

**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office on Violence Against Women

September 26, 2017

Washington, D.C. 20531

Mr. Todd Wiltgen
Lancaster County
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508-2804

Dear Mr. Wiltgen:

On behalf of Attorney General Jefferson Sessions III, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Office on Violence Against Women has approved your application for funding under the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program in the amount of \$240,000 for Lancaster County. The Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program is designed to encourage partnerships between state, local, and tribal governments, courts, victim service providers, coalitions and rape crisis centers, to ensure that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are treated as serious violations of criminal law.

Enclosed you will find the award package. This award is subject to all administrative and financial requirements, including the timely submission of all financial and programmatic reports, resolution of all interim audit findings, and the maintenance of a minimum level of cash-on-hand. Should you not adhere to these requirements, you will be in violation of the terms of this agreement and the award will be subject to termination for cause or other administrative action as appropriate.

If you have questions regarding this award, please contact Sue Pugliese at (202) 305-1660. For financial grants management questions, contact the OVW Grants Financial Management Division at (202) 514-8556, or by e-mail at ovw.gfmd@usdoj.gov. For payment questions, contact the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Customer Service Center (CSC) at (800) 458-0786, or by email at ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadine M. Neufville".

Nadine M. Neufville
Acting Director

Enclosures



OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Office of Justice Programs

U.S. Department of Justice

810 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531

Tel: (202) 307-0690

TTY: (202) 307-2027

E-mail: askOCR@usdoj.gov

Website: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr

September 26, 2017

Mr. Todd Wiltgen
Lancaster County
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508-2804

Dear Mr. Wiltgen:

Congratulations on your recent award. In establishing financial assistance programs, Congress linked the receipt of federal funding to compliance with federal civil rights laws. The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is responsible for ensuring that recipients of financial assistance from the OJP, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) comply with the applicable federal civil rights laws. We at the OCR are available to help you and your organization meet the civil rights requirements that come with DOJ funding.

Ensuring Access to Federally Assisted Programs

Federal laws that apply to recipients of financial assistance from the DOJ prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability in funded programs or activities, not only in employment but also in the delivery of services or benefits. A federal law also prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits.

In March of 2013, President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. The statute amends the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) by including a nondiscrimination grant condition that prohibits discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The new nondiscrimination grant condition applies to certain programs funded after October 1, 2013. The OCR and the OVW have developed answers to some frequently asked questions about this provision to assist recipients of VAWA funds to understand their obligations. The Frequently Asked Questions are available at <http://ojp.gov/about/ocr/vawafaqs.htm>.

Enforcing Civil Rights Laws

All recipients of federal financial assistance, regardless of the particular funding source, the amount of the grant award, or the number of employees in the workforce, are subject to prohibitions against unlawful discrimination. Accordingly, the OCR investigates recipients that are the subject of discrimination complaints from both individuals and groups. In addition, based on regulatory criteria, the OCR selects a number of recipients each year for compliance reviews, audits that require recipients to submit data showing that they are providing services equitably to all segments of their service population and that their employment practices meet equal opportunity standards.

Providing Services to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Individuals

In accordance with DOJ guidance pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, recipients of federal financial assistance must take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). See U.S. Department of Justice, Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons, 67 Fed. Reg. 41,455 (2002). For more information on the civil rights responsibilities that recipients have in providing language services to LEP individuals, please see the website <http://www.lep.gov>.

Ensuring Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations

The DOJ regulation, Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations, 28 C.F.R. pt. 38, requires State Administering Agencies (SAAs) to treat faith-based organizations the same as any other applicant or recipient. The regulation prohibits SAAs from making awards or grant administration decisions on the basis of an organization's religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors.

The regulation also prohibits faith-based organizations from using financial assistance from the DOJ to fund inherently (or explicitly) religious activities. While faith-based organizations can engage in non-funded inherently religious activities, they must hold them separately from the program funded by the DOJ, and recipients cannot compel beneficiaries to participate in them. The Equal Treatment Regulation also makes clear that organizations participating in programs funded by the DOJ are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion. For more information on the regulation, please see the OCR's website at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/equal_fbo.htm.

SAAs and faith-based organizations should also note that the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act (Safe Streets Act) of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 3789d(c); the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 10604(e); the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 5672(b); and VAWA, Pub. L. No. 113-4, sec. 3(b)(4), 127 Stat. 54, 61-62 (to be codified at 42 U.S.C. § 13925(b)(13)) contain prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of religion in employment. Despite these nondiscrimination provisions, the DOJ has concluded that it may construe the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) on a case-by-case basis to permit some faith-based organizations to receive DOJ funds while taking into account religion when hiring staff, even if the statute that authorizes the funding program generally forbids recipients from considering religion in employment decisions. Please consult with the OCR if you have any questions about the regulation or the application of RFRA to the statutes that prohibit discrimination in employment.

Using Arrest and Conviction Records in Making Employment Decisions

The OCR issued an advisory document for recipients on the proper use of arrest and conviction records in making hiring decisions. See Advisory for Recipients of Financial Assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice on the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Enforcement Guidance: Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (June 2013), available at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/UseofConviction_Advisory.pdf. Recipients should be mindful that the misuse of arrest or conviction records to screen either applicants for employment or employees for retention or promotion may have a disparate impact based on race or national origin, resulting in unlawful employment discrimination. In light of the Advisory, recipients should consult local counsel in reviewing their employment practices. If warranted, recipients should also incorporate an analysis of the use of arrest and conviction records in their Equal Employment Opportunity Plans (EEOs) (see below).

Complying with the Safe Streets Act

An organization that is a recipient of financial assistance subject to the nondiscrimination provisions of the Safe Streets Act, must meet two obligations: (1) complying with the federal regulation pertaining to the development of an EEO (see 28 C.F.R. pt. 42, subpt. E) and (2) submitting to the OCR findings of discrimination (see 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.204(c), .205(c)(5)).

Meeting the EEOP Requirement

If your organization has less than fifty employees or receives an award of less than \$25,000 or is a nonprofit organization, a medical institution, an educational institution, or an Indian tribe, then it is exempt from the EEOP requirement. To claim the exemption, your organization must complete and submit Section A of the Certification Form, which is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

If your organization is a government agency or private business and receives an award of \$25,000 or more, but less than \$500,000, and has fifty or more employees (counting both full- and part-time employees but excluding political appointees), then it has to prepare a Utilization Report (formerly called an EEOP Short Form), but it does not have to submit the report to the OCR for review. Instead, your organization has to maintain the Utilization Report on file and make it available for review on request. In addition, your organization has to complete Section B of the Certification Form and return it to the OCR. The Certification Form is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

If your organization is a government agency or private business and has received an award for \$500,000 or more and has fifty or more employees (counting both full- and part-time employees but excluding political appointees), then it has to prepare a Utilization Report (formerly called an EEOP Short Form) and submit it to the OCR for review within sixty days from the date of this letter. For assistance in developing a Utilization Report, please consult the OCR's website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm>. In addition, your organization has to complete Section C of the Certification Form and return it to the OCR. The Certification Form is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

To comply with the EEOP requirements, you may request technical assistance from an EEOP specialist at the OCR by telephone at (202) 307-0690, by TTY at (202) 307-2027, or by e-mail at EEOSubmission@usdoj.gov.

Meeting the Requirement to Submit Findings of Discrimination


If in the three years prior to the date of the grant award, your organization has received an adverse finding of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, or sex, after a due-process hearing, from a state or federal court or from a state or federal administrative agency, your organization must send a copy of the finding to the OCR.

Ensuring the Compliance of Subrecipients

SAs must have standard assurances to notify subrecipients of their civil rights obligations, written procedures to address discrimination complaints filed against subrecipients, methods to monitor subrecipients' compliance with civil rights requirements, and a program to train subrecipients on applicable civil rights laws. In addition, SAs must submit to the OCR every three years written Methods of Administration (MOA) that summarize the policies and procedures that they have implemented to ensure the civil rights compliance of subrecipients. For more information on the MOA requirement, see http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other_requirements.htm.

If the OCR can assist you in any way in fulfilling your organization's civil rights responsibilities as a recipient of federal financial assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Alston
Director

cc: Grant Manager
Financial Analyst



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

Grant

1. RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code) Lancaster County 555 South 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508-2804		4. AWARD NUMBER: 2017-WE-AX-0013	
		5. PROJECT PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2017 TO 09/30/2019 BUDGET PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2017 TO 09/30/2019	
2a. GRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO. 476007482		6. AWARD DATE 09/26/2017	7. ACTION Initial
2b. GRANTEE DUNS NO. 068676535		8. SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 00	
3. PROJECT TITLE Improved Community Response to Sexual Assault and Legal Advocacy Relating to Protection Orders and Immigrants in Lancaster County, Nebraska		9. PREVIOUS AWARD AMOUNT \$ 0	
		10. AMOUNT OF THIS AWARD \$ 240,000	
		11. TOTAL AWARD \$ 240,000	
12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS THE ABOVE GRANT PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS AS ARE SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED PAGE(S).			
13. STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR GRANT This project is supported under 42 U.S.C. §§ 3796hh-3796hh-4 (OVW- Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program, also known as Arrest Program)			
14. CATALOG OF DOMESTIC FEDERAL ASSISTANCE (CFDA Number) 16.590 - Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program also known as the Arrest Program			
15. METHOD OF PAYMENT GPRS			
[REDACTED] AGENCY APPROVAL [REDACTED]		[REDACTED] GRANTEE ACCEPTANCE [REDACTED]	
16. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Nadine M. Neufville Acting Director		18. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GRANTEE OFFICIAL Todd Wiltgen Chair	
17. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 		19. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL	19A. DATE
[REDACTED] AGENCY USE ONLY [REDACTED]			
20. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION CODES FISCAL YEAR X FUND CODE A BUD. ACT. W4 DIV. OFC. 29 DIV. REG. 00 SUB. 00 POMS AMOUNT 240000		21. W417D00032	



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PAGE 2 OF 12

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Requirements of the award; remedies for non-compliance or for materially false statements

The conditions of this award are material requirements of the award. Compliance with any certifications or assurances submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance also is a material requirement of this award.

Failure to comply with any one or more of these award requirements -- whether a condition set out in full below, a condition incorporated by reference below, or a certification or assurance related to conduct during the award period -- may result in the Office on Violence Against Women ("OVW") taking appropriate action with respect to the recipient and the award. Among other things, the OVW may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. The Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including OVW, also may take other legal action as appropriate.

Any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to the federal government related to this award (or concealment or omission of a material fact) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 42 U.S.C. 3795a), and also may lead to imposition of civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

Should any provision of a requirement of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law. Should it be held, instead, that the provision is utterly invalid or -unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severable from this award.

2. Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements and DOJ Grants Financial Guide

The recipient agrees to comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements"), and the current edition of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OVW website to include any amendments made throughout the course of the grant period.

3. Requirement to report potentially duplicative funding

If the recipient currently has other active awards of federal funds, or if the recipient receives any other award of federal funds during the period of performance for this award, the recipient promptly must determine whether funds from any of those other federal awards have been, are being, or are to be used (in whole or in part) for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are provided under this award. If so, the recipient must promptly notify the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) in writing of the potential duplication, and, if so requested by the DOJ awarding agency, must seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope grant adjustment notice (GAN) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.



**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

4. Requirements related to System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

The recipient must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at <https://www.sam.gov>. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining the currency of information in SAM.

The recipient also must comply with applicable restrictions on subawards ("subgrants") to first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees"), including restrictions on subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to the recipient) the unique entity identifier required for SAM registration.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OVW website at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees> (Award condition: Registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

5. Requirements pertaining to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate award)

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of recipients, subrecipients ("subgrantees"), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of the recipient or of any subrecipient.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OVW web site at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees> (Award condition: Prohibited conduct by recipients and subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

6. Compliance with applicable rules regarding approval, planning, and reporting of conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears on the OVW website at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees>.

7. OVW Training Guiding Principles

The recipient understands and agrees that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding provided under this award must adhere to the OVW Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees>.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PAGE 4 OF 12

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

8. Effect of failure to address audit issues

The recipient understands and agrees that the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) may withhold award funds, or may impose other related requirements, if (as determined by the DOJ awarding agency) the recipient does not satisfactorily and promptly address outstanding issues from audits required by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements (or by the terms of this award), or other outstanding issues that arise in connection with audits, investigations, or reviews of DOJ awards.

9. Potential imposition of additional requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) during the period of performance for this award, if the recipient is designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

10. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

11. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38, specifically including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries. Part 38 of 28 C.F.R., a DOJ regulation, was amended effective May 4, 2016.

Among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38 also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to recipient and subrecipient ("subgrantee") organizations that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to recipients and subrecipients that are faith-based or religious organizations.

12. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "education programs."



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PAGE 5 OF 12

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

13. Restrictions on "lobbying" and policy development

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds may not be used by the recipient, or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, in order to avoid violation of 18 U.S.C. 1913. The recipient, or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") may, however, use federal funds to collaborate with and provide information to federal, state, local, tribal and territorial public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies and develop and promote state, local, or tribal legislation or model codes designed to reduce or eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (as those terms are defined in 42 U.S.C. 13925(a)) when such collaboration and provision of information is consistent with the activities otherwise authorized under this grant program.

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds awarded by OVW from being used by the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier, to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact OVW for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OVW.

14. Compliance with general appropriations-law restrictions on the use of federal funds for this fiscal year

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions, for each fiscal year, are set out at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees>, and are incorporated by reference here. Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or a subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, the recipient is to contact OVW for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OVW.

15. Reporting potential fraud, waste, and abuse, and similar misconduct

The recipient, and any subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier, must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this award-- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award should be reported to the OIG by-- (1) mail directed to: Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice, Investigations Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 4706, Washington, DC 20530; (2) e-mail to: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov; and/or (3) the DOJ OIG hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish) at (800) 869-4499 (phone) or (202) 616-9881 (fax).

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://www.usdoj.gov/oig>.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PAGE 6 OF 12

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

16. Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters

No recipient or subrecipient ("subgrantee") under this award, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

1. In accepting this award, the recipient--

a. represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

b. certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

2. If the recipient does or is authorized under this award to make subawards ("subgrants"), procurement contracts, or both--

a. it represents that--

(1) it has determined that no other entity that the recipient's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

(2) it has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and

b. it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PAGE 7 OF 12

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

17. Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)

The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must comply with, and is subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

The recipient also must inform its employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

Should a question arise as to the applicability of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712 to this award, the recipient is to contact the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) for guidance.

18. Encouragement of policies to ban text messaging while driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), DOJ encourages recipients and subrecipients ("subgrantees") to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

19. The recipient agrees to follow the applicable set of general terms and conditions that are available at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees>. These do not supersede any specific conditions in this award document.
20. The recipient agrees to comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements which may include, among other relevant authorities, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C 3711 et seq., the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 109-162, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, P.L. 113-4, and OVW's implementing regulations at 28 CFR Part 90.
21. The recipient must be in compliance with requirements outlined in the solicitation under which the approved application was submitted. The program solicitation is hereby incorporated by reference into this award.
22. The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 added a civil rights provision that applies to all OVW grants issued in FY 2014 or after. This provision prohibits recipients of OVW awards from excluding, denying benefits to, or discriminating against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by OVW. The recipient acknowledges that it will comply with this provision. The recipient also agrees to ensure that any subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier will comply with this provision.
23. The recipient understands and agrees that misuse of award funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under an award, and civil and/or criminal penalties.
24. Grant funds may be used only for the purposes in the recipient's approved application. The recipient shall not undertake any work or activities that are not described in the grant application, and that use staff, equipment, or other goods or services paid for with OVW grant funds, without prior written approval from OVW.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PAGE 8 OF 12

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

25. The recipient agrees that funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, non-federal funds that would otherwise be available for the activities under this grant.
26. The recipient agrees to comply with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 13925(b)(2), nondisclosure of confidential or private information, which includes creating and maintaining documentation of compliance, such as policies and procedures for release of victim information. The recipient also agrees to ensure that any subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier meet these requirements.
27. The recipient agrees that grant funds will not support activities that compromise victim safety and recovery, such as: procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived sex, age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the age and/or sex of their children; procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of persons receiving OVW-funded services; procedures or policies that impose requirements on victims in order to receive services (e.g., seek an order of protection, receive counseling, participate in couples counseling or mediation, report to law enforcement, seek civil or criminal remedies, etc.); procedures or policies that fail to ensure service providers conduct safety planning with victims; project design and budgets that fail to account for the access needs of participants with disabilities and participants who have limited English proficiency or are Deaf or hard of hearing; or any other activities outlined in the solicitation under which the approved application was submitted.
28. The Director of OVW, upon a finding that there has been substantial failure by the recipient to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and/or the terms and conditions of the award or relevant solicitation, will terminate or suspend until the Director is satisfied that there is no longer such failure, all or part of the award, in accordance with the provisions of 28 CFR Part 18, as applicable mutatis mutandis.
29. The recipient acknowledges that it is responsible for maintaining updated contact information in the Grants Management System. To update information in GMS for either the point of contact and/or the authorized representative, the recipient must submit a Grant Adjustment Notice.
30. The recipient agrees to submit semiannual progress reports that describe project activities during the reporting period. Progress reports must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the reporting periods, which are January 1 - June 30 and July 1 - December 31, for the duration of the award. Future awards may be withheld if progress reports are delinquent. Recipients are required to submit this information online, through the Grants Management System (GMS), on the semi-annual progress report for the relevant OVW grant programs.
31. Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), VAWA 2000 and subsequent legislation, recipients are required to collect and maintain data that measure the effectiveness of their grant-funded activities. Accordingly, the recipient agrees to submit semi-annual electronic progress reports on program activities and program effectiveness measures. Recipients are required to collect the information that is included on the semi-annual progress report for the OVW Program under which this award is funded.
32. A final report, which provides a summary of progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the award, significant results, and any products developed under the award, is due 90 days after the end of the award. The Final Progress Report should be submitted to the OVW through the Grants Management System with the Report Type indicated as "Final".



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET**
Grant

PAGE 9 OF 12

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

33. The recipient agrees that it will submit quarterly financial status reports to OVW on-line (at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>) using the SF 425 Federal Financial Report form (available for viewing at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/post-award-reporting-forms.html#sortBy=1>), not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The final report shall be submitted not later than 90 days following the end of the award period.
34. Program income, as defined by 2 CFR 200.80, means gross income earned by the non-Federal entity that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the Federal award during the period of performance. Without prior approval from OVW, program income must be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. In order to add program income to the OVW award, the recipient must seek approval from its program manager via a budget modification Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) prior to generating any program income. Any program income added to the federal award must be used to support activities that were approved in the budget and follow the conditions of the OVW award. Any program income approved via budget modification GAN must be reported in the recipient's quarterly Federal Financial Report SF-425 in accordance with the addition alternative. If the program income amount changes (increases or decreases) during the project period, it must be approved via a budget modification GAN by the end of the project period. If the budget modification is not submitted and approved, it could result in audit findings for the recipient.
35. The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards ("subgrants") of \$25,000 or more and, in certain circumstances, to report the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the recipient and first-tier subrecipients of award funds. Such data will be submitted to the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS). The details of recipient obligations, which derive from the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), are posted on the Office on Violence Against Women web site at: <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2010/12/08/ffata-award-term.pdf> (Award condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation), and are incorporated by reference here. This condition, and its reporting requirement, does not apply to grant awards made to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own and/or operate in his or her name).
36. The recipient agrees to submit for OVW review and approval any anticipated addition of, removal of, or change in collaborating partner agencies or individuals who are signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding, and if applicable, the Internal Memorandum of Agreement.
37. The recipient agrees to submit one copy of all required reports and any other written materials or products that are developed by the recipient or project partners and funded under the project to OVW not less than twenty (20) days prior to public release. If the written material is found to be outside the scope of the program, or in some way to compromise victim safety, it will need to be revised to address these concerns or the recipient will not be allowed to use project funds to support the further development or distribution of the materials.
38. All materials and publications (written, visual, or sound) resulting from award activities shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No. _____ awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women."



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PAGE 10 OF 12

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

39. Pursuant to 2 CFR §200.315(b), the recipient may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was acquired, under this award. OVW reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

OVW also reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), any work developed by a subrecipient ("subgrantee") of this award, for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

In addition, the recipient (or subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor of this award at any tier) must obtain advance written approval from the OVW program manager assigned to this award, and must comply with all conditions specified by the program manager in connection with that approval, before: 1) using award funds to purchase ownership of, or a license to use, a copyrighted work; or 2) incorporating any copyrighted work, or portion thereof, into a new work developed under this award.

It is the responsibility of the recipient (and of each subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor as applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward, contract or subcontract under this award.

40. First-time recipients, or continuation recipients if requested, must agree to have key staff members, as identified by OVW, attend the OVW grantee orientation seminar, which may be offered in-person, online, or a combination of both. Additionally, if there is a change in the project director/coordinator during the grant period, the recipient agrees, at the earliest opportunity, to send the new project director/coordinator, regardless of prior experience with this or any other federal award, to an OVW grantee orientation seminar or require completion of the orientation online, whichever is available.
41. The recipient agrees that funds allocated for OVW-sponsored technical assistance may not be used for any other purpose without prior approval by OVW. To request approval, recipients must submit a Program Office Approval Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) via the Grants Management System (GMS). The recipient must attach to the GAN a copy of the event's brochure, curriculum and/or agenda, a description of the hosts or trainers, and an estimated breakdown of costs. The GAN request must be submitted to OVW at least 20 days prior to registering for the event. Approval to attend non-OVW sponsored events will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This prior approval process also applies to requests for the use of OVW-designated technical assistance funds to pay a consultant or contractor not designated as an OVW technical assistance provider to develop and/or provide training and/or technical assistance.
42. The recipient agrees to attend and participate in OVW-sponsored technical assistance. Technical assistance includes, but is not limited to, national and regional conferences, audio conferences, webinars, peer-to-peer consultations, and workshops conducted by OVW-designated technical assistance providers. All training will be coordinated by OVW-designated technical assistance providers.
43. Approval of this award does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour. A detailed justification must be submitted to and approved by OVW prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds. Although prior approval is not required for consultant rates below these specified amounts, recipients are required to maintain documentation to support all daily or hourly rates.



**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

44. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 3796hh(d), the recipient understands that 5% of this award is being withheld and that it may not obligate, expend, or drawdown that 5% unless the State or unit of local government:

(1) certifies that it has a law, policy, or regulation that requires:

(A) the State or unit of local government at the request of a victim to administer to a defendant, against whom an information or indictment is presented for a crime in which by force or threat of force the perpetrator compels the victim to engage in sexual activity, testing for the immunodeficiency virus (HIV) not later than 48 hours after the date on which the information or indictment is presented and the defendant is in custody or has been served with the information or indictment;

(B) as soon as practicable notification to the victim, or parent and guardian of the victim, and defendant of the testing results; and

(C) follow-up tests for HIV as may be medically appropriate, and that as soon as practicable after each such test the results be made available in accordance with subparagraph (B); or

(2) gives the Attorney General assurances that its laws and regulations will be in compliance with requirements of paragraph (1) by the period ending on the date on which the next session of the State legislature ends.

The "next session of the State legislature" means the next session after the date on which the application for this award was submitted.

If the recipient submits a certification, a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) will be issued, and the funds will become available for drawdown. If, by the date on which the next session of the State legislature ends, the recipient is not in compliance with this provision, then the withheld funds will be de-obligated from the amount of funds awarded for this award period.

45. The recipient acknowledges that it has a continuing obligation to remain in compliance with the applicable certification requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 3796hh(c).
46. The recipient agrees that grant funds may be used to strengthen legal advocacy service programs for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including strengthening assistance to such victims in immigration matters. Grant funds may not be used to provide long-term or short-term legal representation.
47. The recipient agrees that funds will not be used for prevention activities (e.g., outreach to elementary and secondary schools, implementation of educational programs regarding domestic and dating violence intervention, and public awareness campaigns). The recipient may use funds to provide outreach regarding the specific services offered under the grant.
48. The recipient acknowledges that it has a current grant award under the same OVW grant program from which this new award is being made. The recipient may obligate, expend, and draw down from this new award only funds for travel-related expenses up to \$10,000 to attend OVW-sponsored technical assistance events. The recipient agrees not to obligate, expend, or draw down any additional funds until all funds are expended on their current OVW award from this same program. If the recipient needs to obligate, expend, or draw down additional funds from this award prior to the completion/expiration of the current award, it must submit a written request to its program manager for review and approval. Once the request is approved, a Grant Adjustment Notice will be issued allowing the recipient access to funds.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**AWARD CONTINUATION
SHEET
Grant**

PAGE 12 OF 12

PROJECT NUMBER 2017-WE-AX-0013

AWARD DATE 09/26/2017

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

49. The recipient's budget is pending review and approval. The recipient may obligate, expend, and draw down only funds for travel-related expenses up to \$10,000 to attend OVW-sponsored technical assistance events, unless there is another condition on the award prohibiting obligation, expenditure, and drawdown of any funds, in which case the condition prohibiting any obligation, expenditure or drawdown of funds will control. Remaining funds will not be available for drawdown until OVW's Grants Financial Management Division has approved the budget and budget narrative, and a Grant Adjustment Notice has been issued removing this special condition. Any obligations or expenditures incurred by the recipient prior to the budget being approved are made at the recipient's own risk. If applicable, the Indirect Cost Rate will be identified in the Grant Adjustment Notice when the budget is approved.



U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

Washington, D.C. 20531

Memorandum To: Official Grant File

From: Marnie Shiels, Attorney Advisor

Subject: Categorical Exclusion for Lancaster County

The Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program (formerly known as the Grants to Encourage Arrest Program) implements certain provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, which was enacted in September 1994 as Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, reauthorized in the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, 2005, and 2013. The program enhances victim safety and offender accountability in cases of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by encouraging jurisdictions to implement pro-arrest policies as an effective intervention that is part of a coordinated community response. An integral component of the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program is the creation and enhancement of collaborative partnerships between criminal justice agencies, victim services providers, and community organizations which respond to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

None of the following activities will be conducted under the OVW federal action:

1. New construction.
2. Any renovation or remodeling of a property either (a) listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or (b) located within a 100-year floodplain.
3. A renovation which will change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size.
4. Research and technology whose anticipated and future application could be expected to have an effect on the environment.
5. Implementation of a program involving the use of chemicals.

Consequently, the subject federal action meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion as contained in paragraph 4.(b) of Appendix D to Part 61 of the Code of Federal Regulations (adopted by OVW at 28 CFR § 0.122(b)).



U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

**GRANT MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM, PT. I:
PROJECT SUMMARY**

Grant

PROJECT NUMBER

2017-WE-AX-0013

PAGE 1 OF 1

This project is supported under 42 U.S.C. §§ 3796hh-3796hh-4 (OVW- Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program, also known as Arrest Program)

1. STAFF CONTACT (Name & telephone number)

Sue Pugliese
(202) 305-1660

2. PROJECT DIRECTOR (Name, address & telephone number)

Sara Hoyle
Human Services Administrator
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 441-4944

3a. TITLE OF THE PROGRAM

OVW FY 2017 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program (also known as the Arrest Program)

3b. POMS CODE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)

4. TITLE OF PROJECT

Improved Community Response to Sexual Assault and Legal Advocacy Relating to Protection Orders and Immigrants in Lancaster County, Nebraska

5. NAME & ADDRESS OF GRANTEE

Lancaster County
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508-2804

6. NAME & ADDRESS OF SUBGRANTEE

7. PROGRAM PERIOD

FROM: 10/01/2017 TO: 09/30/2019

8. BUDGET PERIOD

FROM: 10/01/2017 TO: 09/30/2019

9. AMOUNT OF AWARD

\$ 240,000

10. DATE OF AWARD

09/26/2017

11. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET

12. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT

13. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET PERIOD

14. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT

15. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (See instruction on reverse)

The Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program (formerly known as the Grants to Encourage Arrest Program) implements certain provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, which was enacted in September 1994 as Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, reauthorized in the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, 2005, and 2013. The program enhances victim safety and offender accountability in cases of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by encouraging jurisdictions to implement pro-arrest policies as an effective intervention that is part of a coordinated community response. An integral component of the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program is the creation and enhancement of collaborative partnerships between criminal justice agencies, victim services providers, and community organizations which respond to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

Lancaster County is Nebraska's second largest county. The 2015 population estimate from the U.S. Census Bureau was 306,468. The population to be served under

this Improving Criminal Justice Responses award will be victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

Lancaster County, in collaboration with its non-profit, non-governmental victim service partners, Voices of Hope (VOH), the Family Violence Council (FVC), El Centro de las Américas, and the Asian Community and Cultural Center, will use this new award to enhance the coordinated community response to sexual assault and domestic violence. Specifically, the project will: 1) implement a Project Management Team (PMT) that will oversee the project, review project goals and objectives, and ensure that the project coordinator contracts with a specialist for aspects of the grant relating to campus sexual offenses and threat assessment; 2) maintain the Case Management Team (CMT), and the county's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART); 3) provide training for prosecutors and law enforcement on improving the investigation and prosecution response for drug-facilitated sexual assaults, trauma-informed prosecutions, and sex trafficking cases; 4) support a law enforcement specialist with expertise on threat assessment and sexual assault investigations related to the project's campus sexual assault initiative; 5) support a domestic violence advocate from the Lincoln Police Department's Victim/Witness Unit who will provide services to sexual assault and domestic violence victims and protection order assistance; 6) support a VOH sexual assault services coordinator/advocate and a VOH campus services coordinator/advocate who will provide advocacy, case management, and crisis services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; 7) support a VOH bilingual advocate who will provide advocacy, co-facilitate a community support group, assist with protection orders and provide crisis services to Latina victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking; 8) support an El Centro de las Americas bilingual case manager who will conduct outreach and disseminate information on services available to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking; and 9) support a domestic violence case manager from the Asian Community and Cultural Center who will be responsible for conducting outreach and disseminating information on services available to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

The timing for performance of this award is 24 months.

CA/NCF