



## S.T.O.P. VAWA Grant Program FY2020 Competitive Request for Applications: Frequently Asked Questions

Release Date: September 30, 2020

Applications are due at 5:00 P.M. on November 2, 2020

Award Period: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

**1. Where can I find the FY2020 VAWA RFA?**

All funding opportunities are posted on the CJCC website underneath the [Funding Opportunities Tab](#). The FY2020 S.T.O.P. VAWA Competitive RFA can be located under the [Current Grant Opportunities](#) page.

**2. Will you email the slides and eligibility requirements for grants?**

Yes. The slides were sent out via email and are available on our website. The eligibility requirements and information on required attachments can be found in the FY2020 [VAWA](#) Competitive RFA Announcement.

**3. Will there be opportunity for continuation funding?**

Yes. CJCC administers funding by 3- year cycles. If awarded during this competitive cycle, subgrantees will be eligible to receive continuation funding through December 31, 2023.

**4. How will allocations be awarded?**

VAWA Awards will be awarded based on requirements of the grant. 25% of awards made will go to Law Enforcement, 25% to Prosecution, 5% to Courts, and at least 30% to Victim Services. At least 10% of the Victim Services allocation must be distributed to culturally specific community-based organizations and no less than 20% will be allocated to Sexual Assault.

**5. How much does CJCC plan to award?**

CJCC plans to distribute an estimated 4.4 million dollars with the FY20 VAWA award.

<u>Estimated Award Amounts</u>	<u>Agency Type</u>
\$1,000,000	Law Enforcement
\$1,000,000	Prosecution
\$220,000	Courts
\$1,320,000	Victim Services
\$132,000	Culturally Specific Community-Based Organizations
\$264,000	Sexual Assault
\$660,000	Discretionary

**6. What is the anticipated timeline for notification of award approvals?**

For funded projects, CJCC anticipates sending out notification letters and award packets to selected subrecipients the week of December 18, 2020. Award packets are to be sent back to CJCC by February 1, 2021.

**7. Should we focus on the RFA's priority areas or the ones presented at the beginning of the meeting?**

Eligible subgrantees should focus on the priority areas located in Appendix B, found in the FY2020 S.T.O.P. VAWA Competitive RFA. Applicants must propose a project in one of the five priority areas listed.

**8. Are applicants to answer each question in the narrative as a whole or answer each question within the 12-page narrative that we are to upload?**

CJCC asks that eligible applicants respond to the questions in the narrative as a whole. If applicable, please respond to the specific prompts within the narrative sections.

**9. Can you post a sample budget narrative on CJCC website?**

Yes. CJCC has provided a [sample budget narrative](#).

**10. Will there be a cap on the percentage of indirect cost that can be applied?**

Yes, the percentage of indirect cost that can be applied will depend on your Federally-recognized or negotiated rate. For applicants that do not have a negotiated rate for indirect cost, CJCC utilizes 10% De Minimis. For applicants that have a negotiated rate, CJCC utilizes whatever your identified rate is.

**11. When is the council meeting to make final decision about grants?**

CJCC will be holding a full council meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

**12. Can the budget narrative be included within the budget form?**

Generally, there is an area for the budget narrative within the budget worksheet. However, eligible applicants should include their narrative as a separate attachment to be able to elaborate on proposed budget items.

**13. Will you share the scoring rubric?**

Generally, CJCC does not share the entire rubric, however, the following weighted scores have been assigned to each of the application sections:

- a. Project Description – 10%
- b. Needs Statement – 20%
- c. Project Goals & Outcomes – 20%
- d. Project Activities – 20%
- e. Resources Needed – 10%
- f. Evaluation Plan – 10%
- g. Sustainability Plan – 5%
- h. Budget Forms – 5%

**14. Can you provide an average grant award amount?**

Average award levels in the past have been around \$60,000. There is no cap for this specific application, however, keep in mind that requests are prioritized in accordance with the allocation requirements and priority areas.

**15. Do I need to complete and submit a Risk Assessment with my application?**

If you did not complete and submit a Risk Assessment with your most current VOCA continuation award in 2020, you will need to complete and submit a Risk Assessment with your S.T.O.P. VAWA application.