



Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Funding Landscape & Advocacy Webinar Questions and Answers – April 2, 2026

Grant Notifications & Information

Q: Will programs that are not selected for funding be notified as such, or will e-grants notices only go out to awarded programs?

A: Yes. Every program that applied for funding will receive a notification.

Q: If programs are not funded, will they be provided with a reason as to why or why not?

A: The initial award notification will not provide specifics; however, programs will have the opportunity to request a debrief. Within two weeks of receiving a notification, if a program did not receive funding, they can request a meeting to learn more about the review process and scoring.

Q: With any awards granted, what will the grant period be? And if programs are not funded, when might there be an opportunity to reapply for funds?

A: The initial FY27 grant period is July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027. There will be an opportunity for awarded applicants to reapply for renewed funding for FY28.

Any future opportunities for funding will be shared through our email listserv and on our social media channels. To be added to our email listserv, click here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/yfrhm7H>

Q: What are the different grant types (VSS, CSVS, etc.) Are all grant types affected this year?

A: The Victim and Survivor Services (VSS) grant is designed to support organizations providing counseling, advocacy, and intervention services to victims and survivors of



crime. The Culturally Specific Victim Services (CSVs) grant supports community-based programs that are led by and created for the primary purpose of providing culturally specific services to one or more communities of color/marginalized communities in Western Massachusetts. SAFEPLAN is a court-based civil advocacy program. The VSS opportunity for FY27 was an open, competitive grant application. SAFEPLAN and CSVs were renewal grants for FY27, meaning only currently funded organizations could apply for those grants. They run on a different cycle than the VSS grant does. MOVA's overall grant award budget does impact all types of grants administered by MOVA. For FY27, renewal grants (SAFEPLAN and CSVs) can expect more level funding and VSS, being the largest grant program we administer and a competitive procurement, will see the largest impact.

TRUST Line

Q: What has the level of state supplemental funding been up to this point? Has it varied by year and why \$13.8 million?

A: In FY23-25 MOVA was able to secure \$20M each year with the Legislature's support and ongoing advocacy from our partners. This year, we received feedback that due to the state budget this year and the impact from the federal government on the state budget, we needed to ask for a specific amount of funding for a specific purpose. As a result, rather than a round number such as \$20M, we aimed to make MOVA's request more specific and reasonable. We determined \$13.8 by looking at the types of programs and services most targeted by the current federal administration (culturally specific services, LGBTQIA+ survivors services, and services for survivors who are immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers) and adding up the sum of FY26 contract amounts that met that description.

Q: Will programs who are not selected for funding with federal VOCA dollars potentially be funded if the TRUST Line is approved, or will TRUST Line funds only be added to initially funded programs?

A: Yes, there is potential for programs who are not awarded funding initially to receive funding if the TRUST Line is approved. However, there is also potential that programs will not receive funding even with TRUST Line dollars secured. All award notification letters



sent out on April 16, 2026, will state whether programs may be considered for funding if we receive a state investment through the TRUST Line. It's important to thoroughly review the details of the award letter.

Q: Would securing the TRUST Line potentially result in a redistribution of VOCA funds (i.e. pushing TRUST Line funds to certain programs, and redistributing VOCA funds to other and/or additional grantees)?

A: Yes. That is likely what will happen. If MOVA receives state funding, those dollars will be used for programs serving immigrant survivors, LGBTQIA+ survivors, and those providing culturally specific services. That will free up federal VOCA dollars to be pushed to support other programming.

Q: Do you know when we can expect the TRUST Line funding to be announced?

A: We can't know for certain. We will know whether the House includes language in their budget for the TRUST Line by the end of April and if the Senate includes language by the end of May. From there, the House and Senate will convene a conference committee to reconcile the differences between the branches, before sending it to the Governor's desk for her signature. There is no way to predict how long the conference committee process may take. We are hoping to know by July, but it is not definitive and could take longer. We will keep programs updated through our email listservs so that you are informed.

Q: If the TRUST Line is not received, will programs who provide culturally specific programming still receive grant awards?

A: Yes. We have developed recommendations for funding based on what is currently available and we know that if we can use state dollars to support culturally specific programming, it allows some freedom from the federal government requirements and it frees up VOCA funding for other programs.



Q: If we are awarded funding with the TRUST Line, will that funding follow the same grant cycle July 1, 2026-June 20, 2027, even if it is awarded after July 1st?

A: All FY27 awards announced on April 16, 2026 will follow the state federal fiscal year timeline (July 1 – June 30). If MOVA receives the TRUST Line, the timing and amount of that money may impact the dates the funding will be available. Any new or updated award letters received as the result of MOVA's receipt of the TRUST Line will clearly include information about award amount and timeline.

Advocacy Efforts & Opportunities

Q: Can we have a direct link to the TRUST Line advocacy resources?

A: Advocacy toolkit: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dwRu-I0xYqRKvLJDjMQ40UBiNG4trhI2pB3qf4bmpyl/edit?tab=t.0>

Q: Does MOVA suggest a "legislative day" or time for individuals or programs could/should go to the state house?

A: MOVA is hosting a legislative briefing for legislators and their staff in the coming weeks to share the urgent need for this funding. In addition to this, we encourage programs to continue doing independent outreach to their legislators to reinforce the impact and need for this funding. If you have any questions or need any support, reach out to Maeve Kidney at maeve.kidney@mass.gov.

Q: Is there any plan for a sign on letter or other collective advocacy action, or just encouraging individuals and programs to do their own outreach?

A: MOVA is currently planning for a digital day of advocacy planned for April 23. More information is forthcoming and we welcome program participation. However, this should not replace programs individual direct outreach to legislators. If you need support on how to effectively engage with your legislators, email maeve.kidney@mass.gov.



Q: If institutions, such as health care agencies, would like to participate in advocacy efforts, what would be the best way for them to do that?

A: Many health institutions have dedicated staff members who serve in government affairs or legislative liaison positions. It's important to raise this directly with those positions so they're aware of the impact of a lack of funding. They are welcome to reach out to Maeve Kidney at maeve.kidney@mass.gov for more information or guidance on how to best support.