

Question and Answer Session for the “Fiscal Year 2018 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Pre-Application Webinar”

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Q: We have eight officers currently on the task for the FBI, would that disallow our agency (Gwinnett County Police) from applying?

A: I can't answer that question because I'm not certain I understand because I'm not understanding why it would disallow an agency. So, I don't think the number of FBI agents would disallow your agency from applying so you might need to follow up with me on that question.

Q: What is difference between *de minimis* and 10 percent admin? Also, can you do an example of how admin amount would be calculated for 10 percent of direct costs?

A: I think this is going to be another question I'd like you to send in to me, but in general what, in the application where we talk about 10 percent admin, here, the – we're looking at the number of executive-level personnel that you are hoping to include in the direct personnel section of your application. So, we are asking for executive directors of nonprofit and higher-level leadership in law enforcement or victim services, folks that do not have a direct responsibility for overseeing direct services or investigation. Those higher-level leadership positions we want to keep below 10 percent, and that includes maybe even your financial management folks. So, if those are included under your personnel section of the grant. Other than that, there are rules about the *de minimis* indirect cost rate. You're eligible if you don't have a pre-approved indirect cost rate from a federal agency. You could request for 10 percent of that indirect cost rate. So again, I think you'll want to follow up with us about that, but there is a difference between those two things that we're asking for.

Q: Can a nonprofit be funded for both a collaborative grant and the comprehensive grant at the same time?

A: A nonprofit could possibly be funded for two different kinds of grants at the same time. But it is, it is rare. So, it's, again if you already have a comprehensive services grant and you're looking to also apply for an enhanced collaborative model, it's up to you to demonstrate how this new award is, the new application is different from what we already funded you to do. There are potentially many task forces applying for funding across the country, so OVC and BJA really have to look at geographic diversity of funding under this program. So, if we do select you for an ECM award, we might not select you for a second comprehensive award. Again, you can follow up with me if that doesn't make sense. But it's rare that we fund one organization for, in one year for a lot of different types of grants.

Q: If a taskforce has previously had funding from BJA and OVC, but from before FY15, can they apply under Purpose Areas Two or Three?

A: They should really apply in Purpose Area One.

Q: Can you add in a new nonprofit for Purpose Area Three? If the original nonprofit is in and plans to split services with a new provider? It would be a sub-award for the new provider.

A: Yes. So, if you are an existing task force, if you're changing service providers or switching around, that's fine. It's just that you'll still come in under Purpose Area Three because we've funded your task force for that particular task force in the past, so you can change partners if you need to. Likewise, if it's an existing task force that's been operational, operating for a while, but you want to change law enforcement partners, that's a possibility as well, but you'll still be completing under Purpose Area Three. It doesn't become a new task force just because your partners are changing.

Q: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is a state administering agency that currently houses the Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force. Can CJCC apply for this funding if within the narrative it can demonstrate how the funds will be sub-awarded to law enforcement and victim service providers as expressed in the solicitation?

A: I think if you are able to, if you're applying for to be the lead law enforcement agency you have to be able to demonstrate how you oversee the coordination of investigations of all forms of human trafficking. If you're a state agency that wants to be the victim service provider, you, again you would need to demonstrate how you will be able to coordinate all of the victim services required for the project. Generally, we're looking for law enforcement agencies and victim service providers, but we have expanded, we can be flexible, but you still have to demonstrate that you'll be able to coordinate the appropriate activities.

Q: If you are looking at 16 possible renewals, why open it up to new applicants?

A: The truth of the matter is, is that some of our existing applicants may not come in for ongoing funding, and, yeah, so we do want to offer the opportunity for new task forces to apply.

Q: Are you hoping to see projects throughout the United States? If Ohio already has a grant, would a second application from Ohio receive less attention because of that?

A: We are hoping to see projects across the United States. But Ohio, for example, is a good-sized state. So, if you have one task force in one part of Ohio and you are looking to start another task force in different part, we'd be happy to entertain that. Again, states are large and it's really hard to implement these projects. As long as you're not duplicating another task force, that's fine.

Q: How old can the MOUs be or does it have to be a newly signed MOU?

A: I think the trick there is what does your current MOU say? So, for example, if your MOU has a particular end date where it says our partners agree to working on this task force until September of 2019, then you will need to update your MOU. But again, I know that will be

tricky, but what you need to do is look at your MOU to figure out what does it currently say and can it support your project moving forward for another three-year period.

Q: On the peer-to-peer mentoring, is it mandatory and is it supposed to be a joint venture between partners, or each partner has their own peers to mentor?

A: Purpose Area Three, we're asking to kind of be mentors and provide some technical assistance to newer task forces. So, our vision here is that it is requested by OVC and BJA, we may ask you to present at national trainings or conferences, on specific activities that might be a real skillset in your particular task force. We also support the idea of a task force like a newer task force using their own funding to travel to an older task force, a more established task force, to get onsite peer-to-peer mentoring. So, for example, if you were to be, as Purpose Area Three applicant, willing to host a peer-to-peer mentoring event at your local task force site you could describe that. And yes, it is a joint venture between partners and we'd like it to be multidisciplinary. So, for example, we'd really like the task force as a whole to be willing to mentor another task force as a whole looking at the whole multidisciplinary perspective there.

Q: Is there a sample Budget Detail Worksheet that we could look at that has already been funded?

A: We don't have one uploaded online, I don't believe for this program.

Q: If a sub-recipient has a large amount of the grant, do they submit their own budget or is everything, including their staff, documented in the lead service provider's worksheet under sub-contractor?

A: It's a separate, so again the lead service provider may identify a sub-recipient. Under the sub-contract part of the budget narrative, the lead service provider should indicate the name of the organization they plan to have a sub-grant, to give a sub-grant to, and they should indicate the total amount of that sub-contract. It is ideal if a sub-recipient could also, if there are some detail in that, so that we can review what is that sub-recipient, what's going to, what's going to be provided with that total amount of funding. So, I guess my answer is both. The lead service provider indicates the amount of the sub-award under the sub-contractor section of the budget, and the lead service provider should also provide detail about what's in that large amount, large sub-award. The sub-recipient doesn't submit anything to OVC, it all goes through the lead service provider in the application. But the more information you can provide about a sub-award is ideal.

Q: Can evaluators be internal staff, if they demonstrate the capacity to perform sophisticated action research for the project as a whole? I believe you have said yes, but the language on the presentation slides still says evaluators should be external.

A: Yes. Internal evaluators would be allowable as long as you can demonstrate that they have the required expertise and that they can do it in an impartial professional way. Again, I think we prefer external, but internal staff have been and can be used.

Q: Can you repeat if training plan is combined, or if law enforcement has their own and provider has their own?

A: It's combined. So, you would describe both. So, we accept the training plan to cover both the law enforcement and service provider activities. It can be merged. Both applicants insert their information on the same document