

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Questions and Answers

Question 1: If you are a fairly new agency, is it beneficial to apply?

We encourage all agencies that qualify to apply, even if you are new. We take all applications into consideration.

Question 2: In the past, the VOCA grant ran from July 1 to June 30. The NOFO lists it as going from July 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023. Is this a typo or did the date range change? Can you give me any guidance as the answer might alter our budget request?

We have decided to award the VOCA awards for 13 months to avoid the issues with prorating and bills at the end of the state fiscal year. We were having a lot of stale claims for June RFRs as agencies were not getting invoices for the bills they needed to pay until after the deadline for items to be submitted for the close of the state fiscal year. The thought is those items will now be able to be submitted on a July RFR and will not need to go through the stale claim process which delays payments for months. The plan is to continue this process so agencies would always have two active awards in July. We do not anticipate agencies will submit 13 months budgets.

Question 3: I have a question regarding VOCA funding and the definition of perpetrator/offender as it relates to youth. If a youth is both a perpetrator and a victim can VOCA funding be used to serve that individual.

Subrecipients cannot knowingly use VOCA funds to offer rehabilitative services to offenders. Likewise, VOCA funds cannot support services to incarcerated individuals, even when the service pertains to the victimization of that individual. VOCA funding can be used to provide services for victimization to individuals who have been a perpetrator in the past as long as the services are related to recovery from the victimization.

Question 4: In Section 2, Victim Populations to be served, what should we do if a client falls into more than one category?

Agencies should figure out what makes the most sense to their specific agency and break out the clients without going over the 100% as a total. Agencies will need to look at their data and think about their mission statement and services offered to determine which is the best breakdown of victim populations served.

Question 5: If we are applying for an urban county and rural locations, should we be completing two applications?

No, you only need to complete one application, unless your agency needs the awards separated for tracking purposes. If you submit one application, please just check what counties you are applying for and clarify how much is going to urban and rural areas. In the narrative, please describe how you will provide services for both rural and urban areas across all the counties you are planning on servicing.

Question 6: Regarding 28 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 94.112(b) requiring that agencies receive 25% funding from non-Department of Justice (DOJ) sources, can we include income we receive from insurance billing?

Yes. That would be acceptable. If you have legal fees, you can include these as well.

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Question 7: Is the question asking to list current funding for the 28 CFR 94.112(b) on the application form for the whole agency, or just victim services?

The whole agency budget on the Application Form. For the Budget Narrative Excel form, it is only victim services budget.

Question 8: When we list all our funding, is it just funding for our project or is it funding for the entire agency? Even if we have 20+ funding streams?

On the Application Form, please include the funding for the entire agency, even if you have multiple funding streams. When we get to the Budget Narrative Summary, please only put the project budget.

Question 9: Does the Budget Summary tab on the Budget Narrative form for the application include in-kind funding? Does this include space?

The CFR does not include in-kind, volunteers, or space valuation or in-kind. The Budget Summary for the program is where you can include this information, but not the whole budget on the Application section.

Question 10: We are applying for both traditional and innovative - do we just need to fill out ONE application with designated info?

Yes, you can indicate on your application that you are applying for both traditional and innovative funding. Please make sure to answer all the innovative specific questions in the narrative section.

Question 11: Are the innovative funds a separate application?

No. You can apply for both Traditional and Innovative on the same application.

Question 12: What is the difference between VOCA Traditional and Innovative funding?

Traditional funding is what your agency has been doing. Innovative is any expansion of current services, expansion to new populations, or new agencies.

Question 13: I am currently the Executive Director for a small agency but I am the only paid personnel, everyone else is volunteer-based. 90% of my time is directly helping victims, and 10% or so would be office/administrative. I just wanted to make sure that I would still be cleared to apply for funding for some of my salary even though my title is "Executive Director."

It is a frequent situation in smaller agencies that the executive director provides direct services. This should be allowable as long as you include the direct services in your job description on the Budget Narrative Form.

Question 14: What is the website for the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) rate?

<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>

Question 15: What is the max rate for contract services? Is this per contract or per person?

The maximum contract rate is listed in the DOJ Financial guide and is \$651/day or \$81.25 /hour per person.

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Question 16: I am a contractor and am the sole source due to no one else willing to do this position. I am asking if that is a sufficient explanation, or do you want something more flowery?

You would not be sole source but being the only person that applies would be sufficient explanation. You do not need anything more detailed.

Question 17: Would the amounts on the Budget Narrative Summary for Victim Services have to be otherwise VOCA allowable?

The funding has to be related to the program you are requesting VOCA funding for. While there are funding sources that are related to the program that VOCA is also funding, they may have more relaxed rules that may not be allowable for VOCA, but they are needed for the program. This is acceptable. You just cannot match with VOCA unallowable services.

Question 18: On the Proposed Budget Summary, are you looking for funding that starts July 1, 2022 and/or available on July 1, 2022? For example: ICJR funds end September 30, 2022. How do I record that for you?

We are looking for funding related to the program you are applying for. As we realize that funding dates may change, your best effort at an accurate picture of funding related to this program is acceptable.

Question 19: With regards to VAWA, that grant ends on June 30, 2022. Since it is not out yet, I do not know if I can apply for it or not. Do I list it?

Since this award is currently funded, you can include it as Secured.

Question 20: If we request a match waiver, it won't count against us, will it?

No. The DCFS' Match Waiver policy states that match waivers will not be considered when making funding decisions. Agencies that need to request a match waiver will not be penalized in anyway for doing so.

Question 21: Is the match waiver for the duration of the grant award or is it temporary?

It is for the duration of the grant.

Question 22: Will you be sending out the PowerPoint from today's webinar or will it be posted on the DCFS website?

No, to receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation please email dcfsgrants@dcfs.nv.gov. The Questions and Answers will be posted to the website with the recording of the training.