

STOP Victim Services RFP – Questions and Answers

1. Can a center apply for a portion of the \$181,031 or is it all or none?

Proposals may not exceed \$181,031 but may be less.

2. Is the scope of the project to improve the criminal justice system and expand sexual assault services?

This grant focuses on the need for collaboration with other local service providers to address gaps in service delivery and lack of access to services. Priority consideration will be given to how this would apply to improving services to underserved and marginalized populations that experience barriers to the access of services, including but not limited to sexual assault victim services. A sample list of underserved populations is listed in the RFP.

3. Can you explain the 10% of the 30% set aside for culturally specific victim services

STOP funds are categorized into 4 groups: Law Enforcement, Courts, Victim Services and Prosecution. Of the total, 30% is assigned to victim services. Of that total, 10% must be assigned to an applicant that meets the profile of a culturally specific community based victim service organization. If such an entity does not apply to the RFP those funds are distributed among successful applicant agencies.

4. Will this project allow a contract with a Forensics Sexual Assault Nurse Coordinator?

Coordination of forensic services would be an allowable cost, if justified. However, the focus of this award should be actual direct services to victims of sexual assault.

5. I was wondering if this funding source is considered Federal or State since it passes through. Do you know if we were successful in applying for the RFP if it can be used as a VOCA match?

STOP grant funds are considered federal funds and may not be used as match for another federal award.

6. For the Project Narrative, the criteria indicates double spaced, 12 point font, but the abstract section further down indicates single spaced. Can you clarify?

The Abstract, which is limited to ½ page, is the only portion of the Project Narrative that may be single spaced.

7. I understand that prevention efforts are unallowable costs, can an Awareness Event Coordinator be funded to do community education in the underserved population to identify past and present victims of sexual assault. This person would provide

information on our services, build relationships in the underserved community and be referral a resource for survivors.

This would be allowable as long as the position's focus is not on education and/or prevention. This person needs to see at least some clients in order to demonstrate that victims are served using these funds.

- 8. We wanted to know if the \$181,031 already includes the 10% set aside allocation for culturally specific communities. If not, what is the amount and should we include it in the RFP budget.**

The amount of \$181,031 identified in the STOP RFP for Victim Services is the limit that may be requested by an applicant. This amount is based upon the current STOP allocation for victim services, since the 2018-2019 allocation has yet to be announced. The 10% set aside amount for 2017-2018 is \$82,270. Should one of the applicants qualify as a culturally specific victim service organization, but does not score high enough to receive the full amount requested, should it exceed the limit, the 10% set aside amount would be subtracted from the total allocation for victim service applicants and be awarded to that organization with the same restrictions as any other successful applicant receiving an award. This may impact the award amount other successful applicants may ultimately receive.