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MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to today's webinar, "OVC Fiscal Year 2020 Targeted Training and Technical Assistance for VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation Administrators," hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime. At this time, I would like to introduce you to today's presenters: Kathrina Peterson, Deputy Director with Office for Victims of Crime, and Jalila Sebbata, Grants Management Specialist with the Office for Victims of Crime.

KATHRINA PETERSON: Right. Good afternoon, everybody. This is Kate, and I will be taking on the first chunk of this and then turning it over to Jalila to really bring everything else home. There are a couple things I wanted to say before I get into it and go over the agenda and really get into the meat of it, which first of all which is I thank you all so much for joining. We were looking through some of the participant list before we started, and I know many of you. So it's really nice to see so many familiar names. I really wish I could see your faces, especially during the time when it's kind of lonely working from home. But I am--but we are all really excited that so many people joined and are interested in this solicitation. We at OVC are very excited about the solicitation because we had heard so much comments from the field and need from the field, and that's what we were really trying to respond to. So, with that, I will get into it. And earlier when we were doing our practice-through, my cat sat on the phone and it hung up and disconnected. So hopefully, I will not have any of those issues and we will just be able to get through this. And then, I'll turn it over to Jalila to wrap it up. And I am going to have to get off at 3:55, because I have another meeting at 4:00 that I need to Zoom into Webex into, so if I get off early, when I get off early, that's why. But Jalila will be able to answer any questions. And then, any questions that we are not able to answer, we will take back to OVC or to NCJRS for further help.

So with that, let's get into the agenda. I will talk really quickly about the OVC mission. I know so many of you on this call. So you all have ready--all--blah!--are already quite familiar with our mission and what we are doing. The Solicitation Purpose, we are going to go through the Eligibility, the Goals and Objectives, the Award Information, the Critical Application Elements, and then How to Apply, and then take some time for Questions and Answers.

So let's get into the OVC Mission Statement. Our mission statement is that OVC is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing policies and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

You can find the solicitation in several different places. My favorite place, of course, is on the [OVC website](#). You can also look at the [OJP website](#) and the [Grants.gov website](#). I'm not going to read out all the language behind each link because it is both on--it's on your PowerPoint right now. So you can just find it there. And if you all have the solicitation with you, it would be great to pull that out or pull it up on another computer, because we are going to be going through parts

of it page by page. So it's just nice to be able to look at it and see what we're referencing as we go through it.

So let's get into the meat of the solicitation starting on page 4, the Overview. Like I said at the beginning, really, the purpose of the solicitation, the Overview of the solicitation is that the selected TA provider is going to be providing training and technical assistance [TTA] for VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation Administrators, specifically providing peer-to-peer training on federal grants management and administration for VOCA Victim Assistance grantees and subgrantees. And this is the part that I said at the beginning. It really was, this whole solicitation developed, because we were hearing so much feedback from the administrators in particular, and subrecipients too, really asking for specialized, targeted, peer-to-peer training on the important issues that were impacting their administration and management of their programs.

So let's go to the next one. Eligibility. Nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofits) are eligible to apply. And that's it. All recipients and subrecipients must forgo any profit or management fee.

The submission deadline is June 1, 2020. We have been working--This solicitation has been a blossoming flower for a long time. It has been in the works for a while. It took a little while to actually get it released. So the--But the date--the submission date is June 1, 2020. And we really, really, really strongly encourage you to submit it at least 72 hours prior to the application due date. And that is because, you know, you just never know what can happen at the last minute. So we really stress to you all to really try to get it in so you have some wiggle room in case you experience any challenges submitting it.

So the goal, again, is to provide peer-to-peer training and support on federal grants management and administration for VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation Administrators and to VOCA Victim Assistance subgrantees.

So then, the objective of the solicitation and the project is to enhance support to VOCA Victim Assistance Administrators (and their subgrantees) and Compensation Administrators to really more closely align the trainings and assistance services with the needs and demands of the administrators.

So you will see on pages 4 to 5 of the solicitation the deliverables. It looks simple when you look at this one PowerPoint slide. You see there's three, kind of, generable deliverables. So let's go--let's break them down here and then also turn to the solicitation itself. The first solicitation is the peer-to-peer training. Sorry.

The first deliverable is the peer-to-peer training on managing and administering VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation grantees and VOCA Victim Assistance subgrantees. So when you look at the solicitation on page 4, it really goes into a lot of detail about what the actual deliverables are. The subdeliverables--deliverables are under that one big category. And I'm going to read them out, even though they're in the solicitation. So I understand it's a little bit redundant, but I just want to be clear about what we are expecting as the deliverables under this one big, broad category. So it's developing and implementing needs assessments tailored to each

state; engaging stakeholders to strengthen programming, including those who speak for victims; initiating statewide planning; understanding and developing principles of evidence-based practice; and data-driven innovation from a victim-centered lens; assisting with pre- and post-award processes; identifying principles and functions; developing applications for subgrantees; establishing innovative programs; assisting with monitoring and auditing; processing progress reports; developing and reviewing budgets; delivering peer-to-peer assistance with financial management... Whoops! Yeah, my cat just went for my phone. All right, but luckily did not hang up. All right. So, delivering peer-to-peer assistance with financial management and reporting; preparing closeout and corrective action plans; identifying and assigning--sorry. Identifying and assigning staff responsibilities; expanding the subgrantee pool to include subgrantees outside of domestic violence and sexual assault shelters, such as American Indian or Alaskan Native survivors and survivors in rural areas and victims of crime--of violent crime, abuse later in life, and trafficking; and discussing allowable uses of VOCA Victim Assistance funding with guidance and direction from OVC.

OK, so going on to the second deliverable. The second deliverable is build a strong support system, enhanced communication, and learning across all SAAs and OVC, including regular meetings, briefings on promising practices, and cross-collaboration.

And then finally, the third deliverable is a final report that identifies promising practices, model programs, innovative practices, and other lessons learned.

All right, so now we're into the money. So we are expecting to award up to \$5 million to one recipient. And the performance period will start on October 1st, and will be for 3 [36] months. And this will be issued in the form of a cooperative agreement. And what that means is that under a cooperative agreement, OJP will have substantial involvement--OJP and OVC will have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. If you want to understand more about what a cooperative agreement is specifically, you can see the "[Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements](#)" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

So, what the application must include. And this is really important, and I know it's laid out in the solicitation so that we're covering it again here is that--are the following items. So there must be the Program Narrative, which must include a Statement of the Problem; the Project Design and Implementation, and for this solicitation, that's 50 percent of the application score; a section on Capabilities and Competencies, that's 35 percent of the application score; and a Plan for Collecting Performance Measurement Data, that's 5 percent of the application score. All applicants must also submit a [Budget Detail Worksheet](#) and Narrative, which will be 10 percent of the application score, and that must include complete cost-effective, allowable, reasonable, allocable, necessary for the project--all expenses. So again, this is really important, and you can't miss any part of these requirements or your application will not be considered for funding. There's just really no way around it. So please make sure that you have the Project Narrative and the [Budget Detail Worksheet](#) and the Budget Narrative all included. And again, you can see these documents--sorry--the requirements and explanation for them on pages 7 to 10 and on page 11.

So with that, Jalila, I'm going to turn it over to you to really do everything else. [Chuckles]

JALILA SEBBATA: Great. Thank you, Kate. Hi, everyone. This is Jalila Sebbata. I'll be talking more about the application requirements and actual Grants.gov submission. This slide is about the Program Narrative formatting. The Program Narrative should be double-spaced, using 12-point Times New Roman font, have no less than 1-inch margins and should not exceed 25 pages. Pages should be numbered. If the Program Narrative fails to comply with these length-related restrictions, OVC may negatively consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

Data Collection. Applicants should visit OJP's performance measurement page at www.ojp.gov/performance for an overview of performance measurement activities. The application should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements for this grant program and detail how the applicant will gather the required data, if funded. Applicants are not required to actually submit any performance data with the application. This is just included as an alert so that successful applicants can know that they will be required to submit performance data.

Budget Information. We recommend that applicants review the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the Budget Information and Associated Documentation in the "[Budget Preparation and Submission Information](#)" section. We recommend that you use the DOJ standard [Budget Detail Worksheet](#) form. The Excel version is preferred. The budget detail and the budget narrative are combined into one document. The budget should include adequate funding to fully implement the project, broken out by year, reflecting 36 months. The budget narrative should be mathematically sound and correspond with information in the [Budget Detail Worksheet](#). This form is available on the OJP website linked here on this slide and within the text of the solicitation.

An application checklist is included on page 14 of the solicitation. Please carefully review this checklist to ensure that you are including all necessary items. Applications must include the following: the form SF-424, which is the general application document; a Project Abstract that summarizes the proposed project; and Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if applicable; the Financial Management Questionnaire; form SF-LLL, which relates to lobbying; Disclosure of Pending Applications; Disclosure and Justification for DOJ High-Risk Grantees; Tribal Authorizing Resolution, if applicable; Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity. Additional attachments include MOUs or Letters of Intent; Position Descriptions and Resumes; and the Request and Justification for Employee Compensation Waiver, again if applicable. Detailed information on each of these documents is located in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and within the text of the solicitation.

How To Apply. Applicants must register in, and submit applications through, Grants.gov, which is the primary source to find federal funding opportunities and apply for funding. There are a lot of steps in the registration, so I can't stress enough to start early. We encourage you to get your applications in at least 72 hours prior to the due date. And if you have any technical difficulties, you can contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline for assistance. The number is listed

here on the slide and within the solicitation. [800-518-4726] Please also remember to apply under the correct competition ID. That is OVC-2020-17892.

To apply in Grants.gov, you should do the following. First, ensure you have a unique entity identifier called a DUNS number, which stands for Data Universal Numbering System. Next, register or maintain your registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) database well in advance of applying. SAM replaced the old CCR system. And sometimes, the registration can take some time, so make sure you do this early. Next, acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and Grants.gov user name and password. Acquire confirmation for the AOR from the E-Business Point of Contact. Search for this funding opportunity on Grants.gov. Select the correct Competition ID. Access the Funding Opportunity and Application Package from Grants.gov and submit a valid application consistent with the solicitation following the directions located on Grants.gov and within the solicitation text. For additional information, everything is detailed in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

This is an important note about SAM.gov. If you're a new entity registering SAM or an existing entity that needs to update or renew your SAM registration, you must submit an original, signed, notarized letter appointing the authorized Entity Administrator within 60 days of the registration activation. Notarized letters must be submitted via U.S. Postal Service Mail.

The Review Process. OVC uses a peer-review process, which may contain internal, external, or a combination of reviewers to review the applications to ensure that they meet basic minimum requirements, such as: the application was submitted by an eligible type of applicant, the application requested funding within the programmatic funding constraints, and the application was responsive to the scope of the solicitation. Before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant.

Award notifications will be made by September 30, 2020. These notifications are made via email through the Grant Management System, or as we call it, GMS, to the individuals listed in the application as the point of contact and the authorizing official. The award notification email will contain detailed instructions on how to access and view the award documents, and it will also include steps to take in GMS to start the award acceptance process. These awards will contain a number of special conditions and legal requirements, so please read through them carefully before accepting an award. We also recommend that you review the "[Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements](#)" and "[IT Security Clauses](#)" contained within the solicitation.

An applicant who misses the application deadline due to unforeseen technical difficulties must follow the steps listed on this slide if they wish to request OVC approval for late submission. Please note, DOJ does not automatically approve requests for a late submission, and OVC will only consider late submission requests from the applicants if they followed every step listed on this slide. First, you must contact [Grants.gov Customer Support Line](#) or the [SAM Help Desk](#) to report your technical issue and to receive a tracking number. You must also call or email to [NCJRS Response Center](#) with 24 hours after the application deadline. As part of its review of your request, OVC will contact Grants.gov Customer Support to validate the reported technical

issues. OJP will inform the applicant whether the request to submit a late application has been approved or denied.

This slide summarizes technical issues or failures on the part of the applicant that will not justify a late submission. If you fail to submit your application because of one or more of these issues, OVC will not approve your request for a late submission. These include: failure to register in SAM or Grants.gov in a sufficient time; failure to follow Grants.gov instructions; failure to follow each instruction in the OJP solicitation; or technical issues with the applicant's computer.

As a reminder, applications are due by June 1st, 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time. We encourage you to submit at least 72 hours prior to this date. As you can see, there's many steps to apply, so please start early.

When it comes to attachments, we recommend that you use descriptive names when labeling attachments. This helps OVC and our peer reviewers locate specific attachments that need to be reviewed. So the more descriptive you can be with your attachments, the better. A good example is "Budget Detail Worksheet" as the file name versus just referring to it as the file number.

Adding Attachments. Grants.gov has two categories of files for attachments: "mandatory" and "optional." OJP will receive all the files attached in both of the categories, but please do not embed "mandatory" attachments within another file. And pay attention to the alerts on page 2 for details on how to add, view, and delete attachments. Also, see the alert on Checking for Errors with attachments in the "Registration and Submission Steps," Grants.gov portion of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Thank you.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Hi, everybody. This is Mary Jo. We have a couple quest--excuse me--a couple slides to go over before we move into the questions. In order to stay connected with OVC, you can subscribe to receive their email updates, and there are two ways that you're able to do that. There's a new feature in which you can text to subscribe. You would send a text message to OJP OVC, and insert your email address. That should be sent to 468-311. Just please note the message and data rates may apply. You can also go to the OVC website and sign up to receive their emails via their website. And this, on the slide, is the URL for [online registration](#). OVC also has a social media presence. They are available, and you may follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#). Those URLs are listed here on the slide, and they can also be found on the OVC website.

After today's webinar, if you still have questions about the solicitation, you may contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service. Their email address is <https://www.ncjrs.gov>. They also are available at 800-851-3420, and you can email them at grants@ncjrs.gov. They are open 10:00 to 6:00, Monday through Friday. They are open--and that's Eastern Time. And then on the day the solicitation closes, they will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Please note, though, as previously mentioned, it is highly recommended that you submit your application at least 72 hours prior to the closing date.

NCJRS also has two email newsletters. JUSTINFO that comes out twice a month and the Funding News from NCJRS, which comes out each Friday. The Funding News will alert you to funding opportunities that are available from all agencies within the Office of Justice Programs, alert you to webinars such as this one, and let you know when items from those webinars are posted to the agency's websites.

As previously mentioned, if you need--or if you're having technical difficulties with submitting your application or uploading attachments, you can contact Grants.gov. They have a Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726. They are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and they are closed on federal holidays. You may email them at support@grants.gov.

And then this last slide here just really pulls together all the URLs that were mentioned throughout today's webinar, such as the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#). Other items that may help you as you move forward in your application process are the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) and here's a link as well to the [Budget Detail Worksheet](#).

So at this time, we will start answering questions. As a reminder, the Q&A box is located under the radio button with the three dots, and then please submit your questions and address them to all presenters. Don't send it to anybody privately, otherwise it's possible that it may get missed.

So first question. "I am with CVAC. We received the grant--We received the grant notifications. Can I assume that we are already registered to apply for grants? I ask because I'm a new program director and I've not applied for a new grant."

KATHRINA PETERSON: I would not necessarily assume that. Jalila, do you want to pipe in here with anything else?

JALILA SEBBATA: I agree. I would not assume that. You might have just received like the OVC news notification, which doesn't necessarily mean that you have any of the required criteria that I went over, like your DUNS number, etc., all of that. I would check in with anybody else in your office to make sure that you have all those components that I went through in my slides.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "The solicitation specifically mentions peer-to-peer support for SAA administrators. Is the type of support provided to SAAs limited to peer-to-peer or open to other types of TTA to SAAs that are not peer-to-peer?"

Jalila? Jalila, you're on mute.

KATHRINA PETERSON: Oh, sorry.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: That's OK.

KATHRINA PETERSON: Sorry. Oh, I put my phone on mute. Sorry. That wasn't even my cat's fault. That was my fault. This is Kate talking. So I can answer the question, but can you just repeat the question for me so I can understand it again?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Yes.

KATHRINA PETERSON: Hear it again.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Yes, just give me one second. “The solicitation specifically mentions peer-to-peer support for SAA administrators. Is this--Is the type of support provided to SAA administrators limited to peer-to-peer or is it open to other types of TTA that are not peer-to-peer?”

KATHRINA PETERSON: The whole purpose of this solicitation is really to get peer-to-peer TTA for the administrators. That is what we heard the need was from the field, and that is the goal of this solicitation. So we have other forms of TA for administrators in other capacities. And really, the objective of this solicitation is to really focus on peer-to-peer TA. So, people who have the expertise of assistance and/or compensation administrators providing that TA to other administrators.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: The next question is dealing with SAM registration, and they would like to know, “Is it too late to apply for a SAM registration?”

KATHRINA PETERSON: Jalila, I’m going to leave that one to you.

JALILA SEBBATA: I know with the SAM alert, it takes 60 days. But at the same time, Kate, do you know if that can still be processing while--like while we’re processing the applications? Or I mean, we can check.

KATHRINA PETERSON: Yeah, we can check. We can--maybe you could follow up on that question to NCJRS. That would be great. I--yeah. I’m not going to speculate. Let’s just go to NCJRS.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: I switched the slide over to the NCJRS slide. Again, you can email them at grants@ncjrs.gov.

“When you mentioned peer-to-peer, I’m assuming that means nonfederal?”

KATHRINA PETERSON: I’m not exactly sure what that means, but this is nonfederal. So none of us. There would be no feds providing TA. Is that the question? This is all to a nonprofit, who would be providing TA to the administrators and subrecipients.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: If that answer doesn’t get to the heart of your question, if you could just submit a clarifying question, that would be appreciated.

“Is there a central listing of VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation grantees and VOCA Victim Assistance subgrantees to help potential respondents determine the scope of the obligation nationally?”

KATHRINA PETERSON: That's a great question. It should be...

JALILA SEBBATA: Yes.

KATHRINA PETERSON: ...on our website. Oh, sorry, Jalila. Do you want to answer?

Oh, I thought I was cutting you off, Jalila. Sorry. OK, so we should have that on our website. If we don't, we'll make sure that it does go up on our website. The subrecipient is a different story. So I'm just talking about the grantee--the administrators. The subrecipients--you can get that information through our Performance Measurement side of the house, but I don't know if that--if all of the subrecipients are publicly listed on our website. So we can find that out, also.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So this next question is dealing with the slides. So as a reminder, a transcript, an audio recording, as well as the slides will all be posted to the OVC website in approximately 5 to 7 business days. And yes, we will email you. We will send you an email notifying you that that information has been posted. The email will contain links to where that information is posted, so it won't contain the actual copy of the PowerPoint, but a link to the website where it's going to be housed.

“What is the definition of peer-to-peer?”

KATHRINA PETERSON: Well, there is no definition in the solicitation, as you've noted probably. So the way that we are taking peer-to-peer is literally, peer-to-peer. So that would be experienced administrators, former or current administrators who have done this before and are in a position to be able to provide training and technical assistance. Now, that can't--that entire burden obviously, cannot fall on administrators. So there would have to be assistance in delivering those services. But what we are really looking for is to make sure that there are administrators who are at the core of the project are--and are involved in delivering the services.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right, Kate, Jalila, right now that is the last question that is in the Q&A box. I am going to give individuals a chance to see if they have anything else that they would like to ask you, while they have you at their disposal.

KATHRINA PETERSON: Great. And if whoever asked that question about the at the federal level wanted to--if I didn't answer that question adequately, if they want to follow up and give me any other information that I can--so I can better answer the question, just let us know.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Actually, they said it did answer their question.

KATHRINA PETERSON: Oh, OK. Great! Thank you.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: You're welcome. So while we wait to see if there's any additional questions that come through, again, as a reminder, you can contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service if anything comes up after the end of this webinar, and you may email them at grants@ncjrs.gov. They are open 10:00 to 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

And then, if you have any problems submitting your application or uploading any of the attachments that are required, you may reach out to Grants.gov. They have a Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726. You may also email them at support@grants.gov. They are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but they are closed on federal holidays.

And I think we have another question here. “This will allow for partnerships like HPD, RAFT, HAWC, etc., to provide training to other administrators. Is this correct?”

KATHRINA PETERSON: Mary Jo, can I... I’m looking in the Chat Box. Are those questions coming in through the Chat Box?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: No, they’re coming in through Q&A, and that’s the--

KATHRINA PETERSON: OK. Ah! I see. Got it. Sorry.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: That’s OK.

KATHRINA PETERSON: I do not know all [of] those acronyms.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So if the individual who submitted that question, if you could resubmit it with the full name of those organizations, that would really be helpful.

KATHRINA PETERSON: Sorry. I’m looking to see if I focus on them, visually, if that will help me.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Yes, sometimes as I’m saying them, I’m sure it’s hard to follow.

“Grantees on website? Do you have a particular page or name which part of the website?” I think this is in reference to an earlier question about where they can locate the information.

KATHRINA PETERSON: Um... [distorted voice] So we’re going to work on that. I was just emailing our communications team to figure out where that information is, and if it’s not up there how to get it up there. So we--Mary Jo, what’s the best way to follow up so we can get that information to everybody?

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: If you all are going to add a page to the website, we can make sure that that information is included in the thank-you email, directing them to that.

KATHRINA PETERSON: OK, great. And I don’t think we’re adding one. It’s just going to show you where to go to it.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: OK. OK, gotcha.

JALILA SEBBATA: I mean, if we’re talking about just SAAs, that information can be found on the U.S. Resource Map of Crime Victim Services and Information. So you can select by state, and then it’ll give you the contact information.

KATHRINA PETERSON: And then, Jalila, on there, does it also--I think it also shows like the number of subrecipients in each state. Right?

JALILA SEBBATA: Let me see... Um...

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Yeah, they want a--they want a link for the grantees and the subgrantees, not necess--

JALILA SEBBATA: I'm sorry. As far as the subgrantees, it looks like it's just showing a sampling, so I don't think it's a comprehensive listing.

KATHRINA PETERSON: So we'll send something out through an email so that everybody is--so everybody has it. But I don't know that we have... I don't know that we list out all the subgrantees on the website. I know we list out the number, and by state. But anyways, we'll send something out clarifying, through that thank-you email. Thank you, Mary Jo.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: You're welcome. So we did get a response here for those acronyms. "HPD is the Houston Police Department. The Houston Area Women's Shelter, and ..." Those are the two that's mentioned. There was one more, though. RAFT was another one.

KATHRINA PETERSON: OK, so that sounds like that those organizations could be involved in--at a subrecipient peer-to-peer training or and the technical assistance. What we are talking about at the administrator's level is state administrators. So State Administering Agencies who are responsible for issuing and handling the VOCA Victim Assistance and the VOCA Compensation Funding. And it is people who are, were in that position, worked with people--let's say, let's just stick to the facts. Peer-to-peer, so that would be people in those positions, were in those positions, had experience with those positions providing training to other administrators.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Can you confirm this is one grant for \$5 million that is going to one recipient?"

KATHRINA PETERSON: Yes, that's correct. It is one grant for \$5 million, going to one recipient, that will be providing training and technical assistance to all of the VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation Administrators throughout the country and the territories and subrecipients. So it is a large responsibility. Whoever gets this award, it is a large responsibility and a large task, and we are very grateful and excited about the project.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And then Kathrina, "It's a cooperative agreement, correct?"

KATHRINA PETERSON: Correct. Sorry. I think I keep saying "grant." Yes, it's a cooperative agreement. I apologize.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Do you all have a webinar training session that will teach us how to write a grant?"

From our part, I'm not aware of anything that is out there. Kathrina?

KATHRINA PETERSON: No. I mean, you're right. No. There is... Yes, that would be a great general session to have, but no, especially during this time, we don't have--we don't offer anything like that about how to actually write a grant.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "So you were talking about the state-level OVC Grant Managers and Assistance." And that's exactly the way it is worded.

KATHRINA PETERSON: I think what they're asking for is clarification about who the administrators are. And yes, when we are saying "peer-to-peer training and technical assistance for administrators," we are talking about the administrating agencies that are responsible for receiving and then distributing all of the VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation Funding. That is where this training is targeted. That's who the training is targeted to and subrecipients. And then, at the peer-to-peer level, it would be people who have had experience at that level.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Thank you, Kathrina. I think that covered it. And with that, there is one other question here.

And I'm not really sure if it's a follow-up to something else. But it just says, "Just mainly other organizations that provide victim services..." but I'm not sure what the rest of that is.

KATHRINA PETERSON: So, I'm not really sure, but my guess is--is that--is two things. One would be other victim service organizations are certainly eligible to be receiving training and technical assistance under this award. And we would be expecting that whoever receives this award will be partnering with other organizations to provide that peer-to-peer level training and technical assistance at the subrecipient level as well.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And one thing came through in the Chat. "Who is the mission EU is to the application?"

KATHRINA PETERSON: I'm sorry. I have to...

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Who is mission EU to..." I think that needs to be resubmitted. I'm not really sure what you are trying to ask.

KATHRINA PETERSON: And if that doesn't come through, we can always follow through with NCJRS over that--about that.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Correct.

All right. And at this time, right now, it does not look like we have any further questions. Let me just give one quick look. Yes, that is our last question at this time. Kathrina?

KATHRINA PETERSON: OK.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: You want to go ahead and end this?

KATHRINA PETERSON: That works for me. So, yep. Jalila, did you want to add anything else?

JALILA SEBBATA: Nope. That was good.

KATHRINA PETERSON: OK, all right. Well, thank you all so much. We really are excited to see the applications. And we will wish you all well, and good health, and hopefully be in touch. Thank you very much.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Thank you, everyone.