March 2023 Monthly All Grantee Call Transcript

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Welcome SCSEP we will be getting started at 3:00. O'clock. We just want to give everybody a chance to get into the Teams room.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Welcome, everyone. We're going to get started in just a few minutes. We just want to give everybody a chance to get into the room.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Give us just a few more minutes.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
All right, we're getting more closer. Let's just give us one more minute and then we will get started.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
I hope everyone is doing well out there.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
I'm excited, sorry.

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Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA
Me too, Tony. I'm sitting here just watching everybody join and it's just I'll just tickle.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
I know this is awesome. Is awesome.

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Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA
There's no operator waiting to let you in there is joining.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Yeah, this is so much better.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, we still have a few more people, but we're going to get started and we will let people in as we

get started. So let me clear that. Hi everyone. Welcome to our All Grantee call for SCSEP. We are excited to be on Teams. I do want to just start out by letting everyone know that we are recording this session. So this will be part of our meeting notes for records, so if you are not comfortable being recorded, you can turn off your camera, but just wanted to let you know that this meeting is being recorded. The agenda should be on the screen, so hopefully everybody can see that. And just as a more like protocol information, we'll be going through our agenda as we usually do. If you have comments or questions along the way feel free to put something in the chat and we will be doing Q&A at the end and you can raise your hand and we will be doing Q&A based it based on the order of your hand being raised so you can put things if you don't want to lose your thought, you can put things in the chat or you can save things to the end. I know that we are all adults, but you know let's please keep the comments nice. I know there's a lot of frustration, but let's try to keep it kind.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
So with that said, let's get started. Alright, so first I want to welcome, as my name is, so those who haven't seen me. My name is Toni Wilson, and I am the SCSEP unit chief. And I am here with the National team. So let me first start by highlighting Irene.

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Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA
Good afternoon, everyone. Happy March. Happy International Women's Month and happy spring. I'm an NOL for regions one and five.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
All right. OK and if I can see Christine.

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Nimmo, Kristine J - ETA
Hello, everyone. Christine Nimmo here. National office liaison for regions two and four. Welcome.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright. And Byron Klein.

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Kline, Byron - ETA
Hi everyone Byron Klein, National office liaison for Region 3.

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Kline, Byron - ETA
Hey everyone. Welcome.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright. And we have a new addition, Sandra Riley. Sandra, where are you? There we go. Let me try to spotlight you there.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Sandra is a new addition. I think you're in week two of the SCSEP team. She is going to be the new National Office liaison for Region 6. And Sandra comes to us with the experience of working with SCSEP. I know she's currently in Florida right now, and we are very excited to have her as part of the team if you want to say Hello, Sandra.

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Riley, Sondra D - ETA
Hello. Nice to meet and see you everybody. It's a lot of you. Ooh.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright. And then I did not, I don't believe, but let me just extra checks, Steven Rietzke said he may pop through, is Steve on the line.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
I'm here. Hey, everybody.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Hi, Steve, there he is.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
See, we're not just disembodied voices. We're real people. And so are all of you. So, it's great to be with you in this format. And thanks everybody for joining. Thanks, Toni.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Thanks, Steve. Good to see you. Alright. So that is our national office team. You guys can all waive, please waive national office team so people can at least see our faces. I know there's a lot of faces so it helps. All right. With that said, we're going to now move to our contract team, so if we can start out with the Two Tech team.

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Barcley, Joyce M - ETA CTR
Hi, this is Joyce Barkley with Two Tech.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Hi Joyce.

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Bronson, Bradley K - ETA CTR
Good afternoon. This is Bradley Bronson with Two Tech.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, Bradley, and if you guys can just wave when you talk sometimes, we're still getting the technology down. So sometimes it's hard to catch everyone in the sea. Alright, who's next?

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Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR
Well hello everyone. This is Kevin Mauro. I'm also with Two Tech.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Kevin. Hey. Kevin has the best backgrounds.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
All right. Who else do we have?

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McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR
Hi everyone, this is Michi McNeace with Two Tech.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Hi Michi

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, anyone else from Two Tech?

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Hi everyone this is Betty Melakebirhan with Two Tech.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Hi, Betty. Betty and Michi are the big piece of making this technology happening today. So we're very thankful for them. Anyone else from Two Tech.

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Wilkins, Patricia A - ETA CTR
Yep, that's me. Hey, it's Pat Wilkins, everybody. Good afternoon.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Hi Pat. Good to see you.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
All right. Anyone else?

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, let's move to BCT.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Anybody on the line from BCT?

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Ron Schack
Denise, you're muted.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Well, let's start with Charter Oaks. While BCT is getting unmuted. Hi, Ron.

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Ron Schack
OK. Hi, it's Ron Shaft from the Charter Oaks group. Nice to see everybody.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
And Ron does a lot of our performance work.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright. Denise, are you there now?

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Denise Thompson
OK, I'm here. Yeah, I can unmute. This is Denise Thompson from BCT Partners. Hi, everyone.

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Tina Ward
Good afternoon. This is Tina Ward with BCT.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Hi Tina. I don't know if I got to see you, but you're very famous and helping everyone with GPMS. We'll just a special shout out to you there and the whole team behind that. Alright. Anybody else from BCT?

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
I think I got everyone, but did I miss anyone from our national or contract staff?

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, that sounds great. Alright, so Betty, if you can bring back the agenda.

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
It’s still up.

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Yep.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Oh, it's still up. I'm sorry. Once again on my thing, it's gone away. But I have backup plans. So all is well. Alright, so we first wanted to jump right in into our grant management updates and we wanted to flag that TGLE 10-22 which is our IT Implementation and Support Funding for SCSEP TEGL is out on the streets today or as of Friday last Friday I did put a link in the chat for anybody missed that so that link will take you to all of our 10's and TEGL and you'll see it there. That's TEGL 10-22. I just wanted to take a moment to go over that TEGL and see if there are any questions. I do want to first start out by flagging that is due April 17th. I know that there was a mistake there in the sense that it was not on the first page. It is throughout the rest of the document, but it's April 17th and you will also see that in grants.gov and grants solutions, so that is the date for that. I know it's the quick turnaround, but we are hoping that that everyone will be able to get these in on time.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
The purpose of this TEGL is, as we know, with GPMS, we know that this transition has definitely have been challenging for all involved. And this was just an opportunity of funding to support any efforts working with your GPMS system. And so when I say support, we were looking for ways in reference to any funding that can go to help your with you with GPMS. And so that includes things such as additional personnel. So this is an opportunity to maybe hire a contract staff that can do some data entry. Maybe you have a staff that's doing some of this work part time that you can maybe move some more hours or maybe just moving your staff around also any tech technology related supplies that may be needed if you need things like equipment or laptops or just any additional IT related support. The dollars need to be connected and be able to be linked to GPMS.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
But with that said, we are basically looking for you to put together what you would like to use those funds for and then the amount of we are looking at a minimum of 150K and we have a threshold of about 2% of your grant award of. However, we are being flexible. So based on what it is that you want if it's a little over that, we just ask that you justify that and we will review and make decisions based on that. So those are kind of the guidelines, but the minimum is, so even if your 2% is going to be less, the minimum is 150 that you can get and we are looking at for most around a 2% cap depending on the size of your grant. So kind of look at that as your range and that information will go into grants.gov and the FPOs and NOLs will work on that. This will be done as a modification, so this is part of your current grant. This isn't a new grant of any sort that's part of your current grant. It would modify your current grant and you would have until June 30th, 2024 to use those funds. So once again, this is an opportunity to get some temporary help in reference to staffing or maybe some equipment in reference to that. Yes, it can

be less than 150 if that's what you choose to request. We just wanted to make sure that nobody's granted, especially those with the smaller grants that 2% didn't cap them at anything lower than others. So we are looking at most of those grants being 150. But if for some reason based on what you want to use for is under, you can request that.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
And so, yes, this would be a formal modification. So, the request would be a formal modification to your grant. So if it's if, once, and if and once it's approved, it would include a budget Mod and letter and approval. I saw that was in the chat, so just confirming that. So, think of it as any other type of mod in that sense and your FPOs will work with you if you have any questions on this and you know, we really think this is an opportunity for you to use these funds. So, if you need to need some help thinking through, what you might be able to use these funds for or need help in any way, please reach out versus just not applying, this is a onetime Grant additional funding opportunity, and we really want people to use this to in supporting of their GPMS work, so just wanted to let you know that.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, so let me stop there and see before we move on to other grant management updates, I did want to stop and see if there are any questions specific around the IT TEGL.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, let's see if anyone's got their hand raised.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Betty, you can assist me with that. I'm looking in the chat.

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Yeah. And we have Joshua Online, I'm about to unmute him.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
OK.

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Go ahead, Joshua. You can't raise your question.

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Joshua Wadsworth
There we go. Can you hear me now?

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Yes, we can hear you.

0:15:43.860 --> 0:15:44.910
Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Yes, hi, Joshua.

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Joshua Wadsworth
Great. Thanks everybody. I just wanted to say thank you and we are incredibly excited about the TEGL and really trying to think about how we might be able to best take advantage of those funds to help with some digital transformation we as well as just smoothing the path forward from GPMS. So as an organization we're in kind of the first stages of some work organization wide and have been working with a consultant to help sort of plan that and we want to make sure that everything that we're trying to incorporate into the TEGL sort of fits with that as well as hopefully helping to accelerate some of that process for us.

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Joshua Wadsworth
But when we when we presented them with the TEGL the first thing they said was, uh, can we have more time? There's no way we can complete this in the amount of time required and we know with the deadlines and constraints with the grant that may not be possible, but we wanted to put that out there. If there was a possibility of extending it at all that would be a huge help for us in terms of developing our proposal. The second thing they asked was can we get more information in terms of the specs of GPMS and they're looking for something more for like the software developer and of things then the end user data entry level of things and that that would help with sort of helping us put together what we need sort of in addition to or to replace tools that we used to have with SPARQ to make them compatible with GPMS going forward. And then one of the big questions that we have sort of related to our application is to know whether we'll ever be able to upload data directly in the GPMS as we were able to do with SPARQ kind of pre-2012? Or if possibly we would be able to bypass GPMS as long as we're able to upload the WIPS compatible QPR at the end of the quarter or the end of the year as we know some of the I think our WIOA partners are able to have their own system but upload the compatible data into the reporting system. So we were wondering if that was a possibility as well.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright. It's all great questions. I'll just start, and we'll see if there's any thought in reference to some of the others. We may have to loop back around on some of your questions, but I will say it represents the time frame right now. That date is the confirmed date. We are having discussions and references already chance that that can be extended, but the answer for now is that is the confirmed date and we will loop back around if we were able to move that and if we are, that will be an amendment I'm so just flagging that in reference to the specs, that one I will need to go back to the developers I'm at this point right now I don't know if we're able to give that information out, but I will talk with them and see if that's something that we can do. If it is, then that's something that we can invite them to one of our meetings to talk with our grantees about. And then your last question, I'm sorry. I thought I had him all specs, OHH in reference to being able to upload and add information. I know in reference connecting with WIPS that right now no but it is evolving. GPMS is evolving in that direction and so as you know we're at this point we're just trying to make sure the foundation of GPMS is solid and stable and then we

are improving in reference to functionalities and features from there. So we are on update #1.6 moving into 1.7.

And I anticipate that we probably have one or two more updates before things are more in the reference to the level that we want to stable level that we want and then we can start moving into that that next that next piece.

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Joshua Wadsworth
OK, so definitely sounds like for now, anything that we're planning for the TEGL, we need to be planning direct entry of data into GPMS with the hope that we can evolve some of that in the future.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Yeah, I would say that would be the approach for right now.

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Joshua Wadsworth
Yeah. Great, we have some good plans for that, but it's good to know there. There may be some improvements in that coming. So thank you.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Yep. Yeah, no definitely, definitely.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Let's see who I do see a question that chat I can answer, and then we'll go to new who's next with their hand raised. So, we'll match your requirement, So the answer for that is that these are recaptured funds, so there's more flexibility. So no, as of now the answer is no, match will not be a required for these grants. We're working with our grants office and if anything changes in reference that will let you know. But the answer is of now is that no match will not be required.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, Betty, who's next?

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Next, it's Olga.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Hi, Olga.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
OK, if you're talking, you're on mute.

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Unmute yourself. Olga, please.

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Yulikova, Olga (ELD)
Sorry now I figured out whole time I was on mute. OK thanks. Yeah.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
How we're all we're all learning. We're getting there.

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Yulikova, Olga (ELD)
Yeah, I think so Josh pretty much asked all the majority of questions that I had. I just have one more question in terms of so that funding what's the time frame for spending it like the started date of that grant, please.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
So that funding, so we want you to get that in April and they will be awarded by June 30th, 2023. So this June and you'll have until June 30th, 2024 which is the end of your current grant to spend it.

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Yulikova, Olga (ELD)
OK, cool. That's all I need to know. Thank you. And no, it's not all I want to know everything else but.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
We're getting there. We're getting there.

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Yulikova, Olga (ELD)
Oh, that's cool. Thanks.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Let's see.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
I think for grants.gov, so in reference to the modification process, all you would enter your information into grants.gov, and my understanding is then the modification process as it goes through grant solutions. I believe grant solutions calls it the amendment process. So just those two terms are being interchangeable, and it'll go through the grant solution process technology so your FPO will be able to pull it down from there.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
All right. Is there others?

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Yes, we have a question from Laura. I'm about to allow her mic. Laura you can unmute yourself and speak.

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McMurtry, Laura (DHHS)
I think I'm so sorry. I just thought, you know, a Spartans get to be pushy, so we're just going to say our people hey, Irene I had my shirt on today for Tom Izzo's game tomorrow night.

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McMurtry, Laura (DHHS)
So Toni, first of all, thank you for the update on the grant. You know, unfortunately States we have so much bureaucracy to go through. So, I really honestly don't know if this is something Michigan will pursue. And I think my question is, did the National office did you all consider perhaps, maybe using recapture Bunny to expedite GPMS? and the issues that we have been having at expedite maybe getting things fixed quicker, just as just a question not being disrespectful, I just I remember getting recaptured money in the past and we had the error money back and it's just been a long three years. So, it's I have to pick and choose the work I do. And so, it's the turnaround time, I really would hope that you guys really would reconsider the time frame for submission.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
So definitely hear you on the uh time frame and that is something that we are working to see if that's going to be an option. So definitely hear you on that and reference to the GPMS itself, we are still that project is fully funded, there are limits in reference to what we could use the fundings for and they are working very hard behind the scenes in reference to getting the system up and running at the level that we are all looking forward to. So that's unfortunately where we are for right now, but that is a great question and I definitely hear you, but that wasn't necessarily an option for at this time and you're going to hear some in reference to later in the agenda, we'll talk a little bit about what some of our updates on the GPMS.

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McMurtry, Laura (DHHS)
OK, well, I appreciate. It's just states we have so much bureaucracy to go through. It's just really difficult. I'm just going to speak for my state. It's really, we've just gone through a lot of changes. So, thank you. I know we have a lot to do. Thanks for the time.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Nope. I appreciate the feedback.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
All right.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
Well Toni…

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
We have one.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
Oh, sorry.

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Go ahead.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Go ahead, Steve, let's Steve jump in first.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
This is Steve. Hi everybody. I'll just reiterate like Toni said, we will look into this issue of the of the timing it's hard because the funds expire for obligation June 30th, and there's going to be a process on our end too. So we can't squeeze it too tightly, but at least we can look into whether we can figure out some wiggle room. So like Toni said, I think we would probably need to do an amendment to that TEGL in order to actually implement that but we will look into it, I can't guarantee that we'll be able to move it, but we will at least look into it and figure out if we can so appreciate your honesty on that front. And I guess the other thing I'll say and we're going to need to send you all an e-mail after this call with some clarification because I don't know that this money will actually be a modification to your current grant. There's, I think there may be some issues with doing that and I want to dig into that a little bit with our grant shop so for now, follow the instructions that are in the TEGL. If we need to clarify anything after this call, we will and we'll definitely look into that timing issue and get back to you all. Yeah.

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McMurtry, Laura (DHHS)
Can I then make a second request that goes along with it to give us flexibility with submitting the grant application that we have to do now during the same time frame to get ready for so just again 2 two things.

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McMurtry, Laura (DHHS)
And I get it, I know.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
OK. Do you have, do you have any? So let me put you on the spot for a second. Do you have any sense of like, how much more time on this IT Request would make a difference.

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McMurtry, Laura (DHHS)
Honestly, none. I want GPMS fixed, if you want to ask my opinion, that is the bottom line it just doesn't help to have more staff to work on an issue when the system isn't even working correctly. Everybody's frustrated and I know there's things beyond all of our control. So I'm just being transparent for me, I'm sure my boss probably doesn't like it that I've speak way too much, but I just honestly I can't speak to that I guess I would defer to some of my colleagues. Because I just don't think I can answer your question. I want GPMS fixed.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
Sure, I understand.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Yeah, definitely hear you on that one. Definitely understand that.

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McMurtry, Laura (DHHS)
Yeah. Thank you, guys. I appreciate it. Thank you.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
But it does sound like for those that have been asking for more time in general, you've been saying 90 instead of 30 days. So that's more of kind of the pulse of what I'm hearing in reference to you to I get it, If we could have just GPMS where it's at and this isn't stopping the work of GPMS. We will still be working very hard to get a GPMS up to speed so this is while that is happening this is not in place of anything. So just being clear on that. And then as Steve said, we will make sure that the things that he pointed out in reference to if this is a mod or if it's something else and just the timing will do a follow up E-mail just to make sure everybody is on the same page.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright Betty, is there some more questions in the hopper?

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Yes, we have, next question is coming from Daniel Hogan. I'm allowing his mic now.

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Hogan, Daniel (AGING)
Hello.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Hello.

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Hogan, Daniel (AGING)
So Toni, I'm a little confused with the timeline because you said it's going to be part of our current grant which would end in 2023, and then you said it's good through June of 2024, am I misunderstanding that.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
So let's see, what am I saying? Make sure I'm not confusing anybody. So this grant has to be expended by June 30th, 2023 and then it's still part of the grant itself that your grant itself ends June 30th, 2024. So you would be able to use the funds up to then, but it needs to be expended onto your grant before June 30th, 2023 and we will include that in the e-mail just so that there isn't any confusion, I know sometimes trying to say these things verbally can be confusing. So we'll make sure we include that.

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Hogan, Daniel (AGING)
Yes, because I just got confused more. Maybe it's me.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
Well, let me can I add on sure. So the we need to obligate the funds to you all by June 30th of 2023. So and that's sort of like the when we the federal government signed the thing and execute the award we need to do that before June 30th of 2023. Our intent in terms of the time that you all have to expand the funds is that they will run until June 30th of 2024. I think we need the TEGL I don't believe goes into specific detail about exactly where these funds will sit in terms of is it your current grant? Is it your next grant, et cetera. I think we need to clarify that with our grant shop and make sure that the mechanics of that are clear. So let us sort of take that back to the grant officer and make sure we clarify that.

But I think the point is that you'll have a year for expending the money. Although we're encouraging those expenditures to happen sooner rather than later, just because of the sort of activity that it's funding, which we know which as we know is relatively urgent because we all want you to have that support as you're getting up this learning curve on GPMS and we're getting GPMS tuned up so that it's working properly.

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Hogan, Daniel (AGING)
OK, so I get that. I have a follow up question to the reporting on it. Is that a separate reporting or would it be included with our normal grant reporting? Specifically, the financial reporting the 9130.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
Right. So I think that answer is going to depend on the this sort of bigger answer of where these funds go in relation to your other grants. I think looking at the TEGL now it says financial reports are required

etcetera, but it doesn't quite get to that level of detail. So let us let us clarify that with our grant shop as well and we can include that in the message that goes back out.

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Hogan, Daniel (AGING)
OK. Thank you.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Thank you, Steve.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Right Betty are there other questions?

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Yes. Our next question comes from Enoch, I'm opening his line now.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
All right. If you're talking, you're on mute.

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Kakuuku, Enock (DEED)
Hello, this is Enoch and thank you for the opportunity to ask. Now it's still the confusion about if it's added onto the current grant, then we begin asking is it going to affect the formula as in terms of 75% that we supposed to be spending on wages? Because the moment you put that figure in there then that becomes a question. Is it going to be part of that whole calculation? It's quite important that when you're thinking about this, we also know how that is going to affect the formula. Thank you.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
Right, so we will also double check this, but off the top of my head I would view that the same as the match issue, which is that these funds were really seeing as supplemental to your main grant. The main grants are funded and now I'm going to sound like I have the law of memorized, but I don't. I just looked it up yesterday, so I know that your main grants sort of fall under section 502B of the Older Americans Act. And then the requirements for match for participant wages and fringe benefits percentages apply to those grants that are funded under 502B in the TEGL you'll notice like we're making these awards under the authority in section 517C and so that's sort of my long way of saying that the requirements. Those percentages for both match and for PWFD apply to your main grants, but because we're doing this under the broader kind of recapture and demonstration authority of the program. Those same requirements don't apply and we don't mention them in the TEGL.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, Betty, looks like we have a few more questions. Next question please.

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Sure. Next question is from Alan. I'm opening his mic.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
If you're talking, you're on mute. There you go.

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Allan Jensen
Hi everyone. Yep I'm unmuted now. I think just thanks for the TEGL, thanks for talking through the different questions I've been raised. Just I guess this is not so much a question, but also like Enoch raised. Just want to raise one other percentage which is the admin percentage the 13.5% I guess the question would be is that going to apply? I am hoping that this can be done in such a way where that's not going to affect the main grants just in the sense of, I would imagine, most of what this is going to be spent on would fall under administrative, so that could kind of blow out that percentage if it did have to be counted towards that. So just wanted to raise that as a comment to make sure that that's giving being given consideration. But that's all. Thank you very much.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
Yeah, I know. I appreciate that. And again, I view it the same in a similar fashion to what I just explained that this is there's more flexibility to these funds and again, we'll verify that like we we're going to have a conversation with our Grant officer and I think we can include our closeout grant officer as well and just make sure we're all in the same page about that, but that's my answer is that these funds are under sort of a different authority within that same statute. And so those same percentages don't apply, they're more flexible.

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Allan Jensen
Great.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, thank you. Alright, Betty. Looks like we have one more question and then we're at the half hour mark so we're going to go through the rest of the agenda. So let's open it up to the last question.

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
Alright. The last question comes from a Christa Carter. Your line is open.

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Krysta Carter
Hi everyone so as a state grant, we have to do our grant yearly which is actually coming up and it would start July 1. So, amending the current grant won't work for these funds because we'll be going into a new grant cycle, which means we'd also have a separate closeout because this would have to be a standalone grant for us to receive it. So that's one concern. Secondly, how detailed are these

applications really going to have to be? Because for a state to do procurement of any kind, let's say I needed to outsource any of the stuff that I need to do in order to utilize this grant. It's going to take far longer than the time I have to actually submit something, and this funding could be extremely useful, but I won't be able to get it. So, when it comes to detail, you know I can give roundabouts, but there's a chance I'm going to probably have to request maybe more than what I need and return funding. Also, if we don't utilize it depending on how much my project actually costs because I don't have the time to put that proposal together. So, I'm just going to throw that out there and those two things because I think some of the confusion has to do with the states. We're not on the same grant timeline as the Nationals. That's it.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
OK. Now thank you so much for that feedback. I think our answer is going to be part of what Steve said earlier that we're going to be the discussing these comments with the grant office. So we'll include that in discussion as we are looking at the timing.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, so in the spirit of time, if there are other questions or comments, please feel free to put those in the chat. If we're not able to get to those at the end in reference to the IT TEGL, those will be incorporated and as it's been stated, will be sending out a follow up e-mail in reference to some of these questions and what our next steps will be. So just wanted to flag that.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
So with that said, just wanted to note that the, you know P Y23 Allotment TEGL that's due out in spring. So we're working on that. And then also for the PY 20 grantee performance evaluation, that information, which Ron from Charter Oaks presented but this was before we were on teams and you can actually see the information. We know that was a lot of information to get verbally over a phone. So he will be doing a presentation on teams that's Monday, March 27th from 3:30 to 4:30 Eastern Standard Time that will be recorded if you're unable to make that. And we'll be posted on our Community of Practice.

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Ron Schack
More than you ever wanted to know about the grantee performance evaluation. Looking forward to it.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Ah, we're looking for to it too Ron, Ron is always good in walking through and really helping everybody understand. So we look forward to that.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, so let's move over to the COP. I'm going to start out with Kevin. You want to give us any updates?

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Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR
Sure. Thanks, Toni, and thank you everyone for joining us this afternoon. We are doing a lot of sort of like clean up on the back end of the CoP trying to make things a little more streamlined and a little more organized for when you do come to visit us. And we hope that you do come to visit us.

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Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR
As you know, last month we had a lot of positive feedback for Black History Month. And as I'm always encouraging people to do, we were able to highlight one of the grantees and the work that they were doing for Black History Month and at least one of the sort of events that they were holding and any time that you think that there's something that you would like to share with your colleagues or that you think could benefit the rest of the grantees, please send it to us at the SCSEP Technical Assistance mailbox, whatever it is, if it's appropriate, we would love to sort of uplift you and share that story on the CoP, because it is, after all, a community of practice and it is your community. If you haven't been to the COP lately, it is women's History Month, and we have a few items up to sort of celebrate that. And again, I would just say if you as a grantee are having any events or anything sort of related to women's History Month that you would like to share, please send it to us and we'll do our best to share that as well. But most of the work we're doing right now is kind of behind the scenes squashing bugs and streamlining as I said, but please keep checking back. We've always got something new on the COP for you to see.

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Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR
Toni, you might be muted.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
I own little conversation in my own world over here.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
I just wanted to flag, I know Olga had flagged for us last time at the Boston study, The Multidisciplinary Assessment of Health Well-being, and Experiences for SCSEP participants, and many of you were able to join. But if not, or if you want to get a copy of the PowerPoint, etcetera, that is on the COPD and the link to that is in the agenda.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright. And let's move on over to Michi if you want to talk a little bit in reference to the GPMS training.

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McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR
Thank you, Toni. Let me start off with our GPMS Virtual live office hours. I wanted to say to all the grantees to thank them, thank them for helping us make this a success. We've gone through three sessions thus far. Last week was our third and we've had a great turnout with really some great questions and some great challenges that we hope that we were able to help you walk through to resolve some of those that we do hold these virtual office hours every other Wednesday between the

time of 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Time. And so at any time between those hours, if you end users or any end users have a questions or they're having some level of challenges that they want to pop in and discuss those with us, we're available during that time.

Our next virtual live will not be on March 29th will be on travel, so the next virtual live will be scheduled for April 5th. In addition to that, I'm going to just hop over to the training we're going to start the Case Management training portion of GPMS. That first series will be on March 31st from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Eastern Time and that will focus on creating a case, your intake and enrollment. I know we covered a lot of this during our first spring training, but our training does go around we want to focus more on how to use the system through your day-to-day operation. More so where to go to do X, where to go to do Y, so please encourage all your subgrantees and all your end users to take advantage of the upcoming training on the case management because we're covering everything that you're filled staff, your subgrantees will need to know to better help them to understand how the system will work, to help them with their case management. So with that being said, an invitation for the training did go out this week. Please register on workforce GPS to be able to attend that training and then we will be sending out an invitation for the Virtual live office hours shortly as well. With that, I'm going to go ahead and pass it on to Byron for the newsletter.

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Kline, Byron - ETA
Great. Thank you Michi

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McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR
You're welcome.

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Kline, Byron - ETA
So hi everyone. The March edition of the SCSEP GPMS newsletter is out. Notice the link in the agenda there, just as a reminder, the GPMS E-news is designed to provide a quick summary of all things SCSEP GPMS, including what's new and what's upcoming. In this latest issue, our spotlight for March is of course the release of TEGL 10-22 announcing the new IT funding. On the actual newsletter, you'll find reminders about the purpose of the TEGL, what support cost the funds can be used for, and who is eligible for it, and most importantly, a link to the actual TEGL. Also, there are notes about what's recent, what's new, and what's next. Please stay tuned there for a summary of everything that's happening with GPMS, and also if you are still not receiving the GPMS newsletter or would like to please issue shoot me a quick e-mail we'll make sure we get that out to you. That's it.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Thank you so much, Byron and I did put into the chat the links to the GPMS and they're also in your agenda. Alright, so let's move over to some GPMS updates, I'm going to hand this over to the BCT and Charter Oak team.

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Tina Ward
Good afternoon, everyone. This is Tina with BCT. I'm going to do some GPMS updates for you. And 1st,

I'd like to preface today's update with some current issues that users have been reporting. We are aware of some of the current issues. The first one is some users reported this morning and yesterday a missing link to the reports that issue we're happy to report that has been resolved and also some grantees have reported receiving an error when attempting to enter a case, that issue has been reported and is currently under review, and the third issue is there's been an issue reported with the current exited report. This issue is currently being researched and will be submitted for review shortly and now on to GPMS reports. We're happy to report that the nationwide QPR follow-up report and the participant actions report was recently released to users and upcoming reports will include the waiver of durational limit report and fixes to the known issues to the previously released reports. These reports and fixes are scheduled for release in the next few weeks.

Now on to the releases, release 1.5.2 hot fix was deployed to production on February the 24th. This release included the redeployment of the participant break and waiver extract reports. Please note that the extracts have been moved from the report section and are now located in the admin console. This hot fix also included participant data corrections requested by grantees. Release 1.5.3 hot Fix was deployed to production on March 7th. This release included a change to the participant current exit report where the Subgrantee field is no longer a required field. Release 1.6 was deployed to production on March 17th as stated previously, this release included the release of the nationwide QPR follow up and Participant Action Report. This release also included numerous features and enhancements including the ability for read only users to view paid hours for participants, and an enhancement to the organizational search function fixes in release 1.6 included multiple cleanup and fixes regarding some of the inaccurate tests and other specific reported issues, and it's always grantees should refer to the release notes for complete details.

The technical assistance, one issue that was mentioned last month on the All Grantee call was the notification to grantees of eligible applicants who have not been assigned or put on the wait list within a designated time frame. These notifications were escalated within the hierarchy when actions were not taken by the case manager supervisor up through the GA until they reached BCT, which resulted in some proactive TA. The initial number of applicants has been reduced by half, so that's great news and we're very, very thankful to all the grantees who responded to that. And please remember to address your tasks and notifications daily to avoid us sending these reminders. Also, please remember, when submitting Zendesk tickets, please remember to include the participant ID, the case ID in all relevant screenshots. This is tremendously helpful in our research and incident reporting. And lastly, the GPMS tip of the month, GPMS will allow users to have multiple tabs open at once. You can accomplish this by opening a single tab, for example the cases tab, searching for a participant and hold down the control key and click on the participant's name. This will then open the participants record in a new separate tab and you can also use this function to run reports in one tab while continuing normal work in other tabs. And that concludes the GPMS update, and I'll now pass it over to Ron for further updates. Thanks.

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Ron Schack
Hi everybody. I'm just a couple quick things. We have the PY 21 grantee level customer satisfaction results completed and will be distributing those to all grantees shortly within the next few days. we also have finely the PY 20 participation minority report results which will be distributing for informational purposes. Luckily, we got the data census data for PY 21 much more quickly and we'll be able to turn that around really quick. So, you'll have PY 21 outcome and participation data for use in your grant

application process. This year we should be able to get the PY 21 outcome and participation data out to you within the next month or so. So that's good news and as far as the PY 22 Customer Satisfaction surveys the participant survey, we hope to get in the field by the end of April at the latest and we're going to be attempting, we believe to do the host agency survey nationwide digitally, so we have a little more time for that. So, stay tuned as far as that goes, that's all I have.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Thank you so much, Ron for those updates and thank you to the GPMS team in reference to those updates. Alright, so we have about 5 more minutes. I know we spent a lot of the Q&A. I knew there would be a lot for the IT. So kind of move those up but if there are some additional questions, let's give an opportunity for anyone to ask. It looks like Joshua you have a question you can unmute yourself.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Josh, if you're talking, you're still on mute.

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McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR
Betty would have to unmute Joshua.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alrighty, there you go.

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Melakebirhan, Betelhem A - ETA CTR
I did. I did already.

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Joshua Wadsworth
Yep. Can you hear me? Yeah, it just gave me the option to unmute and then got like I got muted again automatically. It looked like so. So, I do have one other question, but before that I wanted to share some news prompted by the reminder to include things in the Community of Practice and things like that just today our sister organization CWI Labs, in partnership with Working Nation, released a New E-magazine. It's called Overlooked and Sidelined Workers at the Intersection of Age, Race and Gender, and I'm putting the link in the chat right now so everybody can see that. Some of you may remember back in September, the equity summit that was that was hosted in partnership with some of those organizations and we shared a lot of great information from the AWC's older worker report and this sort of expands on that report and so we're really excited to have that available and to share with everybody today. So please take a look at that.

And then my question relates to just wondering if there's any update on the status of potentially getting SCSEP access to the UI wage records. We've been trying to collect some data from our subgrantee network on the time involved in that Case Management follow up that we're required to do. That is a time burden that a lot of our other WIOA partners don't have, and we know that we're spending hundreds of hours each month to do those activities that we're hoping in the future we can reallocate

that time to better serving our job seekers and increasing their the skills gains and the benefit that they're saying while they're in the program to help them become more employable. So just hopefully there's some updates on that. Thank you.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Now that's a very good question. First of all, thank you so much for sharing that resource, it's a great resource, so hopefully everybody can check that out and we'll be happy to put that on the COP if you're comfortable so that way everybody has a chance. So thank you for that. And reference to the UI data, I know that that right now is not connected and referenced to the GPMS and I know that there that's part of still in the works and I don't have an update right now in reference to the timing of that, but we'll definitely keep you posted as we move forward on those.

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Joshua Wadsworth
Great. Thank you.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
And just to clarify that a little bit further to like the, I think what we're working toward is sort of that that data pipeline of UI wage data as an input into the performance data, but it's like I would phrase it a little differently than you did in the sense that, we're not going to suddenly sort of give you the keys give everybody the keys to the UI wage records themselves, but they'll come via Chris, I always forget what it stands for, like the wage record interchange system. So that's as long as that's what you meant. Yes, we're working toward it.

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Joshua Wadsworth
Yeah, because that's because we're sort of feeling like, all that data exists somewhere and we just have to someone on the back end just has to cross reference the SCSEP records with the wage interchange system that DOL already has and then that takes that out of the work that our case managers on the ground, our performing on a daily basis. So that would be great.

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Rietzke, Steven - ETA
Yeah, we are working towards that, this is probably a longer conversation, but Ron Shack maybe touch base on that, like we're being deliberate about when we sort of flip that switch, so to speak because we because we don't want to, like throw all the numbers out of whack. But it is I can't tell you the date but it is like in our plans to do that.

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Joshua Wadsworth
That's the fact that there may be a date in plans sounds like a big improvement, and we appreciate the all the work that's going on and the back end, so.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Yeah, progress is that progress is happening, thank you for that question.

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Joshua Wadsworth
Yeah. Yeah. Thank you.

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Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP
Alright, it looks like there's no more raised questions, thank you so much, my team is silly, but thank you for the birthday thank you. And then Tina, I know you had answered the question there. So hopefully that answered in reference to directions on opening multiple tabs. So as you can see Tina has said control plus cases or control plus admin console open that function in additional tab. So hopefully everybody saw that. So, we are coming to the hour. Our next I'll call will be Wednesday, April 19th.

Hopefully this teams is everyone's enjoying this new approach and we'll be sending out the notes and we'll be continuing on here and continuing to and improve this process. And as we stated, we'll be meeting, and we'll send out an e-mail with some updates on our conversation about the TEGL. So, with that said, everybody have a very good afternoon and we'll talk to you soon. Alrighty, bye bye.