

OVW Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program

FY 2020 Pre-Application Information Session

FY 2020 Abuse in Later Life Solicitation

- ▶ Posted on or about December 4, 2019
- ▶ Application submissions are due by **11:59 Eastern Time on February 6, 2020**
- ▶ Application submitted through **Grants.gov**

Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life)

- ▶ The Abuse in Later Life Program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 12421. The Abuse in Later Life Program supports a comprehensive approach to addressing abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, and exploitation committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older.

Mandatory Purpose Areas

- ▶ **Purpose Area 1:** Provide training programs to assist law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, agencies of states or units of local government, population specific organizations, victim service providers, victim advocates, and relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts in recognizing and addressing instances of elder abuse.
- ▶ **Purpose Area 2:** Provide or enhance services for victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect.

Mandatory Purpose Areas

- ▶ **Purpose Area 3:** Establish or support a multidisciplinary collaborative community response to victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect.
- ▶ **Purpose Area 4:** Conduct cross-training for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, agencies of states or units of local government, attorneys, health care providers, population specific organizations, faith-based advocates, victim service providers, and courts to better serve victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect.

Permissible Purpose Areas

- ▶ **Purpose Area 1:** Provide training programs to assist attorneys, health care providers, faith-based leaders, or other community-based organizations in recognizing and addressing instances of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect.

- ▶ **Purpose Area 2:** Conduct outreach activities and awareness campaigns to ensure that victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect, receive appropriate assistance. (not more than 10 percent of the total grant funds)

Statutory Priority Area

- ▶ The Abuse in Later Life Program statute requires that priority be given to proposals providing services to culturally specific and underserved populations. 34 U.S.C. § 12421(b)(4). Applications proposing to meaningfully increase access to OVW programming for these populations will be given special consideration.

OVW Priority Areas

- ▶ In FY 2020, OVW is interested in supporting the priority area(s) identified below. Applications proposing activities in the following areas will be given special consideration:
 - ▶ Reducing violent crime against women and promote victim safety through investing in law enforcement, increasing prosecution, and promoting effective prevention.
 - ▶ Addressing the specific challenges that rural communities face in responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

OVW Priority Areas

- ▶ Recipients will receive specialized training and technical assistance in the following two priority areas:
 - ▶ Empowering victims to become survivors by growing them past their vulnerabilities to a place of self-sufficiency..
 - ▶ Increasing efforts to combat stalking.

Out of Scope Activities

- ▶ The solicitation lists specific activities that are outside the scope of the Abuse in Later Life Program and will not be supported by the program's funding.
- ▶ Applications that propose activities that are deemed to be substantially out-of-scope may receive a deduction in points during the review process or may be eliminated from consideration entirely.

Budgets and Award Period

▶ New applicants

- ▶ Requests for funding may not exceed \$400,000 for the 36-month project period. A minimum of **25%** of the proposed budget funds must be allocated for outreach and direct services for older victims.

▶ Continuation applicants

- ▶ Requests for funding may not exceed \$300,000 for the 24-month project period. A minimum of **33%** of the proposed budget funds for outreach and direct services for older victims.

- ▶ **Generally, the award period will start on October 1, 2020.**

Applicant Types

- ▶ **New**

- ▶ Applicants that have never received funding under this program or whose previous funding expired more than 12 months ago.

- ▶ **Continuation**

- ▶ Applicants that have an existing or recently closed (within the last 12 months) award under the Abuse in Later Life Program.

Applicant Types

- ▶ Recipients of an FY 2018 or FY 2019 award under the Abuse in Later Life Program in are NOT eligible to apply as the lead applicant or as a partner/subrecipient on an FY 2020 proposal.
- ▶ Likewise, an organization that is a partner/subrecipient on an FY 2018 or FY 2019 award is not eligible to apply as the lead applicant or as a partner/subrecipient on an FY 2020 proposal.

Note

- ▶ Current grantees with a substantial amount of unobligated funds remaining (50 percent or more of the previous award) as of March 31, 2020 without adequate justification may not be considered for funding, or may receive a reduced award amount if selected for funding in FY 2020.

Mandatory Program Requirements

- ▶ Training/Cross-Training - New applicants
 - ▶ Grantee Orientation
 - ▶ Law Enforcement “Training of Trainers” (TOT) Training
 - ▶ Law Enforcement Trainings
 - ▶ Advanced Law Enforcement Training
 - ▶ Prosecutors’ Institute
 - ▶ Judicial Institute
 - ▶ Direct Services TOT Training
 - ▶ Direct Services Cross-Training
 - ▶ Kickoff/Coordinated Community Response Events

Mandatory Program Requirements

- ▶ Training/Cross-Training - Continuation applicants
 - ▶ Grantee Orientation
 - ▶ Continuation grantees will be permitted to engage in other training activities based on the needs of their continuation projects. Applicants should clearly identify which trainings their projects will include and detail why the additional training is needed. Funds should be included in the budget to cover the costs associated with participating in the chosen trainings.

Mandatory Program Requirements

- ▶ Collaborative Community Responses (CCR)
 - New and continuation applicants
 - ▶ Each partner must agree to establish or support a multidisciplinary collaborative community response to abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking.

Mandatory Program Requirements

- ▶ Providing or Enhancing Services for Older Victims
 - New applicants
 - ▶ Planning Phase (12-18 months)
 - ▶ The planning phase must include, but is not limited to, the following activities:
 - ▶ conducting a community needs assessment
 - ▶ reviewing agency policies and protocols to ensure that they are inclusive of older victims
 - ▶ providing training to staff
 - ▶ developing a strategic plan for outreach and service delivery that will be submitted to OVW for review and approval prior to release of funds for the implementation phase

Mandatory Program Requirements

- ▶ Providing or Enhancing Services for Older Victims
 - New applicants
 - ▶ Implementation Phase
 - ▶ Upon OVW approval of the strategic plan for outreach and service delivery, grantees will begin outreach and the delivery of services to older victims.
 - ▶ Funds included in the budget for the implementation phase will be placed on hold through a special condition of the award.

Mandatory Program Requirements

- ▶ Providing or Enhancing Services for Older Victims

- Continuation applicants

- ▶ Critical Assessment (6 months)

- Continuation grantees will be required to reexamine the outreach and services funded under the initial Abuse in Later Life award to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of older victims and address challenges in service provision that occurred during the previous project.

Eligible Applicants

- ▶ States
- ▶ Units of local government
- ▶ Tribal governments or tribal organizations
- ▶ Population specific organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals over 50 years of age
- ▶ Victim service providers with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- ▶ State, tribal, or territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions

Non-eligible Applicants

- ▶ Police departments
- ▶ Pre-trial service agencies
- ▶ District or city attorneys' offices
- ▶ Sheriffs' departments
- ▶ Probation and parole departments
- ▶ Universities

Required Partnerships

- ▶ Each applicant must demonstrate that it is part of a multidisciplinary partnership. This required partnership must include, at a minimum, the following four required partners:
 - ▶ At least one law enforcement agency
 - ▶ At least one prosecutor's office
 - ▶ At least one victim service provider
 - ▶ At least one nonprofit program or government agency with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals in later life

Required Partnerships

- ▶ This required partnership must be detailed in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that is signed by the Authorized Representative of, at a minimum, the four required partners.
- ▶ Applications that do not meet this requirement will not be eligible for Abuse in Later Life Program funding and will be removed from consideration.

Limit on the Number of Applications

- ▶ OVW will consider only one application per organization for the same service area. In addition, if an applicant submits multiple versions of the same application, OVW will review only the most recent system-validated version submitted before the deadline.

Application Requirements

- ▶ **New**
 - ▶ 20 page limit
- ▶ **Continuation**
 - ▶ 25 page limit

 - ▶ Double spaced (Summary Data Sheet and charts may be single spaced)
 - ▶ 8½ x 11 inch paper
 - ▶ One-inch margins
 - ▶ Type no smaller than 12 point, Times New Roman or Arial font
 - ▶ Page numbers

Application Contents

- ▶ Project Narrative
 - ▶ Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative
 - ▶ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - ▶ Letters of Commitment (LOC) (if applicable)
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- ▶ OVW will not contact applicants for missing items on the list above. Applications that do not include all of the above documents will be considered substantially incomplete and will not be considered for funding.

Application Contents

- ▶ In addition, the following two documents are required; failure to submit them will not result in removal from consideration but may result in a loss of points:
 - ▶ Summary Data Sheet.
 - ▶ Proposal Abstract.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Letters of Commitment

- ▶ All new applicants and continuation applicants proposing to provide training must submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Letter(s) of Commitment (LOC).
- ▶ Continuation applicants that are not proposing to provide training with this award must submit an MOU.

MOU

- ▶ Clearly identify each of the four required MOU partners:
 - ▶ At least one law enforcement agency;
 - ▶ At least one prosecutor's office;
 - ▶ At least one victim service provider; and
 - ▶ At least one nonprofit program or government agency with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals in later life.

MOU

- ▶ The victim service provider must provide services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking as one of its primary purposes.
- ▶ The nonprofit program or government agency with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals in later life must provide services to victims of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation as one of its primary purposes.

LOC

New and Continuation (if applicable)

- ▶ The local one-day law enforcement training
- ▶ The local advanced law enforcement training
- ▶ The national prosecutors' institute
- ▶ The local direct services cross-training

LOC

- ▶ Number/Percentage of personnel committed to attend training
- ▶ LOCs that do not clearly specify the number of personnel who will attend trainings will not be considered during the review process.
- ▶ Letters of support may not be submitted in lieu of the LOCs.

Pre-Award Risk Assessments

- ▶ **Summary Data Sheet**
 - ▶ Proof of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)
 - ▶ Single Audit (threshold and fiscal year)
 - ▶ IRS three-step safe-harbor procedure: Executive Compensation
 - ▶ Sample Disclosure Letter
 - ▶ Address all four parts

Financial Accounting Practices

- ▶ Ten questions; Multiple parts to each question
- ▶ Most Common issues:
 - ▶ Brief list of policies and procedures not provided
 - ▶ Budgeted vs. Actual process not provided
 - ▶ Record Retention policy not provided
 - ▶ Knowledge of rules and regulations

Resources

- ▶ Creating a Budget: Training for OVW Applicants
 - ▶ <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants>
- ▶ Uniform Guidance - 2 CFR Part 200
 - ▶ <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=2:1.1.2.2.1>
- ▶ DOJ Financial Guide
 - ▶ <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/index.htm>
- ▶ Program Specific Solicitation
 - ▶ <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>

Contact Information – Financial Questions

OVW GFMD Helpdesk

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Application Deadline

- ▶ Applications are due 11:59 p.m. E.T. February 6, 2020.
- ▶ It is strongly suggested you start the submission process at least 48 hours before but no later than 24 hours before February 6, 2020.
- ▶ Applications submitted after 11:59 p.m. E.T. on February 6, 2020 will not be considered for funding.



Common Application Errors

- ▶ Not answering the questions asked
- ▶ Not an eligible applicant – Pages 9 & 10
- ▶ Submitting applications that are substantially incomplete – Page 12 and 34 & 35 (checklist)
- ▶ Missing required partners - Page 10 & 11

Common Application Errors

- ▶ Incorrect type of partner – Page 19
- ▶ Unsigned MOU – Page 19
- ▶ LOCs– Number of people to be trained not included – Page 21
- ▶ Providing information in the wrong section – Page 31

Have Questions?

- ▶ Solicitation Questions:
 - ▶ Email: OVW.Elder@USDOJ.GOV
 - ▶ Phone: (202) 307-6026
- ▶ Grants.gov Questions:
 - ▶ 1-800-518-4726