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Welcome to the Underserved Grant!

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

Welcome to the Underserved Grant Program, FY 2019 Grantees!

The [Alliance of Local Service Organizations \(ALSO\)](#) is thrilled about supporting you through this grant as your Comprehensive Technical Assistance (TA) provider.

This email details the various technical assistance opportunities available to all grantees. You will find information on:

- In-Person Grantee Orientation
- TA Tools and Resource Page
- Grantee Private Portal
- Regular One-on-One Consultations via phone, email or virtually
- Webinars
- In-Person Institutes
- Resource Emails

-Your Underserved TA Team



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In-Person Grantee Orientation

Each new grantee cohort will attend a Grantee Orientation.

All FY 2019 grantee organizations are required to send two (2) individuals from

their funded project to the in-person Grantee Orientation hosted by OVW in partnership with ALSO. Pending OVW approval, the Grantee Orientation will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana from December 10 - 12, 2019. Please hold these dates on your calendar. Stay tuned for travel information.

Please complete the [2019 Underserved Grantee Orientation registration](#) for the two individuals from your project attending this event. A [draft agenda](#) is attached for your convenience.

The deadline for registration is **Wednesday, October 30th, 2019**.

Attention to this deadline is appreciated as it impacts event planning and our ability to meet accessibility needs.

[Link to Registration](#)

[TA Tools and Resources Page](#)

On ALSO's website, we have gathered a variety of resources that have been selected in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). These resources are not exhaustive and are updated periodically.

Topics include Grant Administration Resources, Outreach, Intersectionality, Organizational Structure and Sustainability, and more.

Visit the public [Tools and Resources Page](#).

[Grantee Private Portal](#)

We also have a password-protected Underserved Grantee Private Portal, which gives grantees access to information beyond all of the content and resources publicly available on our [public TA tools and resources page](#). Past webinars, session materials, resource emails, and other materials live here.

To access this private portal, set up your account today! For instructions on how to access the portal, [please refer to this document](#).

After registering and creating your login information, you can reach this page through [ALSO's homepage](#) and clicking on the [Underserved Grantees button](#) on the top of the page. There is also a link in the Main Menu along the right side of the site.

[Regular One-on-One Consultations](#)

One of the most tailored ways that ALSO provides technical assistance is through one on one consultations with each grantee organization. This time is used to discuss needs and requests specific to each grantee, and then tailor appropriate support and guidance in an ongoing basis.

Each grantee organization is assigned an ALSO staff member or consultant as a TA Point of Contact. These assignments will be sent out in the coming weeks.

As a reminder, please do not forget to sign up for the Grantee Needs Assessment Calls if you have not done so already. Please complete the call signup sheet below. Available dates range from Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 through Friday, October 25, 2019. [Please sign up here.](#)

Webinars

Webinar trainings are opportunities to engage in different ways on subtopics related to purpose and priority areas and lifting up the work of grantees and other service providers employing best and promising practices responsive to survivors from underserved populations.

Webinars typically have English and Spanish captioning and have the capability to have additional language services, such as ASL interpretation. Speakers and facilitators have been consultants and staff for ALSO as well as partner organizations and subject matter experts. Previous topics include Trauma-Informed Design: Creative Response Environments, Sexual Assault & Holistic Healing Practices for Culturally Specific/Underserved Populations, and others.

Several webinars will be held throughout the year. All webinars are recorded and stored on the [Private Portal](#).

Resource Emails

This product of the ALSO Underserved TA Project is designed for Underserved grantees to provide them with regular and concise information including resources, training opportunities, and open solicitations.

Resources include webinars, articles, grant updates, grantee spotlights, information from your OVW program manager Kara Moller, and more!

The monthly Resource Email is distributed through Constant Contact, using this listserv! If you have any team members that are funded with the Underserved Grant that are not receiving these updates, please forward their contact info to underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org so that everyone can stay updated.

In-Person Institutes

ALSO hosts annual in-person Institutes on topics related to program purpose areas and supplemental training materials including tailored worksheets, action planning tools, and other substantive resources.

Institutes are an effective way to deliver information and skill building in a way that is interactive, engaging, and allows guided and informal opportunities for peer learning and networking among grantees, ALSO, and OVW. These meetings also give grantees a pause from their program activities to have time to reflect and plan in ways that would be more challenging back at their agencies. Past Institute materials and agendas can be found on the [Private Portal](#).

Attendance at Institutes are mandatory for all active grantees.

The next Institute will be Summer 2020.

Your ALSO TA Team



Image Description: ALSO's Underserved TA team posing in a beige hallway at the 2018 Grantee Orientation.

From L-R: Quenette Walton, Lori Crowder, Lisa Gilmore, Cristina Damiani, Zarena Leblanc, Topher Williamson

Have Questions? We are here to help!

- For questions about grant administration: Contact your OVV Program Manager Kara Moller at kara.moller@usdoj.gov.
- 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.

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