

VOCA Web-Ex
November 7th, 2024 10:00 AM Agenda

Welcome – Patti Custer is leading the meeting.

Housekeeping

- Please mute and put questions/comments in the chat
- If we do not get all questions answered in the allotted time, we will schedule additional calls
- The Web-Ex will be recorded and placed on our website along with meeting minutes
<https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/>
- There are interpreters on the line as well

NEW NFO updates

- The NFO is with the 2nd step of DSS legal- Privacy and Security
- 3rd and final step will be next – DSS Directors Office Legal
- Note: If there are questions/concerns from any of the legal staff, DSS and the stakeholder group will need to address those.

Quarterly Reports (4th Quarter)

- Due October 31st, 2024 – 27 have not been submitted and 3 need to be revised
- Complete the DSS 4th Quarter report that includes the Annual Narrative Questions report to close out this grant cycle – Send to: FSD.VOCAUNIT@dss.mo.gov
- OWCI will reach out if we need corrections to the submitted reports
- Ensure you include signatures and dates on both the 4th Quarter report and Narrative
- Return the reports even if you report zero for funding or used ARPA
- All missing or incomplete reports are due by COB Friday November 8th

VOCA FY24 Extension

- The VOCA GR Monthly Expenditure Report, the VOCA GR Monthly Data Report, and the VOCA GR Invoice Report were emailed on October 30, 2024

- These forms must be completed for the 3-month extension
- Due on November 15, 2024

Match Clarification

- DSS VOCA and the Stakeholder group met on October 25, 2024 to discuss the potential of a statewide match waiver
- To receive a statewide match waiver, there must be a substantiated reason – Based on research and conversation with ACF, the only state that currently has a temporarily approved statewide match waiver is Hawaii due to the wild fires
- Match is not required to report on General Revenue Funds – Match will be required to report once we start using VOCA Funds unless agencies fill out a match waiver and go through the process for DSS and DOJ approval.
- Review email correspondence – **Match is still set at 20%**
- **For the match waivers, agencies will need to provide justification, a list local resources, budget changes, past ability to provide match, and if the project is for new activities to produce match –**
 - **DSS VOCA is be looking at what a match waiver denial will look like for agencies**
 - **We will send out the match sample letter that can be used, and it will be posted on our VOCA website**
- **In the application process, agencies will indicate if they plan to apply for match, but the dollar amounts of the award will be unknown until the awards are released**
 - **The plan is for us to send out the match waiver and policy along with the finalized contracts**
- **We are hoping that the new NFO will be due before the end of this year (January, 2025), but we do not know for certain – agencies may have to write during the holidays**
- **The NFO is going to include a generic set of questions, so we suggest that the agencies start getting a “plan” ready for what funding amount you need and what you services you would like to provide**

- Our hope is to get the NFO out as soon as possible to the agencies for grant writing – our commitment was giving the agencies 30 days to get their applications in, and we are trying to avoid another extension at this time. We are open to a pre-bid meeting after the NFO is released to help answer questions about the NFO
- We do not have an answer quite yet about next October and the grant cycles with renewals – we will have to discuss that later when this process has been closed out, but at this time we do not believe the agencies will have to write again next October
- All of the attachments on the NFO will be the same as the last NFO process, as they are state required documents that must be included – there are no “curveballs” in requirements

Available VOCA Trainings

- Jessica Seitz, Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MONACA)
 - No trainings for this month, should be quiet the next couple of weeks
 - Anything that Jessica is forgetting, will be forwarded to Patti to share with the group
 - Those will go out in our meeting minutes
 - Patti will send out links to the OVC TTAC trainings, our VOCA trainings, and NNEDV trainings

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FVPSA Contract Updates

- Contract must be finalized before agencies can invoice
 - Missing probably 25 or so finalized contracts, please get those into us asap
- Invoices can begin July 1st for FVSPA

DVSS Trainings

- Zak Wilson, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV)
 - Any trainings or updates from MOCADSV will be sent out with the meeting minutes
- We should have everything posted by next Tuesday, the 12th.
- Next meeting is set for December 5, 2024.