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DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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State Fiscal Year 2023 Community Based Violence Intervention Program (CBVI) NOAF

Mandatory Webinar Question & Answer

1. **Other than provided forms and narrative, are there any other requirements and attachments?**

   Per the NOAF, you must attach proof of non-profit status, resumes, job descriptions and an implementation timeline (work plan).

2. **Is there a match? If so, how much?**

   There is no required match.

3. **Is there a required Document Checklist as in year's past?**

   The required documents are listed in the NOAF and the Program Guidelines.

4. **Is there a Sources of Funds form required as in year's past?**

   There is no Source of Funds form requirement.

5. **Are more than one priority area desired and given more points when scoring?**

   Per the NOAF, Inclusion of "Priority Areas" are worth 15 points as a whole. Applicants may receive up to 15 points for inclusion of a strategy or strategies that are evidence-based or evidence-informed and that are likely to advance and optimize the goals of the project, principally in reducing violence. Applicants may include one or more of the example strategies, or may propose alternative evidence-informed or evidence-based strategies that have a track record of reducing violence. Priority Area points will be awarded on the basis of whether the strategies are evidence-based or evidence-informed, that they align with the goals of the project, and that they can convincingly be integrated into the delivery of service and program.

6. **Good afternoon! Is this opportunity looking for proposals that focus on one specific town or community, or can we develop services across multiple towns/counties? Multiple crime hotspots?**

   Per the NOAF, The purpose of the CBVI Program is to support non-profit community service providers, in the development and implementation of violence intervention programming for communities impacted by higher than average rates of violence, with a focus on gun violence.

There is no other specific requirements or guidance on the number of communities to be served per program.

7. **I do not see the full application on the OAG page where its linked in the NOAF**

   Please go to https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities/.

8. **Can an applying organization list grant writer services in the budget and is there a limit on the amount that can be spent on this service if awarded?**

   Grant writers are unallowable.

9. **Do you want to see MOU's for the partner agencies?**

   Please refer to sections c. Program Design and Implementation and d. Partnerships, Collaboration, and Coordination, of the NOAF for requirements regarding partner agencies.

10. **Are there specific metrics that you are looking to utilize for the measurement of reduction of violence?**

    Per Section f of the NOAF: Applicants must include a description of how they plan to collect data, what data they plan to track, and the metrics they plan to use to assess the strength of the project, including the number of participants served, the service level participants receive, the risk factors being targeted, the risk level of the participants, the outcomes they seek to measure and how those outcomes relate to the proposed project. Applicants should indicate the person(s) responsible for data collection, and the frequency of collection.

11. **Will it be possible for us to know which programs are on the call from the same county/region so we can see who we can possibly partner with?**

    We do not have that data to share.

12. **Not sure if I missed this, but will we receive a copy of the presentation?**

    Yes, a copy of the presentation is available on the OAG Grants Opportunity web page along with the NOAF documents.

13. **Can funds be used for staff to address the data collection and analysis?**

    Costs for staff should be allocated to their time spent on the program. Per the NOAF: Applicants must include a description of how they plan to collect data, what data they plan to track, and the metrics they plan to use to assess the strength of the project, including the number of participants served, the service level participants receive, the risk factors being targeted, the risk level of the participants, the outcomes they seek to measure and how those outcomes relate to

the proposed project. Applicants should indicate the person(s) responsible for data collection, and the frequency of collection.

14. **Is there a list of the organizations that were funded last year?**

   You may find a list of the FY 22 grantees here: https://www.njoag.gov/governor-murphy-and-acting-attorney-general-bruck-announce-7-million-investment-in-gunshot-detection-technology-and-other-police-equipment-to-reduce-gun-violence/.

15. **% of Grant Funds that can go towards "Overhead: Rent, Utilities, General Supplies" Usually 20% but could be higher?**

   These costs should be charged to the grant using a cost allocation plan. Indirect costs are unallowable.

16. **Can any of the funds be used to address food insecurity or provide food during activities?**

   "Per the Program Guidelines eligible costs include: 6.   Reasonable costs for a limited supply of food pantry items. CBVI program providers may use CBVI funds to keep a limited stock of food pantry items (healthy snacks) on hand for the exclusive and sole use by clients who are onsite receiving services. Food pantry items may not be consumed by non-participants (i.e., staff or consultants) AND 9.   Services which respond to the immediate emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety (excluding medical care) of crime victims and program participants such as crisis intervention, accompaniments to hospitals for medical examinations, hotline counseling, safety planning, emergency food, and other emergency services that are intended to restore the participant's sense of dignity and self-esteem."

17. **Is there a report outlining successes of last year's program or sites that were successful?**

   No.

18. **Hello, we had a difficult time to submit a 30 day event approval for over $1,000 event. Sometimes, events with partners don't have enough time to schedule and we had to turn down a few events. Will this be the same rule for this grant? Can the threshold be over $1,000 to be more flexible?**

   Per the Program Guidelines: Recipients must submit a written request to OAG and receive written approval before expending any grant funds allocated in excess of $3,000 per event. Participant and/or community events exceeding $3,000 per event must receive prior written approval from OAG by submitting a completed Event Information Form no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled event.

19. **"Can we start a new program under the grant?**

Per the NOAF: Applicants may develop new initiatives or enhance already existing programs.

20. **Will a recording be provided of this Webinar to attendees for reference?**
Yes, a recording is available on the OAG Grants Opportunity web page along with the NOAF documents.

21. **What specific thing is an absolute "no-no" when applying for these funds? Anything specific we need to never do?**

Please refer to the Program Guidelines, page 16, section Unallowable Costs

22. **Is there a provision or guidance for awardees who are negatively impacted by other organizations who are not choosing to participate and choose to disrupt the mission ?**

Please contact our NJ OAG Grant Operations office 609-376-2445 with any specific questions or concerns.