

California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant
Cohort IV - Request for Proposals (RFP)
Frequently Asked Questions

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Eligibility

1) Where can a list of eligible cities be found?

A list of eligible cities is located in Table 1 of the RFP. (RFP, Page 4)

2) Can CalVIP funds be used for residents that do not live within one of the 53 eligible cities?

No.

Budget and Match

1) If the City Administrator's Office is the lead applicant and passes through funds to the Department of Violence Prevention (DVP), where would the salaries and benefits for the DVP be claimed?

Since the DVP is not the direct grantee, their salaries and benefits would be claimed under the Professional Services line item.

2) Is the allocation listed for the Small Scope CBOs (\$400,000) per year or per grant term?

The funding categories found within Table 2 of the RFP are maximum grant amounts. A Small Scope CBO can apply for a maximum grant amount of \$400,000 for the entire grant term.

3) What is the grant fund and match requirement for the Financial Audit line item?

The budget instructions under the Financial Audit line-item states "up to \$25,000 in grant funds may be allocated for the required audit and that match funds may also be used to cover or supplement the cost of the audit.

4) Can funds obtained through the use of asset forfeiture be used towards the match obligation?

No. Per the BSCC grant guide, proceeds from asset forfeiture may not be used for BSCC grant programs unless specifically authorized; the BSCC has not authorized the use of asset forfeiture funds for CalVIP.

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5) Can city-funded efforts that are being used towards CalVIP activities to accomplish the goals within the proposal be used at match?

Yes. (As long as those city-funded efforts are not being funded by other BSCC grant funds.)

6) Are stipends an allowable grant cost?

Yes. Please refer to the Grant Administration Guide for allowable project expenses. A link to the Grant Guide can be found on page 81 of the RFP.

7) What type of costs would be allocated in the Health and Wellness line item?

The Health and Wellness line item is to support the overall wellbeing of staff and/or subcontractors who deliver services such as providing mental health services, wellness activities, etc. It is up to the applicant to indicate what type of health and wellness support they will offer their staff and/or subcontractors.

8) Is the cash match obligation reimbursable under grant funds?

No. The match obligation (cash or in-kind) is the applicant's contribution towards the project and is not reimbursable under grant funds.

9) Can time a CBO's advisory board spends on CalVIP related activities be included in their match contribution?

Yes.

10) Can an applicant claim their negotiated indirect cost rate?

No, an applicant can only select one of the two options listed in Section 10 of the Budget Attachment.

General Q&A

1) If an applicant missed the deadline to submit a Letter of Intent, can they still apply for CalVIP funds?

Yes. Applicants were asked (but not required) to submit a non-binding letter indicating their intent to apply. (RFP, Page 2.)

2) Can an applicant include sworn staff as part of their grant funds or match obligation?

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Yes.

3) Does the Work Plan count towards the 12-page limit?

No.

4) Do all NGO subcontractors need to meet the criteria and be listed on Appendix C?

Yes.

5) Can BSCC provide the data points used to calculate the homicide, shootings, and aggravated assaults?

The BSCC calculated the totals published by the Department of Justice's Open Justice web page.

https://data-openjustice.doj.ca.gov/sites/default/files/dataset/2021-07/Crimes_and_Clearances_with_Arson-1985-2020.csv.

6) Can a security camera rebate program for local business that creates a rebate for residents, business, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security cameras and register them with the police department be considered an allowable cost?

The CalVIP RFP prohibits reimbursement for expenditures related to the purchase of high-tech surveillance equipment. In this example, the installation of multiple security cameras that are collectively accessed by law enforcement could result in the type of surveillance that would be an ineligible grant expenditure. (RFP, Page 10.)

7) Does the Local Evaluation Plan and logic model need to be submitted with the application?

No. The Local Evaluation Report and logic model are due six months post-award. (RFP, Page 15.)

8) Can an applicant attach Letters of Support to their application?

Attachments other than those listed on the CalVIP Proposal Checklist will be removed from the proposal and not considered during the proposal evaluation process. (RFP, Page 75). Letters of Support are not a requirement within the Proposal Checklist and would be removed prior to the evaluation process.

9) Can a city applicant pass through 100% of their grant funds to a CBO and use city grant management services as match?

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10) Will grantees need to report outcomes in CalJOBS?

No.

11) Is there a page requirement for the Workplan?

The Workplan cannot exceed 1 page. (RFP, Page 72.)