

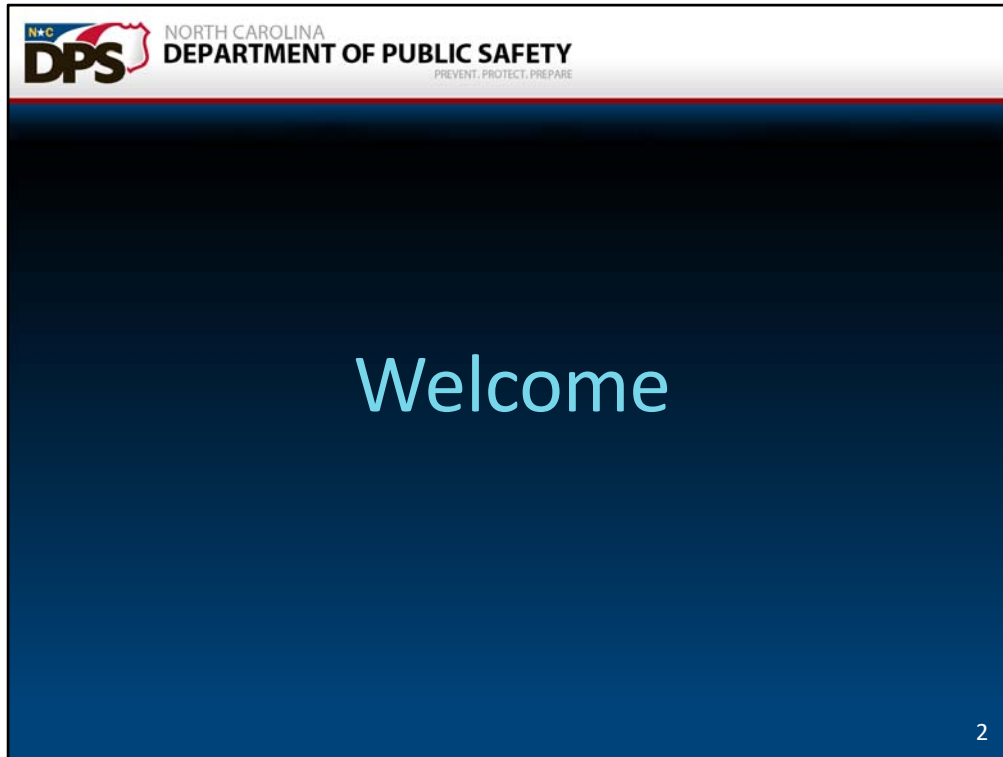


NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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Governor's Crime Commission

COVID-19 Guidance Webinar

April 22, 2020



Good morning and welcome to everyone, I want to thank you for what you are continuing to do to support the needs of our community.

The flow of this webinar will begin with GCC providing some feedback received from our Federal funders and we have a couple of questions submitted by our subrecipients that we will provide answers.

We are excited to also be able to share some additional resources that may be of benefit through this webinar from Emergency Management as a second part to the webinar. Ms. Kate Van Tol will be providing the presentation from NC Emergency Management.

Guidance Received

- ▶ Can GCC conduct remote site visits in lieu of the site visit requirement for VOCA programs during the Covid-19 response?



We realize many of you had site visits that were scheduled prior to the stay at home orders. The grant managers will be working with you to reschedule these as remote site visits. We will attempt to use tools such as Microsoft Teams, WebEx, to complete these remote visits.

Guidance received

- ▶ Are general OTC medicines like allergy medicine (e.g., Zyrtec) and pain medicines (e.g., Ibuprofen/Motrin) allowable as part of general health/supplies/personal care items -- for purchase in residential settings even though they may not be associated with the victimization, or part of an emergency medical need.



OTC medicines are considered unallowable except as permitted under 28 C.F.R. § 94.119(a)(9).

Guidance received

- ▶ What is the allowability of using VOCA funds for any medical expenses not covered by other sources when the victim has no Medicaid or personal health insurance?



Typically a victim assistance program should not be paying for medical care of a client victim, except under very limited circumstances.

28 C.F.R. § 94.119(a)(9)

(9) Costs of the following, on an emergency basis (*i.e.*, when the State's compensation program, the victim's (or in the case of a minor child, the victim's parent's or guardian's) health insurance plan, Medicaid, or other health care funding source, is not reasonably expected to be available quickly enough to meet the emergency needs of a victim (typically within 48 hours of the crime):

Question 1

- ▶ If some staff are being furloughed, can an individual from one grant assist with duties for the other grant temporarily and be paid from the grant they are providing duties for, even if they were not originally written into that grant?

This would revert back to normal at end of furlough.



A: This can be done through a budget adjustment to add the individual to the grant. We would need their Job Description showing what they are doing with the grant. The subrecipient should also be aware if using leave for the furlough of the spending rate on the budget line when paying for a second employee.

Question 2

- ▶ If we are granted a waiver of the match funding, would it be allowable to utilize the loan to pay our remaining costs associated with the bill?

For example, if we used VOCA FUNDS for repairs, and were approved for the waiver, the total cost of 100.00....80% of that would be charged to VOCA leaving the 20% to be paid by another source. If the waiver is granted, is it allowed to use the loan/grant to cover the other 20%.



A: Yes the funds can be used to cover the match portion that is now waived. Unless waived or exempt, subrecipients **must** contribute at least 20% of project costs for projects funded under VOCA Assistance. Using funds from a private loan (whether forgiven or not) is essentially a subrecipient's commitment of its own funds. Although the PPP loan is a federally guaranteed loan, OVC does not consider this loan (even if forgiven) to be funds "paid by the Federal Government under another Federal award" for purposes of match (see 2 C.F.R. 200.306) – thus, such funds would be a permissible source of match for VOCA Assistance projects. (The subrecipient could not use VOCA funds to replace those loan funds and still count the loan funds as match.)

NC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- ▶ GRANTS BRIEFING
- ▶ Q and A by chat at the end



Next Webinar

▶ May 6, 2020 @ 1:00PM



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We will continue to have a webinar for all subrecipients, as needed, to provide information and continue to answer questions we know you have.

We have received Feedback from many of our service providers and we appreciate the feedback loop allowing us to develop solutions to support you.

Next Webinar will be May 6, 2020 at 1:00PM.

Please submit questions by May 4, 2020.



Be Safe!

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