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MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Good afternoon, everybody. And welcome to today's webinar, OVC Fiscal Year 2019 Transforming America's Responses to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation, hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime. We are going to cover Purpose Areas 1 and 2 during this webinar. At this time, I'm going to turn it over to Laura Ivkovich, Policy Analyst with the National Programs Division for the Office for Victims of Crime.

LAURA IVKOVICH: Good afternoon, everybody. Thank you for joining. We're thrilled to be able to offer this solicitation that covers both individual Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams [E-MDT] or Multidisciplinary Teams [MDT] for older victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation, as well as a National Center--National MDT Center for training and technical assistance.

The outline of the webinar presentation for today is going to be broken down as listed here on the slide. We're going to just cover the mission of DOJ, the Department of Justice and the Office for Victims of Crime. I'm going to walk through the solicitation and show you areas of focus, any required documents that are--that are necessary, and cover the application deadline, award amount, timeline, things like that. Talk about the application evaluation and how to apply, for those who have never applied before, and try and answer any questions that you might have. I definitely want to make sure that you're following along, if you have a copy of the solicitation, to do that.

But before we get into the solicitation, let me just tell you that the U.S. Department of Justice, this program does help further our mission at DOJ by supporting the development and training and technical assistance needs of enhanced multidisciplinary team models, that is to strengthen the capacity of the victim services field and our allied professionals to better serve and support victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation.

OVC's mission, with regard to what we do, is to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims to provide leadership in changing policies and practices and to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

For today, we're going to focus on the Purpose Areas for this solicitation. And again, it does cover both Purpose Area 1 and Purpose Area 2. Purpose Area 1 is the Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams and you can find information about that using the solicitation number OVC-2019-16630. And that we are--Our purpose is to fund 20--well, 10 to 22 E-MDTs or Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams at the rural, tribal, local, or state levels, including existing and new teams. We're going to have funding set aside for up to 12 of the MDTs to be funded that would be non-tribal and 10 would be tribal communities. That's the intent at this point. And again, it will depend on how many applications we get in. But we're also funding, and excited to be able to say that we're funding, a

Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center. And that number--the competitive number for that is OVC-200--excuse me, 2019-16631. This is to fund the development of a National E-MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center to support the OVC-funded Multidisciplinary Teams. I just want to make sure that you understand which Purpose Area you are applying for because we want to make sure that you're in the right bucket when you apply.

The Program Overview for today, and you can find this information also in your solicitation on page 5, is to support the development or an enhancement of the multidisciplinary teams and to strengthen the capacity of enhanced MDTs to better identify and respond to cases of abuse. And more comprehensively serve and support victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation by also funding a National Elder Abuse MDT T and TA Center. Through these E-MDTs, OVC hopes to improve case outcomes while minimizing additional trauma and restoring safety and security to older adult victims of crime and potentially hold more offenders accountable.

Additionally, our Objectives under this solicitation and you can find this information on page 8 of your solicitation, is to propel progress toward the development and ongoing support for elder abuse MDTs that can better identify and respond to the older adults, typically 60 and older, who experience abuse and financial exploitation. Again, we are going to have more information, you'll find on pages 8-9. And I'm going to go ahead and read their--read those. They're just too many to put in a slide, so I'm going to read from the actual solicitation, but you'll find that information on page 8.

So for Purpose Area 1, the specific objectives, again, pages--starts on page 8, is to use a paid E-MDT Coordinator; that position to manage the team. So funding can be used for a paid E-MDT Coordinator. That position would, again, be to manage teams. Another objective is to understand victims' priorities and needs including addressing effective responses to financial exploitation and other forms of elder abuse. To provide services to older adults who have been abused (physically, sexually, maltreated, neglected, and/or financially exploited). The Enhanced MDT's response through the addition of a neuropsychologist or similar professional to address cognitive abilities and capacities of older adults, and forensic accountants to address the possibility of financial exploitation. Also to address issues of confidentiality that enable more sharing of information to facilitate group decision-making. To reduce barriers to program advancement and improve the quality of services provided to older victims of abuse and financial exploitation in existing or developing new Multidisciplinary Teams. To participate in group dynamics training and cross-training to ensure that all members have a voice on the team. To conduct regular internal process review of policies and procedures in order to improve the case review process and associated systems that will seek to implement changes necessary to improve these systems. And to engage in routine technical assistance, as necessary, to ensure continued enhancement and advancement of the MDT's efforts. And if this is an existing MDT that's applying, we would want applicants to also demonstrate the commitment of MDT members, agencies, and organizations, their management through a formal partnership (or that is an MOU).

For the Purpose Area 2, which is the T and TA Center, that information can be found on pages 9-11. And those objectives include demonstrated knowledge of the field of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation (that would include through research, practice, or otherwise). Experience and expertise in serving tribal victims (or propose a partnership with a subgrantee with this experience). Side note, that's because we are anticipating funding tribal MDTs, so the TA Center would also need to be able to address those particular needs. The objective would also include experience with providing technical assistance on a national level, that is research-based, and based on best practices, and culturally sensitive. That would also understand the various MDT models, how they optimally operate and develop over time based on organizational development principles, relevant training programs such as cross-training and MDT training based on best practices, familiarity with related controversial issues, policy issues, and data collection and storage for program monitoring. And the capacity to manage a National Elder Abuse MDT Center with an existing infrastructure, including the capacity to develop a 3-day--well, to host a 3-day in-person pilot training program for the E-MDTs that are selected by OVC. So those Purpose Area 1 grantees would be coming for that 3-day in person-pilot training. The training program would encompass cross-training, how to optimally function as a team, effective collaboration, and working effectively with the E-MDT Coordinator. And then, applicants would also need to demonstrate knowledge of the role of technology in elder abuse MDTs, knowledge of potential funding sources for E-MDTs, and excellence in any other areas related to adult--elder abuse MDTs (for instance, forensic interviewing, the critical role of the E-MDT Coordinator, etc.).

The deliverables for these programs also are in the solicitation and are quite lengthy. And again I will read those. They're on pages 8-11 on the solicitation. The deliverables related to Purpose Area 1, so the E-MDTs deliverables, are related to the objectives. So you'll find that we would want as a deliverable, use of a paid E-MDT Coordinator to manage the team; understanding the victims' priority--priorities and needs including addressing effective responses; providing services to older adults who have been abused, enhancing the MDT's response through the addition of, like I said before, neuropsychologists or similar professionals to address these cognitive abilities. Addressing areas of concerns such as confidentiality that would enable more sharing of information to facilitate group decision-making, reducing barriers to program advancement, and improving the quality of services provided to older victims, participating in group dynamic training and cross-training, conducting regular internal processes of review of policies and procedures to improve case review, and engaging in routine T and TA, as necessary, to ensure continued enhancement and advancement of the MDT's effort. And if an existing MDT, to ensure that the applicants can demonstrate in commitment of MDT member agencies (so development or inclusion of an MOU with your partners).

For Purpose Area 2, the center, the E-MDT Center, the funding is intended to plan for a National Elder Abuse MDT Center, the T and TA structure and offerings; to develop a plan for and conduct a gap analysis; based on the gap analysis, then to demonstrate and develop a strategic plan for and provide the T and TA for these E-MDTs that are selected by the Office for Victims of Crime for funding; to develop a sustainability plan; to identify professionals in the field to whom referrals may be made or to serve as expert consultants

with the Center; to implement a systematic strategy to assess the impact of services provided by the Center; those would be for Year 1.

For Year 2, the funding is intended to implement the Center; to devise a strategy for developing guidelines for the E-MDTs; to continue resource development as identified by the gap analysis or other credible sources; to host that 3-day in-person pilot training that I early--I mentioned earlier for those E-MDTs selected by OVC; and to engage the E-MDTs in developing core competencies in one or more of the following evidence-based treatments for trauma in older victims such as Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Trauma Stress Intervention.

Year 3 then would be to continue the activities begun in Year 2, as appropriate, with effective implementation of the Center; and to document the impact of the MDTs on the Center's efforts and the training on the E-MDT site.

So questions always come up with every solicitation that OVC puts out there about eligibility and you'll find that information on page 1. That's why it is on page 1 of the solicitation to clear that up at the front end. Eligibility for Purpose Area 1 is for the enhanced multidisciplinary teams are intended for states (including territories), units of local government, federally recognized tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofits), and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education). That's for the E-MDT.

For Purpose Area 2, the Multidisciplinary Team Training and Technical Assistance Center, eligible applicants include nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal), and colleges or universities (including tribal institutions of higher education).

On page 2 you'll find information as well about eligibility and basically addresses the fact that all recipients and subrecipients must forego any profit or management fee. And a nonprofit organization does not need to have a 501(c)(3) IRS status to apply for the grant funding under this solicitation. OVC does welcome applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award, however, only one entity may be the applicant, any others must be proposed as subrecipients or subgrantees. The applicant must be the entity that would have primary responsibility for carrying out the award including administering the funding and managing the entire project.

Also on page 1, you'll find information about--excuse me, page 11, not page 1, you'll find information about Qualified Opportunity Zones. Under this program, the Office of Justice Programs, as appropriate, will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that propose projects that directly benefit federally designated quality--Qualified Opportunity Zones. Let me say that again. It will propose projects that directly benefit federally designated Qualified Opportunity Zones. Applicants should include information on how the project will enhance public safety in those Qualified Opportunity Zones. Say that 10 times fast. For resources about and a current list of designated quality--Qualified Opportunity Zones, see the U.S. Department of Treasury resource page. If

you're not--if you don't know whether you are one, go on that site and you'll find a map and that will help tell you whether or not you are.

So on page 12, you'll find more information about the Purpose Area 1 and how much funding is available for this, and OVC's expected number of awards to be funded. Right now, we're approximately thinking that we'll have 10 to 22 awards and splitting it up, we would have 12 non-tribal and 10 tribal awards, so almost half and half. Each of those would have a maximum dollar amount up to \$375,000, and the total amount for--that OVC is setting aside for this is \$8.25 million. So it's a large chunk of money set aside to start these or enhance these Elder Multidisciplinary Teams. The performance date, where you would start the actual grant, would be October 1, of this year. It would go for 36 months--up to 36 months. So that means it would end--the period of performance end date is September 30, 2022. That comports with the federal fiscal year start and end. Note that separate and unique funding is available for tribal applicants, and therefore OVC anticipates that they will not "compete" with nontribal applicants due to the availability of this generous funding. So we're happy about that. So for--that was for Purpose Area 1.

Purpose Area 2, the Center, the Multidisciplinary Team T and TA Center, you'll find more information on page 12 about that. OVC anticipates just one award and that would be up to \$3 million. So obviously, the total amount anticipated is \$3 million dollars--up to \$3 million. Again, the start date would be October 1, the same; 36 months to end on September 30, 2022.

The type of awards are different for Purpose Area 1 versus Purpose Area 2. Purpose Area 1, the E-MDTs, these would be a grant. This is typically a legal instrument of financial assistance where the awarding agency maintains an oversight and monitoring role but the grantee proceeds without substantial involvement by the awarding agency. That's basically because there's--we're, you know, funding a TA Center for you guys. So that's where that connection is really going to come into play. And that's why for Purpose Area 2, we are awarding that as a cooperative agreement. That's because under cooperative agreement, there's much more substantial involvement between the awarding agency and the recipient during the performance period. OVC would actually be a partner with whoever is awarded. So we have--we really do closely participate in the performance and the success of the program. We want to make sure it's--it is successful.

Here's some important things that both Purpose Area 1 and Purpose Area 2 applicants must include, that's why it's in bold, and that's why it's in red, and that's why it's in caps. It must include--and I'll also tell you that some of the scoring is also dependent upon whether or not you've incorporated these things. So, this is important and you'll find that information on pages 14 and 21 in the solicitation. So they must include a Project Narrative. You have to describe the issue that you're addressing and 15 percent of the total score will go towards that Description of the Issue. You also have to explain your Project Design and Implementation in a larger portion, 30 percent, of the application's score comes into play because of your Project Design and Implementation. Also Capabilities and Competencies, again a higher percentage, 30 percent of the application score is directed at that piece of it. And then Plan for Collecting the Performance

Measurement Data, that's 15 percent of the application score. And then the Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative, that must be included, that's 10 percent of the application score. And then Resumes of any of the Key Personnel who will be involved in the program. If you do not submit applicants, excuse me. If you do not submit documents noted with the asterisk, the application will not be considered for funding. So make sure you're covering the Project Narrative, all of those items there; the Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative; and the Resumes for Key Personnel. Those are all really, really important. If you do not have these documents included in your application, again, your application will not be considered for funding, there's no way around that. So please make sure your--you include those in your application.

Applications must also include a whole slew of federally required documents. Some of them, I'll highlight here just--because they are definitely all important but I just want to mention the Project Abstract, we use this and it's helpful for our peer review. So to have a Project Abstract will really help the process along, that information is on page 14. If a tribal organization is applying, we would need the Tribal Authorizing Resolution, if it's applicable. That information is found on page 18. Moving over to the other categories, the Time-Task Line [Plan], on page 15, that's important. A Logic Model on page 16. And the Organizational Chart of the applicant applying, on page 17. Resumes, as I already mentioned, on page 17. And MOUs also on page 20. If you're an existing MDT you should probably already have that, that shouldn't be a difficult lift. And then again if you're going in for the opportunity--the Qualified Opportunity Zones, the federally designated, if applicable, you'd need to include that. That information is on page 20. But please do review the entire checklist so that you make sure you haven't forgotten anything.

In addition to the actual documents that are--attachments you also need to make sure that you're actual application conforms to the [Program] Narrative format which is to be double-spaced using a 12-point font (Times New Roman as we actually preferred). That there is a 1-inch margins, and that the page limit not exceed 22 pages, and that the pages be numbered that's very helpful, again, for the peer reviewers. So we want to make sure that they are able to sift through the 22 pages of information that you're providing, not including the attachments. If the Program Narrative fail to comply with these length-related restrictions OVC may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions, and that would be negatively considered. So we want to make sure you're aware of that.

Data Collection was mentioned earlier. You'll find more information about that on page 17. The kind of data that we normally require from our grantees, you know, our discretionary grants, includes the submission of quarterly performance data through a system that we've devised called the Performance Measurement Tool, or PMT. And that website is available at ovcpmt.ojp.gov. Applicants should review the applicable performance measures at the site www.ovc.gov/grants/pdftxt/TVS-questionnaire.pdf. Applications should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the performance data requirements for this grant program and detail how the applicant will gather in the required data if funded. The purpose areas for these include Collaborative Partnerships, Strategic Planning, and Victim Services under Purpose Area 1, that's Collaborative Partnerships,

Strategic Planning, and Victim Services. Under Purpose Area 2 that--those would--the relevant measures would be Training and Technical Assistance.

Under page 18--on page 18 you'll find information about the Budget Detail Worksheet, this is perhaps one of the most important documents that you need to make sure you include. We want you to use the DOJ standard form, it's in both Excel and PDF versions online, it's very interactive and user-friendly. It combines both the Budget Detail and Budget Narrative into one single document and that also personnel costs that you'll have to calculate there, should relate to the key personnel for the project. The budget should include adequate funding for fully implementing the project, broken out by a year, reflecting 36 months. The budget narrative should be mathematically sound and correspond with information in the Budget Detail Worksheet. Again, that's on page 18, so you can find more information.

The probably critical question is how do I apply? For those who have never done it before, you must register and submit your applications through Grants.gov. That's the federal portal for all federal grants. Registration steps are outlined at the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#). There are a lot of steps. Start early! Don't wait until the last minute, please. And note--please do note that applications are due by Monday, July 8th. This is the week after 4th of July, so I want to make sure you're aware that this is going to creep up quickly. And I want you to know it's a Monday, July 8th, by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time. We'd love for you to submit any application or start sooner, obviously, but try and start at least 72 hours prior to the due date. And then there it is, if you--if you run into any issues for technical difficulties or any problems, we have a Customer Support Hotline that you can contact at 1-800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035. And you can contact them anytime of the day or night.

Other important information about applying includes--besides, you know, going and checking out everything on the Grant Application Resource Guide, which is very thorough, we want to point out that there's a [SAM.gov](#) alert. If you are a new entity registering for the SAM, (System for Award Management or SAM), or an existing entity that needs to update or renew your SAM registration, you must submit an original signed and notarized letter appointing the authorized entity administrator within 30 days of the registration activation. Excuse me. Notarized letters must be submitted via U.S. Postal Service Mail, so snail mail. So please be aware of that. Do read the alerts at SAM.gov to learn more about what's required in the notarized letter and the read the Frequently Asked Questions also on the website at [gsa.gov/samupdate](#) to learn more about the process changes.

On pages 22 and 23, you'll find information about the Federal Award Administration. Also again, that Resource Guide is really critical for you to familiarize yourself with it. And you'll want to know that award notifications will be made by September 30th of 2019, via email through our Grant Management System, to the individuals listed in the application as the points of contact and the authorized official. Detail instructions on how to access and view the award documents and steps to take in GMS to start the award acceptance process will also be found there. And lots of legal requirements. So, again, please do read carefully.

Remember, this application is only the first step of a very involved relationship with the federal government. There are lots of federal regulations associated with an execution of--management of a federal grant, and you must be willing and able to abide by all of these. A footnote, serious consequences associated with not following regulations and the attorneys will make sure of that. Do ask for help, read everything and ask others to read and discuss with you.

And then there's some tips. Start the application process early! Registration in DUNS, or SAM, and Grants.gov. Identify your partners if you haven't already. I mean, I know this proposed plan has been up and on the DOJ website as a project, anticipated to be funding. So, we've had it up and out in the field for months, but now is where the rubber meets the road. So you want to make sure you're identifying your partners quickly, because that takes time, and people are starting their summer vacations. So you want to make sure that you have your partners identified. Schedule planning meetings with them as you can. And then make sure you're identifying the correct competition number for which you're going to apply. Again, Purpose Area 1 for the actual Multidisciplinary Teams, these are grants, and you would apply under OVC-2019-16630. And for the Purpose Area 2 or the Multidisciplinary Team TA Center, the National Center, that would be under OVC-2019-16631. Again, make sure you do use the correct purpose area and competitive ID number. Use the Budget Detail Worksheet template. For the critical elements to make sure you've included all those. And ask for the amount of funding needed, up to the amounts that are allowable.

Technical problems or late submissions, information could be found on page 2 of the solicitation regarding that. Just be aware that failure to register in SAMs or Grants.gov in sufficient time it, you know, it's going to take up to maybe 10 business days to complete this. So you need to make sure you're addressing that, and failure to do that is not going to be an excuse. Failure to follow Grants.gov instructions on how to register and apply, as posted on its website; or failure to follow each instruction in the OJP solicitation; or technical issues with the applicant's computer, or information technology environment, such as issues with firewalls or browser incompatibility, they're not sufficient to justify late submission. So, these are areas that others have been tripped up on in the past, that's why we're putting it in here in this webinar. It's just to make sure you aware that you need to be on top of your game with regard to these systems, SAMs, Grants.gov, and make sure your browser and technology is sufficient for what we're doing.

Also very helpful for our peer reviewers is that when you are labeling your attachments that you're doing so in a way that it is very descriptive. Good examples are listed to the left here, a file name, as a good example, would be "Budget Detail Worksheet." A bad example of that would just be "Budget," or a series of numbers, or something. Another good example of a file name would be "Letters of Support." A bad example would be "File 4." So we want you to be as descriptive as possible.

Also, when you're adding attachments--you can find this information on page 3. When you're adding attachments, please note that Grants.gov has two categories for files--of files for attachments, "mandatory" and "optional." OJP receives all files attached in both

categories and does not embed “mandatory” attachments within other files. Please don't do that because we won't--the peer reviewers won't be able to find it and be able to access it, as quickly as necessary. So make sure you're aware to not embed “mandatory” attachments in a different file. Applicants must use the "Add Attachment" button to attach a file to their application. Do not click the paperclip icon to attach files. This action will not attach the files to the application. After reading an attachment, select the "View Attachment" button to confirm you attached the correct file. To remove the file, select the "Delete Attachment" button. So, you can start this process early on and make sure way before the deadline date that these attachments are actually attached and that they're correctly labeled, and they're in the right spot.

And we also definitely want to make sure that you're checking for errors. So you can do that in your application via the "Check Application" button on the "Forms" tab of the Manage Workspace page. The button is active if the set of forms in the workspace matches those required in the application package. If you receive a Cross-Forms Error message after clicking the Check Application button, please refer to the Cross-Forms Error help article for more detailed information about this validation error.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: I think we're going to...

LAURA IVKOVICH: Oh, yeah. One more time. The submission deadline, again, is on page 1 because it's very critical. It is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on Monday, July 8th of 2019. We urge you, it is critical that you submit your applications at least 72 hours prior to this application due date. So this is an end date, not a start date. You can start way sooner than that.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. We are going to go move in to questions in just a bit. But before we actually get to that, I do want to go over three more slides with you.

There--there's a slide here that has a series of websites, important websites for you to refer to as you could move through this process. The first one is the OVC website and that's located at www.ovc.gov. Another resource that would be very helpful for you is the Grant--OJP Grant Application Resource Guide. I'm not going to read the URL, because it's quite long, but if you Google Grant--OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, you should find it or if you go to the OJP website, ojp.gov, you should be able to get to it. From that Resource Guide, you can access some of the other links that are listed here including the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) and the [Budget Detail Worksheet](#). The DOJ Financial Guide would be a very helpful resource to you when determining what costs are eligible and ineligible and that you can include in your application. OJ--or excuse me. OVC also has a Training and Technical Assistance Center, www.ovcttac.gov. And then there's links here to the Grants Manage--Management System, [Grants Payment Request System](#), and [Grant Performance Measurement Reporting](#).

As Laura mentioned earlier, you are going to submit your application through Grants.gov. If you have any technical difficulties submitting your application, uploading an attachment, or anything of that nature, you do need to reach out to Grants.gov. They can be reached

at 1-800-518-4726 or at support@grants.gov. It's important to note that they are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays. If you have any issues with submitting or uploading attachments, when you contact them, you will receive a tracking number. You need to retain that information in case you have a difficult time meeting the deadline due to those technical issues.

Oh, NCJRS is listed on page 2 of your solicitation and they are a resource to you that is available. After today's webinar, if you have any questions about the application or the solicitation itself, you can reach them at grants@ncjrs. So if you submit any kind of questions there, they will work with Laura to get an answer to you. Their website is www.ncjrs.gov. They are open 10:00 to 6:00, Monday through Friday. They are open until 8:00 p.m., on the solicitation closing date. However, as we already have stressed, you are not going to wait until that solicitation closing date because you're going to submit that application 72 hours in advance. It's important to note, here, if you do have problems documented through Grants.gov with submitting your application and you aren't--unable to meet that application deadline, you need to email NCJRS again at grants@ncjrs.gov within 24 hours of the solicitation closing with the documentation and the tracking information received through Grants.gov indicating why you were unable to meet the deadline. It is important. You need to do that within 24 hours of the solicitation closing date.

So, at this time, we will move on to our questions. One second.

"Are local prosecutor offices considered eligible applicants?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Hi. Yes. Eligibility, again, on page 1, does include local government—states, units of local government, federally recognized tribal government as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, nonprofit organizations, and Institutions of higher education. So yes.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Could you please clarify eligibility if we receive other OVC funds and where to find information about supplanting? Also, can different funding amounts be requested for each of the years within the total 3-year maximum?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: So I think I'm interpreting that quest--Thank you for your question. I think I'm interpreting it at as being, "if you already have or anticipate having other funding that's already working towards your multidisciplinary team, can you still apply for these?" And the answer is yes. And how to figure out whether it is supplanting, I believe the OJP Financial Guide has information about supplanting. You certainly would not want to come off of one federal grant and use this grant as--instead. You could split positions, potentially, as long as it's not supplanting. So I--I'm thinking that's probably where you were going with that question, so hopefully that answers your question.

And then, you had a question about the difference between the funding amounts for each of the years within the total 3-year maximum. Yes, it doesn't have to be split in thirds, if that's kind of where you're going. It's dependent upon your project implementation and

how you see your application needing to proceed, if you're an existing MDT that might be different than a new, startup MDT. So they don't have to be same amounts, divided by three of the total. You could start at different dollar amounts in Year 1, versus Year 2, versus Year 3.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "For Purpose Area 2, does the \$3 million maximum amount include indirect costs, or is it exclusively direct costs, with indirect costs at a federal rate allowed in addition?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. The \$3 million does include indirect cost rate.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "For Purpose Area 1, the amount of \$375,000, is that the maximum total amount for 3 years?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Yes, it is. Thank you for your question. Yes, up to \$375,000, is the max, total amount for all of the 3 years.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "After the 3 years, if you have elapsed funds, can these carry over or do they have to be returned?" Oh, if you have I guess, "if you have unused funds, can you carry them over or do they have to be returned?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thank you for your question. So the Office for Victims of Crime and our VOCA funding has been--it's been determined that you must use the funds within a year of award plus three, so you must use the funds in 3 years. Requests for no-cost extensions are rarely honored and it usually has to be some sort of act of God for any extension. So it's very important to make sure your implementation plan considers making sure you start when you need to start, and that you're moving through your grant appropriately, so that those funds can be drawn down and utilized within the year of award plus three. So I hope that answers your question.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Is there a certain number of counties or persons that the MD-- that the MDT should aim to represent?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. There is no identified number of counties or persons that the MDT should aim to represent. It is up to each applicant to justify what it is you intend to do, and why you intend to cover whatever is the number of individuals or counties that you're aiming to represent.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "What are some of the non-allowable expenses for Purpose Area 1?"

I would say for that, you need to refer to the DOJ Financial Guide. The link to the Financial Guide is located on the slide here. It is <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>.

"The MDT TTA Center will host a 3-day training during Year 2 for the MDT grantees. Are the MDT grantees building their travel cost for the 3-day training into their program? Will the 3-day training be for Purpose Area 1 grantees only?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. So they are not necessarily building travel costs into their budget. It would be something that the MDT TTA Center would be required to do, because you are hosting. You would be--the applicant would be hosting the training. And it would be for the Year 1 grantees, because the Year 2 grantees, I don't believe-- Yeah, it would be for the Year 1 grantees. I think that answers your question. Oh, Purpose Area 1, sorry. Yes, it's for the Purpose Area 1 grantees. If you--if you were to invite others to attend, you would not be putting that though into your budget, I don't believe. That would have to be on somebody else. But I--But the intent is that for the applicant under Purpose Area 2 to host a 3-day training for the grantees that are funded under Purpose Area 1. That's the intent.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. There's no questions at this time. So, just give us a moment, please.

"Would a prosecuting attorney's salary be an allowable expense under Purpose Area 1 grant if they served as a vital part and role to the--our MDT?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. The cost of the MDT Coordinators' salary would be an appropriate salary to be incorporated under this solicitation. Prosecutors are already funded. And this would be supplanting, so the answer to that would generally be no. But you can certainly check with the Financial Guide and--about appropriate salaries and dollar limits for those salaries, as well.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Is the 3-day training just for the applicants, or for the MDT members?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. I'm not sure I understand the MDT member... The applicant, under Purpose Area 1, would be applying on behalf of the MDT as the lead for the MDT. It's up to the TA Center to design how they are going to conduct that training, that 3-day training. And it could be that it's for three members only, even if you have a team of 12. I mean, it could be that it's for all 12. I really can't speculate because it's up to the Purpose Area 2 applicant to determine the best way to proceed with that.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "For Purpose Area 1, should there be an evaluation plan built into the proposal?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: That information is found on the solicitation. And I believe you do not need to build that in. You do need, however, to--let me go to the page that is--that its found on. Sorry for the dead air. So on page 18, Note on Project Evaluations. At the top, it says, "An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct

project evaluations should follow the guidance under Note on Project Evaluations in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide."

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: The next question is, "What if the salary of the MDT Coordinator is already funded?" So I'm assuming...

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. So, good for you. That's great news, if the MDT Coordinator is already funded. I would suspect that you would use funding for the array of additional items, and objectives, and deliverables for Purpose Area 1.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Yeah, at this moment, that happens to be our last question. We only have a couple minutes left, remaining before the webinar is scheduled to end. So we will give you about a minute. And if no other questions come through, then we will end this webinar.

Again, right now, showing on the computer screen is the list of important websites. And some of these URLs are quite long. So, if you want to have the opportunity or take the opportunity to write those down, that would be great.

Information for NCJRS and Grants.gov are found within your solicitation on page 2--page 2 of the solicitation.

As a reminder, if you do have any questions that you were not able to ask today, you may submit those to NCJRS at grants@ncjrs.gov. And they will work with Laura to get you an answer as quickly as possible.

Also, as a reminder, the solicitation is due on July 8th.

LAURA IVKOVICH: 8th.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: So, it's important to get these questions answered to you as soon as possible. So if you have anything, submit them to NCJRS.

"Is there a sample MOU that you want us to attach to our application?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. There's not a sample MOU for--as there's not a template--sample template MOU. It is--it is an attachment that you can use. It does not count against your 22-page limit for your application. It would be an attachment.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: If you're submitting questions to the chat box, please copy and paste them over to the Q&A box. Otherwise, we won't be able to answer them.

"For Purpose Area 1, we would like to include a forensic accountant to be part of the MDT. Can we use the budget for hiring one as a consultant?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. Absolutely. That's an example of one of the deliverables for enhancing a multidisciplinary team is to have individuals such as forensic accountants, geriatricians, neuropsychologists, and the like, to work with your E-MDT to specifically address the needs of older victims including financial exploitation. So yes.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Can that forensic accountant be not a full-time position and just paid hourly?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. Yes, it could be.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. We will wait--oh. Here we go.

"Would we need to submit that accountant's resume with the application?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Key personnel--The issue about resumes has to do with key personnel. So typically, key personnel are the principal investigator, the person who's responsible for managing the grant. That's typically the key personnel positions for which the resumes should be included. But you're welcome... It doesn't count against your 22-page limit. If you have resumes for all of your team members, you're welcome to include those too. But it's not required, and it doesn't count against your 22-page limit, because it would be considered an attachment.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Could a financial investigator serve in a position of a forensic accountant?"

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thanks for your question. I think the discipline of forensic accounting is specifically "accountant." I don't know whether financial investigators are accountants or not. So you would have to explore that and determine what is the best use of a forensic accountant--the discipline of a forensic accountant for your MDT.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: All right. That is the last question. And we are at 4:01 at this time. So we are going to end the webinar. Thank you so much for your time and attention. On behalf of Laura and OVC, we would like to welcome all your applications and thank you. Have a great day.

LAURA IVKOVICH: Thank you.