

DARYL FOX: Good afternoon, everyone. And welcome to today's webinar, "FY 2023 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grants," hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime.

At this time, it's my pleasure to introduce Joel Hall, Deputy Division Director within the State Victim Resource Division of OVC to begin the presentation. Joel?

JOEL HALL: Hello. Good morning or afternoon, everybody, depending on your time zone. Welcome to our annual pre-webinar for the victim assistance programs. The past 2 years, I've done it combined; but this year, we decided to split it up. So, this one is specifically designed for victim assistance administrators. So welcome all SAAs and victim assistance administrators.

I'm going to take this time to also promote our National Training Conference, which will be held in August of this year. You probably have received an email or registration page already. We look forward to seeing you for the first time in many years. And I know I look forward to connect--reconnecting with many of you who I have seen at either summits or small things like that. Just if you can, please try to attend. It'll be in Chicago and it'll be a great time. It's the midweek--I think it's 13th, 14th, and 15th, I think. But don't quote me on that. All right. Daryl, next slide.

All right. This is our web outline. We're going to go over a few things. Some of it is kind of basic OVC stuff. We're going to go over the OVC Overview and Mission, the solicitation overview, funding opportunity focus, eligibility, required documents. We'll then go over application process and tools. And please save your questions and answers for the end. We will answer them as best we can. And if we can't give you an answer today, we will follow up with you afterwards. Next slide.

The overview of OVC. Our mission: OVC is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims. OVC funding supports victims in tribal communities; state victim compensation and assistance programs; training and technical assistance and information services; victims of international terrorism and mass violence; federal agencies' provision of victim services; survivors of human trafficking; and demonstration and service projects. Also, we are a national policy leader in many different aspects throughout the country. We try our best to be ahead of the curve and work with you on finding new ways to help victims every year. Next slide.

Anticipated OVC funding. So this year, the budget, which as you can see, is not just for the State Adminstrating Agencies and Compensation programs, but it supports many of our different programs, is \$1.8 billion. That's actually an increase from the FY '22, when it was \$1.6. So it is an increase. I know people worry about the CVF funding, but actually for this year we have a little bit more money this year. So that's a good--that's a good thing. And hopefully, 2024 will also be a good year so we can continue our level of funding and help victims as we always have in the best ways that we can. Next slide.

All right. This OVC funding opportunity. We're going to go over eligibility, documents to apply, and application review process. Next slide.

So, eligibility. Now, we may have a lot of different people on this webinar, because it is open to the public. The eligibility is specifically designed for State Administrating Agencies. Those who are SAAs and have had of this formula grant before, of course you're welcome, you are eligible. For those who may be attending who are not State Administrating Agencies that have been designated by their governor to administer VOCA funding, you are not eligible. You can receive VOCA funding by applying to your state agencies for direct VOCA assistance. But this is only particularly designed for one grantee designated by the governor--state government either through a state and/or a territory of United States. So if that's not you, you don't need to continue on with this webinar. But if you of course are an SAA and you have received this formula solicitation for many years in the past, then welcome and we'll continue. Next slide.

Victim assistance. The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. This program furthers the Department's mission to providing grants to support the provision of services to victims of crime throughout the Nation. Next slide.

This is, again, just the eligibility thing in terms of talking about the state's eligibility requirements in terms of state and territories. So again, it's under 34 U.S.C., so just as I said before, it's only for the SAAs who have had this program in the past and/or have worked with us in terms of they're a new agency--there's been a change in administration for a new agency. I think there's only one. Next slide.

The vast majority of victim assistance funding goes to local direct service programs including child advocacy centers, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, human trafficking and elder abuse programs, civil legal services, crime victims' rights re-enforcement, and victim assistance positions in prosecutors' offices and law enforcement departments. Basically, we allow you as the SAAs to be as creative as you can in following the final rule and we look for creative ideas. This is just a general overview of the things that we've done in the past, and we're always looking for new opportunities for you to assist crime victims in any shape or form that you can. That is, of course, follows the final rule, the victim assistance final rule, and the eligibility requirements, or what allowable services are. Next slide.

The goal of the Victims Assistance funding is to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the assistance, support, and services necessary to aid their restoration after a violent criminal act, and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice process. Next slide.

So, there are 56 awards that we give out to the SAAs, that includes the 50 states and 6 territories. What's actually eligible, I mentioned, it's \$1.6 billion--or \$1.8 billion in FY '23. That's not include--of course includes tribal and many of our discretionary grant

programs. So what's available for the formula solicitation, both Victim Assistance and Victim Comp is \$1.3 billion. And this performance period starts on 10/1/2022. This always confuses people, so I will go over this again. Because this is a formula fund based upon the fiscal year, we have to actually start when the fiscal year actually started. So technically, we've already started. And so 10/1/2022 is when it actually started for this fiscal year. So for newer people, just a reminder, you may have to turn your progress report and--or financial reports ahead of time. But that's just to let people know, it's a common confusion. So it actually started actually in 10/1. And it's for 48 months. However, as you know, because of the VOCA Fix Act, we do have no-cost extensions. We would, of course, prefer that you are able to complete it in a timely manner in the 48 months. But there's always that provision to ask for no-cost extensions of 12 months if you need that. So, next slide.

Awards will be made as grants. This is, again, a formula/block grant program, and so we do grants. They will not be cooperative agreements or any other type of mechanism. It is a grant. Next slide.

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All right. So nothing--before I get started with a lot of the processes in JustGrants and Grants.gov, just a reminder, nothing has changed in the past 2 years. As we know 2 years ago, we went to a new system, there was a lot of changes, things happening. Nothing has changed in the past 2 years. There's one thing I'll talk about in regards to something related to the Program Narrative but in terms of pretty much everything I've said, it's going to be exactly the same as it's been for the past 2 years.

And one of those things is that the Grants.gov deadline is the week before the JustGrants deadline. Why do we do that? We do that so it gives us the chance to make sure that everybody who's applying for the grant, all the 56 different potential grantees, have registered in Grants.gov. So if we see somebody's been missed, we can go back, help them apply, reopen it for a second. So that's why we give that gap, just to make sure that everybody has registered in Grants.gov first before they then apply.

Of course, you can apply at any time. The second it opened up, three weeks ago or however--a month ago when it was. You--I know some states have already started applying, have put all their information in, so. You can apply whenever, and we strongly encourage you, as we've always with all OVC grants, discretionary or formula, to apply as early as possible. So that if you have any kind of difficulties. Grants.gov was experiencing, a few--about a month ago, some difficulties with some technical difficulties, but that's been resolved now. So I always suggest that people apply as early as you can. Or at least go through Grants.gov as early as you can because they've been having some issues over the past years because they have a new system themselves. So please try to register ahead of time. It'll make life easier for you and can help us, your grant managers problem solve with you if there's an issue. Maybe your computer--you have a new computer system, it's not talking correctly to the system, so.

Anything to help problem solve and provide technical assistance ahead of time would be great.

We expect to make the awards no later by September 30, 2023. As you know, it closes June 6th, so they may come earlier this year, but it really depends on the Department and when they're ready to release. They, of course, will release them before September 30th. But I can't give you a guarantee of what time those will be released to you for you to accept, but hopefully, it'll be early this year. Because we are pretty early this year compared to the past few years. So I'm really looking forward to hopefully giving these grants out to you as soon as possible, so then you can work on your programming. Next slide.

Victim assistance applications must include. These elements must be included in the victim assistance application. Your OJP Financial Management and Grants Administration Training Certification. This is a common thing that we have been asking for a few years. And if people ask why we have to do it, you can blame me. This is my contribution to this. This way, we can make sure that, like, when we're doing site visits, that your certificates are updated and that they are accurate and current. So make sure that when you are applying to this grant, that your certification is current. You have 3 years or it must be within 3 years. So just double check, if you notice that you last did it in 2017, you may need to do that training before you submit your--submit your application.

A Statement Regarding Use of Administrative and Training Funds. This is something that's been in our processes for--you know, I've been here for 15 years, so it's been as long as I--I think I filled it out when I was a VOCA administrator. So basically, you're going to give a simple statement stating that if you plan to use the 5 percent admin cost and/or training funds, make a statement saying that "you're going to use it." Or if you're not, also make a statement that says, "We plan not to use it." And a lot of victim comp programs don't use the admin funds, but most victim assistance do. So please put a statement. You don't have to be highly detailed in there unless you want to be. I allow people to do as much as they want to, but sometimes it's better just to keep it simple and just put a statement if you plan to use that.

Civil Rights Compliance Reporting. You need to put that in there, who that person will be for victim assistance, there's details in the solicitation.

Monitoring of Subawards, what's your plan or how you monitor subawards in the previous year, and what your plan is for next year.

And Statement Regarding Plan to Subgrant Funds. So that--there's a detailed description on that in the solicitation. So you need to put as much information as you can in that last one. It's the same as it's been for the past 3 years. So just put down in terms of what you're planning, maybe there's new ideas that you're planning on doing, or maybe you're going to do the same things you did before. Just be as expressive and detailed as you can, because it helps us. We sometimes go back to this. It help us see

what you're doing, if we have questions. And it gives us a general overall of what the states are doing so that we can share that information with OVC management or OJP management or just policy in general. Next slide.

Again, I talked about this, the Statement Regarding Plan to Subgrant Funds. It's very detailed, so please look at the solicitation. You know, we're very interested in hearing about equity and diversity and how you plan to outreach to those individuals and, you know, reach communities of color and trying to be creative to reach underserved populations and things of that nature. Because it's very important to us that we reach out to as many people as possible because victim services are for everybody. So as creative as you can and as open as you can that would be great. Next slide.

Additional documents to apply. Let's see. My eyesight. So there are different attachments that we could probably go over. There's the DOJ checklist, there's application attachments, different things of that nature. We'll go over that in a second that you'll need to attach. Make sure--The best practice when you're attaching the different documents is probably to put them in PDF. Sometimes people will put them in Word and that's okay. Word is pretty acceptable too but they might use JPEGs or things and it doesn't always work. So I always try to recommend too, when people ask me--grantees--what's the best format, PDF is always acceptable. And we can always open it and it seems to work the best, so. Next slide.

All right. So this is one that's getting a lot of questions about. Proposal Narrative Format. So this is the kind of the new requirement but it's really not that new. It was actually in the last year's application. It was--so it's a part of JustGrants that I can't suppress. Many questions such as budgets or things or abstracts, I can hit suppress because those are not relevant to formula awards. But this is one that I cannot suppress. And last year, it was kind of in there. Some people filled it out, some people didn't. This year, I decided to avoid confusion and then, you can fill this out. Now, this is not--this is not graded in any way. We don't--We're not looking this or using this to compare anything. It's basically all I really--as the grantee mentioned to me the other day, what they're going to do to resolve this is they're just going to look at their state report that they give to their legislatures and copy the basic thing related to what their program is about. You know, example would be, "our program was created in 1976 to help victims of crime," you know, "overcome victim compensation issues or things of that nature and," you know, "we're part of the Department of Public Safety."

It can be as simple as a large paragraph or 1 page. It says 10 pages, but we're not requiring you to do 10 pages. You are more than free to do 10 pages, but all we want is that section that may be in your website. You might have it in your website. You may have it on a state report. You may have it somewhere that basically gives a general description of your program. You know, it could be under the Department of Public Safety, your attorney general's office and you've been doing this for a while and you have different--it's just basically a general statement about your program. I really strongly recommend that you keep it 1 page or less. And just find it. You probably have it already somewhere, so it's really not too concerning. Every grant through all of OJP

has this section, so just copy and paste it. That's all you need to do. Some grants that are discretionary or much larger ones require a lot more for this narrative. You do not. All you need to do is just describe your program. It's all we need. I'm sure I'll get questions about this at the end. But we'll save that for then. But simple, just keep it as simple, a simple description of your program. Next slide.

Your application should include any of the following, your SF-424 even though that's mostly you're filling that out ahead of time in Grants.gov; your standard application information in Grants.gov. Indirect cost agreement, if you have one. Many SAAs do not have one that they use, but some do. So you might want to put your indirect cost agreement as an attachment. Now you have to use your 5 percent, so you don't actually have to use your indirect cost agreement. But if you do have one that you use, please submit it. But if you don't, then you can leave that blank. Financial Management and System of Internal Controls, FCQ we call it. So again, that's been filled out for many years so you can fill that out and attach it. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, SF-LLL form, that's standard. Make sure in those two boxes, I don't know if we have a copy when we're going over that, but put N/A in those boxes. I think it's like if, you know, the names of the lobbyists or whatever since you probably wouldn't have lobbyists, just put N/A and then fill out those boxes and it should be okay. Sign the bottom. Always remember to sign the bottom of the SF-LLL form. A lot of people forget that.

Application--Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items, if there are duplication of cost items related to a different award that you may have, please put that or attach that as well. It's very rare that you would have to because it's a formula award. And then there's sections that you don't actually attach necessarily. You actually certify and that's the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances, DOJ Certified--Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, and Suspension. Those are actually checkboxes that are in the application, so you don't actually have to attach anything. And then, disclose if you are a DOJ High-Risk grantee. So if you are already a high risk grantee with us, you'll need to write a form that says, "yes, we are high risk." Or if you are not, then you would write on the form saying, "no, we are not a high risk grantee." Next slide.

Application Process. Next slide.

Oh, so first step, again, what I mentioned before, it's a two-part step in the application. First is Grants.gov. You will be filling out the SF-424 and the SF-LLL. Just for--SF standards for Standard Form. It's the government lingo for Standard Form, 424 and LLL. So you fill out those lobbying forms and the information on those. And then, that will let you then be able to proceed to the JustGrants portion. Fill that out. You can't fill out the JustGrants portion unless you go to Grants.gov first. That's why the deadline is before JustGrants, so that's the two-part steps. Ignore that it's okay to enter preliminary budget or program data in Grants.gov. There's no--there's no budget data for that. It just happened to be--this is the slide that we're using on the new levels. But you can put your award amount. Remember those allocations we sent out? Those allocations are on our website. So you probably already received those because we've sent them out in different--in different forms. But they are on our website on the Administrator's page

and/or the Formula Funding page, either one you will find the current FY '23 formula allocation charts. All right. Next slide.

Again, we'll go over the dates for Grants.gov, May 30th, 11:59 PM Eastern Time. So please fill out--fill those out before that time. Part 2 is Grants.gov [JustGrants]. It needs to be completed by June the 6th at 8:59 PM. Why isn't it 11:59? Because the helpdesk closes at 9:00. So that is the only reason it doesn't say 11:59 anymore. Next slide.

What to expect after submitting an application. The entity will be notified that they have received an award when the application for the solicitation has been reviewed before September 30th. You will receive that not necessarily through OVC but it will be a general email that will go to you directly from JustGrants when that award has been made. Again, being a formula grant, you're guaranteed this as a by--in--by Congress, so you will be receiving it. Just it depends on when they will receive a final approval. The Office of Justice Programs has to work with the Department of Justice in terms of timing for the award dates. So whenever they work that out, that's when you will receive it. The system will notify the Entity Administrator and Authorized Rep when the deadline for the applications have changed; the Application Submitter, Entity Administrator, and Authorized Rep when the application is received; and to the Entity Administrator when the application notification is sent. Now, a reminder that in Diamond and JustGrants, you have to make sure that your names of the people who you want to be working with this grant are updated during the submission process. So it's very important that, you know, throughout the year, people come and go. Names change. Your Entity Administrator is the person who can make those changes and add you as the Application Submitter or the Authorized Representative or Grants Administrator, so make sure you work with your Entity Administrator if there has been changes. If there has not been, then it'll go to the same people. But if there's been changes, please do that during the submission or prior to the submission process, whatever works best for you. I think this thing--section over here says the entity should check the system regularly so that any upcoming deadlines for submitting applications and documentations are addressed in a timely manner. All right. Next slide.

Resources. All right. Well, this is where I leave you and Daryl will go over the many different resources. I want to thank you again for taking your time and attending this webinar. Just for people who are not aware, the webinar will be posted to our website within 5 to 7 days, give or take. It takes long to make sure it's 508 compliant. But we will be uploading this webinar if you want to review it again or if there's other people in your offices that were unable to attend, you can share this with them, who they actually will be filling out the application. So it will be uploaded to our website. And that's all I have and thank you very much.

DARYL FOX: Thanks so much, Joel. If you do have a question about the content of you know the presentation today, you can enter that in the Q&A box, bottom far right, three dots, enter that, send to all panelists. We'll get to that in the Q&A portion after this resources section. So as Joel mentioned, I'm just going to highlight some of the different

resources you can access in your preparation for your application, so just for general reference as well. The links will be posted in the chat...

...as we go along here. So, the first one is the [OVC website](#) obviously. Most of you have probably accessed this at some point. But it's a repository of a host of different resources, news, events, multimedia. Joel mentioned these funding webinars will be posted to that section. Some information on funding, programs, and everything is topic-driven as well. So if you're looking for resources to assist victims in your states, you can find a host of resources at this OVC main website.

The next resource is going to be the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). So this is a good starting point for applicants. This guide serves as the primary reference manual to assist OJP, OVW, and COPS Office award recipients in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility and to safeguard grant funds and ensure funds are used for the purposes which they were awarded. The links has been dropped in the chat. You can access that there. It compiles a variety of laws, rules, regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of your award, of particular interest to this webinar and this solicitation. So once again, this should be the starting point for all recipients and subrecipients of DOJ grants. And listed here are the top 10 topics in the guide, which you can access from the link. Goes into a host of different topics related to that.

The next is the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#). And it provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for funding. So this would be a good resource to access now as you begin to prepare all your materials for submission. It addresses policies, statutes, regulations that apply to many or in some cases all OJP program applicants to grants and cooperative agreements in fiscal year '23 for this grant. And if, you know, some solicitations may expressly modify provision in this guide. And in those cases, it'll be addressed in the solicitation itself. So as Joel mentioned earlier, do consult the solicitation for more details on the requirements for this grant.

Moving on to system tools. [SAM.gov](#). Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management or SAM. You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. So you want to--need to go in here first and ensure that your registration is renewed. If you do not renew it, it will expire; and then there may be an issue with other parts of the application process. So we don't want any delays, so be sure to make this your first step. Especially because registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete. So starting early is key and, you know, this solicitation has been out for several weeks now. So if you haven't done this already, be sure to get on to that as soon as possible.

The next on the system tools is, once you're set up in SAM.gov, [Grants.gov](#), this is going to be your first stop in starting the application. So, under the Applicants tab, you're going to find training information on applying, about the system, funding opportunity process, and such. So, this is where Joel mentioned, you will submit your SF-LLL, your Lobbying Disclosure and your 424, all those two forms. And that really completes the

process within Grants.gov. And it's also mentioned previously and we'll probably get to it again, is the deadline is usually a week before the full application is due. So, if you miss the Grants.gov deadline, you cannot proceed to the JustGrants deadline. So, we'll go ahead and put that back up once we get to the Q&A on these deadlines. And once everything with these systems, get it in early, as early as possible. Seventy-two hours or prior to the deadline is recommended, because if there is a technical issue, you'll be able to document that. That's something to document for reference. And once you're submitted in here, you'll receive an email confirming you've successfully submitted. So, definitely, the--one of the main first things in applying.

The next system then--you'll--after the Grants.gov is the [JustGrants](#) system. It's intended to be an end-to-end grants management system that applicants and grantees can access and use throughout the grant cycle, from application to award closeout essentially. This website is really robust and offers a variety of training resources. You can explore them top--by topic. You can find Job Aid Reference Guides, step-by-step instructions and screenshots. So, if you're in a particular section of the application, there's a lot of 10, 20-second snippet video--training videos, micro-learning videos here in the middle of the screen that you can access to help you get through that section. So, these aren't, you know, long as much as hour webinars on the whole process, but you could really drill down to particular facets in the system to assist you. And then there's Job Aid Reference Guides here on the right-hand side as well that you can access.

Another component of the JustGrants is they do offer [office hours](#), which is an open forum for potential applications to access and ask questions. They are held from 2:30 to 4:00 PM every Wednesday, at least this particular one. This is the Application Mechanics job office hours--JustGrants office hours for application training and such. So, here are the May events. The first one for May is tomorrow, May 3rd. And what you'd be able to do is, you know, access these for any questions. The link here for updates is posted in the chat too where you can link directly with them.

Then, there's general [OJP resources](#). The OJP Response Center offers justice and drug-related information to support research, policy, and program development. So, this is kind of a good one-stop shop for all resources within OJP or all the program offices. You can access resources from the link here. You can also subscribe and find funding opportunities, publications. There's a grants and funding listserv that you can sign up for as well to get updated on what's coming up and what's new.

So, to assist potential applicants in developing strong proposals, OVC, last year, hosted educational [webinars](#) for interested stakeholders to learn about the program objectives and the submission requirements. Each webinar had a Q&A session like what we would do today before the conclusion. So, what you can do is the link will be in here. You can go back and check those out. They're more on the mechanics of applying. So, part one, Getting Ready to Apply, what you need to get together. Part two, Considerations When Building the Budget. Part three, Preparing Your Proposal, What to Expect Next. So, those are more general how to video--webinars for submitting your items.

As mentioned, you can find [current funding opportunities](#) from the OVC website and the [News From OVC](#) list web--listserv newsletter to stay up-to-date. Most of you may already be subscribed to that. But if you need to or want to, you can do that from the link put in the chat.

And then for any other additional funding opportunities within the Department of Justice, the [DOJ Program Plan](#) is going to be one of your main references.

So, kind of rounding things out, you know, through the different systems, the how-tos, this is just a list of important contact information for any parts in the system. So, SAM.gov, the link for the Federal Service Desk has been put in the chat, if you do have any questions about that pre-process.

Grants.gov, if you have questions about submitting that SF-424 or LLL and be able to contact Grants.gov and support@grants.gov or the phone number we listed here, 800-518-4726.

Moving along the process, the next step would be JustGrants. So, they have their own particular system, their own hotline and support email, JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833-872-5175. And once again, that website that was listed earlier does have robust information and training resources, office hours and such as you begin to prepare for your applications.

Lastly, the OJP Response Center. So, any questions programmatically related to the solicitation itself is going to be directed to OJP Response Center, any technical issues that prevented submission and things. So, this is going to be your main resource if you do have questions once we conclude today's webinar, 800-851-3420 or at their email, grants@ncjrs.gov. And they work alongside OVC staff in creating and crafting responses for--that come in. So we'll put--during the Q&A, we'll put this slide back up if you need to reference this. It's also in the chat for your reference.

And lastly, just linking up with OVC once we conclude today. The [Facebook](#) page, [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#) are consistently updated with content and things and whereabouts where the director, Kristina Rose, will be as far as attending events and things, different OVC staff workshops throughout all the victim assistance related events throughout the year. So, it's a good way to keep up-to-date on what OVC has been up to.

And that brings us to the Q&A portion of today's presentation. Once--you know, as mentioned earlier, you can type in your question in the Q&A box, Joel will be able to go through those with the remaining time we have today.

JOEL HALL: All right. This is where I come back. So actually, as Daryl was going through it brings me up to three things--reminded me of three things. I said there was a two-step process. It's actually in kind of in ways a three-step process. So, before you can apply in Grants.gov, you need to make sure that your SAM.gov registration is

active. So, I know many of you already have SAM.gov registrations, which is fine. But sometimes, say it might expire right before you're getting ready to apply. So, it's very important that you go to SAM.gov and make sure your registration is up-to-date and active. Many of you are large state agencies and it's usually somebody you might not even know who makes sure that all of their agencies are registered to SAM.gov. So, it's always good to double check that.

Another thing I know, it says News From OVC. Many of you there, we are always getting new administrators, welcome, of course. And you will always want us to make sure that we put you on our listservs or names so that we send it to the correct people. The News From OVC is something different. That's general information of many different things that we're doing. So, if you are a new administrator and have never done that before, go to News From OVC link and put your name in there. And you'll get things from not just OVC, but also from OJP. So, it's very important, if you're a new administrator to go to that, so you can hear general stuff. Things from our division we will send you directly, because we keep that list. But just general information from OVC, so, it's good to register for that.

And technical assistance from Resource Division is--I know it can be tempting sometimes to reach out to your grant manager for questions just like technical assistance. But it's important to go through that grants email, especially related to technical assistance. The grant manager can't help you if you're having problems with Grants.gov or JustGrants or anything of that nature. So, it's good to make sure if we have to reopen something that you go through that first. And then, of course, the grant managers will work with you to resolve any issues when they arise. But that way, we can keep an open thing if there's a technical appeal or technical issues and we have to reopen the awards, it's important to go through that.

All right. I see one question from Nikki. Hello, Nikki. And her question is, "do we have to attach the SF-424 and SF-LLL in JustGrants?"

No, you do not reattach that. It should automatically upload that information from Grants.gov into JustGrants.

Oh, this is--this is smart here. Actually, I'm going to go back to SAM.gov. If you are having a name change--so this has to do with more of a California issue, the compensation. But sometimes over the course of the year, your organization's name may change. You may--You may not actually be a new organization. You may just add or change your name. And sometimes I will get complaints that the grant is not reflecting the changes in your agency name. Well, actually, I can't go back and change that. That actually starts with SAM.gov. So, you need to make sure that if you have an agency name change, maybe you added, you know, crime victim service--you know, crime victims and community services you added and community services in that year. You need to actually change that in SAM.gov because that's where those name--the names start from. So, it goes through there.

In terms of “naming conventions,” I think you're probably referring to the different attachments. And in the past, we've always had like this certain kind of name convention. My recommendation is to always use the title, like, plan to subgrant funds. That should be your name convention for your attachment. So, use those attachments and certifications as your--as your title in your documentation. So, you don't have to put like file one, file two, file three. In the past, we've done that. The system is much more intuitive, so we can see what it is. But I would just say take the title of that attachment. Again, plan to subgrant funds or monitoring plan and use that in your attachment. And that will help us. But usually, it's a lot easier to see through and see those now. So, there's no specific naming convention, just best practice.

That is correct. Nonprofit organizations are not eligible unless they have been designed [designated] by the governor that they're a State Administrating Agency. I think we have one nonprofit agency that is an SAA. However, that person--that state has particularly given those responsibility to that agency. So no, nonprofits--this is not open to the general public. This is open up to formula recipients that have been designated by the governor to receive VOCA formula dollars.

Daryl, is there anything in the chat? I can't really see the chat. I'm looking at the Q&A. It won't let me open up both. Is there anything in the chat with questions that you see?

DARYL FOX: No, nothing at this time.

JOEL HALL: We'll keep this open for a few more minutes if we get any questions. Again, we are very excited that we're able to get this so early. This may not be our earliest but it might be the second earliest we've ever done this. So, we're very excited to be able to get this out of the way, because I know we have a lot of conferences and everybody has a lot going on in the summer. So...

Well, I think that's it. Unless I see something coming in the last second, I just want to thank everybody for attending the VOCA Formula Victim Assistance webinar. We look forward to receiving your applications. And as I've said once and Daryl said many times, apply early. We greatly appreciate it. That way, we can problem solve with you ahead of time, instead of 12 hours before it closes. It makes everybody's life a little easier. All right, Daryl. Close us out.

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