

Follow-Up Questions and Answers to the Pre-Application Webinars for the Fiscal Year 2023 CY and EM Grants Programs

Questions for OVW Fiscal Year 2023 Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth Program:

1. What is the eligible service area for a grant project?

Please review page 17 of the solicitation for the eligible service area. Grant projects must be focused on local communities, not state-wide efforts or regional efforts that cross state lines. The size or extent of the service area may vary based on your local conditions, but the proposed project should clearly support only local, community-specific strategies.

2. Is it acceptable that a grant project serve children and youth who are younger or older than the age range for the selected purpose area?

Grant proposals should focus on serving a specific age range or ranges within the full age range for the one (and only one) purpose area that you select. However, it is acceptable that direct services might serve children and youth who fall outside that age range for the selected purpose area (e.g. a younger or older sibling of a child who is being served).

3. Does priority area one include LGBTQ+ communities, too?

Priority area one relates to culturally-specific communities. For a definition of what this means, please see page 8 in the solicitation. Priority area three relates to underserved populations, in particular LGBTQ+ communities and immigrant communities; an applicant could propose to work with one or both of such underserved communities under priority area three.

4. Is it required to have all MOU's with partners in place in order to apply? Is it possible to apply and continue getting MOUs with other schools during the grant period?

Your required partner must be included on the MOU, and other non-required partners should be included.

Your grant application will be assessed in part based on the memorandum of understanding and the ability of those partners to implement your proposed project. For grant recipients, it is possible to modify the MOU during the grant period.

5. Can you clarify what it means to “equitably compensate” a culturally specific or population specific partner organization?

There is not a specific dollar value or percentage that qualifies as “equitable compensation” of a partner organization. It is at the discretion of the applicant to determine what constitutes equitable compensation for such partner organizations, but this should reflect customary pay for that standard of work within your community. The specific activities that the organization will support and the amount that they will be compensated for this should be clear.

6. Is an applicant required to compensate their required partner and every partner in their CCR?

No, it is not required to compensate your required partner or every partner in your CCR. Please see page 34-5 in the solicitation regarding this:

“The MOU must clearly...

State that each project partner has reviewed the budget, is aware of the total amount being requested, and is being equitably compensated for their work under the grant or is agreeing to be partially compensated or receive no compensation from the grant.”

7. Does OVW require that all proposed members of the Coordinated Community Response team be included in the MOU?

Not all of your CCR members need to be included in the MOU.

8. For mandatory requirements, do we need all of these already in place when applying?

The mandatory program requirements (pages 12-15) relate to activities that grant recipients must commit to during the grant period itself.

9. What are the training requirements for the person who is responsible for providing crisis intervention support for children, youth, and community members at all educational, outreach, and training events not specifically targeted to first responders or allied professionals (page 12)?

The training for this should be determined by your organization based on local and state requirements.

10. What does "demonstrated primary purpose" mean (see pages 17-18 in the solicitation)?

This means that the victim service provider is primarily focused on that work.

Questions for OVW Fiscal Year 2023 Grants to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls Program:

1. If you have a preexisting coordinated community response (CCR), do you need to include expanding the CCR in your proposal narrative?

If you already have a CCR that has the ability to implement your proposed project, then you do not need to expand it. Please follow the guidelines that are detailed throughout the solicitation for documenting the CCR in the memorandum of understanding (MOU).

2. Is an applicant required to compensate their required partner and every partner in their CCR?

No, it is not required to compensate your required partner or every partner in your CCR. Please see item four on page 31 in the solicitation regarding this:

"The MOU must clearly...

State that each project partner has reviewed the budget, is aware of the total amount being requested, and is being equitably compensated for their work under the grant or is agreeing to be partially compensated or receive no compensation from the grant."

3. Can youth who are involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system be served by grant activities?

For the purposes of this application, there is no restriction on working with youth who are or have been in custody or otherwise involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system. Please note that services to offenders is an unallowable activity.