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MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to today's webinar, OJP FY 2020 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking, hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. So at this time, I am going to turn it over to our presenters.

ALISSA HUNTOON: Good morning, everyone, this is Alissa Huntoon. I am pleased to join my colleague, Silvia, at OVC. And I'm a Senior Policy Advisor at the Bureau of Justice Assistance working in collaboration with the Office for Victims of Crime on this particular program. My role at BJA is part of a larger team that supports the Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Forces. I oversee the individual grants, as well as the training and technical assistance that supports those. I'll turn it over to Silvia.

SILVIA TORRES: So this webinar is intended to provide a general overview of the mission of both the Office for Victims of Crime and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. And these are the two units within the Office of the Justice--Office of Justice Programs that are supporting this initiative. We will also be addressing some of the key elements of this solicitation and going over how to submit an application under this funding opportunity. At the end, we will be answering any questions that you may have.

So let's begin by going over OVC's Mission Statement. OVC is dedicated to enhance the provider's [Nation's] capacity to assist crime victims and provide leadership in changing policies and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

ALISSA HUNTOON: And for those of you who may not be familiar with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, we provide leadership and services on grant administration, but also criminal justice policy development. And we are focused on the adult criminal justice system and our programming supports all spectrums--all across the criminal justice spectrum, from crime prevention to pre-trial, to court, corrections, prosecutions, law enforcement, etc. And that's where we have our [website](#) listed and our Twitter handle.

So this particular solicitation, the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Task Forces, its general overarching purpose is to develop, to expand, or strengthen victim service programs for victims of human trafficking specifically. And that also includes the support to law enforcement entities, as well and other stakeholders, to better identify those victims and provide justice for the victims through investigation and prosecution of those crimes and the traffickers.

Eligibility information for the solicitations, it's always on that first front cover page. Specifically for this solicitation, it's states and territories and units of local government to include tribes, and a whole set of nonprofit, nongovernmental victims' service organizations there as well. So any questions about the eligibility, it's listed on page 1. And you can also submit any detailed questions, again, that we're not able to answer to

the help information, which is on the second page, which we'll cover in a little bit later on in the presentation.

For this solicitation, this year in FY '20, some of you may be familiar with this program over the years. The different solicitation has taken--it's changed slightly over the years, always with the intent to improve the program and better serve the needs of the field. And in this year, we have two purpose areas, so Purpose Area 1 and Purpose Area 2. That first purpose area is really meant to support newer task forces. So those are task forces that have recently formed or perhaps are in the process of forming. And for task forces that have received funding prior to FY 2017. You do not need to have ever received BJA or OVC funding before to apply for these, but if you have received funding from us before, then that sometimes impacts the eligibility for these purpose areas.

Purpose Area 2 then--oh, sorry, yeah... Purpose Area 2 is meant to support existing task forces. So, if you have been fully operational or existing for some time, at least we have a minimum of 3 years here in operation. You have--you have infrastructure, leadership, protocols in place and you have not received funding from us in the last 2 years, so FY '18 or '19, then you're eligible to apply. So whether or not you apply to Purpose Area 1 or Purpose Area 2, is up to you in your local jurisdiction or your state, you know, as a group. You know your stages of development, you know your collaboration better than we do. So, that's up to you to decide which purpose area you want to apply to, and then you would describe that in your narrative.

Just a couple more info--couple more bullets about program-specific information. Again it's applications are coming in from a lead law enforcement entity as well as a victim service provider partnership. So, the solicitation itself is going to talk through how to submit these applications. They are meant to be created in close collaboration with each other. They come in as a pair. You know they're almost identical, but there does need to be one from a law enforcement entity as well as the victim service provider partnership and you need to name them in your applications. And then a note there about a signed memorandum of understanding or a letter of intent between both of those two entities need to be submitted as part of the application. So, I want to encourage you to pay special attention here on pages 7 and 8, as listed, because it specifies which purpose area needs to submit which document as part of your applications. So Purpose Area 1 will be submitting that letter of intent. And Purpose Area 2 submit that signed memorandum of understanding.

Okay. Next slide. And this slide, again, these are outlined on page 7 and we just wanted to underscore that there are particular requirements that are--if you receive funding and you get an award, there's a list of items in terms of policies and procedures, protocols potentially that you would be required to submit to either OVC or BJA depending upon which entity you are if you get selected for funding. So that's setting that expectation up there upfront that we will expect to see some of those documents post-award. And they need to follow any applicable federal state laws regarding civil rights. We're going to hear a little bit more about that from Silvia. And then in terms of working with those trafficking victims to ensure that there's adequate licensure and training for those staff.

Next slide. And I'll turn it over to Silvia.

SILVIA TORRES: As Alissa indicated, one of the mandatory requirements that award recipients have to comply with is the federal laws that protect the civil rights program participants and staff by prohibiting discrimination in employment and the delivery of services or benefits based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, and disability. The organizational policies and procedures have to reflect the adherence to these requirements. For example, the policies and procedures for staff and clients at shelters have to demonstrate compliance with those civil rights.

As you can see, there are further requirements that apply if you receive funds from other federal sources. If you have any questions or you want to learn more about these requirements, you can visit the website for the [Office for Civil Rights at the Office of Justice Programs](#).

Since the solicitation is seeking applicants under two purpose areas, while the seven objectives are the same for both areas listed on these and the next slide and on page 7 of the solicitation, the activities and the deliverables under each purpose area are different. For Purpose Area 1, please refer to pages 8 and 9 of the solicitation. And for Purpose Area 2, you will find those on pages 9 and 10.

And I now turn it to Alissa.

ALISSA HUNTOON: But what we're outlining here are the objectives for the solicitation that apply across all purpose areas. So, this is really the objective of this model of having a multidisciplinary collaborative model, the expectation is that as a recipient of these awards, you're engaging in activities that meet these objectives. So that's--you're working to develop or sustain these collaborative activities. You're identifying all victims for all forms of human trafficking. You're working through victim-centered and trauma-informed approaches. And that every member of your task force is actively involved. We talk about a lead victim service partner and a lead law enforcement entity that are the lead applicants, but, of course, the task force itself is made up of so many other partners as well. So there needs to be active involvement from all task forces when you're working on planning and executing any of your investigations and prosecutions. Next slide.

Here, we're talking about other objectives to refer--you know, investigate, refer, and prosecute sex and labor traffickings at all levels, so state, and federal, etc. And providing that assistance to those trafficking victims so that they can have increased safety, independence, and self-efficiency. So that involves, of course, a whole range of services. And another key objective is that along the way, not just at the end but along the way, you're conducting data collection and assessment activities so that--not just to report to BJA and/or OVC on those measures that we ask for, but that at the local level, state level, you're working to achieve your own stated goals and objectives. So that's why that's important. Next slide.

So here's some important information that, you know, everyone's interested in, right? So how much and how long and how many. So, this is found on page 11. We expect to make up to 28 awards across those purpose areas, but that would be a total of 14 task forces so--because each award is a pair.

In the Purpose Area 1, will probably slightly more, potentially funding more new task forces, and Purpose Area 2, slightly fewer. The total amount that you can apply for is up to \$1.5 million per task force, so that's across both partners. And it spells out in the solicitation there's a range, \$600,000 to \$900,000 per task force but it is no more than \$1.5 million per task force. And it is for a period of 3 years.

And I also want to point out that these are--these are not grants, they're cooperative agreements. I know that's a little bit of federal government grant administration speak, but there is a difference between a grant and a cooperative agreement. And what that just means is that, with the cooperative agreement, there's some substantial involvement from the federal--your federal partners, your federal staff in how you execute and implement that award.

And I would just note there on the bottom your find to keep--the actual deliverables and activities across both purpose areas. Please be sure you read those. They're on pages 8 to 10. It didn't make sense to just kind of slap them up on a PowerPoint because that would just be too busy of a slide. But that's critical as you're putting your application together to make sure you understand what those expectations are for if you're to receive the award, what those deliverables and activities would be for both purpose areas. Thank you. Next slide.

Here, we always want to point out there are some elements of this application or attachments that we deem critical. You got the page numbers there. In the Program Narrative, it's going to have you--it's spelled out, kind of, what it is that we're looking for you to describe to us and each of those, sort of, components, so statement of the problem and project design, etce. And then each of those sections get weighted, certain percentage for when they get reviewed by our peer reviewers. The Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative, there's--usually, there's always a link in there to a sample worksheet and narrative that you can use. I would just say, and as always, there needs to be a budget detail as well as a narrative. So you need to be sure to include a detail of the numbers but also a narrative that explains what those--what's behind those numbers, so what that's funding. And then, again, those attachments, like we talked about before, either a letter of intent or an MOU reflecting those key partners across your task force.

And that star at the bottom, it also talks about in the solicitation certain elements that are critical. Otherwise, your application won't be moved forward. So, those are spelled out on pages 12 and 20 and listed here. Next slide.

Which we called Basic Minimum Requirements, that's what BMR stands for. So please be sure you read that carefully. There's another slide--we'll talk about. We have a checklist at the end of the solicitation as well. That's meant to just to be a one page to make sure that you know if you've got all these documents included. Next slide.

This is basically kind of what is on the checklist at the end, at the very bottom, and kind of smaller font, you'll see it says "Review the solicitation checklist" and also to see a hyperlink there to our [resource guide](#). If you have questions about any of those, I realize that's a lot. But that's why we add that checklist at the--at the end is just so you can kind of tick through and make sure that you have included all those. And I would recommend actually going to that checklist first thing, so you can, kind of see, and make sure you know all the different cases that you need to include in your application.

And potentially, this is good news. So, the good news for this solicitation is that it's--it will be open for 60 days so a full 2 months. Completely understand it takes a lot of time to pull this information together to even start planning, to writing, and to getting necessary signatures. So that's why we always, always urge you to read that solicitation carefully through, go to that checklist at the end so you know what you need, and/or if you're able to submit that application at least a couple days in advance in case there's any errors or any technical difficulties, you have at least a day or two to work those out. And I know that's tough, But, that's why we hope you can start working on these as soon as you can. Next slide.

So for those of you that might be new applicants or haven't received federal funding before, you have to register to do so. And at OJP, these applications are submitted to us through something called Grants.gov. It's always going to ask you for a Competition ID and that's based on those purpose areas so we list those out for you here. They're also listed out in the solicitation itself. [Purpose Area 1: OVC-2020-18396; Purpose Area 2: OVC 2020-18397]

And, again, here, we're just talking about technical problems. We get obviously requests, and pleas for submitting late. Please pay attention to that section about what is considered acceptable, not acceptable in terms of a technical issue or getting requests or appeals for a late submission. So, I don't need to read them all to you there, but do note that they talk about some that aren't sufficient to justify. So, if you just--if you didn't get registered in time, that won't be a sufficient justification. So it's noted here, sometimes that can take as long as 10 business days. Or failure to follow the instructions that are spelled out on the solicitation; so again, we know there is a lot of information in there and of course you're going to have questions so please be sure to contact the help information at the beginning. We're going to go over that. There's a phone number, an email, a bunch of different ways you can ask us questions and we love questions. We don't want you to have to get into this situation so please don't hesitate to ask us questions. Next slide.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And I'll take it over from here. Thank you, Alissa.

ALISSA HUNTOON: Sure.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So OVC, you can stay connected with them in a number of ways. They do have an email that goes out to anybody that has subscribed to receive that information. We have a new system called Text to Subscribe and you can send a text message to OJP OVC, insert your email address, and then send that to 468-311. And just please note that any message and data rates may apply. You can also sign up for that same email by going to the OVC website at the URL listed on the slide. [https://puborder.ncjrs.gov/Listservs/subscribe_newsfromovc.asp]

OVC also has a social media presence. And you can go ahead and subscribe to follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), as well as [YouTube](#). And the URLs for those items are listed right here on the slide for your convenience.

As mentioned previously, if you have any questions that are not addressed after today's webinar, you can submit those questions to the National Criminal Justice Reference Service. They are available at the phone number 800-851-3420. You may also email them at grants@ncjrs.gov. And they are open 10:00 to 6:00, Monday through Friday, and they are open until 8:00 p.m., the date the solicitation closes. Although as previously mentioned, it is strongly encouraged that you submit your application at least 72 hours prior to the due date.

OV--or, NCJRS also has a JUSTINFO newsletter as well as a Weekly Funding newsletter and you can subscribe to receive that information by going to the NCJRS website at www.ncjrs.gov. JUSTINFO comes out twice a month and the funding newsletter comes out each Friday. The new--the funding newsletter will announce any type of grant opportunities that are available from any agency within the Office of Justice Programs. They will also notify you if there are webinars such as this one and when information from those webinars have been posted to the applicable websites.

If you're having any technical difficulties, you can contact Grants.gov. So, if you're submitting your application or having problems uploading any type of files, you can contact them at 800-518-4726 or at 606-545-5035. Grants.gov is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are closed on federal holidays. You can also send them an email at support@grants.gov.

BJA has information available on their funding page. For all their opportunities, you can go to <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding>. They also have a series of funding webinars that are posted on their webinar page, their event page actually, and the URL is listed here. [<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding-webinars>] That would apply to any of their opportunities. And they also did a Funding Grant Application series that you can view. That [application series](#) will go over their funding opportunities available for 2020 as well as another webinar that was conducted to, kind of, explain the whole entire funding process and things that you need to know as you move through the application process.

Here's a series of important websites. Some of these websites and information have been mentioned throughout the webinar. This slide just, kind of, pulls them all together in one place for your ease. OVC's website of course is listed as www.ovc.gov. You can also utilize the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#), and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), as well as the [Budget Detail Worksheet](#). The URLs are listed here and this is all the items that would help you as you move forward in your application process.

So right now, we are going to go into some questions. And one of the questions in general that was received is dealing with the "difference of a--what is a cooperative agreement, so if more information could be provided about a cooperative agreement." Alissa, do you--sorry. So you want to take that question?

ALISSA HUNTOON: Sure.

SILVIA TORRES: Hi. Can you hear me now better?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Silvia, you're still really garbled. I'm not sure if it's your internet connection, if you're calling in on a cell phone.

SILVIA TORRES: Yeah. I'm calling in. Okay. I'm so sorry. I would have to defer to Alissa.

ALISSA HUNTOON: Thank you, Silvia. I'm so sorry. I still might try to have you weigh in here on some of these. Yes. If I understood the question correctly, it was just the difference between a grant and cooperative agreement. The information about that is included on the OJP federal sort of grants guide. There's multiple links to that in the solicitation itself that can actually just give you the definition of what that means. I'm looking at the application now. There's usually a--It's on page 12 and it says Type of Award and it says "OJP expects to make awards under the solicitation as cooperative agreement," and then it gives you a link to the section of the application resource guide, that will give you the actual definition. So, just basically what the difference between those are.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. And another question came in about nonprofits. "And Is this application open for non-profits based in India?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: I would say they would not meet the eligibility criteria, as stated on the front page. It's pursuant to a U.S., United States statute covering the United States, so, and territories. So, if you're not a state or a territory unit of local government in the United States or a federally recognized Indian tribe in the United States, then, no, you would not be eligible to apply.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Our task force was funded in 2016 and we, Victim Service Agency, had to request a 1-year extension. Our corresponding law enforcement agency applied for a continuation award through BJA in FY 2019. Are we still eligible to apply?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yeah. And I think that's a very specific question that we would need to get more information about to answer. So, I would recommend that that person submit that question into NCJRS so that we could follow up appropriately with that individual organization.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "If we have a current standing task force over 10 years for our county but want to add another police department within our county that is not already at the table, would that work fall under Purpose Area 2?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yeah. And, again, this is Alissa. So, you know, I'm restricted to just giving you information that's included in the solicitation itself. I can't give you advice on scope or, sort of, you know, how to design your application. I would just encourage you to look at page 2, I think, or three, where it talks about Purpose Area 2 is if you've been operational for a minimum of 3 years, you know, then you can choose to apply to Purpose Area 2. So, that's up for you guys to decide.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Can a lead law enforcement entity be a--the parole and probation department? We have a juvenile detention and juvenile court counselors who are--excuse me, who are identifying but could use more victim services to refer to, would that count?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: Again I--oh, go ahead. Yeah. That would have to be if they are a law enforcement agency. So, if they have a public safety mission and an enforcement component, that's who is eligible. It might be that could be a question they could submit to us directly from--on the probation parole side because, again, I don't know if they have that function or not. And we would have to run that through a couple other folks here at OJP to help make that determination.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So this is regarding MOUs. "If submitting a statewide project application, can there be a group of law enforcement agencies and victim service agencies that join and sign the MOU? Example: state law enforcement agencies and community-based victim services?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yeah. So again, on the MOUs, we do give some just basic guidance about what applicants should include in those MOUs. And we also even state some specifics about what's required in there. So at a minimum, you know, it's those core partners but there's a whole host of other partners that we strongly recommend or encourage applicants to consider. So, I would say to that person who posed the question, ensure that those minimum signatures are there, partners are there, but there's no, I should say, max--or, you know, maximum of who signs that. That's up to you as a task force, but make sure you have the necessary folks on board according to how we've described the MOU to, sort of, satisfy that aspect.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And "Can the MOU between law enforcement and a nonprofit such as a victim service organization be made just for this application or does there a need to be a predated agreement before applying?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: If I understand that question correctly, there is no requirement on here about any timeframe or dating of the MOU itself. So it just needs to be included as a part of the application.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Would the state agency have to ensure compliance monitoring for the partner agency?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: Can you repeat that question again?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Sure. "Would the state agency have to ensure the compliance monitoring for the partner agency?" So, I guess the state agency is the applicant part--and they're partnering with somebody else.

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yeah. That might be another one where it's more helpful to send the question directly to NCJRS so we can unpack it a little bit. Because that might be getting into--I don't know if you're get--asking questions about subrecipients or contractors or consultants or people that are partners with their sub, because there's rules. And I'd, again, just refer you back to the application in the OJP Application [Resource] Guide because it's going to have detailed information about that. Again, it's different if you're talking about... There's two separate awards, so law enforcement entity will be working directly with BJA and BJA staff in terms of oversights and management of that award. And then, on the victim service provider side, they will be getting an award from the Office for Victims of Crime and they will be working with the Office for Victims of Crime staff and, of course, we will work closely together. But they are not responsible for monitoring the other's grant award per se. They are responsible in the expectation for the actual work. Right? So, all those objectives and deliverables that I talked about, collaboratively working through those. But one isn't going to be responsible for the other's award. But since you're putting an application together, of course, both sides are likely aware of what the other are doing. Hope that answers that person's question.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Can partners, can a prosecution office be the lead?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: If they are a unit of local government or state that has law enforcement functions, public safety functions, then yes.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Is there a solicitation for BJA partners?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: I'm not sure I understand that question. This year, the Collaborative Task Force Model for Task Forces is a joint solicitation, so it's an OJP solicitation. But it involves awards from both the Office for Victims of Crime and BJA. So there aren't separate solicitations for the task forces this year. This is the solicitation from OJP that incorporates involvement from both OVC and BJA.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: “Is this funding--excuse me. Is this funding only for adult victims of human trafficking or is a percentage of the funding committed to children under 18?”

ALISSA HUNTOON: So, the funding for this program--and Silvia, you might want to chime in here, too. I apologize to everyone, but it’s important to get her input on this question, too. This is based on the definition of a victim of trafficking as defined as part of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and that’s spelled out on page 6. So, it includes all ages, genders, forms, so it is not specific to either adults or either minors. So, the money isn’t so you can focus on just one population. It’s all.

SILVIA TORRES: That is correct.

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yes.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. Let me see. “Are the 14 awards from a nationwide selection?”

ALISSA HUNTOON: The 14 awards? Yes. They will be selected from all of the applications that we receive from, again, states, territories, federally recognized tribes that get submitted to OJP.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: “What is the difference between the submission numbers needed for Grants.gov?” Are you...

ALISSA HUNTOON: That...

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: I don’t know if they are talking about...

ALISSA HUNTOON: Go ahead.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: ...the ID number...

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yeah. And unfortunately, that’s a question I couldn’t answer. Again, sort of technical questions about actually submitting the application or, you know, putting--getting SAM numbers and things like that, you definitely need to contact Grants.gov. So, again, that’s the 800 number or the website, or the email that we have, both in the solicitation and at the end of this webinar.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And if you’re--if you’re referring to the Competition ID number, Purpose Area [1] Competition ID number is OVC-2020-18396 and Purpose Area 2 is OVC-2020-18397. And you would use those numbers depending on which purpose area you’re applying to if that’s what you’re referring to.

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yeah. Thank you, Mary Jo.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And I put this competition--the ID numbers up on the slide that's showing right now, so if you did not have a chance to capture what I said, you can go ahead and copy that down.

"If we are--if we are awarded or applying for FY 2020 OVC Grants, does that disqualify us from fun--from this funding since it's--" and the rest of the questions has--was cut off. But I guess the first part of the question is would--if they apply for other opportunities under OVC this year, will that disqualify them from this opportunity?

SILVIA TORRES: Okay. Hopefully you can hear me now. No, it does not. You may apply to other types of programs within OVC. I assume you are thinking about human trafficking programs and you may apply for other of our current funding opportunities.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "For a new task force, is there a recommended service area that the task force covers, county specific, state specific?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: No, there is no recommended service area. That's up to the jurisdictions to describe to us.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "If we applied--oh, excuse me. If we are an FY '18 grantee, are we eligible to apply in FY '20?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yeah, again, I would just direct you back. So, if you've already received funding, you would likely not be eligible for Purpose Area 1 or 2 because it states before FY--sorry, if you've received funding after FY '17, you would not be eligible. There is a statement in there that says unless you're proposing a completely new project or expanding in some way--And, again, I can't advise you on what that would mean or how you would design that. It's up to you as the applicant to explain to us why or how what you're doing would be so different, or significant expansion of your existing efforts.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Is the cooperative agreement not a grant?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: No. A cooperative agreement is not a grant. There is a difference. And, again, I've mentioned it before, I apologize if I've lost the page number. But if you go into the application, I think it's page 12, it talks about type of award and it is page 12. If you go to type of award, there's a link there that can take you to the Application Resource Guide and it's just--there's--it just give you not even a paragraph, so it's a couple of sentences, I think, for each that describes just the difference. It's basically just--it's just technically how the mechanism under which we make awards and the level of oversight from the federal agency.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Does the project period have to be a full 3 years or can a project funded position be funded for less than 3 years?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: The solicitation...

SILVIA TORRES: The...

ALLISA HUNTOON: Oh, go ahead. Go ahead, Silvia.

SILVIA TORRES: It's okay. It can be--It is determined by your needs, but it can be up to 3 years. And while we cannot direct or have a position as to how long the position needs to be funded, we defer that to you. Alissa, do you have something to add?

ALISSA HUNTOON: Nope, nothing to add.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Is there another location where we can find the webinar on the role of the project coordinator? I clicked on the link in the application but you need to sign up with IACP to view it."

ALISSA HUNTOON: This is Alissa. Yes. So, that is just the--so the IACP, which is the International Association of Chiefs of Police, is the current Training and Technical Assistance Partner to BJA that supports the existing task forces. So they have a website that has a variety of resources. There is a link to that in the solicitation. That is just their learning platform. So they have any number of webinars on there. It's free to everyone, but their learning platform just requires that you sign up to get, kind of, a username. So that's what that is. So, we can--right now, that currently is the only place where that webinar is housed.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Hold on a second. "How much compliance does the state agency have to do in connection with the nonprofit? Please give more detail on what is required."

ALISSA HUNTOON: This is Alissa. Silvia might have some--I mean I think that's--I would prefer to have that--be able to have that conversation with that person because that's a little vague. So--and that could mean any number of things in terms of oversight. So, I don't know what the specific question or issue is there. So that person can contact NCJRS or they can contact my--you know, myself or Silvia directly because that's just unfortunately, I apologize. It's too vague. And so there could be a lot of answers to that question so I don't know the specific issue there. And you can--you can get to us through the NCJRS and, you know, ask them to ask us directly.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So, if you're submitting questions and then submitting part of it and then another part a little later on, I need you to put it all together as one question because it's too difficult to figure out where the two meet up because there's a lot of questions that are coming in between it. So, there's a question--a part of a question here. "Be permitted or one or the other need to be applied to." I don't know what the first part of that is. So, if you could please resubmit that.

"Do proposals for the partners need to be submitted separately with separate budgets?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: So they--I'm looking for the page in the solicitation that outlines that for you. But they--There are certain aspects of the application that will be identical. So it should be an identical project abstract, an identical project narrative, etc. This is on page 12. It says application should include. The budget itself, it says "individualized separate budget detail worksheets and budget narrative." So the budget itself will be different.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Thank you. "Due to COVID-19, are there considerations to delay the due date? Will it be difficult--Will it be--It will be difficult from many partners to collaborate on such proposals when technology varies greatly across the disciplines."

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yes. And so what I can say to that is those applications that were--I'm sorry, those solicitations that had due dates, so we had some solicitations that have been open in January and February. If your due date was between March 16th and 31st; those were extended two weeks to March 31st. And so those are the only extensions that we know of at this time. But OJP leadership, Office of Justice Programs, is continually assessing the situation. And if they do make any extensions to solicitations, it would be noted on the cover page of the solicitation itself. So at this time, there is no extension on the Enhanced Collaborative Model solicitation. It is still due May 18th.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And to go a little further on that, all the agencies will normally post that information in addition to updating it, or send out emails. I have switched the slide to the NCJRS slide. Again, if you subscribe to the funding newsletter information like that will also be included in the newsletter and it will also be updated on Grants.gov.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Is it possible to review any sample applications that were successful in Purpose Area 1 in prior years?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: This is Alissa, so I'll speak on the BJA side and then if Silvia wants to speak on OVC. And I apologize, unfortunately no; we don't have any applications up on our websites. We have done that in years past for certain solicitations. You know, that information, it is FOIA-ble. But at this time, no, we don't have any successful applications up on our website. And I'll turn it over to Silvia to see what OVC has.

SILVIA TORRES: Yes. This means for OVC, we do not have any successful applications online because of the FOIA. So you would have to request that if you--if you wanted to.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Can you explain the 25 percent match or in-kind in more--in more detail? How much would my department have to contribute and what would--and would a typical salary cover that?"

SILVIA TORRES: Sure, I can speak to match or cost sharing. Indeed that was one of the items I was going to mention. The 25 percent match is a formula and I believe there is a link in the solicitation where it, kind of, walks you through how to arrive at that 25

percent match. It can be a cash or hard cash match, which comes from private funding sources, maybe state funding, or the like. Or it can be in-kind by the agencies' collaboration in, for instance, covering some of the salaries for the personnel working on these projects or in donations in kind. So time, by volunteers donating their time and services, for example, case managers assisting with the data collection, etc.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Is that all? Silvia? Are you still there, Silvia?

SILVIA TORRES: Hi.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "When you say the organizations are only eligible if they haven't received funding in the last two years, does that mean from OVC overall or just through this solicitation?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: This is Alissa. I'm not sure if Silvia's there. I think she is best to answer that. The eligibility that we talked about for this solicitation is specific to any grants received from OVC or BJA for the Enhanced Collaborative Model program. So not overall specific to this task force model.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "If the new collaboration would be between a law enforcement agency and one state and a--like--sorry--If the new collaboration would be between a law enforcement agency and one state, and a nonprofit located in another state, would this preclude eligibility for this cooperative agreement?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: There's no requirement here that it has to be in the same state. So, there is nothing here that would make either of them ineligible to apply in that manner.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: A little bit more about the match. "So the 25 percent match, would that be in addition to the amount awarded of \$1.5 million? Can you please explain. " So I know you explained it already once before, but can you address maybe the \$1.5 million part of it?"

SILVIA TORRES: Yes, this is Silvia. I hope everybody can hear me. Yes, the \$1.5 million is federal funds. In addition, there will be that 25 percent of those \$1.5 million to be provided, cost shared by the applicant or recipient.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Thank you, Silvia. "What can you say about the potential for this funding beyond the 3 years that was on page 11 of the solicitation?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: This is Alissa. I can go and then also defer to Silvia if she has anything additional to add. Unfortunately, we only know about--We don't know about funding in future years. It's based upon the amount we receive from Congress. So at this time, the solicitation is for FY '20 knowing that we are able to fund task forces for up to 3 years at \$1.5 million. After that, we just unfortunately don't know.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. We have one minute left and we do still have quite a few questions. I will leave it here on the National Criminal Justice Reference Service slide. And, again, you can email them your questions after today's webinar at grants@ncjrs.gov. You can phone them at 800-851-3420. And they are available at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We'll take maybe one more question here. I'm trying to find one that might be simple.

"If we're applying for grant funding, can we apply for the cooperative agreement in 2020 for both or must a decision be made on which one to apply for?" So you can apply for anything, correct, Alissa? Different opportunities.

ALISSA HUNTOON: Yeah, I'm sorry, I don't know if I understood that question. If--in FY '20, if they wanted to apply for funding here and then elsewhere?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Yeah, "If we are applying for a grant funding, can we apply for this cooperative agreement in 2020, for both, or must a decision be made for which one to apply for?"

ALISSA HUNTOON: Okay, so I'm--I unfortunately apologize. I'm not sure if I'm understanding the question correctly. I'm guessing they're asking--by both, they mean both purpose areas, maybe?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Oh, maybe.

ALISSA HUNTOON: So, again, you know, I don't know how you meet both criteria being a new task force and also being operational for 3 years or more. But, again, that's--so that's up to the applicants to determine which purpose area they want to apply to. I apologize if I didn't answer that question well. I don't think I understand completely the question.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. Sorry about that, Alissa. All right. So we are at 2:01 and we do need to end the webinar.

ALISSA HUNTOON: Okay. I would also just like to thank everyone for joining on this call. Thank you so much. And we hope to receive applications from many of you.

SILVIA TORRES: Indeed, thank you for your time and your interest.