

GRANTS FOR OUTREACH  
AND SERVICES TO  
UNDERSERVED  
POPULATIONS

## Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter

### January 2022

# Alliance of Local Service Organizations (ALSO) Underserved Technical Assistance Project

This newsletter from the [ALSO Underserved TA Project](#) is designed for Underserved grantees to provide them with regular and concise information including resources, training opportunities, open solicitations, and more.

You can always find more resources on the [Underserved TA Tools and Resources page](#) on ALSO's website or through the [Online Private Portal](#) for OVW Underserved Grantees.

Happy Resource & Opportunity Finding!  
-Your Underserved TA Team



*Safe Homes, Safe Streets.*

### National Stalking Awareness Month



January is National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM).

The Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center

### National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Through program funding, research projects, and more, the Office of Justice Programs

(SPARC) – a project through AEquitas– is the OVW Stalking Comprehensive TA provider. Please [visit the SPARC website](#) to learn more about this TA project and for resources for NSAM.

SPARC staff and consultants have trained thousands of professionals (advocates, attorneys, judges, law enforcement, prosecutors), provided TA consultations to programs on actively and intentionally integrating services for stalking victims into their organization, and developing resources and tools for grantees and potential grantees.

(OJP) and its program offices are working to provide information and resources related to human trafficking.

Following are some topical resources:

- [For Human Trafficking Survivors, Justice Is More About Healing and Preventing Future Trafficking](#)
- [Human Trafficking Data Collection Activities](#)
- [The National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking](#)
- [The Office for Victims of Crime: An Ongoing Commitment to Victims of Human Trafficking](#)

Check out the [Human Trafficking Special Feature](#) to access additional information and resources from OJP and other federal agencies on this topic.

## Progress Reporting

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The deadline to submit progress reports is this **Sunday, January 30**. In preparation, [VAWA MEI](#) is available to help support grantees with this process.

Grantees can find resources from the VAWA MEI staff and can also sign up to receive individualized technical assistance. Grantees can [find more information here](#).

VAWA MEI ("Muskie"): 1-800-922-VAWA (8292) or [yawamei@maine.edu](mailto:yawamei@maine.edu).

*Other helpful contact information:*

JustGrants: Progress reports are submitted via the [JustGrants](#) system. If you have any tech issues accessing the JustGrants system or submitting reports in this system, you can contact the OVW JustGrants Help Desk (M-F) at 866-655-4482 or [OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov).

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## Underserved TA Hosted Events

### Underserved Grantee Orientation

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Each new grantee cohort attends a [Grantee Orientation](#). Orientations are designed to provide relevant information about grant administration and financial

management and an introduction to the OVW and TA Provider Teams supporting grantees throughout their grant cycle.

This year, the Grantee Orientation will be virtual and will take place over several dates from January 11th, 2022 - February 3rd, 2022.

All FY2021 grantee organizations are required to secure the attendance of at least two (2) individuals from their funded project to the virtual Underserved Grantee Orientation hosted by OVW in partnership with ALSO. Please note that for this virtual orientation two (2) participants is the minimum and that we encourage more participants from each grantee organization to attend. New staff that have been hired at grantee organizations whose funding began in a previous cycle can join as well.

The orientation's [schedule can be found here](#). Registration for the Grantee Orientation has closed. For questions about this event, contact the Underserved TA Team at [underservedta@also-chicago.org](mailto:underservedta@also-chicago.org).

# UNDER SERVED GRANTEE ORIENTATION

**JANUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 3, 2022**

## Peer to Peer Engagement Opportunity

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From February to March, the Underserved TA Project will be hosting a series of three Peer-to-Peer virtual meetings on the topic of Organizational Sustainability. We will discuss and problem-solve the development and application of policies and procedures rooted in equity, humanity, and compassion while providing opportunities for leveraging peer wisdom and experience.

Please be aware that the decision to attend this Peer-to-Peer opportunity should also include a commitment to attending all three sessions as each session builds upon the other. Each participant is expected to bring a challenge they are experiencing related to organizational sustainability and the willingness to support peer learning through active listening, affirmation, problem-solving, and reflection. Each session will be facilitated by ALSO consultant Amrita Hanjrah, ALSO TA consultant, who will also be available between sessions for 1:1 technical assistance and support.

Each event is 90 minutes and will start at 1 pm CST / 2 pm EST.

- Wednesday, February 16th
- Wednesday, February 23rd
- Wednesday, March 2nd

Each person who will be attending must complete a registration form. Please register by COB Tuesday, February 15th. To ensure that everyone can fully participate in this opportunity, we need to know about your accessibility needs in advance. Every effort will be made to ensure access at these virtual events, however accommodation requests made any time after February 8th, 2022 cannot be guaranteed.

## [Webinars & Conferences from the Field](#)

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### *[JustGrants Training Resources](#)*

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Host: [US Department of Justice](#)

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has made a collection of training resources available for JustGrants users. Training materials include self-guided eLearning videos, which are supplemented by job aid reference guides, checklists, and infographics. These resources will help users learn to navigate the system effectively and complete various essential grants management tasks.

[Find the Recordings Here](#)

### *[International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Reimagining Justice](#)*

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Host: [End Violence Against Women International](#)

Dates: April 19 - 21 2022

Location: San Francisco, CA

This annual conference focuses on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking and elder abuse. EVAWI consistently brings together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers and others in this 3-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all of our communities.

[Register Here](#)

[Your ALSO TA Team](#)

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*Image Description: Headshots of Underserved TA Team members arranged over pastel circles and ovals colored orange, blue, purple, pink, and green*

*From top to bottom: (L-R) Cristina Damiani, Rachel Hastings, (L-R) Topher Williamson, Zarena Leblanc, Lisa Gilmore, (L-R) Quenette Walton, Lori Crowder*

### Have Questions? We are here to help!

- For technical assistance support related to substantive and programmatic issues: Contact your ALSO Underserved TA point of contact at their individual email or the team at [underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org](mailto:underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org).
- For questions about grant administration: Contact your OVW Program Specialist Kara Moller at [kara.moller@usdoj.gov](mailto:kara.moller@usdoj.gov).

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