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Violent Crime Reduction in Illinois Communities

Frequently Asked Questions Updated and Corrected 7/15/2021

Q: Are we able to sign up for this TA Call, or will we just have access to the recording? **A**: The technical assistance recording is available now on YouTube. The link is below: https://youtu.be/P5gv9cVmZfc

Q: Is there a match required?

A: There is no match requirement.

Q: Can we still apply for this grant even if we did not submit a Notice of Intent? **A**: Yes.

Q: For the VCRIC grant program, do 'subgrantees' submit their proposal materials to 'passthrough' orgs to be submitted with the passthrough's materials, or do subgrantees submit their application materials to ICJIA independently?

A: Please submit the passthrough and subgrantee materials together in one application packet.

Q: In the NOFO, it says orgs may apply for \$75k - \$200k. Does this range cover one year, or is the total amount for all three years of potential funding?

A: \$75 - \$200k is for the first year of funding. If awarded the second and third year, the grantee would be eligible for two additional awards of the exact same amount awarded in the year 1 contingent on performance. For example, if you requested \$75 in year 1 you would be eligible to receive \$75k in year 2 and \$75k in year 3.

Q: Can this funding potentially be used to support an evaluation of a domestic/dating violence program?

A: The NOFO is only for direct services that will directly reduce violent crime in domestic violence and gun violence, therefore, an evaluation of services would not satisfy that requirement.

Q: Can for profit businesses collaborate?

A: JAG can only fund community-based organizations that are can be for profit private and non-profit.

Q: Does a non-profit entity have to have a 501c3 status in order to participate?

A: Yes, you must have a 501c3 status as a non-profit.

Q: Is the \$1M granted to more than 1 awardee or is there only 1 awardee statewide? **A**: \$1M is the amount set aside for the whole program out of FFY19 JAG funds. Each grantee can request out of those \$1M between \$75K to \$200K.

Q: For the Internal Control Questionnaire (ICQ) SFY22, and Programmatic Risk Assessment, before the execution of the grant agreement, are these assessed and issued after approval of application?

A: These are submitted through GATA Portal and will be reviewed by the cognizant agency assigned in the Portal. This should be completed before the application deadline. Contact the cognizant agency assigned directly to have your ICQ reviewed upon your submittal.

Q: Where are exhibits B and E found within the application?

A: The exhibits B and E are found in the downloadable materials in the link below: https://icjia.illinois.gov/gata/materials/funding/2021-vcric/VCRIC2021NOFOPacket.zip

Q: Are stipends/gift cards for participants is an allowable expense for these funds?

A: These are an allowable expense, but you must explain how they are reasonable, necessary, cost-effective, and serve the purpose of the program. Stipends/gift card have to be trackable, meaning you should speak to a mechanism that tracks these. Also, depending on the proposed program activity they may not be used for participation alone but should be related to benchmarks the participants achieve.