



To encourage and facilitate mutual support, awareness, and cooperation

OVW/AVA Conference Call Agenda Monday, April 11th, 2022 11:00am EST

I. Welcome & Introductions

- **OVW** – Amy Loder, Melissa Schmisek, Kevin Sweeney, Omar Mohammed, Zelda Tackey, LaTonya Eaddy, Elizabeth Bauer
- **AVA** – Cecilia Miller, Stephanie Lowery, Amy Baynes, Barry Bryant

II. Discussion

- **Implementation Plans – Any Updates?**

- i. OVW encouraged Administrators to use the template provided by STOP ALSO
- ii. OVW also encouraged administrators who are in a position to submit the IP early, before the STOP Application, to please do so.

THIS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT!

You may recall this request was first mentioned in a January 26, 2022 email from Amy Loder that, in part, said:

“Early Submission

*States and territories that have a final Plan, or close to final Plan (needs a signature, or requires minor edits), may submit their Plan before the application deadline. OVW staff will **not** review Plans that are in DRAFT form, need significant edits, or are incomplete. Additionally, we will not review and approve sections of a Plan. OVW staff will answer questions, but we will not approve sections of a Plan piecemeal. States and territories may now submit their final, or close to final, Plans to OVW.*

*Plans must be submitted to: OVW.STOPImplementation@usdoj.gov. Please use the following naming convention in the subject heading: **[name of state or territory] 2022 Implementation Plan.***

As stated above, states and territories will not have access to funds until their Plan is approved. We prefer to process STOP awards without a withholding special condition. To do so, we need sufficient time to review the Plans. Reviewing Plans requires a significant amount of time and several levels of review.

It is our responsibility to ensure that each Plan has sufficiently addressed each of the required elements, as outlined in the STOP statute. OVW staff reads every page, chart, and attachment. Staff often has follow-up questions. Most issues are easily resolved, but some take time to address. Submitting early allows OVW staff a longer period for review and to address any issues that may arise. Additionally, it is more manageable to review Plans if they are submitted on a rolling basis, as opposed to all at once. I encourage states and territories to submit their Plan early if they are able. We will review Plans as we receive them. Early receipt increases the likelihood that a state or territory will have an approved Plan when their FY 2022 STOP award is processed.

Resources

OVW and the Alliance of Local Service Provider (ALSO) have developed several resources to assist with the development of the Plan. I am sure that you are all well into the process of writing your Plan. The resources below may be beneficial as you finalize your Plan.

1. [Implementation Plan Checklist](#): outlines the required elements of the Plan.
2. [Implementation Planning Toolkit](#): a compilation of essential resources for states and territories to use as the Plan is being developed.

States and territories are not required to use the resources listed above, but individuals may find these resources to be beneficial. ALSO is available to provide technical assistance to you as you develop your Plan. I encourage you to reach out to the ALSO STAAR Project if you have any questions.

Finally, OVW is available to answer your questions as they arise. Our goal is to ensure that 'Plan season' goes as smoothly as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact your Program Manager or me if you have any questions.”

- **President Biden's FY '23 Proposed Budget**

- iii. AVA mentioned that we had listened to a USDOJ webinar that provided an overview of the President's proposal. OVW Principal Deputy Director, Allison Randall gave an informative summary of some of the VAWA specific sections of the proposed budget.
- iv. As OVW staff do not really have anything to do with the proposed budget, they were not able to provide any additional insight.
- v. Because the President's Budget is merely a proposal, AVA does not share the budget until it is the official enacted budget.

III. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:42 am EST. The next OVW/AVA meeting is scheduled for July 11th, 2022.