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DARYL FOX: Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to today's webinar, FY 2021 Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse (E-MDTS) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse, hosted by the Office for Victims Of Crime. At this time, I'd like to introduce today's presenter, Laura Ivkovich, Elder Justice Coordinator Policy Analyst, at the Office for Victims of Crime. Laura.

LAURA IVKOVICH: Hi. Good afternoon, everybody. I'm glad that you're here for our webinar. And I'm going to walk you through some of the features of the program solicitation. And try and answer any questions and answer any questions that you might have at the end.

So let's go ahead and give you an outline of what the webinar will cover. First, our OVC, the Office for Victims of Crime overview and mission; a breakdown of the solicitation; the program purpose, goals, and objectives, as well as eligibility; the application and award timelines; the required documents for which you'd need to include. And then Daryl will handle the application process and then I'll come back and answer any questions that you might have. And you might want to follow along with the solicitation, so you can take notes if you need to. Next.

So the Office for Victims of Crime, we're in the Justice Department, of course. And so our mission is to--that OVC is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victim and to providing leadership in changing policies and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. OVC's funding supports an array of different things, and both formula and discretionary, and some examples are victims in tribal communities; state victim compensation and assistance programs; training and technical assistance and information resources; programs for victims of international terrorism and mass violence; federal agencies' victim services like FBI and U.S. Attorney's Offices; survivors of human trafficking; and then demonstration and service projects. Next.

So, the timeline for the solicitation is that it closes on June 28th. So you want to make sure to add that to your calendar a few days in advance of that, so that you have everything that you need pulled together and done in advance of the deadline close. DOJ expects to make awards no later than the end of the fiscal year, the federal fiscal year, which is September 30th, 2021. Just a note for those who might be awarded, dates would actually begin on October 1st, the first day of the new fiscal year. Please note any successful applicant may not begin work until the budget has actually been officially cleared and approved by OJP. And any additional information or restrictions may be outlined in the award package. So, we'll have more information if you're an awardee and we'll be sure to make sure that you get that. Next.

So for eligibility, we're including state governments, city and township governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, county governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal government), Native American tribal governments that are federally recognized, nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS other

than institutions of higher education, and nonprofits that do not have 501(c)(3) status with the IRS other than institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education and for profit organizations other than small businesses. For additional information on eligibility, please review the title page of the solicitation. Next.

So the program description is that OVC seeks applications to support the development and/or enhancement of multidisciplinary teams, or MDTs, and to strengthen the capacity of these enhanced MDTs to better identify and respond to cases of elder abuse and more comprehensively serve and support victims of financial exploitation. That is the focus. Next slide.

So, the goal is to improve case outcomes, because this is a case MDT, not a policy MDT. So the goal is to improve case outcomes while minimizing additional trauma, and restoring safety and security to older adult victims of financial exploitation, and abuse, and to potentially hold more offenders accountable. And just let me note, sometimes we get questions about the age range for which this is intended, and that is 60 years and above is how we're using the adult--the age for the adult victims, 60 and above. Next slide.

So the objective then, is to develop and/or enhance support for elder abuse MDTs that can better identify and respond to older abuse--older adults, excuse me, who experienced financial exploitation and other forms of elder abuse. We'll be funding up to 10 MDTs with special emphasis on better recognizing elder financial exploitation at the tribal, local, or state levels including existing and new teams that--that's our focus for funding. Next.

So what are the deliverables? Applicants may propose to either develop new MDTs or enhance existing teams. Successful applicants will demonstrate the need to develop an MDT or to enhance a current MDT's efforts; have activities that support a coordinated and comprehensive response to crime victims needs by direct service providers; participate in statewide or other task forces, work groups, and committees to develop protocols and interagency agreements; recruit members and representatives from a broader array of professions; have needs assessments to ensure case-related efforts are more comprehensively incorporated; incorporating the involvement of forensic accountants and neuropsychologists; and that they use technical assistance. And then let me just put a--make a note that I'll be covering that a little bit further down in a slide deck. We'll be going over the TA offered to the successful grantees. Next slide.

So for this solicitation in fiscal 2021, the OJP policy priority areas include the giving of priority consideration to applicants as follows: applications that will advance the promotion of civil rights, access to justice, support to crime victims, protecting the public from crime and evolving threats, or building trust between law enforcement and the community; applications that demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas, or persistent-poverty counties. And for more information, you can review the solicitation about the meanings behind those priority areas. Next slide.

So here's the very important that most people do ask about. And that is, how many are you going to award and what is the dollar amount? So OVC, the maximum number of awards that OVC expects to make are 10 awards. The dollar amount for each award would be \$375,000. The total amount anticipated to be awarded, then would be \$3.75 million and the period of performance would be, as

earlier mentioned, on October 1st, 2021, for a 36-month or 3-year award. So that \$375,000 would go across all 3 years. So that's the total amount available for the entire 3 years or 36 months. Next slide.

The type of award is a grant. There are different types of--that the Federal Government makes in terms of awards. This is a discretionary grant and it is a grant, not a cooperative agreement. So a grant is generally a legal instrument of financial assistance and the awarding agency, or OVC, maintains an oversight and monitoring role. And I would be the grant monitor. I already oversee the other E-MDT grants that OVC has funded in the past. And I would continue to over--to provide that oversight and monitoring role. But I would not have substantial involvement. That is the difference between a grant and a cooperative agreement. But I do stay pretty involved with the offerings of the grant--grantees and the TA that's provided to the grant recipients. You can also look up the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) to get more information on that. Next slide.

So, I mentioned that we do have a TA effort and we've previously funded, in 2019, through the competitive solicitation titled OVC--excuse me, OVC 2020--'19 Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation Program, and we added the TA component there. That's an ongoing TA that's provided and so far, it's--we've funded 13 Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams. And the award recipient for the TA component is the--for the National Elder Abuse MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center is Weill Cornell College of Medicine and NYC EAC, or the New York City Elder Abuse Center, along with their partners, Lifespan of Greater Rochester; Red Wind Consulting, which handles the tribal TA portion of the TA effort; USC-Davis School of Gerontology and National Center on Elder Abuse at the Keck School of Medicine at USC; and finally, National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life or NCALL.

Next slide will show the state map that--or the map that shows the funded teams in 2019. There were 13 of them. They include the tribal programs as well as non-tribal. So Lummi Indian Business Council, Minnesota Elder Justice Center in Wisconsin, Milwaukee County Department of Aging, Elder Law of Michigan, Coleman Professional Services in Ohio, Sinai Hospital of Baltimore in Maryland, Richmond City of Virginia, Rockdale County in Georgia, LifeSAFE Resources also there in Georgia, Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma, Denver City in Colorado, Utah Department of Human Services in Utah, and Northridge Hospital Foundation in California. For more information about the programs funded, if you want to look a little bit further into those programs, you can certainly go to OVC's website and search under "funded awards" and then type in the year 2019, and the keyword elder abuse, and you should find all of those programs that were funded at OVC's site. And I think that information has also been added to the chat room so you should be able to have that link there. Next slide.

So let me also mention that OVC is interested in funding those that are not already grantees under this program. So, we're looking to receive applications to--for new or enhanced programs from those who are not already funded under the 2019 program. So, just wanted to make sure that was clear.

Okay. Application and Submission Information.

Applications must include, in terms of the elements that must be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements and to get through that peer review process, and since this is competitive, we go through a peer review. And to receive further consideration for funding, it must include, one, a proposed--a proposal abstract; two, a narrative, which includes the statement of the problem/description of the issue and that accounts for 15 percent of the total. When the peer reviewers are looking at and scoring applications that come in, they're also looking at these things, and that's the percentage of the score for which they assign whether or not the applicant has sufficiently met the criteria. So 15 percent goes to statement of the problem and description of the issue, that's a relatively smaller amount. The big--the big points really are under project design and implementation. That's where the, sort of, rubber meets the road. How you want to do this. What it's going to look like. And that equates to 30 percent of the total. And then how capable and how competent are--is your proposed project. And we would be looking at that also at 30 percent. So capabilities and competencies is also another key piece and that includes things like job descriptions or resumes, things like that, that describe--or history of the organization that might be working, or groups that might be participating, and those factors. And then a plan for collecting the data required for this solicitation's performance measures is 15 percent. I can tell you that the data itself, what data is to be collected is prescribed. We have a Performance Measuring System, a PMT. So, we would be letting you know what we're looking to collect. But we want to make sure that you have a plan for actually collecting the data. And then lastly, the budget worksheet would be the--and the budget narrative, these would be 10 percent. And just a side note that I understand that using the Excel spreadsheet for budgets as an attachment seemed to be the best way to go with the new Grant system, which I'll be telling you a little bit about. So if you have an option and you want to use the Excel web--Excel sheet for doing your budget worksheet and narrative, that might be a better approach, as we're making sure that the system can use the best attachments for a new system. More on that later. Next slide.

So the proposal abstract is a clear and simple summary statement about your proposal. The statement should be no more than 400 words and should include the name of the applicant, primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project. This will be completed in the JustGrants system. It's a Web-based form, so you'll go in and you'll find that form. So that it'll be easy for you to follow the abstract format. Next slide.

Proposed Narrative Format. So that's the next thing that's required, and that would be that it be double-spaced, that you use standard 12-point font, New Times Roman is preferred, have no less than 1-inch margins, and not exceed 20 pages. Pages should be numbered 1 of 20, 2 of 20, etc. And they should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. And just a side note that the attachments do not count for the page count. So your narrative--it's just the narrative that is the 20 pages, you can attach additional pages, as needed, as additional attachments. Next slide.

Proposal Narrative Format. So the following sections are part of the proposal narrative: statement of the problem and description of the issue; project design and implementation, capabilities and competencies, and plan for collecting the data required. Again, these are the items--these are the areas that the peer reviewers would be most interested in making sure that they see because they're going to be scoring on those areas in the narrative. Next slide.

So the statement of the problem and description of the issue must describe the need for the project and provide a clear statement of how funding will support the project's value to the victim services field by meeting a stated goal. And it must describe any previous or current attempts to address elder abuse MDT development, and any research, related research or evaluation studies that contribute to the applicant's understanding of the need for MDT enhancement. A convincing case that the project addresses a gap in existing effort and does not duplicate existing resources must be made. Next slide.

The Project Design and Implementation should include the goals, objectives, and activities that are aligned with the solicitation. So be brief, concise, and clear and make sure the information is consistent throughout your proposal. Create solid goals and measurable objectives. Use the SMART method: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound. And that should really help as you think through that. And focus on the future and setting a realistic timeline to complete the project. Again, that's a 36-month project and so you'll be looking at it across those 3 years. Next slide.

The Proposal Narrative on the Capabilities and companies section--Competencies Section. This must describe your management structure, your financial capability, your project management plan, and documentation of professional staff members' unique qualifications to perform the tasks assigned. Again, job descriptions if it's somebody who hasn't already--is not already in the role or resumes for those who may already be in the role. Next slide.

And then Plan for Collecting Data. Who will be responsible for reporting the required performance measures? How do you plan to collect the data? Are there any additional performance metrics that you think would be included or that you would want to include and what data sources that you would be using for that? Any legal, policy, or other barriers to gaining access? Next slide.

The Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative. We have a link there for the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#). You can find more information on use of the JustGrants web-based form. That personnel costs should relate to key personnel for the project, the budget should include adequate funding to fully implement the project, broken out by year, again, reflecting 36 months. The budget should be mathematically sound and correspond with information provided in the proposal narrative, and aligned with the project design. Next slide.

Applications should also include and align with the solicitation, which is why they're all listed here for your benefit. The required documents, which are the resumes for key staff, the organizational chart, and the MOUs, if there are any. And so we want to make sure that they are included in the application submission. There's a whole list here. If it is a tribal, we would want the Tribal Authorizing Resolution, if that's applicable. An indirect cost rate, again, if that is applicable, some do and some don't use that. But obviously for priority, if you have documentation of high-poverty area or persistent-poverty counties, you'd want to include that. The certified assurances--certified assurances regarding lobbying, debarment, suspension, and other responsibility matters. Any other disclosures, like if you're on a DOJ high-risk list, that would be important to include. And certainly, the SF-424 form, that's important that you--absolutely important that you use that. And that information is also available on Grants.gov. Next slide.

And I think I'm going to kick this over to Daryl now to cover the Application Process. Daryl?

DARYL FOX: Thanks, Laura. Yeah, now we're going to review some items relating to the Application Process, as mentioned. As you may know, there's a new process this year utilizing the JustGrants website for submitting parts of the application. To learn more about the process and what it entails, applicants are encouraged to review the [Application Mechanics eLearning Videos](#), which are available on the JustGrants website. So this slide kind of describes those in a little more detail and what they are. By viewing these videos, job aids, and also the DOJ checklist and other resources, applicants will have all the information they need to successfully navigate the general mechanics of submitting the application. Since it's a new process, there's going to be a lot of different resources available through the JustGrants system for you to access. On the right-hand side of the slide shows some of the different specific archived eLearning videos. And there are several that are newly posted that are noted here. So starting with the [Getting Ready to Apply webinar](#), which is new. Going to the [Initiating the Application Submission in Grants.gov. Locating an Application.](#) and [Submitting](#), which is going to be the main focus one for these purposes. We'll get into that one in a future slide here. [Completing the Budget Detail Form](#). And then, you know, what's needed [After Submitting](#) your application. So that was a new one that was added as well. So there's a variety of different items within the process, you can access from their website directly.

For comprehensive information on navigating the system, it's recommended to review this prerecorded webinar on [Submitting an Application](#). Amongst a host of things, some of the things you'll learn, steps to take prior to applying for this funding, how to find open DOJ funding opportunities in Grants.gov. Some are generally based if you're looking for those. How to apply for the funding using JustGrants' system. JustGrants' roles and responsibilities and required actions, which is a very important item to the whole process. Generally, how to navigate and use the system. Where to find other materials, job aids and resources that are provided from JustGrants team.

A highlighted resource that should prove to be of particular interest is the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#). It covers all the necessary steps to complete the two-part application process, which is now required on both this JustGrants and then the Grants.gov system. Generally, as well, you know, how to prepare to apply, things to have in mind and in order prior to completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov. Entity onboarding and such with access, completing, reviewing, certifying, making sure everything is good to go in your JustGrants application. And then tips, just different things that have been learned to help you get through this new process.

Just for, you know, closeout on the brief discussion we've just had, as mentioned, there are a variety of prerecorded webinars available on these, the slide decks. The [JustGrants Training Application Submission](#) page is also a useful resource for those webinars and other information relating to the process. And for updates, it's recommended perhaps to bookmark the site for reference. There's a wide variety of materials, including FAQs that can be of assistance to you in this process. They also have a useful user support page and contact information. You can contact them via phone or email for any questions you may have. So those are just some of the items on the JustGrants page. Definitely for anything relating to the technical aspects of this, please visit this JustGrants section and contact them for any training or technical assistance you may have regarding that.

With that, we'll kind of get back on track here with closing out some of the slides for the presentation, Laura.

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thank you, Daryl. So as he--as Daryl mentioned, we have sort of a new process. And this is a new slide for us for our webinars. And we have two steps. And the first one is to go through the portal that is for all grant applications. And that's through Grants.gov. That's the link, Grants.gov. And you submit the SF-424 and an SF-LLL at the URL address that's listed there Grants.gov. [<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>] To register in Grants.gov, applicants need to obtain a Data Universal Numeric System or a DUNS number, and System Award Management or SAM registration or renewal. So that's a big step that you should start now. If you don't already have a SAMs registration, you need to start that now because it takes a little while. So that you're ready in advance of the close date. So new for this is step two. Again, this is our new JustGrants system. So you'd be submitting the full application, including attachments, at JustGrants.usdoj.gov. So it's a two-step process. First is in Grants.gov. The second and the submission of the full application is in JustGrants. You can refer to the Registration and Submission section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#), and get more instructions on how to apply, and that information is also included, I believe, in the chat room. Next slide, please.

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide. This is very helpful information. You can visit that URL that's listed at the bottom there under ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide. Next slide.

And, of course, there's always important web resources. In this day and age, you can find anything on the web. And so we've listed a few important URL addresses. Obviously, if you want to know more about our office and what we do and why we do it, you can go ovc.ojp.gov, [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), which is sort of the bible for how to do everything grants. And what is allowable, what is not, all that information is available under ojp.gov Financial Guide. JustGrants is JustGrants.usdoj.gov and then [Grants.gov](#). The [OJP Application Resource Guide](#), which I mentioned just a minute--a second ago, and Daryl mentioned as well. The [OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center](#) that--for anybody who's interested and wants to know that OVC does provide a lot of training and technical assistance to the field. Whether or not you do receive funding or whether or not you even apply, it's always helpful for you to know that we do have other resource materials about the needs and rights and services for older victims of crime and financial exploitation. And you can find more about that on ovcttac.gov, our Training and Technical Assistance Center for all things crime and victim services. And then the [Grant Performance Measures Reporting](#). I mentioned this tool that we have. You are responsible for data collection, but you can learn more about the performance measures--Measurement Reporting Tool at ojp.gov/performance. And then, of course, our OJP Resource Center. That is at ojp.gov/ncjrs for National Criminal Justice Reference Service. And those are good go-to's and hopefully you will be able to explore some of this before you begin your submission process. Next slide.

So there's important contact information. Those two systems that you have to go to, part one and part two. So for the Grants.gov, which is the first part of your process, you can access more information by contacting them by phone at 1-800-518-4726, and then internationally at 606-545-5035, or go to support@grants.gov. And they will help with the submission of the required

Standard Form-424 and Standard Form-LLL at the Grants.gov site. And then for technical assistance submitting the actual full application, which is all of the information that the peer reviewers are going to want to look at, of course, that goes into JustGrants. And if there's any technical assistance questions that you might have, you can reach them at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. And then, for any technical assistance with programmatic requirements, you can certainly contact the OJP Response Center at 1-800-851-3420 or send an email at grants@ncrjs.gov. That really is reaching the Office for Victims of Crime. It's just our TA system is through the National Criminal Justice Reference Service. So that email address will get to the Office for Victims of Crime. Next slide.

And so those important dates. Again, part one is through Grants.gov and those are required submission of your Standard Form-424 and the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. And that deadline date is June 14 at 11:59 PM. But I urge you to start well in advance of that date. Part two is through the JustGrants system. And that's where the actual full application must go in to JustGrants and that is the JustGrants.usdoj.gov by June 28 and that's, again, by 11:59 PM. But please don't wait till that--even that day. I would try and do that a day or two earlier, or maybe even a week earlier, if you could and so that--to make sure that you have everything in by the time necessary before the close of the solicitation.

And I think we're at the next portion, which is the Q&A portion, so I'll turn it back over to Daryl to organize that piece.

DARYL FOX: Thanks, Laura. Yeah. So just for referencing what was mentioned as we began, there's several questions coming in on the PowerPoint and this recording. So just to note that the recording, and PowerPoint, and transcript will be available and be posted to OVC website within about 10 business days, hopefully earlier. So, you know, you will be able to go back and reference this and take notes and information as you need. So just going to address that as there are several questions that came in.

So just a reminder, if you do have a question, go ahead and submit that in the Q&A box. I'm going to keep the chat box for technical questions, if you do have those. So with that, Laura, we can just kind of get into some of these.

So the first one is, "Can the project be a prevention education program to be delivered to community and professionals in a specific area?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: So this is a case review Elder MDT solicitation. It's intended to review cases of elder exploitation, financial exploitation and abuse. That's the main focus. There are occasions when you're trying to reach other task or E-MDT members, or organizations, or agencies, or businesses for which you want to make sure you are connected, hospitals and others, for which you are seeking potential members of your team. So certainly you would, you know, be crafting and reaching out through that approach to pull in additional or new members to create the team if it's a new one or to enhance your team. For instance, for forensic accountants or for others. But the focus is not a prevention, that--that's more like a network or a wings group that their focus has more to do with the changing big policy and changing behaviors and prevention. So this is more with regard to

making sure that the E-MDT is a case-related review of financial exploitation of older individuals. I think that answers that. Daryl, back to you.

DARYL FOX: Yeah. Next question coming in, “Does the resource page, bibliography page, count towards the 20-page limit?”

LAURA IVKOVICH: The resource page for--if it's--if it's an attachment, then it does not. It can be included as an attachment if you have resources. I know that the system in JustGrants is not taking--I believe footnoting is an issue for the JustGrants. So I believe if that's an attachment, you'd want to make sure that you're noting that it's an attachment by labeling it. But I don't believe, since the system is not taking footnotes and you use that as your attachment, that it should not preclude you from being able to attach it and still have the 20-page limit. Next.

DARYL FOX: Thank you for that. Next one coming in is, “Are MOUs required of the--of the membership bodies?”

LAURA IVKOVICH: This--thank you for that question. This has been asked before and I meant to mention it when I was speaking, so thank you for that question. So MOUs, for--again, this is a solicitation that is accessing either existing grants or new grants. So for those existing MDTs, you would want to include an example of one that's already in existence and signed by your members, your team members, or their agencies, whoever has the authority to sign. And send that in as a separate attachment, that does not count towards your page limit. That's an attachment. But for a new program MDT, Elder MDT, you would want to include a draft so that it is seen as the MOU that you intend. You do not have to have signatures yet, but we would want to see that you have thought through and you already have members, sort of, on the ready, should you receive funding under this solicitation. So that your team members should not be an afterthought. This is something that you should be thinking about now as you're developing your application reaching out to those groups, or individuals, or agencies and thinking through what an MOU would look like for your team. And it doesn't--again, it does not have to be signed but it will--for a new M--E-MDT. But you would want to submit something that looks like a draft, even with the watermark, if you want to, that says draft on it. At least you've thought through that. And maybe you've already been working on that, that would be great. If you could get that somewhat finalized, but you don't have to have signatures on the MOU for any new E-MDT solicitation--or application. Next.

DARYL FOX: The next one coming in, “Is there interest in addressing death investigation gaps of elder maltreatment as part of this solicitation?”

LAURA IVKOVICH: So your rationale for that focus would need to be explained in your narrative and somehow connected with the goals and objectives of the multidisciplinary team. This is not a Fatality Review Team solicitation. That's something different than us. This is ongoing cases, but certainly there are times when the E-MDT team is looking at something that has already happened or making smooth policy changes or training changes or membership additions perhaps even you can use to inspect your teams as a result of something that maybe slipped through the cracks that could have been caught or could have been addressed. But the focus is not a fatality review team. It is a case review team. So I hope that--I hope it answered that. Next question.

DARYL FOX: Laura, the next one is about JustGrants. I could probably try to just answer it generally. So this person's a...

LAURA IVKOVICH: Okay. Thank you.

DARYL FOX: This is on "the JustGrants site, but it says to sign in with a DOJ account." So just regarding access.

And to answer that, I mean, there is a--the JustGrants website. There's an FAQ section and within there, there's a self-serve support section that says how to setup your account, how to setup your password, and put rights in for people as administrators or members. So my advice would be to just access the JustGrants FAQ section. And from the slides showing here, it doesn't show the website. It shows the email. But you can just go to the JustGrants main page and access that. If you do have additional questions, go ahead and access/email their support line that's listed here at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. So they'll be of much assistance.

The next one is, "Do you MOUs need to be signed by every participant of the E-MDT or proposed MDT or can it be signed by key designated members?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: So we don't have a fast rule on that. It's really up to each applicant how they want to do that. But I would think that a peer reviewer looking at what is submitted in terms of that requirement would at least have the agency head or whoever is--has the signing authority for anything that contributes that agency's assets including individual staff. So I would think that that would suffice. If you are able to get individual signatures, too, like, if you have name--the name of the person who would be participating and their signature, as well as the authorizing signature of the entity committing that resource or that time of their agency to the team that that would be--that would be sufficient for a peer reviewer to see that you have the MOU that has thought through who should be on the team and their investment in that effort. Thank you for that question. Daryl, next question?

DARYL FOX: Yeah. "Due to several of these going to be awarded, clearly it'll be highly competitive. Is there any advice or anything you could speak to on how/what will differentiate proposals, what key things may you be looking for regarding this to be a little more point taken on it?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Well, thank you. So it's a--this is a competitive solicitation. So everybody's going to want to know what OVC is looking for. So what OVC is looking for is what's in the solicitation. So pay particular attention to what OVC's goals and project deliverables include, so that you are aware of what we're looking to fund. This is not a challenge grant or an open field-generated grant solicitation. This is somewhat prescribed. And as I mentioned, we've already funded 13 other MDTs. So you can take a look on our website at which ones we did fund. But really, the priority is addressed and I believe it was mentioned back in the slide deck about poverty communities. So if you have--if you happen to be in that, sort of, a poverty zone or poverty area as defined--census-defined zone, that would be something that you would want to make sure that you mentioned. Oh, thank you for going to that slide, yes. The Policy Priority Areas. So applicants that will advance the promotion of civil rights, access to justice, support to crime victims, protecting the

public from crime and evolving threats, or building the trust between law enforcement and community; and applications that demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from their requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties. Thank you for that question. Daryl, next question?

DARYL FOX: “Are partnerships mandatory under the grant?”

LAURA IVKOVICH: MOUs are required under the grant solicitation. To have a MOU signals your intent to have a functioning multidisciplinary team, emphasis on team. So partnerships are part of the team, you really do want to work as a group. The grant funding certainly is intended to help fund somebody, a person who can help be the program coordinator to bring that partnership to fruition for a new--for a new team or to enhance a current team’s effort, for, instance to expand your reach or to expand your knowledgebase on your team. Things like that. But certainly team equals partnership and partners and that would be very important to include, especially since the solicitation requires [an] MOU. Next question?

DARYL FOX: “Due to it being a 3-year grant, we need to complete separate budgets that would cover a total of 3 years?”

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for the budget question. So the way the budget forms are formatted, fillable forms, they show multiple years. So it’s one budget form, but it shows year one, year two, year three, and a summary total page. So it will be just one budget narrative and budget detail worksheet that will be required to show those 3 years. But they would be broken down by year one: personnel fringe, you know, contracts, awards, equipment, travel, those kinds of things. Year two, same thing. Year three, and then the total. So it has to be no more than \$375,000 for the total of all 3 years. But it can be broken up, it doesn’t have to be in thirds, it can be broken up, depending upon your project design and your time-task line of how you intend to approach your multidisciplinary team, your elder multidisciplinary team. You might put more emphasis in year two or year three. Or maybe if you’re a new one starting up, but your emphasis is pretty big at year one. But certainly it’ll be separated by 3 years, but it’s all one grant and all one budget and budget detail worksheet. Thanks for that question. Next question, Daryl?

DARYL FOX: Yeah, just a couple on eligibility and scope. “Can the grant be used to fund capacity building or piloting an MDT?”

LAURA IVKOVICH: Yes, thank you for the question. That’s the intent. We want to build the capacity of teams. We want to make sure that multidisciplinary teams increase their capacity to reach specifically, this solicitation includes adding more with regard to financial exploitation than has typically been emphasized in the past. So that might mean that you need to add folks to your team that can address that unique victimization type. Often abuse is not a one-off event. Often there are many co-occurring or polyvictimization events that occur over the lifespan. And you might need team members who can bring that expertise depending upon how they present with the--with the case for review. But we want to make sure and OVC is funding this so that we can make sure that there’s an investment in addressing this gap, which is financial exploitation and to make sure teams are doing a good job of building the capacity to identify and look at that through their case

review process. Thanks for that question. Daryl, next question and I'm not sure how much more time. But we can take a few more, I think.

DARYL FOX: Yes, certainly. "Is the grant aimed at--would it cover forming a group to help adult protective cases that are difficult to staff and get assistance with in particular?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: So, yeah. So the--thanks for the question. The approach you [INDISTINCT] through your MDT for review are certainly dependent upon how you set up and how you implement your program if it's a new program. Who your team members are, certainly APS would be helpful if--as you're looking at this because that's what they looking at as well. So, yeah, certainly that would be--that would be a welcome approach and inclusion as are others. But certainly APS is a very helpful member to most any team that is addressing the needs of older adults as victims of abuse and financial exploitation. Thanks for that question. Daryl, next.

DARYL FOX: "To satisfy the neurological requirement, can the grant be used to cover expert witness fees incurred by a prosecution office?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for the question. That's not really the intent of the grant to have the funds used for expert witness fees, that's a prosecutorial expense. That's what that is typically used for is for expert testimony for cases. This is case review and to have that capability built and that expertise built, so that your team is understanding and better aware and able to evaluate and review the cases from the lens that is needed to address those unique needs. And so the funding would be really for the time spent of those experts to help your team. Prosecution, their focus is [INDISTINCT] to bring the case to prosecution and for expert witnesses that's done through the prosecution in their own separate funding stream. Thank you for that question. Next question? And I think we have about two more minutes, maybe.

DARYL FOX: Yeah, just two more in the list so far. "So is there a training component for new MDTs?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: So, yeah, actually thank you for that question. I mentioned early on in the slide deck that we in 2019, the Office for Victims of Crime did a competitive solicitation and we were able to fund a National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Elder MDTs. And that is--that was on--that was on like 15 maybe, 14. Yes, yeah, on slide 14, we mentioned, that the National Elder Abuse MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center is available to the 13 grantees that have already received funding and they would also be available for the 10 new grantees that are intended to be funded. So the partnership that is being used for this National Training and Technical Assistance Center is run through the Cornell College of Medicine and the New York City Elder Abuse Center, along with their partners, LifeSpan of Greater Rochester; Red Wind Consulting; USC-Davis School of Gerontology and National Center on Elder Abuse at Keck School of Medicine at USC; and the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life. So they have a really robust, a really expert team amassed to address the needs of MDTs in their training and technical assistance moving forward, if funded. Thank you for that question. And I guess the last few minutes--actually last minute remaining. Maybe, Daryl, we have one more question we can address?

DARYL FOX: Yeah, certainly, one came in. “Can the funds pilot an MDT for investigative purposes?”

LAURA IVKOVICH: And the MDT fund use--be used for investigative purposes? Well, Suzie, thanks for that question. Suzie, E-MDT is coming together for a case to discuss the case. So in a way there is an investigative component of that, in that the team members are speaking in expert ways, but with confidentiality and other concerns needing to be addressed, which can be done through policies and MOUs. There is an element of the need of the victim from a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach that you center around the needs of the victim. So the central theme is not the investigation of the case, it is the need of the victim. So from that lens, I would say there is a tangential improvement in the way investigation might occur when you have team members who are discussing better ways to reach and address the needs older victims of financial exploitation. But that is not the focus. So it's really about the--bringing the team together or enhancing a team, reviewing the cases and the needs of the victim through that trauma-informed, victim-centered lens.

So I think that probably, might answer all the questions. But, Daryl, I know you have more information if people have additional questions who they can contact between now and the deadline for the solicitation.

DARYL FOX: Yeah, most certainly. So just referencing this slide again, very important three steps, three different entities. If you do have questions submitting the SF-424 or LLL, Grants.gov. JustGrants, obviously, is going to be for the full application. So, getting that submitted and getting credentials and such, you definitely want to access that website, reach out to them. Then for anything technical assistance-related with the programmatic requirements, you can contact the OJP Response Center, listed here, via phone or email.

Just a reminder again, this PowerPoint, recording, and transcript will be posted to the OVC website within the solicitation. So, definitely check out for that in the next week or so, and we'll get that posted for your reference. So, Laura, unless there's anything else?

LAURA IVKOVICH: I just want to thank you, Daryl and Tammy, for organizing and hosting the webinar and thank you to all the folks who tuned in. I know we had a large group. A hundred, I think 102 or so, were on the webinar that I thought I saw. So I know we have a lot of interest, obviously, and there's a lot of need, of course, out there. So we are hopeful that folks will be working now and in advance--way in advance of the deadline, so that we have full application that we can review through peer reviewers. And get these 10 new or enhanced MDTs funded, so that we can work with you in the future. And we so look forward to that being the case. And thank you so much for your interest and your time on the webinar today and listening in. And again, have a great day. Happy Monday. And any other questions, again, you can come to the phone numbers that are listed on the site right now. And with that, I'll turn it back to Daryl to say goodbye.

DARYL FOX: Yeah.

LAURA IVKOVICH: Take care.

DARYL FOX: So on behalf of the--on behalf of the Office for Victims of Crime and our panelist today, thanks, Laura. Thank you for joining today's webinar. This will end today's presentation.