Orientation for OVC FY 2023 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Awardees (Part 1)

November 30, 2023
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (eastern time)

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Agenda

Who attended the All Anti-Trafficking Grantee Orientation on November 14, 2023?

I. Snapshot: OVC & the Human Trafficking Division/Programming

II. Role of the OVC Grant Manager/Advisor

III. The ECM Model: Program Requirements and OVC Expectations
Objectives for today

Grantees

- To understand OVC’s goals, requirements, and expectations for your award.

- To know how to locate, understand, and navigate DOJ systems, specific elements of the OVC cooperative agreement award, and helpful resources and support.

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- To orient grantees to OVC’s expectations, award requirements, different DOJ systems and offices, and available resources and technical assistance.
2023 Task Forces ~50
Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Overview

Mission
OVC is committed to enhancing the Nation’s capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing policies and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.
Manages over 465 OVC HT awards, covering almost every state and territory.

**HTD Mission**: To enhance capacity to identify, assist, and provide services to all victims of human trafficking, the OVC Human Trafficking Division leads the Nation in supporting victim-centered and trauma-informed programs, policies, and resources that promote justice, access, and empowerment.

The majority of OVC anti-trafficking funds support direct services to victims; multidisciplinary teams; statewide responses to child and youth trafficking; and TTA.

Oversees the largest amount of federal funding for anti-trafficking programs in the United States.

**How many HT awards does OVC manage?**

Mandatory Program Requirements

• submit policies & procedures for review (post-award)

• ensure relevant staff participate in any grantee orientations and OVC-sponsored training and technical assistance

• describe ongoing efforts to enhance responses to labor trafficking, as part of routine programmatic reporting

• provide all grant-funded staff at least one session of training related to diversity, equity, inclusion, or accessibility and tied to program goals and objectives annually
Mandatory Program Requirements

• ensure policies and procedures follow applicable federal and state laws protecting the civil rights of program participants and staff (post-award)

• ensure that any staff, partner staff, or service providers working with trafficking victims are adequately licensed and trained to work with such victims, including by accessing OVC-supported training and technical assistance
What is a cooperative agreement??

- OVC will provide input and re-direction to the project, as needed, in consultation with YOU, the recipient, and will monitor the project through ongoing contact with you.

- This contact may include a variety of methods such as:
  - Information requests related to: performance (both outputs/outcome), developmental project decision points
  - Changes in your project scope or personnel
  - Discussing changes to your approved budget and/or coordination of related projects.
AND - your OVC Grant Manager/Advisor…

- Approves progress reports, modifications to awards
- Monitors grantee compliance with solicitation and completion of project deliverables
- Performs site visits (either in person or remotely)
- Discusses, reviews, and approves changes to scope of work or use of grant funds for activities that were not included in your budget or project narrative
About Me:

- Favorite season: Fall
- The Best way to reach me is Email and Phone
- I love working from the office
- Eastern Time Zone

Assigned FY23 ECMs:
- Arkansas
- Treasure Valley
- Kaw Valley
- Tarrant Co

Expertise: 

- National program and policy development specific to policing, community-based crime reduction initiatives, police-research partnerships, and data-driven efforts.

Can she fold a fitted sheet? Yes / No?

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About Me:

- Favorite season: Winter in Puerto Rico
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Expertise:

- Human Trafficking
- Cooperative Agreements
- Grants Management

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“I’m pretty sure Olga has the Financial Guide memorized.” - Natalia

Assigned FY23 ECMs:

- Riverside County
- Palm Beach County
- Plymouth County
- Westchester County

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Assigned FY23 ECMs:
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- Wisconsin

Expertise:
- Polyvictimization
- Family Justice Centers
- Collaboratives

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OVC Expectations of Grantees Generally

- Understand the requirements for your award through the solicitation and your specific award conditions
- Be familiar with your project’s goals, objectives, activities, and application materials
- Work with your Grant Manager to successfully administer the grant award
- Know when to engage with OVC (i.e., cooperative agreement)
- Know how to navigate the different DOJ systems and locate existing supporting resources, guidance, and supports
Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force Overview
ECM Task Force Funding

**Funding Categories**

- **Category 1**: New Task Force (HT Task Forces that have not previously received ECM funding)
- **Category 2**: Task Forces that have previously received ECM funding

**Funding Amount**

- $1.5 million split between the partners over 3-year award period

What is the (brand new!) Category 3 for?
GOAL

To support a sustainable, multidisciplinary, co-leadership task force approach to improve and increase victim identification of all forms of human trafficking, provide victims with access to services, and seek justice on their behalf.

Core Principles

- Co-Leadership
- All forms & all victims of trafficking
- Data-driven
- Victim-centered & Trauma-informed
Key Concepts Defined

Victim-centered

Trauma-informed

Survivor-informed

Check out the OVC Model Standards for more information!
https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/model-standards/6/glossary.html
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<td>has a clear mission, actionable goals, and balanced leadership structure</td>
<td>implements its mission and goals through balanced co-leadership and collaboration</td>
<td>is survivor-informed</td>
<td>works to institutionalize and refine task force functions through written protocols</td>
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8 Elements of High Functioning ECM Task Force (6-8)

6. engages in a diverse set of strategic approaches that increase identification of all victims; provides access to services; and leverages the efforts and expertise of all task force members.

7. devotes time and attention to building and maintaining community trust and support.

8. collects, analyzes, and uses data regularly to better understand their community, identify potential vulnerabilities, inform task force efforts, and assess task force impact.
ECM Task Force Objectives (1-4)

1. Develop/sustain & strengthen co-leadership structure and coordination of partnerships/activities using the Development & Operations Roadmap

2. Develop, implement, or revise written protocols to guide task force functions

3. Identify and serve victims of all types of human trafficking

4. Implement victim-centered, trauma-informed, and collaborative approaches
ECM Task Force Objectives (5-8)

5. Plan & execute a diverse set of approaches to improve victim identification that includes victim-centered & trauma-informed investigations and prosecutions

6. Investigate, refer, and prosecute both sex and labor trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels

7. Assist victims of sex and labor trafficking by providing appropriate services

8. Collect data and conduct ongoing assessment activities
Digging Deeper

- Spotlights
- Deliverables
- Guidance
**SPOTLIGHT FY23: Labor Trafficking**

**OVCF Priority:** To increase identification and expand access to services and justice for victims of labor trafficking, OVC is strengthening its expectations of organizations that receive anti-trafficking award funds.

Describe how the proposed project is designed to enhance responses to labor trafficking victims.

Check out the OVC webpage on labor trafficking:

About Human Trafficking | Office for Victims of Crime (ojp.gov)
Criminal Justice Partners

Applicants must name the designated prosecution entity and law enforcement partners

• describe how you will work with justice partners;
• how those partners will receive support and be connected with the ECM task force cases; and
• how they will commit to receiving OVC TTA

Funded Partners & Co-Leadership

Develop, sustain, and strengthen co-leadership structure and coordination of ECM task force partnerships and activities.

Co-leadership means a shared & balanced leadership & decision making between LE/Prosecutors and Service Providers
Universal Deliverables (Snapshot)
(this means all 3 purpose areas have these deliverables)

- Develop & expand collaborative partnerships
- Jointly deliver targeted outreach and trainings
- Provide services to all victims of trafficking
- Identify a full-time Task Force Coordinator
- Create & Implement/Update protocols
Full Time Task Force Coordinator/Director

- manage the day-to-day work across task force partners/activities
- manage partnership growth & sustainability
- ensure completion of both the administrative and operational activities

Task Force Protocols

- Protocols that govern efforts of the task force as a whole
- Distinct from agency protocols (although often informed by them)
- See timelines in solicitation
- Check out the great TTA resources
Example Resources: Protocols

Checklists!

Roadmap!

Video Series!

ROADMAP
What AREA includes protocols in the Roadmap?

AREA 1: Internal Foundations, Operation & Collaboration!
Unique Deliverables

**Purpose Area 1**
- Develop sustainability plan
- Establish & formalize structure (MOU)
- Conduct data-driven community assessment

**Purpose Area 2**
- Develop and expand approaches to increase victim identification (all forms)
- Produce summary report of efforts and focus on labor trafficking
- Provide peer support to newer task forces if requested

**Purpose Area 3**
First OJP ECM funding follow 1.
Previous OJP ECM funding follow 2.
Deliverable Spotlight: What is a proactive approach?

… a diverse set of strategies that go beyond traditional online and vice-style operations and result in increased victim identification of all forms of trafficking and all ages, genders, and cultures;

• involve more advanced investigative methods and criminal intelligence gathering and analysis;

• hold traffickers accountable;

• involve in-depth pre-planning and active collaboration from victim service providers, prosecutors, and key multidisciplinary partners.
This ECM funding does not support efforts or operations that are counter to a victim centered and trauma-informed approach. For example, approaches that do not align with the ECM model include those that target—

- the purchasers of commercial sex that fail to result in the identification of one or more actual victims of human trafficking prior to an operation OR otherwise fail to involve a connection to one or more actual trafficking victims
- individuals engaged in commercial sex for arrest as a means for identifying victims of trafficking. Such efforts may compromise victim safety by failing to properly screen for sex trafficking victimization and may result in the arrest of victims of sex trafficking
Joint measures vs individual measures

Collaborating on reports

Helpful Resources

https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/human-trafficking
OVC Anti-Trafficking Grantee Foundation Trainings

- Human Trafficking Program Orientation
- Civil Rights Training for Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance
- Delivering Impact Through Effective Grants Compliance and Oversight
- OVC Financial Management Resource Center Orientation
- New Grantee Performance Management Team Training
- Cross-Cutting Training and Technical Assistance Opportunities for Anti-Trafficking Grantees
- Navigating OVC’s Resources: A Compass to OVC’s Funding And Training Opportunities
- JustGrants Virtual Q&A Sessions

OVC Anti-Trafficking Grantee Foundation Trainings | Office for Victims of Crime (ojp.gov)
Reminders

You can always reach out to your assigned grant manager with questions.

You have the [OVCHuman Trafficking Program FAQs](OVC_Human_Trafficking_Program_FAQs) page.

Your ECM Orientation Packet coming soon.

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