

DARYL FOX: Good afternoon, everyone. And welcome to today's webinar, FY 2024 Expanding Access to Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations, hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime. At this time, it's my pleasure to introduce Ivette Estrada, Grant Program Specialist with OVC, to begin the presentation. Ivette.

IVETTE ESTRADA: Thank you, Daryl. And good morning or good afternoon, wherever you are. My name is Ivette Estrada and I'm a Senior Policy Advisor on gender-based violence issues in OVC's Discretionary Programs Division. I'm pleased that you're joining us here today to receive an overview of OVC's Expanding Access to Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations program.

Today, we will talk about OVC's mission, the solicitation including the opportunity focus, eligibility, and required documents. Then we will talk about the application process and resources. And there will be time to answer your questions at the end of the presentation. It will be helpful if you are following along the solicitation and taking notes to help you when you are submitting your application.

OVC's mission is to enhance 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 crimes--all crime victims. OVC administers a Crime Victims Fund, which is financed by fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders and not from tax dollars. OVC then channels this money towards victim compensation and assistance throughout the U.S., raises awareness about victims' issues, promotes compliance with victim issues--with victims' rights laws, and provides training and technical assistance and publications and products to victim assistance professionals. This funding also supports formula programs to states, territories, and Tribes as well as many OVC discretionary grant programs.

Under the leadership of Jasmine D'Addario-Fobian and Sharron Fletcher, the OVC Discretionary Division is a small but mighty team of passionate professionals dedicated to enhancing access to services. We have several solicitations currently open and soon to be opening, so please be sure to check our funding opportunities page.

[\[https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/current-funding-opportunities\]](https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/current-funding-opportunities) For programs that are looking to expand access to sexual assault forensic examinations or are a training and technical assistance provider to SANE and SAFE programs, you are in the right place. You will want to apply under this solicitation. Before we dig into the solicitation, please mark your calendars with these dates. The Grants.gov deadline for the solicitation is July 8th, 11:59 PM Eastern Time, and the JustGrants deadline is July 22nd at 8:59 PM Eastern Time.

Please reference the solicitation on page four for more information on eligible applicants which are listed on this slide. An applicant may submit more than one application if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation. Also, an entity may be proposed as a subrecipient or subgrantee in more than one application. OVC will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award. However, only one entity may be the applicant for the solicitation. Any others should be proposed as subrecipients or subgrantees. There is an Application Resource Guide that has additional information on subawards. OVC may also choose to fund applications

submitted under this FY 2024 solicitation in future fiscal years, depending on and among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.

With this solicitation, OVC will support the development or expansion of SANE and SAFE programs, using a coordinated community response strategy under two separate purpose areas. Purpose Area 1: under this purpose area, funding will support the development and expansion of SANE/SAFE programs to improve access to forensic examinations by increasing the number of trained and certified SAFEs through a variety of settings. And this can be hospital, community, telehealth, campus, correctional. Funding will also support service provision to address the needs of sexual assault victims and survivors such as advocacy and comprehensive post-assault care. Under Purpose Area 2, this is for training and technical assistance. So under this purpose area, funding will support a national training and technical assistance provider to provide training and technical assistance for all awardees under Purpose Area 1.

The expected number of awards under Purpose Area 1 is five. The maximum amount that applicants can apply for is \$500,000. For Purpose Area 2, the expected number of awards is one and the maximum amount that applicants can apply for is \$1,050,000. These awards are expected to be made by the end of September and they are all for a 36-month period beginning on October 1st, 2024.

Starting with Purpose Area 1, the goal here, again, is to enhance or expand SANE and SAFE programs that provide forensic exams and victim services using coordinated community strategies. Applicants may propose innovative ways of bringing experienced medical forensic examiners to rural, Tribal, and historically marginalized and underserved communities as well as correctional facilities using telehealth, family justice center, children's advocacy center, or any other modality of care that best meets the needs of the community. Programs applying under this solicitation should follow the DOJ National Protocols which takes a trauma-informed, victim-centered, and culturally responsive approach to the medical forensic examination process. And the development of new training programs or curriculum enhancements should follow the DOJ National Training Standards for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiners.

When developing your proposal, all five objectives listed in the solicitation need to be addressed, and these can be found in the solicitation on page nine. Objective one is to increase the number and availability of health care providers who are trained or certified to perform medical forensic examinations, especially in rural, Tribal, or underserved communities. Programs are encouraged to establish a network of SANE/SAFE leaders in the service areas that currently lack a comprehensive SANE response. Funding can be used to support SANE salaries and any additional positions according to the needs of the project. For example, funding can support a project director, a project coordinator, etc. Objective two is to provide timely, high-quality medical forensic exams, incorporating victim-centered and trauma-informed approaches. And these are for victims of sexual violence and it can include those who are dealing with human trafficking, particularly sex trafficking, interpersonal violence, and strangulation. Objective three is to expand access to training and clinical education for SANEs and SAFEs to build and maintain competency.

This can be through peer support or mentoring, as an example. Funding can also be used to support education, training, and certification, attendance at conferences, as well as efforts to promote health and wellness and combating vicarious trauma and burnout. Objective four is to improve access to comprehensive support services that promote healing and address the needs of victims and survivors. For example, funding can support advocacy services, mental health treatment, legal services, shelter, transportation, etc. Objective five is to support activities that facilitate and strengthen a multidisciplinary response, for example through sexual assault response teams or multidisciplinary teams. MDT partners should include culturally specific organizations that represent special or underserved populations and persons with lived experience as members of the SART/MDT, just to ensure culturally relevant and survivor-informed response.

Award recipients under Purpose Area 1 will be expected to participate in training and technical assistance activities that will be facilitated by the selected training and technical assistance provider. And this is just to help bolster project success, share resources and solutions, and develop best practices related to SANE or SAFE programming.

The deliverables for Purpose Area 1. If you are funded you will be expected to provide written policies and procedures that address the standardization of victim-centered care and a streamlined referral process that increases access to advocacy services. If you are proposing a telehealth program, written security policies and procedures that ensure HIPAA compliance, privacy and security of private health information that is stored, processed, or transmitted will be required as well. Both of these will be due by the end of year one. Another deliverable is that there--that you develop a comprehensive training plan for SANEs and SAFEs that support professional development. This is to be due at the end of year one. And a sustainability plan. This is just to ensure that programs can continue beyond grant funding. And this will be due by the end of year two. And then finally an executed memorandum of understanding, subcontract, or other agreement with a rape crisis center victim services provider or a state sexual assault coalition to facilitate advocacy services. And that will be by the end of year one.

Moving on to Purpose Area 2. OVC will fund a national training and technical assistance provider to provide TTA and other support to assist organizations and communities in building their capacity to serve victims of sexual violence. The purpose of TTA is to provide support and information to award recipients and their partners, enabling them to replicate successful model programs and approaches and promote the adoption of best practicing--best practices, emerging technologies, and new models. The selected TTA provider will support all awarded recipients in building their capacity.

Purpose Area 2 applicants will also need to address all six objectives, and these are in the solicitation on page 10. Objective one is to provide ongoing customized technical assistance to support each Purpose Area 1 award recipient in implementing their program strategy based on the needs of their program and community. Number two is to establish regular check-ins and site visit with awardees to identify technical assistance needs, and this will be done in collaboration with OVC. Three is to establish a highly skilled, diverse project team that can provide TTA to strengthen the award--the awardees' response to

underserved populations. Objective four is to integrate innovative models and ensure flexible options for education and training, learning, and practice for awardees and their partners. And this can be done through cross-site visits, peer-to-peer exchange opportunities, in-person or virtual grantee meetings, preceptorships, roundtables, etc. Objective five is to coordinate with other OVC-funded TTA provider--TTA providers to leverage expertise and to deliver joint training or resources. And objective six are other activities as required by OVC to meet the stated goals and objectives.

Purpose Area 2 deliverables start on page 20 in the solicitation, and the deliverables for Purpose Area 2 are the development of a TTA plan for each award recipient by the end of the first year. Completion of site assessments or site visits, this can be done in-person or virtually, to all newly funded awardees. And the goal is to have this done by year two. And the development of site visit reports.

To further OJP's mission, OJP will provide priority considerations when making award decisions to the following. For 1A, this is Priority Area Consideration 1A. Applications that propose projects that are designed to advance equity and remove barriers to accessing services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization. To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project will address identified inequities and contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for underserved communities. Project activities under this consideration may include but are not limited to the following: improving victim services, justice responses, prevention initiatives, reentry services, and other parts of an organization's or community's efforts to advance public safety.

The other priority consideration is 1B. Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed projects are enhanced because they, or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40% of the requested award funding, are a population-specific organization that serves communities that have been historically underserved. If you are requesting priority consideration for 1B and are partnering with a culturally specific organization, your budget must demonstrate that at least 40% of the requested funding amount is allocated to that organization. Be sure to note in your application's project abstract if you are requesting any of these priority considerations. And just be aware that addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. So receiving priority consideration for one or more priority area does not guarantee an award.

Okay. So now that we have a better understanding of the intent of the program, let's jump into the application process. New applicants or entities that are interested in applying should apply for a UEI, a Unique Entity Identifier number, in SAM.gov as soon as possible. Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with SAM, or the System for Award Management. You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. 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, so be sure to get started early. Delays are

also being experienced by entities that have changed their legal business name or physical address. There have been extensive delays with the entity validation service process in SAM, and so you should not wait until the last minute.

To meet the basic requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding for your application, you must have these elements. You must have the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov, a proposal abstract in Grants--in JustGrants, a proposal narrative in JustGrants that addresses the four following sections: description of the issue, project design and implementation, capabilities and competencies, and plan for collecting the data, and then finally, a budget web-based form. And this should include budget details as well as a budget narrative in JustGrants. Remember, if you fail to submit any of these required documents, your application will not be considered for funding.

So I'm going to talk a little bit about the budget web-based form. This is 10% of the merit criteria. You will be completing the budget using the JustGrants web-based form. You'll need to break out cost by year and the budget will need to reflect a 36-month total project period. For additional information, the OJP Application Resource Guide and the complete the application and JustGrants budget training are helpful resources, and I believe there's a link that will be shared in the chat box. And there is a JustGrants training available on application submission that is very helpful as well.

The next few slides are examples of allowable and unallowable cost since this tends to be a common question. Examples of allowable cost to support ongoing wraparound care are advocacy that connects survivors to resources and services; nonemergency medical care; expenses involved with follow-up testing, treatment, and care; mental health counseling and trauma recovery support; legal advocacy and representation in civil legal matters; transportation; and assistance with basic needs such as emergency food, shelter, etc. Follow-up care services can be covered by the grant if they are not already covered through crime victims' compensation.

Examples of how funding can support the programs capacity and to help build competence--competency among program staff, these are some examples. So funding can be used to hire and train SANEs, project coordinators, and SART coordinators. You may use funds to pay salaries for part-time or full-time and on-call staff. And applicants should ensure that the proposed personnel on the project aligns with the purpose, the goals and objectives, and requirements outlined in the solicitation. Funding can also be used to support efforts to provide wellness to reduce burnout and vicarious trauma. Funding can be used to support didactic trainings and educational opportunities on related topics such as intimate partner violence, traumatic brain injury, strangulation, community violence intervention programs, etc. Funding can also be used to support efforts to develop or expand program policies and practices, quality improvement, peer review, etc. And one unallowable cost that I have added here is time to conduct suspect examination. These cannot be covered with grant funds as this type of examination falls outside the scope of this program.

As far as equipment and supplies, here are some examples of how grant funds can be used to purchase equipment and supplies that are necessary for the program to operate. And examples are comfort supplies for victims and survivors, such as new replacement clothing, toiletries, food and drink. Evidence related supplies--evidence storage related supplies. Cameras and related supplies. Technology needed to facilitate access to victim services through telemedicine such as computers, carts, software programs, and alternate light source. So these are just some examples. When designing your budget though, please ensure that it is complete, cost-effective, and allowable. Meaning it is reasonable and necessary for project activities. And applicants will want to use the most cost-effective systems in meeting the project goals.

Attachments. So beginning on page 29, you'll want to look closely at the list of additional application components and be sure to submit all that are required under this solicitation. I will quickly note for tables, charts, and graphs or maps, you can provide these as attachments to give more details about your proposal. However, if you include tables, charts, and graphs in your proposal narrative, just know that it will count toward the page limit. So be sure to reference the application checklist before you submit your application. Again, the application checklist, it's at the end of each solicitation and it will list other documents to include as part of your application. So use the checklist in your review prior to submitting your application to ensure you have attached all the required documents. Other resources to help you in developing your application include the DOJ application submission checklist. The JustGrants quick reference about application attachments is also another useful resource, and there is a larger application submission job aid covering potential attachments that you may be asked to provide. And I believe those are also being inserted in--the links are being inserted in the chat box.

The process of submitting an application in JustGrants begins in Grants.gov. Once you have located a funding opportunity with DOJ, you will submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in Grants.gov. You must submit the required documents by the Grants.gov deadline to be considered. We suggest you try to submit at least 72 hours prior to the deadline to provide you with enough time to correct any errors and resubmit if necessary. It's okay to enter preliminary information in Grants.gov. If you haven't fully determined your budget or project scope, you will be able to edit and update all your entries in JustGrants.

Once the application has been submitted and validated in Grants.gov, it will be sent to JustGrants for completion. It may take several days for Grants.gov to complete validations and release it to JustGrants. The rest of your application is entered in JustGrants. JustGrants streamlines the process by allowing the ability to use a web-based budget detail worksheet. Streamlined validation of your budgets allow the process of clearing new budgets much faster. The JustGrants submission should include all items that are required in the solicitation and is final. Your organization, specifically your assigned entity administrator, can control users and award assignments and does not require intervention from DOJ to make updates to those assignments. The entity administrator defaults to your organization's E-Biz POC, but that person can reassign the responsibilities to another user if needed. Review the entity management training in JustGrants for more information.

Now, we will explore the different resources available to you and information on the different systems you will touch in your application process. To learn about OVC's history and funding and to find products and to register for upcoming events, you can visit the OVC website. [<https://ovc.ojp.gov>] There is also a four-part pre-application webinar series that may be helpful in preparing your applications. And I believe a link will be in the chat box to find that webinar series. [<https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars#planning-your-ovc-application-webinar-series>]

And I also included this resource for applicants looking to start or expand a SANE program. [<https://www.ovcttac.gov/saneguide/introduction>] The OVC SANE Program Development and Operation Guide is an excellent resource for nurses and communities. It provides a blueprint to start a SANE program. And for communities with existing SANE programs, this guide can serve as a resource to help expand or enhance services provided to the community. The guide--this guide is designed to both compliment and integrate resources that already exist such as the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, and the International Association of Forensic Nurses SANE Education Guidelines.

The Office of Justice Programs Grant Application Resource Guide that I mentioned earlier provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting an application for funding--for OJP funding. [<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide>] 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 2024. Some OJP programs may have programs--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.

Moving on to systems tools. Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with SAM. [[SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)] As I mentioned earlier, this is a vital step as registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete, so be sure to get started early.

Information on Grants.gov. [<https://www.grants.gov>] Again, Grants.gov is your first stop in starting your application. Under the applicants tab, you will 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 that must be met to be considered for funding. The first is in Grants.gov, and then a few days to a few weeks later, you will need to submit your full application in JustGrants. Once you submit in Grants.gov, please keep an eye out for an email confirming you have successfully submitted. If you do not successfully submit in Grants.gov, you will not be able to complete your JustGrants application.

The next system you will use is JustGrants. [<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>] 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 closeout.

And JustGrants offers training resources on the DOJ website. You can register for upcoming weekly training webinars. The JustGrants team hosts four weekly sessions on post-award management, entity management, application mechanics, and award acceptance. And the office hours on this application mechanics training sessions happen every Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 PM Eastern Time. These live virtual sessions discuss everything you need to know to submit an application. The next sessions are listed here on this slide. You could probably bookmark this page and check back regularly for session dates and registration links. [<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/application-submission>]

The DOJ Grants Financial Guide, this is a good starting point for applicants. [<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedojo/overview>] It serves as a primary reference manual to assist OJP, OVW, and COPS Office award recipients in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to safeguard grant funds and ensure that funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded. It compiles a variety of laws, rules, and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of your award. References to the underlying laws and regulations have been provided in the guide as much as possible. The guide should be the starting point for all recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants and cooperative agreements in assuring the effective day to day management of awards. The top 10 topics in the guide are listed here.

Important contact information. Please be sure to start your application in JustGrants as soon as possible to confirm you have access and 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 cannot submit. So again, you will want to ensure you have plenty of time to address any technical issues that you may encounter. JustGrants can be reached by phone at 833-872-5175, or email to JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. When contacting any of these system helpdesks, be sure to request a tracking number so you can document that you sought assistance with your issue. This is going to be important in the event that you need to document that you had a technical issue that prevented you from submitting your application.

Finally, the OJP Response Center is available to provide technical assistance and answer questions about programmatic requirements of this solicitation. They can be reached by phone at 800-851-3420, or email to 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 do 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 need to contact within 24 hours of the Grants.gov or JustGrants solicitation deadlines should you experience any technical issues that prevented your application submission. Keep in mind that you will need the--you will need to be able to document any technical issues, which is why starting your application early and maintaining any tracking numbers is important if you have reported an issue.

You can go social with OVC. Here--and if you want to stay up-to-date with news and happenings, here are--you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. And that wraps up our presentation. Thank you for your time and attention today. And I will now take questions.

DARYL FOX: Great. Thank you so much, Ivette. And just to reference for everybody on the call, it's been mentioned, but I just want to reiterate that the recording, PowerPoint, and transcript will be posted to OVC's website. So once available, everybody that's registered today will receive an email when and where to access those. So if you have a question, we have some time left today. Three dots far way right of your screen, there's a Q&A box, send to all panelists, and we'll get those queued up.

"So in regards to eligibility, is a nonprofit rape crisis center or sexual assault center eligible?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Yes. Nonprofit organizations are eligible. Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status or nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status.

DARYL FOX: Okay. And for reference, I'll keep this eligibility slide up for those that are still interested in that.

IVETTE ESTRADA: Thank you.

DARYL FOX: "Is the SF-LLL applicable only for applicants that utilize a lobbyist for influence to DOJ OVC?" In other words, if they're not using a lobbyist, they do not have to submit an LL--LLL form?

IVETTE ESTRADA: I believe you do have to complete that form in order to move to the next step in the process. So there--I haven't had a chance to look at the form but there may be an area where if it's not applicable, you might have that option. But I believe that it does need to be completed in order to move through the process.

DARYL FOX: "Are signed MOUs needed as part of the JustGrants documents, or not?" They don't--they didn't believe that they were.

IVETTE ESTRADA: No, they are not required. They are--if you are funded, they will be a required deliverable. So if you do have an executed agreement, you can submit that as an attachment, as supporting documentation to demonstrate that you have an existing partnership. But if you do not, you can submit a letter of--I believe, it's, what--a letter of support that can be provided with your application, just to demonstrate that partnership support.

DARYL FOX: "For mobile SANE units, would an allowable cost be the purchase or maintenance of the vehicle itself?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Ooh, that's a great question. The purchase of vehicles are done on a case-by-case basis, so there will be half--there will--you will need strong justification to demonstrate the need for the purchase of a vehicle. I know with other programs, sometimes the most cost effective approach is to rent a vehicle. So as part of that justification, you will have to do a cost benefit analysis to demonstrate which is the most cost effective approach. But I will say that that is a case-by-case--that's approved on a case-by-case basis.

DARYL FOX: "Does the \$500,000 include indirect cost or is that just for direct cost only?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: It includes indirect costs.

DARYL FOX: "Is there any other allow--unallowable costs that are specific that can be mentioned? Are those in the financial guide?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: None that come to mind. I know the suspect exams is typically a question we get a lot. That would probably be only unallowable cost at this time that I can remember. For the most part, we try to be as flexible as possible. And as long as the cost that you are proposing in your budget support your program narrative or your proposal and it's justified and reasonable, then it could be more than likely an allowable cost. If it is an unallowable cost, then your proposal is funded, that would be something that would be flagged during the budget clearance process. So we will let you know if it is an unallowable cost should your proposal be funded.

DARYL FOX: The next question wanted some examples of the application goals, objectives, deliverables, and that--I know we don't have that available. But their question was, "Do the objectives and deliverables have to be the same for each year of the grant?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: I would say, maybe for the most part that's going to be the primary objective of your proposal, but the activities can change year to year, the tasks to support the activities and tasks to support your objectives can change, but I think for the most part, I would lean on the side toward keeping them as similar as possible to the ones that are in the solicitation year through year.

DARYL FOX: "Is there a maximum number of letters of support recommended or required?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: No, there is no maximum and there is no minimum.

DARYL FOX: "Do any of the attachments count towards the page limit?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: The attachments do not count toward the page limit. The--I think I made the comment about tables and graphs. If you do embed those in your proposal narrative, then it's going to count toward your page limit, but if it's provided as a separate attachment, no, it will not count toward the page limit.

DARYL FOX: "Is there an emphasis on providing medical forensic exams as part of the victim services? Or is there flexibility with the forensic exam component within the solicitation?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Well, the purpose of the scope of this program is to increase the availability of medical forensic exams and victim services. So there is that expectation that your proposals should be providing those medical forensic exams in addition to any post-assault care. Hopefully, that answers that question.

DARYL FOX: The next question is regarding indirect de minimis rate changing to 15% starting on October 1, '24. Are they to use the 15% in their budget "if we do not have a negotiated indirect rate agreement in place?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Because that becomes effective October 1 and the deadline for this application is before that, I would encourage you to use the 10% de minimis rate. If your proposal is funded, we will--as we go through reviewing your budget and approving it, we can go back to you and ask if you would like to increase that to the 15%. So there will be an opportunity through the budget approval process to make that change if your proposal is funded.

DARYL FOX: "Is it correct that all five awardees in Purpose Area 1 will receive training and technical assistance from the awardee in Purpose Area 2?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Yes, all the awardees under Purpose Area 1 will receive technical assistance from the selected TA provider and it will be at no charge to their grant. It will be a free service, a free resource for all awardees.

DARYL FOX: "Would the expansion of a SANE program from sexual assaults only to include domestic violence, strangulation, child abuse, human trafficking, etc. allowable? And then would the grant..."

IVETTE ESTRADA: Yes.

DARYL FOX: ...pay for the salaries of the SANE-trained nurses?

IVETTE ESTRADA: Yes. Yes.

DARYL FOX: "If our center of [INDISTINCT] reorganized into having full-time SANEs available 24/7 versus on-call staffing, could we request funds to assist with the wages not covered by any grant funding?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Can you repeat that, Daryl?

DARYL FOX: Yeah, I'm not sure whether I understand that word.

IVETTE ESTRADA: I think--I think I understand it, but if you could read it to me one more time.

DARYL FOX: If they're reorganizing into having full-time SANEs available 24/7 versus on-call staffing, could they request funds to assist with SANE wages not covered by any grant funding?

IVETTE ESTRADA: You can use funding to support those salaries, the full-time salaries. My suggestion or recommendation there would be to also think through how to sustain that. So I would also address maybe the sustainability of those full-time wages or salaries once grant funding has ended.

DARYL FOX: "In the presentation there is a mention on light sources, can you explain what an alternative light source would be?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Those are the tools that can detect bruising, so they're used in a lot of the SANE programs. So it's just--it's another tool that can be used to assist with the medical forensic examination process.

DARYL FOX: "As part of our program, we will be training medical providers with the SANE program. They're currently accredited through IFN. Are we able to change--charge these providers for the training as an additional source of revenue?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Okay. Can you repeat that again?

DARYL FOX: As part of their current program, they're going to be training medical providers with this SANE program.

IVETTE ESTRADA: Okay.

DARYL FOX: They wanted to know if they're able to charge these providers for the training?

IVETTE ESTRADA: Oh, I see. To pay for the trainers?

DARYL FOX: Correct.

IVETTE ESTRADA: Yes. Yes, funding can be used to pay for trainers. And it can be proposed in the budget, it can be proposed in your strategy. But depending on who the selected TTA provider is, they also may be able to assist with that, so that could be an additional resource.

DARYL FOX: And then regarding the deadlines, they're separate of one another as far as that's concerned, correct?

IVETTE ESTRADA: Correct. So the Grants.gov deadline is July 8. You will need to meet that first in order to submit your full application in JustGrants. And the JustGrants deadline is July 22nd. Oh, yes, they're on the screen. Thank you.

DARYL FOX: "When creating the budget, are we able to use the updated uniform guidance new updates?" I don't know [INDISTINCT]

IVETTE ESTRADA: I would say absolutely yes. That's a broad question but I would say in general, yes.

DARYL FOX: "Generally, do you know how many applications are typically receive for this year to year?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: I would say on average we receive 40 to 50 applications.

DARYL FOX: They were trying to clarify that--if, "Is this true, that all personnel who have part of their salary covered under the grant has to be labeled key personnel? Does that include administrative personnel helping only with submission of the grant and reports?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: So is the question if funding can only support key personnel?

DARYL FOX: Correct.

IVETTE ESTRADA: So funding can support key personnel. It can include SANEs. It can include a project coordinator, a project director, any position that's necessary to operate your program. It could also support a grant or an--I can't speak, an administrative position to help administer the grant if that's needed. I'm trying to think of other. A training coordinator can be supported. Hopefully, that gives you an idea of the types of positions and salaries that can be supported with grant funds. But yes, it can--funding can support administrative positions.

DARYL FOX: "And if someone's currently awarded on their last year's version of this grant for a pediatric program, can they apply under this year's for an adult-oriented one?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Yes, they can, because the scope is very different. So if you are a current grantee and you want to apply for this year's SAFE program, you will need to demonstrate how this new proposal in 2024 is different from your already funded project.

DARYL FOX: "Would a program partially started versus one that's started from scratch be favored above others when choosing an award?"

IVETTE ESTRADA: Not necessarily. I think the--all our applications are--they go through a peer review process and so as long as you meet all the requirements in the solicitation and are able to address every element in the proposal narrative, then peer reviewers will respond and score accordingly. So it really doesn't depend whether your program is a

startup or an existing established program. It's just--it's just how well you are responsive to the solicitation requirements. Your--how well your strategy is developed as well.

DARYL FOX: "If an applicant is wanting to expand their teleSANE services to additional sites and rural communities, can they use the grant funds to reduce or offset the cost of facility charges that these--access hospitals and provide them with the required technology to participate?" It's a little unclear.

IVETTE ESTRADA: I think as long as your strategy is attempting to address a service area that lacks a SANE response, then you can move forward with proposing a telehealth program to cover those service areas that may not have a SANE response or can use telehealth to improve access to SANEs in those service areas. So yes, if it--I think the question is that they are looking to expand telehealth in specific service areas, which would be allowable if there's already an existing telehealth program. I hope that makes sense, and hopefully I'm addressing the question.

DARYL FOX: And to that--and for those that may think of a question once we conclude or any clarification, once we do conclude, the OJP Response Center, as mentioned, is going to be who you would want to contact for anything related to programmatic requirements of solicitation, so grants@ncjrs.gov or the number here. They're responsive and they work alongside OVC for crafted answers to those questions. So I'll leave this slide a little as we get towards the end here. But we do have a couple more minutes. That's the end of the questions at this time, but we can hang on if anything comes to mind. We will certainly be glad to answer that.

IVETTE ESTRADA: I'm so happy to see that we were able to address all the questions. We usually don't have enough time, so I'm happy to see that. Well, looks like there's no other questions, Daryl, so maybe if you want to wrap up.

DARYL FOX: Yup, sounds great. So we want to thank you for joining today's webinar. And as mentioned, everybody will receive an update on when the PowerPoint, recording, and transcript are posted to OVC's website, so keep an eye out for that. But good luck to everybody with their applications. So on behalf for the Office for Victims of Crime and our panelist, we want to thank you for joining. This will end today's presentation.

IVETTE ESTRADA: Thank you.