

FAQs – FFY24 FVPSA NOFO

(1). Are dual focused agencies eligible to apply?

Yes, FVPSA does fund agencies that are dual serving (domestic violence and sexual violence). The applicant agency must demonstrate that the program's primary focus is DV (and/or dating violence) and/or Intimate Partner Sexual Violence. Anything beyond this scope will not be considered. (For consideration: FVPSA funds partnerships comprised of two or more agencies where the lead agency in this partnership focuses on and has a proven track record of working primary within DV.)

(2). Agencies with a primary focus on human trafficking, are they eligible to apply?

Yes, FVPSA does fund agencies proposing programs in the human trafficking (HT) field. However, these programs must only focus on HT cases that involve Intimate Partner Sexual Violence and/or the effects on the victim's children, if applicable. FVPSA does not fund programs that work with HT victims who have not experienced domestic violence or dating violence. Anything beyond this scope will not be considered. (For consideration: FVPSA funds partnerships comprised of two or more agencies where the lead agency in this partnership focuses on and has a proven track record of working primary within DV.)

(3). Does a proposed program need to include complete closure of all client files by the close of the performance period?

No, the proposed project does not need to indicate a terminal end date that matches the end date of the grant. We understand that some processes within victim services may take longer than a year to accomplish (i.e., applying for VAWA, U-Visa, the criminal justice process, mental health, etc.) and may not be closed out by the time the performance period ends. Please be very clear on this point in indicating progress/update on the victims that would have been served during the funded performance period.

(4). Can FVPSA grant recipients purchase food with FVPSA grant funds?

Yes, FVPSA grant recipients are allowed to purchase food with federal funds in certain instances. The general rule that the costs must be reasonable and necessary for carrying out the grant is always required. Paying for food for staff meetings is not allowable and is not considered as necessary for carrying out the grant requirements, since staff are expected to meet their own food needs. However, purchasing food for a community event, survivor support group, or children's event is allowable.

(5). Can FVPSA grant recipients use FVPSA grant funds to purchase food for a conference or training?

Yes, 45 CFR 75.432 states that the costs of meals and refreshments and other incidentals paid by the non-Federal entity as a sponsor or host of a conference is allowable unless further restricted by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. A conference is defined as a meeting, retreat,

seminar, symposium, workshop, or event whose primary purpose is the dissemination of technical information beyond the nonfederal entity and is necessary and reasonable for successful performance under the Federal award.

(6). Are prevention and awareness activities funded under FVPSA?

Yes, within limitations. The primary focus of the FVPSA program is the provision of services to victims of domestic violence and their children. As such the following are unallowable: Sexual assault programming (outside of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence); and providing services or training exclusively on types of abuse or assault outside of domestic violence between intimate partners and their dependents.

(7). Can FVPSA subrecipients use FVPSA funds to make minor renovations?

Yes, FVPSA grant recipients can use FVPSA funds for minor renovations or alternations to ensure that domestic violence shelters and programs meet state and local shelter standards, including applicable health and safety requirements. (The subrecipient MUST receive prior approval by their assigned grants manager before project initiation.)

(8). Does FVPSA funds cover maintenance and repairs?

These costs are allowable to FVPSA grant-funded programs and do not require prior approval from FVPSA but will require timely notification to the assigned grants manager prior to repairs being initiated.

*Note: Please be aware that if awarded, agencies can reach out to their assigned grants manager at any time if any questions arise.