

DARYL FOX: Good afternoon. And welcome to today's webinar, VOCA Victim Assistance and VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grants, hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime.

At this time, it's my pleasure to introduce Joel Hall, Associate Director with the Office for Victims of Crime for some welcoming remarks and to begin the presentation. Joel?

JOEL HALL: Thank you, Daryl. This is Joel Hall, the Associate Director. I probably know many of you over the years, working with you and throughout the state. It wants me--And this is a good point for me to remind you that this actual particular solicitation, which is two, both the victim assistance and the compensation formula solicitations are only open to VOCA SAAs, which stands for State Administrating [Administering] Agencies. So, if you're an individual or a nonprofit who's looking for a funding opportunity, this is probably not for you because it's strictly for invitees or who are the SAAs of a particular state assigned by the governor. So I don't want to waste your time, a little bit, if this particular solicitation is not eligible for you. For VOCA SAAs, welcome. Also, the Q&A, I will be answering questions at the end, as Daryl has suggested. I'm on a smaller screen today, so I can't really see the questions that pop up. But we really appreciate your attendance and we will get started with the webinar.

So, OVC's Overview and Mission. I've pulled this part up. All right. So, what is the VOCA solicitation related to the formula compensation and victim assistance grants? Basically, why do we have these solicitations? This program furthers the Department's mission to providing grants and support provision of services to victims of crime throughout the Nation. We do that through two parts, through the victim assistance awards, which can go to direct services and agencies that are working to help combat crime victimizations throughout the 50 states and its territories, as well as providing compensation to direct crime victims. Victims who have been injured directly and can be reimbursed through victim compensation.

Usually, with the solicitations and different things, we do separate webinars. But I think usually for the formula, I like to pull it altogether, because they're usually the same. There are a lot--many of these issues related to how to work with JustGrants and a lot of the application items are really good for us to go together. And in many cases, a lot of the SAAs are both victim assistance and victim comp administration, so it saves a little time as well for you as well. Next slide, Daryl?

As you saw on the previous slide, in terms of victims of human trafficking, working in terms of reaching out to Tribal nations, just many different things that OVC is working for. We try to follow the Executive Order of the administration in regards to establishing equity and reaching underserved communities and trying to do our best to diversify the funding stream in terms of helping broaden the service portfolio that we've been--that has been happening for a long time.

Now victim services has always been there to support as many people as we can, but what we've learned in the past few years is that we really need to be paying attention to

areas that have not been reached before, providers that have not been reached before, victims that tend to get neglected by the system. Basically, open our minds and expand what we consider as traditional victim services and do as much as we can to make that happen. So, that is what we are trying to do with these solicitations. All right.

So, let's get into the nuts and bolts of things. We got Grants.gov deadline is Thursday, June 23rd, 2022. It's very important, and we had this issue last year, but for those SAAs who may be applying for the first time, maybe there's a new VOCA administrator, it's important to make sure that you're registered with SAM and to do it early. The system has--the DUNS number has disappeared. Now you have the UEI number, which comes through SAM. The system, SAM.gov, and the many different pieces that work with that system are basically, experiencing a backlog and having some difficulties going through all the new registrations. So if you have not registered in the past, you probably want to make sure you register as soon as you can. Most SAAs that you have registered previously and that you went into JustGrants and submitted your application last year. So if you've done that, you're probably already registered and you don't need to work, you know, be any earlier. But in the case there's a new agency or a new administrator, who's concerned about that, it's good the check on that sooner.

So Grants.gov, you need to apply for that by June 23rd. JustGrants deadline Thursday, June 30th, 2022. That new deadline is actually 8:59 PM. Historically, our closing dates are 11:59 PM. But the JustGrants service desk will no longer be staying open late. So, mentally put in your head that the service--date closes at 8:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.

DOJ expects to get awards out no later than September 30th. As I said, by statute, we have to actually make the awards prior to October 1st. So we will definitely get the awards to you before that date. Hopefully sooner. All right, Daryl. Next slide.

The following entities are eligible. I mentioned that earlier on to try to save time for people who may be, you know, be part of this webinar who don't need to be, but state governments or what we call State Administrating [Administering] Agencies assigned by the governor, territories and possessions of the United States. Next slide, Daryl.

Victim Assistance and Victim Compensation. Again, I went over this before. The Department is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. This program furthers the Department's mission by providing grants to support the provision of services to victims of crime throughout the nation. Next slide, Daryl.

Under this solicitation, the Office for Victims of Crime will award each eligible state and territory victim assistance program an annual grant to support eligible crime victim assistance programs in that state or territory. Eligible crime victim assistance programs are those that are operated by a public agency or a nonprofit agency or a combination of such agencies or organizations or both such agencies and organizations, to provide services to victims of crime. Next slide, Daryl.

As many of you know, the vast majority of victim assistance funding goes to local direct victim services including child advocacy centers, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, and human trafficking. We are trying to do our best to expand those services to meet underserved areas, reach new areas, to buy and for organizations, communities of color, anything that we can do to expand our services. So that is OVC's number one push is to create a more balanced and equitable approach to grant management. Next slide, Daryl.

Victim Compensation. OVC will support victim compensation formula programs to provide crucial financial assistance to hundreds of thousands of crime victims each year. Funds under the program shall be used by the states for awards of compensation benefits to eligible crime victims. As you--many of you may know, crime victims--supplements state funds that offset victim's financial burdens resulting from crime. The award is basically to reimburse the state for expenses that they put out in previous years. Next slide.

The goal of the Victims of Crime Act funding is to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the assistance, support, and services necessary to aid their restoration and recovery, I'd like to put that in there, after a violent criminal act, and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice system.

The goal of state victim compensation program is to supplement the state funds that offset victims' financial burdens resulting from crime. It's extremely vital to victims who face enormous financial setbacks from medical fees, lost income, dependent care, funeral expenses, and other things. As you know, the Victims of Crime--the VOCA Fix Act, which came into fruition last year, was a great resource, a great opportunity for many of the different compensation programs to increase the amount of money that they have for crime victims to allow flexibility in how OVC and the Federal Government is able to collect funds to put into the CVF, or what we call the Crime Victims Fund, and that's distributed to state so that they can provide the services. Hopefully, in the next few years we'll be working on the victim compensation guidelines trying to update those to more reflect the changes in our society, the changes in our administration, and the changes in ways to help those who are underserved and how to correct any kind of error that may have been in the past, in terms of, so that we can be as open to crime victims across the Nation, as best as we can. Next slide, Daryl.

Victim assistance. So there will be 56 awards. That includes all the states and all the territories, yeah 56. \$1.608 billion, it's actually the total for both the victim assistance and victim comp. And that duration is 48 months. Now remember, when filling out your applications, we send a lot back for one reason and one reason alone. The start date. The start date is always a year back. Technically, the award formula dollars start with the beginning of the fiscal year. We're in FY '22. The fiscal year technically started around 10/01/2021. So that is our FY '22, fiscal year award started technically, back in '21. Luckily, we have the ability to create grant no-cost extensions, so you have more time to spend those funds, if the need be. But just--But then, a mental note somewhere when you

start filling out the application in the next month or so, please put 10/01/2021. Number one common error on VOCA applications. Next slide.

Compensation, there is 54 awards. Why is there only 56 for victim assistance and 54 for victim compensation? Basically, two territories do not actually have victim compensation programs. So that is the only difference. Again, 1.6 is a combination of both programs. And again, the same issues related to the start date. Next slide, Daryl.

Awards will be made as Grants. They are not cooperative agreements or any other funding mechanisms but traditional--what we call formula/block grants. It's a legal instrument of financial assistance. All right. Next to move forward.

Application and Submission Information. All right.

Elements that must be included in the VOCA Formula Application, a statement regarding use of administrative and training funds. This is no different. Just to give a little history here about last year, we greatly reduced the number of attachments that have been happening in the past few years. There was up to--I think at one point we had like 13 or 14, and we greatly reduced those number and levels of attachments to help administrators with the application process to make it go smoother, more convenient, and to eliminate redundancy, which was--There were a lot of things that were covered under either 2 Part--or 2 C.F.R. Part 200 that did need to be covered again or in some other stipulation related to special conditions or other certifications. So we've tried to reduce it.

However, state regarding use of administrative and training funds is still the same and this is the five percent admin when we use the terminology for that. My advice on this one, and I tell this to people every year, it doesn't always happen, is that keep it simple. You know? If you plan on using the five percent for administrative and training funds, just say that. You know, our state, you know, a state of X intends to use the administrative funds for administrative and training purposes and that's all you really have to say. You can put a little bit more if you'd like to but sometimes if you put too much, you're kind of boxing yourself in. So you can keep it as simple as that. But you are more than free to write a very 10 to 15-page, you know, thing explaining what you do. We don't encourage that, but you're more than free to do that.

Civil Rights Compliance. So this is a little bit different. This was in last year. But in the old certifications pages that we used to have, you'd have to name who is your civil rights compliance officer for your state. So now you're just going to put that information on a Word document and you'll see that in the solicitation and it'll pop up in the JustGrants. So all you need to do is write that down on in attachment on a Word document. You can either have it on your letterhead or I don't think it really needs to be signed off by anybody. You're just going to make that certification.

The next one would be monitoring of subawards. It's another attachment. You're going to detail how your monitoring process is going related to your subawards. Are you on task? We know that during the COVID period, there's been a lot of inconsistencies related to

monitoring. We, ourselves at OVC, have to, you know, had to be very creative and doing a lot of remote monitoring, a lot of different desk reviews. So we understand and are very sympathetic. All we want to do is know that you are following your monitoring compliance in any way that you can, you know, however you modify it. Just give us an update. Let us know how it's going, what your plan for FY '22 is, how is FY '21. Just let us know. We greatly appreciate it.

The next one is statement regarding plan of subgrant funds. That one, you know, is very important. There's a lot of information in the solicitation related to that. Make sure you read it thoroughly. Provide as much information as you can. We're really looking for detail related to the Executive Order from the Biden Administration, looking on how you want to diversify the funds that we are providing. If your state has been working on a lot of these different things in terms of coming up with new ideas, inviting new partners to the table to, you know, subgrant dollars, by and for organizations, communities of color. Whatever you've done, you have been doing probably in the past year or two, we want to hear about it and this is a great place to put it on there. It's very detailed instruction in that attachment, so please read it carefully and fill that out and we greatly appreciate it. What we do, we never really kicked this one back because we're wanting to hear from states. But sometimes we will kick it back and ask the state to provide more information, if they're not--if they don't provide any information. An example would be a document that says we're not doing anything related to this and then that's not acceptable. We need a little bit more. We want to hear what your state's plans are and whatever you provide is acceptable in regards to if you provide things that actually let us see a picture of what's going on. But just writing on paper, another one of those N/A doesn't exactly cut it. So if you could do that, we greatly appreciate states and SAAs taking their time to reflect within and find a good way of writing these--this information down.

The next one is OJP Financial Management and Grant Administrative Training Certificates. This one has been around for a few years. We--If people don't like doing this. You can blame me. This is--this is my contribution to that. Since I actually write the solicitations and I actually upload most of the Word documents, I--It's very important that we have these to make sure that you are keeping the training. A reminder that you have to take the training once every three years. It's online. That's all you need to do. There are other training formats that were in person. Now they're, kind of, going to be online because of COVID. But just make sure you update that. If it's going to expire before you are able to apply in time for the award, I would actually take it again. So for example, you know you're going to apply in a month or so and--but you know it expires in July, it's probably smart if you take the training now. It would be great. All right. Next slide.

So as we got into this, this is what I was talking about in Statement Regarding Plan to Subgrant Funds, so this is a lot of information. And please, you know, we are trying to, you know, purposely understand the state's intent to follow the Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Supporting--and Support for Underserved Communities. Do your best. We're just, you know, we just want to know. Next slide.

So this is for the compensation programs. A statement regarding use of administrative and training funds, similar to victim assistance.

Only difference in here is the next document will be state law governing the crime victim compensation programs. Please, please, please, please for compensation programs make sure that you put most recent statutes that are in there. Sometimes states will just kind of send us the same ones all the time. And a lot of times, the state compensation statutes for their particular state do not change and that's fine. However, sometimes they do. There might be new stipulations or new things added. Give us the most recent version. Because with that--when we look at things, when the OIG or somebody asks us questions about what's allowable in the state. And I know the first place to go is to look at the state statutes. And then I'll look and like, this happened about two years ago now. I'll say no and apparently this is not what--how the case is for a particular state. And realize that they actually have an amendment but they had given me the not the most recent copy of their statute. So please do that. Because it is a functional document that we use a lot in our job, especially for comp programs. Because we know the state statutes are what's reimbursable, what's allowable is very tied closely with the program and our work with them.

Same thing with the OJP Financial Management and Grants Administration Training Certificate.

Note VCC Forms will not be submitted with the VOCA formula application this year. OVC will provide a new version of the form to be uploaded into JustGrants at a later date. So as you know, many of you just turned in your VCC forms, which we're trying to pull--well, we pull them together, one late state. So we're about ready to get the allocation to all of you. If this one state will hurry up. And--But we're going to get back on track this year. So we were redoing the form. There was changes at the last minute to the VOCA--the VOCA Fix. It took us a long time to get all the different requirements that needed to be changed, so we just gave it to you from actually, what was supposed to be last year. So in the next few months, probably maybe sometime in the fall, I haven't decided yet, we'll do the VCC forms and we'll do it externally. Until we can build out that component within the system, the JustGrants system, which was the intent from day one of JustGrants was to actually build it out, very some trial GMS work where you could, you know, submit it at the same time that you submitted your application or at least shortly hereafter. We're still working on that with the development team. As you know, JustGrants, we're still--it's still--it's learning and still growing and we're growing with it and continue to try to push for it as development changes. Okay. Next slide.

And along with the required documents that I mentioned before, those are more requirement documents that we, OVC, want to see. It is the things in terms of the 424, indirect cost agreement rate, financial management and system of internal controls, lobbying form SF-LLL form. We're about to send out some more detailed instructions related to some of the things that we've done before. So I actually attached that SF-LLL form to the--to the instructions we're about to send out, because I know a lot of people will use older forms, or they can't find the forms. Just make sure that you use that and not like

a form from 20 years ago. So it just makes it easier for all of us. I mean, you can actually, in the solicitation, it will link you to the correct form. But it's still--people tend to get lost with that one sometimes. And put N/As in boxes that are not relevant to you. So write a note on the SF-LLL form, those two giant boxes are, you know, if there's no lobbying, you want to put N/A. Never leave anything blank on that form.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication. This is what we used to call--I forgot what we called it, but it basically means that you're applying for funding--a similar type of funding through a different agency. Then you're going to put this down. It really doesn't apply to formula. It's more related to discretionary grants, but there could be some situations.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances. DOJ Certifications regarding lobbying, debarment. So going back to the DOJ Certified Standard of Assurances, so this is a little different how it was in the past few years. It was this way in JustGrants but I just wanted to tell people make sure that you print that out or copy and paste it. So you want to go in, you check a box instead of, you know, signing things or printing it out. There's a box, you go in and you check it. Make sure you read those. Read them. It's important. Those are conditions that you're going to need to have to follow. So as I was doing some site visits in the past year, I noticed there were a couple of states that'd be like, well, nobody told us that. It's like, well checked the box, that's actually where it says the new requirement. So make sure you look at that, write it down, pay attention to it. All right. Next slide.

Hallmarks of an Outstanding Application. Use simple and concise language. Ensure information is presentable and organized. Add tables. I wouldn't say you have to add tables and graphs and staff photos. Again, this is generalized for more discretionary grants. But in terms of the language, you know, be simple and concise, especially with some of the things we ask. You don't have to, you know, write a book. Just be very clear, very concise, very direct in terms of what your SAA, state, and your agency is planning to do, that would be great. Make sure the proposal is consistent with the solicitation. That's also important. And check, recheck, and check again. Again, there are no budgets for--what do you call it? There are no budgets for formula awards, grant requirements, no match.

Now when I say match, because again, some questions about this, when I say there's no match that we're talking about the--on the first tier level in regards to you, as the SAA, don't have to provide match to us. In regards to match policies related to no-cost extension--or I mean, to the VOCA Fix and everything--you still have to provide a match but that's a longer story that we can talk in questions. if you want to. But there's been some concerns and questions about that statement where it says no match and that's actually about you, as the SAA, when you apply this. You don't have to provide a match. It's on the first tier, not any other subrecipient.

And that is it for me. I just wanted to mention one thing. I haven't gotten all the way through everything. Before Daryl comes in, allocations, I briefly mentioned allocations and entering information into Grants.gov and JustGrants. So please give us a little more time. We're working on the allocations. We're very close. We just want to move as quickly as we

can and get those out to you so that you can plug your numbers in. If you do accidentally plug numbers into your Grants.gov, you want to have the grants and used last year's numbers, it's not the end of the world. I can change them. One of the beauty parts of JustGrants is it's not permanent. GMS was a pain to change things when you entered wrong information. JustGrants allows me to change it. So, if you have--if you were in a hurry to enter some stuff in, that's fine. We are just trying to get the allocation tables out. And if you can wait a little bit, that'd be great. This is a great time to start pulling your data, you know, getting all your documents ready and doing everything like that. And once we get those allocations out, then you can put those numbers in. Again, if you've done it, don't worry. I can fix--I can fix everything. And if you can remember last year with the VOCA Fix, the allocations changed at the last minute after everybody had submitted and I was able to change. So, it's not the end of the world. And we will do our best to get those allocation tables to you as quickly as possible.

And again, we apologize. I know in a perfect world we would like to have those allocation tables prior to the release of the solicitation. We try. We had to get certain approvals before we could release that form. And so it took a little longer than anticipated, but thank you for your patience.

And Daryl, the rest is all to you. If you have any questions, I'm going to answer some of the Q&A while Daryl is talking. He's going to go over some of the basic stuff in regards to how to apply, the applications and stuff. And then I will come back at the end and answer any questions that you may have.

DARYL FOX: Okay. Thanks so much, Joel. Now we're going to just switch gears a little bit to describe the Application Process, a little technical in nature but we won't get in too depth for you all. And I'll also provide some different resources that you can access in OVC and OJP, helping with your applications.

So, you know, as mentioned, you know, starting last year, it's a two-step application process. One is the Just--Grants.gov deadline. That's going to be June 23rd, 2022. And then that contains the SF-424 and SF-LLL. The second component would be the full application into JustGrants. That's going to be due June 30th. So as Joel did mention, the timing is now 8:59 Eastern instead of 11:59. So obviously, want to get that in as far in advance as you can to these deadlines.

So the Application Submission Overview, this part of the grant's lifecycle involves completing and submitting web-based forms, as well as the attachments that are requested, based on the requirements published in the solicitation. The process of submitting an application in JustGrants begins with Grants.gov. So once you've located this funding opportunity, you'll submit your SF-424, SF-LLL, as mentioned, in Grants.gov. And then aside from that, most of what's submitted is within JustGrants. The deadlines we mentioned earlier, in each--after these dates--say for Grants.gov, and the solicitation is removed from Grants.gov and you can't apply. So once again, just be mindful of those dates. Mark those down. And, you know, it's typically recommended to try to at least

submit them 72 hours prior to the deadline, if possible, just to correct any errors and resubmit, if there's any technical glitches with those.

So once the application has been submitted and validated in Grants.gov, it's going to be sent to JustGrants for completion. Just note that it may take several days for it to complete validations and release it to JustGrants. So just note, there may be a lag there. And then JustGrants has, once again, its own deadline. In this case a week past the Grants.gov deadline. And then this submission is going to include all the rest of the items that are required, per the solicitation. And then once it's submitted, it's final within the system. So it's okay to enter preliminary information in Grants.gov. You'll be able to edit your entries in JustGrants from there.

So just kind of getting a little more specific into the application in Grants.gov. I won't get into this in too much detail. But, you know, you'll select to "apply for grants" within the applicant's column. You're going to enter your email. And then, you know, within the submission, you're going to put in the SF-424 and SF-LLL into this system. And that's really it with Grants.gov.

And then step two is going to be JustGrants with the full application. I mentioned that several times today, but this is just, kind of, like the order things will happen in. And I'll get into some more information later on how to conduct technical assistance if you have any questions or concerns on those systems and the application, we'll give you the contact information for these two separate entities for your applications.

So there are certain web-based forms that must be submitted, Proposal Abstract, any Solicitation-Specific Data Submitted within the Application. For those who are return users, you'll need to submit your Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, Timelines. Budget Information and Joel went into that a little bit earlier. And then the Application Disclosure of Duplication Cost Items. It's just recommendation to pay attention to these required sections with the web-based entries because you cannot upload a document instead. So definitely pay attention to the format required in the JustGrants system for these items.

So after you submitted your application, you're probably wondering what's next. Once all the applications have been received, then the entity, yourself, will be notified what happened--which all happens before the date of September 30th, that was mentioned earlier in the presentation. Please remember who your Entity Administrator and Authorized Representative are, for they will be notified when the deadlines for applications can or will be changed. The system will also notify the Application Submitter, Entity Administrator, and Authorized Representative when the application has been received in both JustGrants--from JustGrants--from JustGrants.gov, sorry, when that push has been made from Grants.gov to JustGrants. And then also the Entity Administrator will receive notification on when the award notification has been sent--the most important part. So, once you submit your application, the status will read submitted. You may also--And that's something to look forward to within the system itself. And this bottom line here, just once it passes into JustGrants, you may see a banner that says it's past due. If you're in

submitted, your application has been received by DOJ, so you can ignore that past due banner.

So this is just three different general resources that JustGrants offers as far as training resources on the DOJ website. You can select topics either training, entity management, any part of the whole application experience you could filter by. There's micro-learning videos, they're very short videos to be meant while you're working within JustGrants. So don't feel like you need to set aside time to view these. If you're within JustGrants and have any questions, you may want to look and see what items and videos are available, if you're stuck on a certain spot.

And then also Job Aid Reference Guides, they provide step-by-step instructions with screenshots to help you walk through a task, just a little more detailed. You can print these or actually view them onscreen depending on what you like. They're a great reference, if you're in the middle of a task, and just want to verify the next steps before.

And you'll also find quick reference guides on this site as well. Some topics are navigating to a performance report, completing a question, or performance report and such. So there'll be a link put in the chat here. Tammy, thank you. [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justgrants.usdoj.gov), where you can locate all of these.

JustGrants does offer office hours, and what that is, it's their public, you know, convening if you have to ask questions and such. So there's two upcoming--there's several dates that have passed. But for this purposes, two upcoming dates are May 18th and May 25th. You can register for that from this site that's been posted in the chat on mechanics, more of the "How to with JustGrants," which can be helpful.

As mentioned, this solicitation does incorporate the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for reference. It provides guidance to applicants for the preparation and submission of OJP applications for funding. So, it's going to expressly modify any provision in this resource guide, you should--are recommended to follow, per this resource. That has also been entered in the chat for your reference, if you want to click on it and link to it.

To assist potential applicants, this year, OVC convened a four-part Pre-Application [Webinar series](#) that were held several months ago, on several topics that are now available on the OVC website. Four different parts, Getting Ready to Apply, Considerations When Building your Budget, Preparing your Proposal, What to Expect Next. And then, you know, the general Overview of Funding Opportunities this year, kind of, highlighted what was to come out--that are still coming out, as far as discretionary grants, so probably not too applicable for this one. But just know those are available on the OVC website. That'll be put in the chat. And also, you could review different current funding opportunities, if you needed to make referrals and such to constituents. And also just suggested to sign up for the news from OVC newsletter to stay up-to-date on what's coming out, what's been posted, and such.

This slide here is going to list some important web resources that could be of use, starting with the [OVC website](#), mentioned the [Grants Financial Guide](#), both [JustGrants](#) and [Grants.gov](#), the [Resource Guide](#), and then it goes into [OVC's TTAC](#) Center for Training and Technical Assistance, [Grants Performance Reporting](#), then the [OJP Resource Center](#). So that's going to be a great resource. So if you do have questions about the solicitation itself, regardless of JustGrants and Grants.gov. We'll get into that further on the next slide, which I'm going to put up for most of the Q&A as we end this webinar, just for your reference.

If you have any questions at any point about these three sections, if you will, of the process, you can contact them by phone numbers and email addresses. Grants.gov and that's going to just be your SF-424 and LLL, and you're done with that entity. The full application, any technical questions regarding the system, contact JustGrants here. And then once again, the OJP Response Center, that's going to be more programmatic with the solicitations themselves.

And lastly, reminding everybody once again, the dates. So once again, the SF-LLL and 424 in Grants.gov, June 23rd. I did mention 8:59 PM for the dates, but this one is actually, I've been corrected. It's going to be 11:59 PM Eastern for just the Grants.gov portion. I'd still keep 72 hours prior and get that submitted just for reference for everybody.

But the actual full application, that deadline is going to be 8:59 PM, as mentioned earlier, on June 30th. Super important dates, just highlight those.

And then just, kind of, get into really quickly, a couple slides on some resources, if you want to stay connected. Once again, the OVC website, [subscribe](#), get alerts. That's going to be posted in the chat.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, this was held April 24th to 30th. Just kind of highlighting this because you could still use a lot of the items and the [artwork](#) and such for any marketing you want to do within your states. So that'll be put in the chat. And this year's theme was, "Rights, Access, and Equity for All Victims." It was a very successful event. On site this year for the first time in two years both this--the candlelight ceremony and the award ceremony. So we've got a lot of great feedback and very proud to of had that in person this year.

Lastly, go social. I mean, if you do have the website, but if you're interested in [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), here's some links that will be posted in the chat you can connect to, to stay in contact with OVC.

So I know that's a lot of information, I let you, kind of, linger on that. And just if you do have a question on the far bottom right of your screen, there's a Q&A box. Go ahead select that, hit all panelists, and send your question in. We'll go through that as Joel prepares to go towards that part of the presentation. And just a reminder, everything we've talked about today, the recording, the transcript, PowerPoint for today will be posted to the OVC website. So you'll get a notice to the email you registered with when those items

have been posted. So if you need to go back at any point today, you'll be able to do so. So with that, Joel, we'll kind of get into the Q&A portion here.

JOEL HALL: All right. I got a question from Tiffany. It's more about--I thought she was asking about the UEI number. I'm going to go over the UEI number here in a second and then I'll get to Tiffany's problem.

So just a reminder that the DUNS number no longer exists. That sunsetted. I guess is the word that they use, back in April, the first week of April. And so we have the Unique--UEI number, Unique Entity Identifier, I think is the name of that acronym. And so that can be found at SAM.gov. Some of my grants have been asking that question.

Tiffany's question is more precise to--I think I'm going to guess, because I don't have it right in front of me, the SF-424. But I think what she's talking about is more of the CFDA number. They changed that number to--I think they use the term--one quote 50 user... She used... Kind of the... Let's see if she used the term. Federal Award Identifier. I think that's what the--that number is, the CFDA number on that box. I should have probably pulled up, since JustGrants, it will take me too long to get to it. But if I can remember correctly, it's the CFDA number.

If anybody else has any--if they think it's another number, let Tiffany know in the Q&A. But as far as I'm aware of that is the--that's the only number you would provide from us is that CFDA number, which is now called Federal Assistance Number. It's no longer called CFDA, it's just the Federal Assistance Number. And you'll see that on the first page of the solicitation. It'll say 16.542 or something, or 543, depending on what leads that is what that box is looking for.

I got another question earlier that was about, "How do you find resources for--if there's still callers on who are not SAAS in terms of non-formula related funding that has a strict invite list?"

OVC's website has the current funding opportunities list. There's great funding opportunities related to many different projects that OVC is working on. Tons of solicitations related to human trafficking. Just all kinds of stuff, technology. I know that us, just the State Victims Resource Division, is--has two particular solicitations that we're building out this year. That is the Building State Technology and State-Run Hotline Reporting--Hotlines Reporting--Hotlines that will be out. So that will be an interesting one, if your state is interested in establishing a state run hate crimes reporting hotline. We do have some funds for that this year through the Building State Technology one that I hand out every year. But take a look at that one that's real specific and I haven't posted it yet. It's actually very high publicly profiled, so we're waiting to get some guidance and approval before we do that, but it should come out soon.

The other one, which we want to promote is the State Victim Compensation Fellow. We're doing that one again this year. But really trying to reach--outreach to get a real good applicant pool. You know, we've tried for two years and for one reason we've had to turn it

down. In regards to, you know, funding, we run out of funding or there's all--there's all these various different reasons why we haven't been able to do it. We're hoping that this year that we won't have those issues. And that we get a good applicant pool. So my homework assignment to State Administering Agencies is to do your best to promote that. If you know people who are into research, who have, you know, vast experiences in Victim Compensation that you'd like to be part of--be a fellow for OVC for the next couple of years, and do a lot of the work to really drill down. Because we're really trying to pay, you know, attention to compensation.

About five years ago, as you know, we made leaps and bounds with our revisions to the VOCA . Victim Assistance final rule. We expanded a lot of things that we're doing. It's our turn to pay attention to the Victim Compensation programs. And we could really use a partner through the fellowship. And so if you could come up with that as best as you can, if you know anybody, when you see that funding opportunity pop up in your--somebody who or an agency or university that might be a subrecipient of yours, send that to them. It's for an individual, so the agency can't apply. But again, promote it the best that we can so we can get a great applicant pool and look forward to it.

DARYL FOX: And, Joel to that end, I did put a link in the chat. There's going to be a webinar for that solicitation. VOCA Victim Compensation Fellow, I put that in. So if you want to register for that link on--that's going to be held on June 6th, 1:00 PM Eastern. So definitely, if you're interested, go ahead and register for that webinar. Just, kind of, describe what Joel had mentioned about the program and how to apply.

JOEL HALL: Let's see. OVC FY '22 Measuring the Impact of Victim Services: Implementation, Management, and Sustainability Measures for Providers.

I don't know much. I know that's not directly related to this solicitation. I do not know about that one, Nera. But, I mean, I've heard of it, but I--that's not directly under my...

DARYL FOX: Yeah.

JOEL HALL: ...thing. But...

DARYL FOX: Actually, Joel...

JOEL HALL: Do you know more, Daryl?

DARYL FOX: Yeah. That one was just posted, I think the other day. We are going to have a webinar on that one as well. We're just trying to secure a date, at this time, to the person that asked the question. We'll go ahead and put a link to the solicitation, where you can actually read all about it and get the information you need, per your question. So we'll go ahead and enter that in the chat and the iMPRoVE. The official title of the solicitation is, "Measuring the Impact of Victim Services: Implementation, Management, and Sustainment of the iMPRoVE Project." So it was posted February--or on May 12th, yesterday, and then will be due July 12th. So...

JOEL HALL: Yeah. As I said, there's many funding opportunities through OVC beyond just us, SVRD, which stands for State Victim Resources Division. It's really only putting about four solicitations. But OVC has 27, I think, and this obviously is one of them. I wish I knew every one of them. I'm actually at a lot of the meetings when they do present on them. So this one I'm not familiar with, but as Daryl said, follow up with that. There will be a webinar, I would try to attend. And we strongly encourage SAAs to think outside of the box and apply to many of the different discretionary funding opportunities that we do have to expand your ability to serve victims.

Did I miss any? There's a lot that kind of came in at the last second. Give me one second. Let's see.

All right. There was one from Kate. Kate said, "Thank you for the information. Do you want the file attachments for the VOCA VC grant labeled in a specific way, as last year?"

Well--all right. That's a good--That is a really good question. So this is important to write down. One of the--How should I put this? JustGrants had some procure--it can be a little testy sometimes. So in the information that I am going to send out, we're going to--like we used to always send these required documents. I put a little blurb in there. And I'm going to bring this up right now. So if the titles are too long in JustGrants, it won't always take the attachment. So we do want you to--So, take the title that is for those documents. Let's say, for example, your state statute from the victim compensation state statutes, you can--you can abbreviate it as much as you can. You don't have to put, like we did in years past, file one, file two, file three. You can abbreviate as much as possible. Keep it short. Because if the file is too long, you'll have difficulties attaching it. And then I'll get calls and the other grant managers will get calls in regards to saying, "I'm trying to upload this form, but it won't upload." And the number one reason why it won't upload, the filename is too long. So try to condense it, as much as you can, to upload it. So put state initials. I really wish I knew how many fonts or characters it was because I was thinking about creating a cheat sheet for that. But just condense it. Make sure you can read it and we can understand what that file is; that if it's state statutes or administrative guidance or certifications, put that there. But keep that title as low as possible. I'd say not to go over 20 fonts. I would probably say. And then you won't have any issues uploading it.

DARYL FOX: Joel, a question came into the chat, "Is there going to be any change in match requirements?"

JOEL HALL: There--As I said before, there are no changes and there are no match for on this first tier level. You're probably talking about the subrecipient match, the pandemic helped that subrecipient matches requirement, that has not changed. We do not anticipate that Kate--her last guidance has not changed. In fact when the VOCA Fix comes out, we do not anticipate the pandemic ending. We do not anticipate any further guidance in terms of change at the last minute. Any grants that you make on this award should technically, that pandemic, probably will still be in effect. So Kate was looking at sending out another email potentially. But at this moment, there are no changes in the guidance. But we've

been getting a lot of questions about that. And you should, as per the VOCA Fix Act, follow the previous guidance the best that you can. Continue to do what you're doing. And if there's any change, you will be the first to know.

DARYL FOX: That seems to be all that's come in so far. We'll just hang on another moment. If you do have a question, go ahead and put that in the Q&A. We're glad to get it...

JOEL HALL: We got one down. Got one. Dale. As I mentioned--as I mentioned, "When we should expect to get the specific dollar amounts for FY '22?"

As I said, it will--allocation tables--when I was saying allocation tables, that is the specific dollar amounts. I was hoping this week for this to happen. We are--One state, one of your fellow Victim Compensation programs, we're trying to get that one in. The second I get that one in, I will send it off to the accounting people who do--run their formulas and do all the magic numbers that they do and we can get those charts out. If we're lucky--if we're lucky, some time, not this next week, because I have a feeling I'm not going to get the VCC form. Probably, maybe the week after, but soon. We want you to get it as soon as possible.

And we apologize for not having those allocation tables prior to the release of the solicitation. I hate it when we do that. Sometimes we just have to do what we need to do to keep--there is strict statutory language that says we must give these awards out prior to October 1st, 2022. We have to get them out the CVF. Those funds expire. So we have to get them out. So we have to start the solicitation process time even if we're not ready with the allocation table, that's why we do that. It's not intentional, but... Alright. Looks like that's all I see.

DARYL FOX: So one did come in through the chat about the start date...

JOEL HALL: The chat.

DARYL FOX: ...being 10/01/21, "what would the end date be? Is it 12 months or 48 months after that?"

JOEL HALL: All right. If it's... I have to do math. Shoot. I should know that. [INDISTINCT] 10/21, probably '24. 09/30/24. Any grant manager, OVC grant manager, if I'm wrong. Let me do the math in here, 21, 22, 23, 24. I'm--We'll put that in our instructions. But I think it's 10/24. It's 48 months from 10/20--it's basically 10/01/2021, 48 months at that point, so at that mark.

DARYL FOX: And another person mentioned, "They've received their letter of approval from DOJ for our EEOP Utilization Report, should this be submitted?"

JOEL HALL: No. Your--That's part of the certification page. You don't need to submit that. That's not part--it's not in the solicitation as an active attachment.

I don't see any more at the Q&A. Do you see anything or maybe I'm not [INDISTINCT]

DARYL FOX: "Do you anticipate there being an extension to the due dates if the estimates are not released rather soon?"

JOEL HALL: It's always possible, we can do that. Again, you do have 60 days. And so you can start getting your documentation. It only takes a good day to do it, to put it in--the information in. But yeah, in the worst case scenario, we can always extend the dates, if we have to, yes.

DARYL FOX: So this was not too Grants.gov specific, but "can you submit your 424 and then edit the award amount later, as was the case last year?"

JOEL HALL: Yes. So if you put the 424--I don't really encourage you to do that, necessarily. But you can, as I mentioned earlier, you can change it in JustGrants and I can change it before so--before we make the award. So it will be reflective of what's in the allocation tables, no matter what you put in.

DARYL FOX: Okay. So with that, we're about time. Anything in closing you wanted to mention, Joel?

JOEL HALL: I just want to thank everybody for attending the webinar. Looks like we had a great turnout. The grant managers here at OVC are always willing to help you and provide answers to you. Anything that I did not answer clearly, effectively, please reach out to them. They'd love to assist you. We again, appreciate your tolerance and patience related to some of the learning curves that we have going on with relations to JustGrants, Grants.gov, and of course delayed allocation tables, and any other changes in statutes relates to VOCA that has occurred in the past year. We look forward to working with you continuously. And we are working hard to keep the CVF fund healthy and to continue to provide services to victims throughout the Nation in the same capacity that we always have.

DARYL FOX: Okay. Thanks so much, Joel. So on behalf of the Office for Victims of Crime and our panelist, we want to thank you for joining today's webinar. This will end today's presentation.