

Name Change for MOVA Grant Awards: Victim & Survivor Services (VSS)

Good afternoon,

As many of you know, our FY24 grant awards will be administered using a combination of state and federal dollars. It's important that the language we use to talk about these awards is accurate and inclusive of the multiple funding streams that now support them. Given this change, we are going to shift how we refer to some of the grant awards you receive from MOVA.

Going forward, **Victim & Survivor Services (VSS) grant awards** is the term we will use to reference what we previously called VOCA awards, as these awards are now supported by both federal and state funding sources. As referenced in the new name, the purpose of this funding is to support accessible and equitable services for victims and survivors across the Commonwealth. SAFEPLAN grant awards will continue to be called SAFEPLAN grant awards and will also be supported by a mix of state and federal funding.

While VSS will be used to reference awards from MOVA that were historically called VOCA awards, the specific funding streams utilized to support each individual grant award will continue to be referenced by their specific name in your award letters. [Click here to learn more about the funding streams that make up VSS funding.](#)

The name change to VSS will not cause any changes to FY24 grant awards, but you will start to see this new name reflected in our communications and grant processes at MOVA. More information on this language shift, and details about VSS funding allowability and compliance, will be included in our [policy and procedures training taking place July 12th](#). If you have any immediate questions, please contact your program coordinator.

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