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**READOUT OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
KATHARINE T. SULLIVAN AND OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME DIRECTOR
JESSICA E. HART'S APPEARANCE AT THE
ENHANCED COLLABORATIVE MODEL
FISCAL YEAR 2019 VIRTUAL GRANTEE MEETING
AUGUST 25-27, 2020**

WASHINGTON – Office of Justice Programs Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan and Office for Victims of Crime Director Jessica E. Hart addressed an audience of law enforcement professionals, prosecutors and victim service providers during this week's Enhanced Collaborative Model FY 2019 Virtual Grantee Meeting. Representatives of many of the ECM task forces funded by OVC and OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance tuned in for three days of strategy development sessions, peer-to-peer discussions and workshops on grant administration requirements.

The Enhanced Collaborative Model facilitates partnerships between law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, victim service providers and community stakeholders. The goal of the ECM task forces is to identify victims of sex and labor trafficking, provide services to victims, and investigate and prosecute all forms of human trafficking using victim-centered, trauma-informed strategies and methods. OJP currently supports 29 task forces and expects to fund more than a dozen more in the coming weeks. In the course of a recent single year, ECM task forces initiated more than 2,500 human trafficking investigations.

PDAAG Sullivan and Director Hart commended the task forces for their diligence in pursuing human trafficking suspects and identifying trafficking victims. They also underscored Attorney General Barr's commitment to combating human traffickers, citing more than \$100 million in Department of Justice grant resources to support human trafficking task forces and trafficking victim services. OJP invested more than \$85 million in task force activities between FY 2015 and FY 2019.

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