



## Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) FY27 Victim and Survivor Services (VSS) Grant Application Questions & Answers

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### **Budgets and Funding Availability**

#### **Q: Is there an amount that you recommend we apply for?**

A: MOVA recommends that you apply for essential costs that are reasonable and necessary to provide direct victim services. The average FY26 VSS award amount was \$390k. Any limitations will be included in the Call for Grant Applications (CGA).

#### **Q: Will there be a cap on how much funding we can ask for?**

A: If there is a cap, it will be included in the Call for Grant Applications (CGA). We encourage you to review evaluation criteria and any other stated priorities for the procurement when the CGA is posted.

#### **Q: Given the "average" award amount expected - does that indicate that any previous grantees with larger amounts should not request level funding?**

A: No, it does not necessarily indicate that. The average grant award amount was provided as a point of reference and information. We ask applicants to request reasonable and necessary costs to support the victim services your organization provides. However, overall funding availability for FY27 grant awards is lower than FY26 grant awards so the application process will be competitive.

#### **Q: How much funding is currently available compared to FY26?**

A: In FY26, MOVA's grant award budget is slightly over \$40 million. Currently, the available funding for grant awards in FY27 is ~\$30 million. If more funding becomes available, this amount may change.

#### **Q: Are there certain percentage of the available funds that are allotted to specific types of victimizations? For example, a percent of the funding identified for child victims of crime.**

A: Yes, federal funding requires that we allocate at least 10% of our annual Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) award to each of the following categories: sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, and previously underserved victimization types or populations.



## **Application Process**

### **Q: Can we submit more than one VSS application?**

A: No. Organizations should include all proposed programming under one application.

### **Q: Can information from our current grant be directly copied into the system?**

A: As this is an open and competitive bid, a new application will have to be completed for each applicant. If you have completed previous applications via eGrants, you do always have access to your previous application information if you would like to copy over any of the information.

### **Q: Do you recommend we coordinate with other agencies in our region so we do not overlap with each other?**

A: This is a decision that would have to be made by the applying organization. MOVA will be considering collaborative approaches to the provision of services but coordinated/collaborative applications are not required.

### **Q: What will be different for currently funded organizations versus new organizations?**

A: The same application process and evaluation criteria will be applied to all applicants. For currently funded applicants, history of grant funding reversion will also be considered.

## **Eligibility**

### **Q: Will it be possible for organizations which provide direct victim services to apply under a fiscal sponsor?**

A: Organizations can apply with a fiscal sponsor. The victim service organization would be the applicant, and the fiscal sponsor would function as a sub-contract under the victim service organization. More information about this specific process will be available when the application is released in October.

### **Q: Can organizations who receive Civil Legal Aid for Victims of Crime (CLAVC) funding apply for the FY27 VSS open bid?**

A: Yes, if your organization is eligible, you may apply for VSS funding in addition to your CLAVC funding.

## **Allowable Costs and Services**



**Q: Sometimes survivors of human trafficking have charges against them related to substance use, for example. Is it allowable to accompany survivors to court when the charges are (against) the survivor?**

A: While funded services should be focused on addressing the victimization and support related to the victimization, we acknowledge that there are times when charges have been made against the survivor that are related to the victimization. If you have questions about allowability of a specific service, please reach out to MOVA to discuss allowability.

**Q: Is there an indirect rate that can be applied to budget expenses?**

A: Yes, you may elect to use the de minimis indirect rate (up to 15%) if you do not have and are not negotiating a federally approved rate. You can also include a current federally approved indirect rate or request to negotiate an indirect rate with MOVA. An indirect rate negotiation with MOVA includes the submission of financial information that supports the indirect rate requested.

### **Grant Requirements**

**Q: What are the monthly expense and quarterly data reporting requirements?**

A: Monthly expense reports will be submitted to MOVA via eGrants and will be due on the 30<sup>th</sup> of every month following the close of the monthly expense period. Performance data reporting will occur quarterly and will be due on the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of the quarter. Data collection information can be found in the [MOVA Data and Performance Reporting Guide](#).

**Q: If we are offering some services that don't track demographics for those services, even if they are serving victims of crime, could those services still be covered?**

A: Some information about funded services and participating individuals collected in quarterly performance reports is optional and some information is required. If you do not have demographic information about a participating individual, there is an option to select "anonymous" that can be used. More information about data reporting can be found in the [MOVA Data and Performance Reporting Guide](#).

**Q: Is match funding required for the VSS grant opportunity?**

A: The matching fund contribution requirement will be waived for this grant opportunity. You can choose to opt out of the match waiver if you would like to report a matching



contribution. More information about match and match waivers will be included in the Call for Grant Applications.

**Other**

**Q: What, if any, impacts might the current administration have on this funding or procurement?**

A: MOVA is committed to supporting all victims and survivors of crime, including through funding opportunities. We will continue to share any information we have regarding grant conditions or restrictions as they become available.