application Submission, and then Award Attachments. These are all available to you. Next slide.

Hallmarks of an Outstanding Application. Use simple and concise language. Ensure information is presentable and organized. Peer reviewers--it's really helpful when scoring--reading and scoring your application that the information is presented in an organized way. They know exactly where to go when they are trying to review your proposal based on what we're asking for in the solicitation. So, follow along in the

solicitation. Make sure you're hitting the requirements. Add tables, graphs, staff photos, and other images, when possible, while being mindful of grant guidelines. Be realistic about how you will achieve your goals. Get feedback from those who may run the project. That is key. So many times, people have grant writers and they write to the proposal and there is a disconnect between who's running the project, what that's going to look like, how it will work. Speak to everybody involved or who needs to be involved. So, it makes sense when you submit your proposal. And then if you're awarded, you have some--a good consistency of what's supposed to happen or everybody is on the same page. Whoever is going to be managing the award is aware that they're managing the award, that you're getting this award. So, it's no surprise. So, make sure you're talking to folks in your organization. Make sure the proposal is consistent with the solicitation. Read the solicitation over and over again. It's pretty straightforward. Make sure that your proposal is aligned to what we are looking for. Check, recheck, and check again, budget, grant requirements, references, and other grant details. We cannot state this enough. All right? Make sure that the budget is aligned in to--aligned with your project goals and objectives. Make sure it makes sense. Next slide.

Common Reasons Cited for a Weak Application. Because if you put all this work into submitting a proposal, you'll always want to know, "Hey, where did we go wrong? Where did we fall short? How can we do it better?" Some of the common reasons for a weak application is grantees were too ambitious or lacks focus. Applicant lacks appropriate expertise to carry out the proposed project. No evidence of feasibility. Do not assume reviewers are as familiar with the project as you are. That is a big one. So, be clear in your goals and objectives. Poor writing and a lot of errors. Make sure you review your proposal. It makes a difference. Don't wait until the last hour to submit your proposal. You'd be surprised how many minor things are missed because you're under the gun on the timeframe. You're trying to get that proposal submitted right before the deadline. So, take your time. Use this time to have it reviewed several times over in your organization. Next slide.

Application Process. Next slide.

Applicants have two application submission deadlines. We talked about that earlier in the earlier slides. Remember, there's a Grants.gov deadline? So, that's when you're going to submit your 424 and the lobbying SF-LLL. LLL. And then you have the JustGrants submission deadline. It's okay to enter preliminary budget or programmatic data in Grants.gov and update later in JustGrants, but be mindful of the deadlines. A JustGrants submission should include all items as defined in the solicitation. Next slide.

Here are the dates. Part one, you're going to submit in JustGrants [Grants.gov] by April 10th. On April 10 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. You have a little more than a month. So, don't wait until April 9th. Part two, submit your full application in JustGrants, April 17th, 8:59 p.m. Notice, there's a difference in time. So, on April 17th, you do not have until 11:59. It's 8:59 p.m. Next slide.

Web-Based Forms for Submission in JustGrants. There are certain web-based forms that must be submitted directly into the system--into the system. The Proposal Abstract; Solicitation-Specific Data submitted with the application; Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timelines; Budget Web-Based Form; and Application Disclosure of Duplication Cost Items. Pay attention to required sections. If a section is required and presents you with web-based entries, you cannot upload a document instead. You must use the format required in the application. Next slide.

All right. What to Expect After Submitting an Application? The entity will be notified that they received an award when all applications for the solicitation have been reviewed before September 30th. The system will notify: the Entity Administrator and the Authorized Representative when the deadline for the application has changed; Application--the Application Submitter, Entity Administrator, and the Authorized Representative when the application is received in JustGrants from Grants.gov; the Entity Administrator when the award notification has been sent. Then the entity should check the system regularly so that any upcoming deadlines for submitting applications and documentations are addressed in a timely manner. Once the application deadline passes in JustGrants, you may see a banner that says it is past due. If your status is submitted, your application has been received by DOJ, and you can ignore the past due banner. Next slide.

Resources. Guidance tools, personal tools, system tools, all of that stuff's going to help with your application. Next slide.

And any information about OVC or questions you want to--you have about what OVC does as an organization, you can check out [our website](#). And next slide.

The DOJ Grants Financial Guide. As a starting point for all recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in ensuring the effective day-to-day management of awards, please consult the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Here is the link. Tammy dropped it in the chat for you all. This is going to be--this should be, like, on your desktop, on your desk, wherever you have easy access to if you are awarded. If you ever have any grants management questions, please go to the Grants Financial Guide first. Everything that you--most of your questions will be answered there. Next slide.

We put together an [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for your convenience. You can find the link here. Again, it's dropped in the chat. So, any questions or any help you may have in applying for this funding, you can check the Resource Guide. Lots of good stuff there.

And then we have Information on [Grant Measurement Reporting](#). The overview of the performance measures activities. There's the link in the chat. Review all of this stuff before you start submitting your proposal, so you have an idea of what the expectations are, if you are awarded this grant--awarded a grant under this funding announcement. Next slide.



Information on [SAM.gov](#). This is your first stop before applying. You--this--we should've probably started or off with this. But visit SAM.gov. If you are not in there, not familiar with it, please go there first. You must go to SAM.gov first. All right? It's going to be very important. It is required. All right. Next slide.

And then information on [Grants.gov](#). In the chat, visit Grants.gov. This is also another stop before you start to apply. So you want to make sure you review these resources before you get started on your proposal.

There's some things you may or may not have known about, some things you may need to sign up for, some things your organization may or may not be prepared for, but you want to make sure you check those out before you get started applying.

JustGrants Training Resources, these are super helpful. The [link](#) is in the chat. It's organized by topics. There are micro-learning videos, Job Aid Reference Guides. There's a lot of stuff there to help you walk you through what you'll need as an applicant and grantee. Next slide.

JustGrants Office Hours and Application Mechanics. So as you're applying for your grant--for this grant and you come across any questions or any issues with JustGrants, here's the number--I'm sorry, the link for JustGrants and these are office hours. So you'll be able to jump in and kind of ask them questions live during those times. They'll help you if you have any questions preparing to apply, completing your application, entity onboarding and JustGrants access, JustGrants roles and responsibilities. These are all important to know. How to assign users' roles to applications, that's going to be key. Completing, reviewing, and certifying, and then submitting your application in JustGrants, and any questions about application submit--submission. You'll need to know who you--yeah.

And then there's some Free Training And Technical Assistance at OVC. You can check out [OVC TTAC](#), the link is in the chat. Multiple victim service topics are covered include--including human trafficking so that you have the skills to reach out to victims of every type of crime from every background and every place and offer them what they need to rebuild their lives. Explore TTAC for a ton of stuff. Next slide.

And then Information on OJP Resources, obtain justice and drug-related information to support research, policy, program development worldwide at [OJP Resource Center](#). The link is in the chat. Subscribe and find funding opportunities, recent publications, online resources, and any other upcoming events. If you want to stay in the know about what's happening at OJP, here's where you can get informed. Next slide.

All right. And How to Prepare for Solicitation Season. Review OVC's previously held webinars, they're all on our website. Get Ready to Apply, Considerations When Building Your OVC Budget, Preparing Your Proposal and What To Expect Next, Overview of Upcoming Funding Opportunities in 2023. You can find our [current funding opportunities](#) on our website. You can sign up for [News From OVC](#), stay up-to-date with [webinars](#),

and you can just visit the [Department of Justice Program Plan](#) for other funding opportunities. Next slide.

And there's some important contact information to help you get along in this process, SAM.gov and Grants.gov Technical Assistance registering or renewing your entity registration in SAM. There's the telephone number and the website. The number is 866-606-8220. And technical assistance for submitting your SF-424 and your SF-LLL into Grants.gov, there's the link and the number. Grants.gov is 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035. Next slide.

Some additional Important Contact Information. Technical Assistance when submitting the full application in JustGrants, the number is 833-872-5175. This is when you're all set and ready to go. You don't wait until 11:59 PM that night to do it, though. Okay?

OJP Resource Center. Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements and to report a technical issue that prevented the application submission, contact the OJP Resource Center at 800-851-3420. Again, please give yourself some time before the deadline. All right? Next slide.

And then if you want to go social with OVC, you can find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#). The links are in the chat. If you want to see what we're up to and what we're talking about, you can find us at any one of those social media or apps, I'm sorry. Next slide.

All right. And if you have any questions, please submit them using the Q&A Box and select All Panelists and we'll get your questions answered to the best of our ability. Thank you.

DARYL FOX: Thanks so much, Victoria. And as you begin to answer those questions, and I know Lori, our colleague, has been entering answers to those in the chat. If you could just try to please enter those in the Q&A Box, that would be helpful just for organizing those in for response. But with the last 10 minutes or so, we'll be happy to go ahead and address those.

And just a reminder to everybody on today's webinar, the PowerPoint recording and transcript for today will be posted to the OVC website. You'll be able to go ahead and reference this once it is posted. Everybody on today's webinar that registered will receive an email on when those items are posted and available.

So with that said, Lori, is there any particular ones you wanted to call out that have been more common throughout today's webinar?

LORI GARDNER: Daryl, yes, I think one really common one has been, "if veterinary services, such as emergencies and wellness care are allowable."

And yes, those expenses are absolutely allowable when they are part of helping a domestic violence victim and their pet in an emergency situation. Yes, those are definitely allowable expenses.

And I'm doing my best to answer all of the questions in the Q&A. And I did want to just let everyone know, if we're not able to get to your question today, to please be sure to reach out to the OJP Response Center. Yup. I'm seeing one now with pet deposits.

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: Thank you, Lori.

LORI GARDNER: Sorry. "Would pet deposits for housing be eligible?"

Yes, pet deposits for a domestic violence victim who is seeking longer term housing is an allowable expense.

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: Thanks, Lori.

I was looking at it and seeing any additional questions come in, in the chat.

Looks like there's a question, "would paying for hotels that accept pets be allowable?"

Yes.

LORI GARDNER: Someone asked about, "where they could see a list of allowable expenses for the solicitation?"

And I would encourage you to look at the solicitation, but then also look at the OJP Resource Guide for applicants, as well as the DOJ Financial Guide. And then you're always welcome to reach out to the OJP Response Center, if you have some specific questions about allowable expenses.

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: So, it looks like Selena Brown has a question about "serving victims with horses, however, there's no place that we have identified within the city limits that allow us to house the horses in the city. Will this grant support the housing of horses in Maryland? All of our victims live in DC, but we house the horses in Maryland."

Short answer is yes.

LORI GARDNER: I think it's going to depend on your specific program's situation and whether or not you all have the capacity, but that is allowable. We did have someone else ask...

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: Right, MOUs and...

LORI GARDNER: I'm sorry. Go ahead, Victoria.

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: Oh, no, I was--I was--I was--I was--that's exactly right. It's going to depend--I mean, there's a bunch of different variables. We don't know enough about the program and who your partners are, if you have letters of support, MOUs or intent, what the program looks like. So you can--if you want to--want more--a deeper response, you can send a question to the Resource Center and give us more information.

LORI GARDNER: Someone asked, "if we pay a deposit. I'm assuming for a victim where we need to try and get that back when they exit the housing to put back in the fund."

No, you would not need to get that deposit back, nor would you--nor should you get that deposit back. You should not be charging victims for any of these services.

"Let's talk about performance measures."

Someone asked about performance measures and that is addressed in the solicitation. I am looking right now to find the exact page, but those performance measures are definitely addressed in the solicitation. I will type that into the chat as soon as I can locate it. Oh, starting on page 30, performance measures are addressed in the solicitation.

Some of these questions I'm seeing are, I think a little bit more information is needed, so I did want to just encourage everyone, if you have a very specific situation, you can send your question to the OJP Response Center and just send as much information about your situation as you can, and we will get that answered for you.

Someone just asked, "I am opening a new shelter. We have been sheltering pets for over 13 years."

That's so wonderful to hear. We love to hear that.

"Can we apply to add on to a new shelter location?"

You can use the funding to pay for renovation costs. So if you are looking to--if you have a current shelter and you're looking to expand in some way, such as, you know, renovating a room for pets that are staying there with domestic violence victims, you can do that with this funding.

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: Someone's saying, "they have questions, suggestions, how to get started for someone who's never written a grant before, somewhere to get guidance, or a class to take."

Well, there's JustGrants Training Resources. You can take a look there. I mean, you can try and be a peer reviewer so you can see what the process looks like, if you're

going to write grants for your organization or look for peer review opportunities. And then, you know, take advantage of all the resources that we provide. So...

LORI GARDNER: And I think someone expanded on their question about, "building and construction is not allowable under this award."

And yes, someone piped in. Thank you, Diane. I encourage everyone to look at BestyBnB Program as a resource. We are familiar with them, and you are correct, they are wonderful and that is a great place to start looking for resources for this type of programming.

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: "Will this grant fund a staff position to assist with coordinating the needs of survivors with companion animals?"

Yes.

LORI GARDNER: Someone asked, "So you can renovate..."

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: We have about two...

LORI GARDNER: Sorry. Go ahead, Victoria.

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: No, go ahead, go ahead. No, go ahead, Lori. Sorry about that.

LORI GARDNER: It just said, "so can--you can renovate, but not build."

And that is correct. This is not a construction project.

Thank you so much for the people piping in with other resources. We love seeing that there are many good resources out there on serving domestic violence victims with pets. So we appreciate those putting in those resources.

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: Yes. Thank you. We have about one minute left.

"Our shelter currently has outdoor kennels that are covered for protection of weather. Will this grant allow to convert that space into an indoor kennel?"

Yes.

LORI GARDNER: Someone asked that we repost the application resource--resources. So, I am posting that again. And I did just want to reiterate, if you have some specific questions about what is allowable and what's not allowable, we apologize for not being able to get to all of your wonderful questions today, but you can reach out to the OJP Resource Center or Response Center.

VICTORIA JOLICOEUR: Thank you for doing--posting that--putting them up there, Lori.

DARYL FOX: Okay. That leaves us at about time today. Unless there's anything else, Victoria, Lori? I'll go ahead and conclude today's program. So, on behalf of the Office for Victims of Crime, and our panelists, we want to thank you for joining today's webinar. This will end today's presentation.