



FVPSA Grant Overview

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Purpose

- Review the FVPSA grant and the 12 key activity areas, facilitate discussion around strategies to best meet the needs of local programs, and answer questions about completing the grant.

Agenda

- Walk-through FVPSA solicitations
 - Participants are encouraged to have the current and their previous year's grant available during the session for reference
- Discussion on strategies and suggestions for completing the grant
- Field questions

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- Description of Grant
 - This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) and other discretionary spending this fiscal year are designed to ensure that effective interventions are in place to build skills and capacities that contribute to the healthy, positive, and productive functioning of families.

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- **Annual State Domestic Violence Coalition Grantee Meeting**
 - Coalitions must send up to two representatives to the annual grantee meeting. Subsequent correspondence will advise Coalitions of the date, time, and location of their grantee meeting.
- **Need to add to budget!

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- Role of State Coalitions
 - Coalitions are required to coordinate and collaborate with State FVPSA Administrators, community-based programs, and culturally specific organizations, including those serving racial and ethnic minorities, to plan and conduct State needs assessments and participant in the State Planning processes

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- Confidentiality
 - Coalitions must include activities to ensure that local programs maintain confidentiality consistent with best practices in the field and applicable Federal, State, tribal, and local requirements.
 - It is also highly recommended that the Coalition coordinate and collaborate with the State involving activities to assist programs in maintaining confidentiality requirements

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- Coordinated and Accessible Services
 - it is expected that the communities and populations noted (victim services providers; community-based, culturally specific, and faith-based services providers; housing and homeless services providers; and, Federal, State, tribal, and local public officials and agencies) will be included in coalition boards, committees, and other activities to ensure they are part of the decision making to create and maintain fully coordinated and accessible services.
 - Requires collaboration organizations/agencies, training and TA that focuses on capacity building and of DV service providers, and comply with accessibility laws.
- Trauma Informed Services.
 - Coalitions must include responses that help support trauma-informed services among their member programs to ensure positive outcomes for all service populations.
 - Coalitions must also coordinate and collaborate with the Domestic Violence Resource Network (the FVPSA-funded National Resource, Special Issue Resource, and Culturally-Specific Resource Centers) to inform their knowledge and practices to promote trauma-informed interventions among their member programs

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Content of Application

1: Training, TA, and state needs assessments

2: Process and procedures for distributing funds

3: Collaboration with DV service providers

4: Collaboration with other agencies (housing, health care, mental health, social welfare, or business)

*5: Work with judicial and law enforcement agencies

*6: Work with family law judges, criminal court judges, child protective service agencies, and children's advocates

7: If Coalition uses VAWA/STOP funds for (5) and (6) above and is coordinating those activities with the State's STOP formula grant activities, the applicant Coalition is not required to undertake additional activities.

8: Prevention

9: Work with tribal organizations and Indian Tribes

10: Intervention and prevention policies, procedures, protocols

11: Trauma-Informed services

12: Information clearinghouse/point of contact/resource center

Things to Consider in Reviewing Current Deliverables

- (Goals/Activities/Timeline – a discussion with all of the staff involved)
- Note: HHS Should be focused on each of the Deliverable areas in their solicitation
 - What did we feel we accomplished and why? Can we tease out the elements that contributed to the success?
 - What are the accomplishments we can build on to enhance? What are ones that can go into a maintenance mode?
 - What were the challenges/obstacles that we should have done differently in order to move forward?
 - What are the challenges/obstacles/seemed like a good idea at the time that we should dump?
 - Was the project manageable for the \$\$ and personnel resources available? Is the focus too wide? Too narrow?

Things to Consider in the New Solicitation

- (Goals/Activities/Timeline – a discussion with all of the staff involved that builds upon your review of the current grant)
- Ask this question about each HHS deliverable:
 - If our State/Territory had (this HHS deliverable) that increased victim safety, what would it look like?
 - What would be specific elements?
 - What is in place now? What could be built upon current success?
 - What can be started as a foundation for future, perhaps more intense efforts?
 - What is manageable for HHS grant -- \$238,000 with \$\$ for attending 1-2 meetings?

Budget Narrative

- While there is no requirement for a line item budget, FVPSA requests that the budget narrative include:
 - Enough information for us to determine how the funds will be used to support deliverables
 - Breakout of the costs by cost category (Personnel, Fringe, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Other, and Indirects)
 - Similar to the sf424a.

Project Management Considerations

- **Project period** - Award is 2 years BUT the budget narrative period is only 1 year
 - There is an overlap given that coalitions get an annual award.
- HHS should be **broader with specific deliverables** and also with some broader objectives that allow you to be more flexible and take advantage of opportunities and deal with challenges.
 - \$\$ not spent on training can be reallocated.

Project Management Considerations

- Budget narrative changes **do not** have to be approved provided that the total adjusted dollar amount for the entire grant (not just “a deliverable”) is less than 25% or is **not a change in scope** of the project/grant.
 - For example, if a coalition were to move \$30K to take on a sexual assault project outside of intimate partner/domestic/dating violence, that **would definitely be a change in scope** but the dollar amount would be fine at the current year’s grant award amount (FY15 - \$238,430) = It would need pre-approval.
- If changes need to be made to the approved deliverables and it requires some movement of expenses between certain cost elements (such as more staffing but less travel) to support those deliverables, then you **do not** need prior approval **if the changes are less than 25% of the total award**.
 - REMEMBER - you will need prior approval if the scope of work is changed, even if the changes are less than 25%. This includes change in key personnel, new deliverables, deletion of deliverables, etc.

Reminder about Eligibility

- State/Territory coalitions are required by statute to have the following:
 - Maintain 51% of the primary purpose dv service providers in the state as their membership
 - Board composition
 - ‘is representative of domestic violence service providers, and which may include representatives of the communities in which the services are being provided’
 - Maintain 501 c 3 status
 - If this status is compromised, a coalition’s funding immediately frozen and there is no latitude at all on that.

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- Questions?

Discussion

- What are some strategies to best meet the needs of local programs?



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

Email any questions to
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