

2024 Grant Writing Workshop

October 30, 2024

Questions and Answers

GCC Calendar and Review Process “Deadlines and Expectations” and DOJ Grant Overview “How Can the Funds be Used?” “Cover 2 CFR Changes.”

Q. Where can we find the grant applications?

A. The applications can be found in [EBS](#).

Q. What does EBS stand for?

A. EBS is the North Carolina Enterprise Business Services system

Q. When can DV/SA agencies expect to receive their “Basic” services allocations for the upcoming cycle?

A. Newly designated agencies with no current VOCA basic grant can expect to be advised by the end of November 2024. For VOCA basic grants that already have a current award that ends 9/30/2025, they will be advised in Spring 2025 of their allocation amounts after committee decision.

Q. If you receive Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (JCPC) funds can you still apply?

A. Yes- if the request isn't a duplication of services.

Q. Can you share what the spring application timeline is projected to be?

A. Currently we are waiting for notification from our federal partners of an estimated 2025 allocation and commission decision of funding levels. We will advise of any additional application cycle/process as soon we are able to.

Q. If I have an NCID I used as a state employee and now I am with local government, can I use the same NCID or do I need a new one?

A. You can use the same NCID, but you will need to add GCC as a tile in your profile. You can do so through this link <https://www.ebs.nc.gov/sap/crmaccess/>

Q. What is the percent that can be requested for executive director salary? Is it just time spent in direct services?

A. Each funding source can have different thresholds. (Ex: For VOCA any percentage over 60% of ED salary will require additional justification). You can find the answer for all funding sources in their [RFA](#).

Q. Will phone/internet expenses continue to go under supplies, or will it also be moved to operating expenses?

A. Supplies refers to the physical items purchased. Phone or internet services should be placed in operating expenses and documented with the keyword service or similar (office phone service, internet service, etc.)

Q. Regarding the operating expenses – would digital advertising or advertising fees be included as operating expenses?

A. Each funding source [RFA](#) can be checked for allowability around digital advertising and advertising fees. Advertising is not allowed with every funding source or in all circumstances. For VOCA, it would be an operating expense if it is below \$10,000 a year and if it is a cost associated with the day-to-day operations of the agency.

Q. How do we know if we use the 20% or 25% match rate requirement?

A. Each funding source [RFA](#) will outline their specific match rate and what types of agencies might not have a match requirement.

Q. Does the match waiver wave the entire 20-25%?

A. There are partial and full waivers. You will work with your grant planner and [RFA](#) guidelines to determine which to apply for.

Q. After 60 days do you need to reapply for access to the EBS system?

A. Yes, if your access has expired, you will need to reapply for access to EBS.

Q. Where can we find the 2024 priorities?

A. The priorities are listed in the [RFA](#).

EBS Application – Live Demo

Q. Do we have to register in EBS to see the priorities?

A. The priorities are listed in the [RFAs](#) on the GCC website. The program priorities won't be visible in EBS for application until December 1st. If you don't have GCC access in EBS, you won't be able to see the priorities when they go live.

Q. Will EBS be like the old GEMS system when assigning roles to staff?

A. No, each person will need an NCID, EBS access and GCC tile access but there is not an additional step of adding the individuals, requesting the roles, and having to get approved. Someone from your agency will be able to assign those roles to any staff you have in EBS – GCC tied to that agency profile.

Q. How do I see the subrecipient tile in EBS?

A. Anyone who completes the access request form and is approved will have access to all of the subrecipients tiles in EBS for your organization. If you are working with multiple funders, you will see multiple rows of tiles. Ex: one for GCC, one for Highway Safety, etc.

Q. Will the financial officer have to approve the budget request after the project director makes a reimbursement request?

A. No, the reimbursement request process has not changed.

Q. Will number of sworn officers include reserve officers?

A. No, sworn officers do not include reserve officers.

Q. Can organization administrators be the same as the authorizing official?

A. Org admin can be the same as the authorizing official but that is not typical long term since nonprofit board presidents are typically the AO and change often and/or are not accessible as easily for notification, changes, etc.

Q. Where can details be found for the organizational documents? Especially if there are changes.

A. Each [RFA](#) will have the organization documents list. If you want an idea of what will be required, all the forms/templates are under the Award section in Grant Forms on our [website](#). Other requirements are policies that aren't asked for until after an agency is awarded.

Q. Is there a way to choose all counties in EBS without clicking on all 100?

A. Yes- there is a statewide selection that you can make.

Q. Is there a list of previous year award recipients that we can see?

A. Not currently but we plan to include this information in the future.

Crime Victim Services Team Violence against Women (VAWA) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

Q. Who needs to apply in the upcoming grant cycle?

A. All competitive awards ending on 9/30/2025 should re-apply during this application cycle ONLY IF the application meets the underserved priority specifications listed in the 2025 VOCA [RFA](#).

Q. Is there a partnership program for VOCA and VAWA?

A. Both funding sources are under the crime victim services committee and work closely together, however if there are any questions related to a specific funding source, please reach out to either a VOCA or VAWA planner.

Q. If we have already had an extension that will end in 2025, will that be extended again to 2026 or will we need to apply in this coming application period?

A. If you are a project funded through VAWA and you end in 2025, then you will need to apply to continue after 2025. Only VOCA basic grants that were extended in 2024 will be extended again to 2026. All new basic agencies and competitive awards must apply this application period.

Q. What is the definition used for underserved?

A. VOCA requires a minimum of 10% funding be allocated to projects serving “previously underserved populations of victims of violent crime”. Underserved populations may be distinguished by crime type or by demographic characterizations. Under this funding priority, programs should look to develop and/or continue implementing programs that address underserved crime victim groups by providing an array of direct services. GCC highly encourages culturally specific agencies to apply under this priority, as well as agencies who can meaningfully address the needs of victims of crime under these crime types and populations, including but not limited to having personnel that reflects the communities served within this priority. Refer to the [RFA](#) for specific qualifications.

Q. If there are caps each year, is that presuming that this is only for the federal allocation per year? (i.e., we don't assume whatever we request in Year 1 will cover 3 years?)

A. Yes, the amounts each year are subject to change based on federal allocations.

Q. Do services for human trafficking victims that are minors fall under sexual assault?

A. For VOCA, human trafficking is an identified crime type for the underserved priority.

For VAWA, human trafficking can fall under sexual assault. Only support services for sexual assault victims who are age 11 or older are allowable.

Q. Does the underserved category include projects working with immigrants?

A. Yes, VOCA identifies immigrants (documented and undocumented) as a special population within the underserved category.

Q. Will the match waiver apply to all agencies for the 2024 grant cycle?

A. The match waiver does apply to the 2024 extensions.

Q. What is the match waiver process for VOCA basic grants that are extended through 9/30/2026?

A. The match waiver process for these extensions expected in Spring 2025, will be reflected in updated policy to be provided alongside 2025 extension process.

Q. Can a domestic violence/sexual assault agency receive a VOCA basic grant and a VAWA STOP grant?

A. Yes, if the agency meets the STOP grant program priority requirements. STOP grants are competitive whereas VOCA basics are not.

Q. Can VAWA services include civil legal services?

A. Yes, VAWA services may include civil legal services IF related to the STOP focus areas. This may be viewed as prevention and must be applied for in the discretionary category.

Criminal Justice Improvement Team Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne-JAG)

Q. Does the accreditation funding only apply to CALEA, or will it also cover NCLEA accreditation?

A. Yes, it can be both.

Q. What is the project period for the accreditation funding?

A. The period for the accreditation funding would be either 1 or 2 years depending on the need.

How to use data to make someone fall in love with your program

Q. How accurate is the data and how often is it updated?

A. The data is accurate. Law enforcement agencies across the state enter the data and submit it to the SBI. However, since all agencies do not report, the data is incomplete for some counties. The Justice

Data Portal lists the percent of the jurisdictional population covered for each county and advise to be cautious of any counties with less than 75% coverage.

Q. Is this data available for printing?

A. You can print visualizations by taking a screenshot and pasting it into a document.

Q. If agencies aren't reporting to NIBRS, would they be reporting to some other portal?

A. No. NIBRS is the only national crime reporting system.

Q. Do you have any guidance or information we could provide to agencies not reporting to encourage future reporting?

A. Agencies that do not report to NIBRS, may not be aware that there is an interest in the information. By letting the agency know that you are interested in crime data it may influence them to submit crime reports.

Link to RFAs:

[2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\)](#)

[2024 Children's Justice Act \(CJA\)](#)

[2024 Juvenile Justice/Title II \(JJ\)](#)

[2024 Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#)

[2024 Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\)](#)