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MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Good afternoon everybody. Welcome to today's webinar, OVC Fiscal Year 2018 Enhancing Access to Services Program hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime. At this time, I would like to introduce you to today's speaker, Mary Atlas-Terry, Victim Justice Program Specialist with the Office for Victims of Crime. Before we begin, I would like to go over the projects or the agenda for today. We are going to discuss the project goals and purpose areas of the solicitation. We will go over the objectives, activities, and any deliverable that is necessary. We'll talk about who's eligible to apply and identify what that exactly means; discuss award information and any elements that are critical to your application--so those elements that you must have in order to pass on--how to apply; resources; and then as what I mentioned earlier, we will end discussion with a Q&A portion. So at this time, I am going to turn it over to Mary and she will start with the project goals.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Hello everybody. It's so nice to talk to you. And thank you so much for joining us today. Just want to talk about the overall project goal for this competitive solicitation called, Enhancing Access to Services. Based on the most recent data collected through the National Crime Victimization Survey--which is a national household survey implemented by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics--we know that only about 10 percent of most victims of serious violence including victims of sexual assault, rape, aggravated assault, and robbery, report that they've accessed services in the aftermath of victimization. We know that many victims are reluctant or unable to report crimes to police. And even when they do, many of those victims do not move forward to access services to help them heal. We know that the inability to report crimes or access services due to language barriers and other issues can isolate victims and intensify their fear and distrust. And that the traumatic impact of being a victim of crime when left unaddressed may lead to long-term physical, emotional, social, and financial problems for survivors. So during this time when we have an unprecedented amount of funding available within the Crime Victims Fund, and an ability to support the field, OVC encourages the field to continue to seek innovative and collaborative ways to diversify the way victim services are being provided, and the venues where services are available. We want to support trauma-informed approaches that are appropriately tailored to meet the needs of a greater diversity of crime victims. And ensure that every community offers all victims meaningful access to quality services that meets the individualized needs of survivors. While there are many strategies that might be used by an organization to prove--improve accessibility of services, this solicitation focuses on breaking down the barriers that victims from deaf, hard-of-hearing, and limited English proficient or LEP communities have in accessing services. Funds for this program are intended to support community-based organizations in developing and implementing language access plans and provide direct services for victims who need assistive technologies and auxiliary aids and services. OVC wants to increase the capacity of organizations to help survivors access services

to the use of qualified onsite sign and language interpreters and various forms of communication technologies and assistive technology.

So this solicitation offers an opportunity for applicants to apply under one of two different Purpose Areas. First, I'm going to talk about Purpose Area 1, which is for--its title, Linguistically Specific Direct Services. Under Purpose Area 1, priority will be placed on funding organizations with a history of serving crime victims that propose to use the funding to make services more accessible for victims of crime in linguistically specific communities. For example, deaf, hard-of-hearing communities or communities with significant number of survivors with limited English proficiency. Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that will improve access to services for victims of all types of crime within a target community. We'd like you think beyond domestic violence and sexual assault to other crimes that need to be addressed within the community. Domestic violence and sexual assault of course are included in this, but again, we'd like you to stay beyond DV and SA. For example, if you already have funding and support services for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, within a community where there are a high numbers of limited English proficient survivors, but you know that victims of robbery or assault, or survivors of homicide--family members of homicide victims need similar services to the ones that you're providing to DV and SA victims, we really encourage you to use the funding to expand your capacity to provide direct services to victims of other types of crimes within that same community. Applicants would--must be able to provide demographic data on the target community that they--for which they want to enhance services and describe the history of the organization and providing services to crime victims within that target community.

So, along with providing direct services, the other Purpose Area where we're seeking applicants for is for Training and Technical Assistance. Under this solicitation, we are only seeking one applicant to provide training--and this has to be a training and technical assistance provider who will support, the direct service site and other victim service providers and allied professionals in the field. Training and Technical Assistance will increase--is intended to increase the capacity of community-based service providers to meet the language access and service needs of LEP, deaf, and hard-of-hearing survivors. The Training and Technical Assistance applicant must have a history of developing training, delivering training, and developing TA resources for community-based service providers. If you'll look to page 5 of this solicitation, for Purpose Area 1, the direct service site, we're indicating that some of the activities that we'd like you to do with our funding is to provide victim-centered and trauma-informed services for victims of crime within linguist--specific community. And these examples of services are crime victim advocacy, assisting survivors with applying for crime victim compensation, counseling, and support groups, shelter, and other critical services needed by crime victims. We'd also like you to improve--to use our funding to help improve accessibility of services to persons with disability or specific needs.

Other allowable activities for the direct service site include the development and implementation of language access plans. We'd like you to make auxiliary aids and services available to victims, as well as interpretation and translation services. We'd like you to use our funding to help strengthen your referral networks and your collaboration

with other community organizations to strengthen your services on behalf of crime victims. And that could be, you know, strengthening referral networks with other traditional crime victim service providers or with law enforcement or other agencies that interface with victims. And we also would like you to use our funding to help build staff and community capacity to serve deaf and hard-of-hearing, and LEP survivors.

While the emphasis of the funding should be on improving services, up to 20 percent of the funding may be used to build capacity within your organization by offering training staff or community members to improve services. Funding can also be used to support data collection and internal evaluation activities to measure project performance.

So, for the technical assistance provider, Purpose Area 2, the activities of the technical assistance provider will be to provide training and technical assistance to the direct services site to help them meet their project goals. We'd like the TTA provider to identify subject matter experts to address the specific TTA needs of the grantees. We'd also want them through this project to identify promising and evidence-based practices related to improving accessibility of services to crime victims with specific needs, such as victims who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or LEP individuals.

The Purpose Area 2 TTA provider will coordinate one in-person grantee meeting for all of the 10 direct service sites that would be funded. We'd like the TTA provider to coordinate webinars and other training opportunities. We'd like the TTA provider to train--to provide training at national conferences. And develop web-based resources and tools, and other products that can increase service providers' competency to address language access and other needs of crime victims. We'd like the TTA provider to plan to develop a final report suitable for publication for the victim services field.

So, eligibility for applying for funding under this program is listed on page 1 of the solicitation. So, for the direct service sites, eligible direct service sites applicants are limited to public agencies, federally recognized Indian and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, including tribal nonprofits. They can be safe in community-based organizations in colleges or universities, but all applicants but demonstrate a history of providing direct services to victims of crime in linguistically specific communities.

Under Purpose Area 2, the training and technical assistance applicant is similar and that is limited to--it could be a public agency or federally recognized tribal government or a nonprofit organization, including a tribal nonprofit, or it could be a faith or community-based organization or college or university. But applicants under Purpose Area 2 must demonstrate experience in providing training and technical assistance on crime victim service and language access issues for community-based organizations, and they must have experience in developing online publications and technical assistance resources for broad dissemination to the victim services field.

On page 7, you'll see information about the award information. So, as I mentioned, under the direct--for the direct service sites, OVC plans to fund up to 10 awards, up to \$200,000 each for a 2-year project period. And for Purpose Area 2, OVC plans to fund

just one award for up to \$600,000 for a 2-year period. The project was planned to be awarded by October 1, 2018.

I'd like to draw your attention to page 33 of the solicitation. A lot of applicants kind of need to have a really good idea of what they're getting into when they apply for a federal grant and then--and then especially, if they received that federal grant. It's really important for you to know what you're getting into. So, page 33 includes some really good links, very comprehensive links to webpages that offer quite a lot of information. And would be good for you to look at that. But OVC accepts that it will make--that all of the awards under this program are going to be in the form of a cooperative agreement. A cooperative agreement is a type of award--is a type of grants award that includes quite a few special conditions that set out the nature of the substantial federal involvement required in carrying out the grant award. Under cooperative agreements, responsibility of the day-to-day conduct of the funded project rests with the recipient. OJP, however, would have substantial involvement in matters such as coordination of technical effort, review and approval of work plans, data collections, and major project generated materials. We just have substantial involvement in the oversight of the project.

In the cooperative agreement awarded by OJP, they also include award condition that require specific reporting in connection with conferences, meetings, and training activities under the federal award. So, there's very specific responsibilities that go with cooperative agreements. Applicants should really review these webpages to kind of, get a better idea of general overview of the important statutes and regulations of this project--of all OJP grants.

And on page 8, you'll see some links to general information about Part 200 Uniform Requirements that apply to the award recipient and any subrecipients that you might have under the award. And applicants should also review the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. It's available for anyone to get a better idea of the reporting requirements and financial administration requirements.

Awards under this project will be made by October 1. However, I wanted to make sure you're aware that the start date of all the awards will most likely be delayed. There will be special conditions on the award that hold back access to funding until the budget is cleared and other issues related to the application are addressed. So, consider that--a slight delay in the startup when you're thinking about your time-task plan for this application.

On page 11, you'll see information about Critical Application Elements. So, for this solicitation, there are two application elements that without these two documents, the application won't even proceed to a peer review. So, here, you'll see that we really need a Program Narrative and a Budget Detail Worksheet or your--or your application will be rejected pretty quickly after it's submitted. And again, without these two documents, the award will not proceed to peer review.

However, when you--when you look over this section starting on page 11, and then take a look at the application checklist on page 36, you'll see that there really are a quite a number of attachments that are required under the program. So please, read carefully because these pages show all of the application elements that should be included. Any missing pieces of the application packet may result in a reduction of the points during the peer review.

So, on page 12--16, you'll kind of, start reading about what the application should include regarding the Program Narrative. The Program Narrative section of the application is critically important because this is where you describe your knowledge of the issue that you want to address, your plans for how you will meet project goals and objectives, and your capabilities and your competencies that will help you be select--successful in implementing this project. This slide shows you that each section--shows you each section of the Program Narrative that needs to be included. Starting on page 12, you'll see specific bullets that OVC wants you to address within each section. Make a special note to address all items described for all applicants.

So, in the solicitation, you'll see that there are some bullets that--directed for all applicants, and then there are some additional items that only the direct service sites or only the TA provider have to address in their Program Narrative. The project design and implementation section of the narrative provides you the opportunity to lay out how you're going to meet the goals and objectives. The activities you propose must be in alignment with the goals and activities that OVC described it on page 4, 5, and 6 of the solicitation and which I've already described in this webinar. The Time-Task Plan is a separate attachment that, kind of, goes along with your Project Design and Implementation Plan, But it provides greater details about the activities that you'll accomplish and give you an opportunity to show who will do each activity. It should include activities that will be carried out over a 2-year project period.

In the Capabilities and Competency section of the narrative, again, this has items for all applicants to address but also please attach resumes of key staff who'll be working on the project. For any position that needs to be filled, you can include in the narrative information about the roles and responsibilities of the new position and the qualifications of the person that you'll seek to fill that new position.

The last section of the Program Narrative is a space for you to address your plan for collecting the data required for this solicitation's performance measures. Please read page 15 closely and click the link to OVC's online Performance Measurement Tool. OVC grantees will use the Performance Measurement Tool, or the PMT, to report progress on achieving goals and objectives of this award. Reporting is done on a quarterly basis including the submission of data regarding the numbers of victims served, the numbers of services provided, and the number of trainings delivered in your--with--to your community-based partners. Within your application, you'll need to demonstrate your understanding of the performance measures and explain how the applicant will gather the required data.

For the budget, for what an applicant should include with regards to the budget, please see pages 16–20. There's a Budget Detail Worksheet that can be accessed to complete your budget. It provides you the opportunity to break out costs per year so that it reflects a full 24-month period of project activity. The Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative are kind of pulled together in one document, and together they provide the detailed computation for each budget line item and the Budget Narrative shows how each line item is necessary to support program goals and activities, and that each item is reasonable and cost effective.

Under the Budget, I'm looking at page 17 of the solicitation, all applicants--all applicants should include funding to support program evaluation activities that measure performance and generate internal improvement. And again, this is evaluation simply to measure the effectiveness of this project and help inform internal improvements to programs or services. This can be done in-house, with the help--or with the help of an evaluation consultant.

Purpose Area 1, the Direct Service Site needs a plan to send two or up to four people to attend one grantee meeting hosted by the TTA provider. Purpose Area 2 applicants need to plan to attend one OVC grantee meeting in DC and host one in-person meeting for all 10 grantees of this program. Purpose Area 2 applicants need a plan for costs associated with delivering the TA and publishing online web resources. So again, just to make sure this is clear, the TTA provider is going to plan to do one--to host one in-person meeting at a location to be determined for all of the direct service sites funded under this program. And the TTA provider will likely also need to plan to come to DC for at least one OVC grantee meeting.

Other attachments that you'll need to upload into [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for this solicitation might be information about proposed subawards so you're not required to have subawards under this program but you may choose to provide a subgrant or funding to another partner, agency, to help you fulfill the requirements of this grant. So if you're doing that, please look at page 19 for information about proposed subawards and if you need to contract with someone, you'll seek some information about that too. If you have an indirect cost rate, you'll need to upload the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. The Tribal Authorizing Resolution, if applicable, is listed on page 20. All applicants need to fill out a Financial Management Questionnaire and that link is noted on page 21. Please plan to upload Letters of Support with your application. Letters of Support can be from partners within your community, they can be with law enforcement organizations that know your work well. They can be from anyone. Ideally, they--if these are partners that will be working with you on the project, they should also include information about what they will do to support your project. Again, upload separate attachments for resumes of key personnel and the Time-Task Plan.

How to Apply. Please follow--please look at page 26 very carefully, and I wanted to make sure that you were very aware that there is some important update on the OJP website about the system of award management, the [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) system. There are some issues. All applicants will need to be sure whether they need to update or renew their SAM registration. If you do, there's a few steps that you need to go through that may

require a little bit of time so please do those things right away. And I provided you links. There's alerts on www.sam.gov website and other websites for you to learn more about this but this is something that you should start early.

With regards to the application, if you look at page 28, there are definite step-by-step instructions to--on how to apply within Grants.gov. That we do encourage you to try as best as you can, submit your application at least 72 hours prior to the application due date just to not have any surprises at the end. If you are--if you anticipate any problems, so for example, if you are worried about your SAM.gov registration, if you're having trouble registering in Grants.gov, if you're having trouble renewing your SAM registration, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline to report any technical difficulties you have with any of these processes. Particularly if at the--at the deadline, you're finding yourself having a lot of technical difficulties, please contact the Customer Support Hotline and get a tracking number so that you can have documentation that you called and reported your problem.

Now, the solicitation indicates that generally that there is a process for requesting a late submission of an application. Generally, these reasons listed here are things that are usually insufficient to justify late submissions. So for example, usually a failure to register in SAM, in the SAM website or Grants.gov in sufficient time is usually not--a reason to allow a late submission. But I do want to let you know, we do know that there are some current problems with some SAM registrations, so just keep talking to us and keep calling the Grants.gov hotline. But either way, it's very, very important to call us the day after--within 24 hours after the application closes or the solicitation closes, call us right away the next day to let us know if you are requesting to support--submit a late application.

The deadline for submission is in the middle of the night, eastern time, 11:59 p.m., eastern time on Monday, July 16th.

Again, here are the two important numbers for you to call related to problems or questions. So the first one is if you have problems with Grants.gov or if you have any type of problems submitting your application, you should call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline. However, if you have questions related to the programmatic requirements of the--of the program, or if you have questions about what an application must include, if you don't understand something that's written as you're trying to develop your solicitation--your application, please call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center, that's NCJRS, at the telephone number, or email, or chat with information that's provided here and also linked into the solicitation. They're going to be the first line of response on answering any questions that you have, and any time they get stumped, they will contact OVC program office for some help in answering questions. So these are the two main sites, that's where you can go for help.

And again, just here is the link, I can't stress enough how important it is for you to take a peek at the Grants Financial Guide for some general information--or actually, very specific information on how to manage a federal DOJ grant. And then, the solicitation

does provide a link to the Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative document that can be accessed. They'd really like you to use that specific form that's listed in the solicitation.

So now, I'm happy to try to answer any questions that have come in.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So, we do have a few questions. The first one is, "I'm just confirming that we are only able--we can only apply to two--one of the two program areas, and we can't apply to both of them."

Sorry for the stumbling over that question.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: We are encouraging applicants to select one. We'd like you to select either, to apply to the direct service sites or the TA provider, but not for both. If you did apply for both, OVC would make the determination which one we wanted to fund you under, but we do ask you not to apply for both. You will--you wouldn't get both awards.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Can you please clarify, are the award ceilings per year or per award, (i.e., over two years)? The wording is somewhat unclear."

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I'm sorry about that. Yes, the award ceilings are--let me just double check. Two--I believe it's \$200,000 for the direct service site for the full 2-year period. And \$600,000 for the TA Provider for a full 2-year period. So that means to the last year for the full period.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "You mentioned that there will be special conditions that will resolve the delay of startup, is the information about these special conditions available somewhere or can you briefly describe?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Yeah, so on the link, on one of the slides—I don't know if you I can go back to that slide, okay.

Yes, so on page 33 of the solicitation, there is a link to some webpages that provide an Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements. On this page, you will be able to see the list of special conditions that will likely be placed on this award. It--these pages list special conditions, actually that are placed on all OJP awards. It may not provide you the exact language on special condition that would be related to the hold on funds. That's going to be--because OJP as a whole, might not already anticipate which awards but knowing that this award is going--these awards are going to be very--made very late in the fiscal year, I know that there will be an award related to a hold for a financial clearance. So generally, with a hold related to a financial clearance, grant--the successful grantee would not be able to obligate or expand or draw down funds until the budget is clear. And at that time, you would receive a notification through the grants management system that the special condition was released and your budget is clear, and you can start grant activities. But you will also receive a grant manager from OVC, who can talk to you about all of the special conditions on your award and explain any holds that might be on the fund.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Will the \$200,000 be dispersed all at once or over the two year, 24-month period?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: So the \$200,000--the grant award is basically made accessible to you in a--and you can look at is a DOJ account. And grantees maintain their own financial systems, and once the funds are cleared and available for your use, most grantees draw down funds from the account to reimburse themselves for approved project expenses. So the grant funds are drawn down by the grantee at a rate based on your budget. So some costs may be monthly, and sometimes you may have high up-front costs and low costs later, or it might be vice versa. It's really all dependent on your time-task plan and your budget, how and when you draw down those funds.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Two questions. "Are LLCs consulting groups eligible for area 2? Also, is area 2 linked to a geographic focus?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I'm very sorry, I don't know what an LLC is. So I can't answer that question and that would be a great one to send to NCJRS. But I can tell you that area 2, the technical assistance, I would say is linked to a national scope geographic focus. Again, we don't know where our direct service sites are going to be. We're expecting that they're going to be distributed all over the United States. So we need a technical assistance provider with a capacity to get technical assistance to these sites no matter where they are in the United States.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "We are an agency that services survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. But we are applying to help survivors of both crimes. Will this be a strong application?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I can't really answer that question because I need to keep my focus on very direct questions related to the solicitation requirements. I'm sorry about that.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Are there any restrictions or specifications in terms of geographic area for work?"

It--you already addressed that. "Are we able..."

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Oh, just real quick. I can answer this one.

Again, the--"are there any restrictions or specifications regarding geographic areas for the work?"

Well, I answered that question related to the direct--the TTA provider. But as far as the direct service site, each applicant needs to describe what their own geographic area of focus is, and what target community they are working to--they're trying to provide services for, and how they're going to enhance those services. So you guys decide your geographic area of focus.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Are we able or required to apply for both deaf and LEP access for direct services?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I think that--yes, absolutely. We really want to enhance services to both of those populations.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Why is there only one grant award for the technical assistance program when having smaller awards for multiple agencies would reach out to more communities?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I think the program design is developed so that the main applicant can decide how to develop that strategy. So again, if the lead applicant is interested in providing subawards to partners, to provide more TA on specific topics and target communities, that is absolutely an option.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "For Purpose Area 1, are program staff required to go through any training to be on the grantee orientation scheduled?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: For Purpose Area 1, which is the direct service site, and Purpose Area 2, I believe all grantees are required to take the DOJ Financial Management Training. And that's listed in the solicitation. So that is required, and they're required to attend the grantee meeting. And depends--whatever trainings that the TA provider offers to the best of their ability. So we don't know yet what training the TA providers is going to offer, but we do want you to plan to participate in those. And I think I mentioned on one of the slides that the TA provider may offer an in-person grantee meeting, but they might also offer webinars and other types of opportunities.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right, if you could just give us a minute, we're going to look through and see if we've missed any questions, and we will be right back with you.

All right, one other question that came through. "Is OVC interested in funding programs that are proposing to expand into a new geographic location?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I think OVC is open to applications where you describe your target community that you are attempting to serve under this program. And again, we are looking to help you enhance and expand your services, particularly to LEP communities, and deaf and hard-of-hearing communities. So ideally it will be a community that you already know very well.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right at this time there are no other questions we will give you, um, another few seconds here to see if anything comes up. And if not then we will end the webinar.

Okay, a couple more questions came through.

“Just to clarify, the TA provider leads an in-person training or meeting. They will be covering any travel costs?”

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: The--each direct service site is responsible to include in their own budget the costs for sending their own people to an in-person meeting. And the technical assistance provider can use funds to host that in-person meeting so the logistical planning costs related to that meeting and the meeting space, but you can also use the TA money to pay for the travel costs of subject matter experts to deliver training if you need to. So yes, you have--you can budget the use of funds if the TTA grant funds to support travel, but it's good for you to know that each direct service site will also have money in their budget to travel to at least one meeting.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: “What other crimes did you mean when you mentioned thinking beyond DV and SA?”

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I'd like--we are informed by the field and by survivors that victims of robbery, assault, and many, many other types of crimes do not report their crimes to--their experiences--to police and they're not accessing services that are available to crime victims. And so if you have the capacity to provide services to LEP victims and deaf or hard-of-hearing crime victims, please think about those underserved victim populations such as robbery or assault or other types of crimes that you may not have funding to address. So for example, the Office for Violence Against Women has a wonderful grant program that provides several funding to support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and, in culturally specific communities. And that's a wonderful grant program. But it is limited to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and trafficking to some extent. So, if you are--if you are working in a community that really has a large number of other types of crime victims that need services, and you have the capacity to expand your service model a little bit and provide services to those victims of other types of crime, we'd really love it if you could help the field by offering more venues for people to access services.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: “Is OVC interested in funding new programs with individuals who have extensive experience?”

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I can't really qualify that--yes, I'd say, new programs are welcome but we're looking--either way, we're looking for programs who have a history of serving crime victims. And that you'll have to--you'll have to in your capabilities and competencies section of the application, make your case about why we should fund you.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: “How do you measure the success of Project Area 1, is it through the number of survivors who are served or other measures?”

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: It is survivors served but there's a number of other measures and it includes things like partnerships within other community-based organizations. But it would be great for you to look at the links to the performance measurement tool. There's a questionnaire about a lot of grantees who are funded by OVC use that--so

you, can, kind of, get an idea of the performance measures for this program. But it is definitely numbers of victims served. And would be--we would be looking for numbers of LEP--victims from LEP Communities--limited English proficient communities and deaf and hard-of-hearing victims; the example to demonstrate that you've expanded your service capacity to those populations.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "If the agency is providing similar services under a similar award for OVW, do we delay our OVC award expenditures until that award is closed?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I would, if you have--if you have funding from another federal agency that would be duplicative of what we're doing here, under this program, you should really consider modifying, working with--if you're selected for funding, you could modify your OVC grant so that it does not duplicate other sources of funding. Or if you know that those other sources of funding are going to end, you could stagger, you could--we could do different things. We really do not want to duplicate other sources of funding that are available by other federal agencies. So it would be up to you to help us see how you would work those two awards together so that they're not duplicating services to the same victims.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Will you fund programs directed towards immigrants of precarious or no status?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Yes, and we would provide--the OVC grantees funds--provides services to victims of crime in their communities.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right, we are coming up on the 4:00 hour. We have a couple more questions that I think we can get answered before 4:00.

"Can the funding be used exclusively to manage the provisions of interpretation and translation services, so long as those services are provided for serving victims of crime?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Yes.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Another--"will the grant not be used to pay salaries of victim advocates but will be used to pay the salaries of language acts coordinators and pay the professional interpreter and translator?" So it's a follow up to that last question.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Uh-hmm, yeah, I mean. I think that will--you can certainly propose something like that.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Please clarify the requirements for the TTA applicants to provide training at a national conference?

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Oh, that is the applicant, the TTA applicants could propose to provide training at a national conference that they identify within their--within their application. Or they could send a subject matter expert to that conference to deliver a

training at that conference. OVC did not specify what conference, or where, or when because we thought it would be best for applicants to demonstrate the who, what, where, and when of what kind of conference they would like to present at.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So that closes out our questions. Before we leave, just to remind you information about how to have your questions answered after the webinar is showing right now on the slide. And you may contact the correct--National Criminal Justice Reference Service at grants@ncjrs.gov. They also have the toll free 800 number and a web chat capability. The slides for this presentation and the transcript will be posted to the OVC website in approximately 10 business days. You can check that on that website at OVC.gov under their funding link and see if that's been posted. You will also receive an email when it has been posted providing you with direct links to both of those items.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: So thank you very much and it was great to talk to you today. I hope we were able to answer your questions sufficiently but again, you know, we're happy to help if something else comes up. And have a great afternoon, thank you so much.