

FVPSA RFA: Pre-bidder Conference Q&A

Grant Administration

1. How many grantees will be awarded per grant?

The award is divided into three categories:

- Emergency Shelter and Supportive Services- Up to 3 awards
- Non-residential Counseling and Case Management- Up to 1 award
- Education and Outreach- Up to 1 award

2. Are proposals that only serve a specific subpopulation allowed?

Proposals aimed at assisting survivors of domestic violence belonging to any underserved population are eligible to submit proposals. However, applicants are encouraged to identify any special populations they may feel are underserved or lack resources specific to their needs. The project narrative is where applicants will provide detailed information on their plan to serve a specific population.

Budget

3. What are the match funding requirements?

The amount of required match funds provided should be at least 20% of the total amount of funds the applicant is requesting. The Department of Human Services (DHS) understands that the FVPSA funds may not be sufficient to cover the entire cost of operating the program or providing necessary services. However, applicants can use other funding sources to support their program, which can also include a cash match or in-kind match. For instance, an applicant might collaborate with another organization for use of physical space for holding trainings or events, which could be considered an in-kind match. Another example is if an applicant applying for the emergency shelter and supportive services, receives donated new linens or hygiene kits from an entity, this would also be considered an in-kind match.

4. Will the Department of Human Services (DHS) honor Federally Negotiated Rate Agreements?

Yes, if an applicant has a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) and wishes to apply it to this funding opportunity, they should include it in their proposed budget and attach the agreement to their application. If an applicant does not have a NICRA, DHS will automatically assign a 10% de minimis Indirect Cost Rate.



Grant Requirements

5. Can services be provided outside of the District of Columbia?

The DHS FVPSA DV-related funding is reserved for services provided in the District of Columbia only.