

FAQs – FFY24 FVPSA NOFO

(1). If historically an agency has requested x amount from FVPSA, and they consistently get funded for less than the original request, does it make most sense to request an amount closer to what is actually subawarded?

Agencies should apply for the amount they believe they need. Please be aware that this year's FVPSA Award amount is approximately \$1,590,301.00 and we did not see a cut to our funding. Also, the FVPSA Evaluation Committee considers several factors when making funding recommendations, and these may change year by year, which may in turn change the amount the subrecipient agency receives.

(2). If an applicant is a new agency that has never been funded by DCFS GMU, will the applying agency be penalized for not having the information requested for Section E (Past History with DCFS GMU) of the Application?

New agencies who have never received funding from DCFS GMU in any form or from any funding stream that the Department oversees, will still need to submit their most recent 990 Tax Filing. However, new applicant agencies will not be penalized for not having all the information outlined in Section E. For new applicants, if the subsections of Section E are Not Applicable, they will receive the points allotted under the section.

(3). If an applicant is part of an agency with clearly differentiated operations, such as Clinical/Healthcare Services and Victim Services, do they still need to submit all the operational budgets for the agency or just those pertaining to Victim Services?

Yes, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF)-Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (OFVSP), the federal office that is the oversight entity over FVPSA funds, requires that applicant agencies disclose and share their agency-wide budgets, whether or not they are Victim Services specific. This is done for three primary reasons: (1). Audit threshold purposes; (2). Data collection and tracking; and (3). To determine proper cost allocation.

(4). MATCH-RELATED: What are the requirements for the match on the FFY24 FVPSA grant? Are match waivers accepted for FVPSA? Is the use of volunteers to meet match acceptable? Is there a specific monetary calculation per volunteer hour the DCFS GMU would like applicant agencies to use?

The minimum local match (cash or in-kind) requirement is 20% of the total FVPSA project cost. Match is determined with the following formula: award amount divided by 80% multiplied by 20%. There are no match waivers available for FVPSA. (Page 3, Application). The use of volunteers to meet match is allowable.

The DCFS GMU does not prescribe a particular calculation to determine in-kind rates for volunteers. However, "the value placed on donated services must be consistent with the rate of

compensation for similar work in the organization or the labor market” (Department of Justice). In the Application, the applicant agency should list out the projected number of volunteer hours with a specified rate. (Please note: If funded, the subrecipient will be required to maintain activity-based timesheets for each volunteer (and signed by the Supervisor) as backup documentation, until requested by DCFS GMU.)

(5). Can DCFS GMU share the list of funded agencies from last fiscal year and whether they received immediate shelter and supportive services or the supportive services and prevention services?

The Division does not have a report with this information that can be shared at this time. After the FFY24 FVPSA grants have been awarded, we will be sharing this information on our website. For more information on the national disbursement of FVPSA funds, please visit the Administration for Children and Families’ (ACF), [FVPSA Data Portal](#).

(6) Our request will include both shelter services and outreach. Can we submit one application with both services?

Agencies are able to apply for both shelter services and outreach on one application. Be sure to be clear on how your agency proposes to use the funding for both program areas.