2024-2026 VOCA RFP WEBINAR Q&A

1. If we don’t have an indirect cost rate agreement, can we use the deminimis 10% rate?
   1. Yes, you may request the 10% deminmis rate if you do not have an indirect cost rate agreement.
2. With the reduced funding available, will you be considering new projects?
   1. Yes, we will consider new projects during our review.
3. Is ICJI able to make available to us any reviewer comments or staff feedback on prior year IN VOCA applications submitted by our agency?
   1. If you have any questions on previous applications, please contact your grant manager.
4. Will you be reimbursing the full indirect rate, considering the 15% reduction?
   1. Yes, we are required to reimburse the full indirect rate. It is up to the agency’s discretion on how to determine where to reduce their budget from previous years.
5. For match, do we split it between wages and employee benefits page? Or put it all under the wages page?
   1. You are not requested to split match between wages and employee benefits. It is up to your agency on where to use match. If you are using FICA or benefits as match, please list that in benefits.
6. Can you speak to how FVPSA 2024 and DVPT next year might increase or at least remain steady to help assist the VOCA reduction? Also – Will there be any further FVPSA Covid money coming out?
   1. At this time, we cannot speak to this. Currently there is no plan for any more FVPSA Covid money opportunities.
7. For the match, if we are awarded $50,000, then is the agency required to produce $50,000?
   1. As a reminder these are reimbursement grants. As for the match, the required match is 20% of the project cost. Therefore, if you are awarded $50,000 your match required would be $12,500. The formula is listed in the PowerPoint and the RFP.
8. Is it possible that the state as a funder may offer an award at a reduced mount from the proposed budget?
   1. Yes, this does occur when the total amount of funds requested from the applications exceeds the amount we have available to award to subgrantees.
9. For the match, would we be able to use volunteer hours? Is so, what is the cost per hour approved?
   1. Yes, volunteer hours are an allowable match expense. The cost per hour should be consistent with the rate of compensation paid for similar work in the program.
10. Do you anticipate funding changes with upcoming budget negotiations at the Federal level?
    1. We do not have an answer at this time.
11. How long after the deadline will we know what we will be awarded?
    1. Award/Denial letters will go out after our Board of Trustees meeting in June.
12. If we are requesting a match waiver, should the budget reflect 80/20 or the new match requested percentage? For example, if we request a 10% match waiver should the budget reflect 80/20 or 90/10.
    1. The budget should reflect the new match percentage requested so in the example 90/10 would be correct.
13. Does emotional/psychological/physical health & safety as an area of emphasis include clinical/medical forensic exams?
    1. No, clinical/medical forensic exams are reimbursed by Victims Compensation which makes this an unallowable cost on our VOCA Victim Assistance grant.
14. Are professional conferences included in training/training materials?
    1. You would add conference registrations to Travel under and select the Purpose of Travel as Travel/Conference. You may request reimbursement for travel expenses related to in state or out of state conferences including mileage, air fare, ground transportation, per diem, conference registration.
15. “How many did you serve?” and “If you are currently receiving VOCA funds, how many victims did your program serve 1/1/2023-12/31/2024?”
    1. Both of these question are asking how many victims did your agency serve in the last calendar year.