



California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP)
Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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CalVIP Bidders' Conferences

Please note that the timeline on page 16 of the CalVIP Request for Proposals (RFP) lists an incorrect date for one of the CalVIP Bidders' Conferences.

Details for both bidders' conferences have now been posted to the [BSCC website](#) and listed here:

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Board of State and Community Corrections

1st Floor – Training Room

2590 Venture Oaks Way

Sacramento, CA 95833

The December 5, 2017 meeting will be livestreamed:

Please go to the [BSCC Home Page](#), or directly to our [YouTube](#) channel to access the stream. Viewers will be able to submit questions in real time via the chat box on right hand side of the video feed.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

State of California, Department of General Services

Van Nuys State Office Building, Auditorium – Room 135

6150 Van Nuys Blvd.

Van Nuys, CA 91401

1. Will the 2018 CalVIP grant be awarded at \$500,000 per year or \$500,000 to be spread across the two years?

The total grant award (any amount up to and including \$500,000) is for the entire 2-year grant period, not \$500,000 per year.

- 2. Will applicants be required to submit budgets with an equal amount of spending for each of the two years like the current CalGRIP grant? Will each year be treated as a separate grant award?**

No, the CalVIP grant will be a one time, 2-year grant, i.e., each year will not be treated as a separate grant award. Applicants will submit one budget to cover the entire 2-year grant period and will not be required to spend grant funds across each year equally (e.g., \$250,000 in year one and \$250,000 in year two).

- 3. Who are the eligible applicants for the CalVIP Grant? Can a county district attorney's office or a local law enforcement task force apply?**

Only California cities and community-based organizations are eligible to apply directly for the CalVIP grant. Other types of agencies or organizations may partner on the grant as a sub-grantee, but cannot be the applicant.

- 4. Can an individual non-profit organization apply for this grant?**

Yes, for the purposes of CalVIP, an individual non-profit organization is considered to be a community-based organization. As per page 5 of the CalVIP RFP: "It is not necessary that community-based organization applicants be registered with 501(c)(3) status, but any non-governmental, community-based organization (CBO) wishing to apply must meet the criteria listed just below." Please review the criteria listed on page 5 of the CalVIP RFP.

- 5. Are city applicants required to pass-through a minimum amount of funds to one or more CBOs?**

Yes, city applicants are required to pass-through a minimum of 50 percent of the grant funds requested to one or more CBOs. Please review the bottom of page 5 of the CalVIP RFP.

- 6. Are grant applicants allowed to work together under one application? That is, can multiple CBOs or cities work together within one grant application?**

There is nothing that prohibits multiple cities or CBOs from working together within one application or from working with other private/public agencies, but the maximum amount per grant is \$500,000 (i.e., applicants will not be able to "combine" grant amounts).

- 7. Is it possible for a city and a CBO from the same city to be awarded separately?**

Yes, cities and CBOs apply individually and will be considered individually. As per page 5 in the CalVIP RFP: "There are no restrictions on the number of cities within a county that may apply for CalVIP funding, or on the number of CBOs within a city or county that may apply for CalVIP funding. Every applicant will be scored individually and independently."

8. Are letters of intent mandatory in the application process? When are they due and is there a format we must follow?

Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged, but not required to submit Letters of Intent. Letters of Intent are due by December 15, 2017. Additional information and instructions can be found on page 2 of the CalVIP RFP.

9. Although the proposal does not require Memoranda of Understanding or Letters of Agreement, will these documents be accepted and considered with the application?

No, only those attachments listed on the CalVIP Proposal Checklist (page 23 of the RFP) will be accepted and considered. Attachments other than those listed on the checklist will not be considered.

10. Would simulators that provide video-based scenarios to train staff on how to deescalate situations so they do not become violent be considered eligible items to be purchased with CalVIP grant funds?

Please refer to the “Eligible Activities” and “Ineligible Grant Expenditures” sections on page 6 of the CalVIP RFP. CalVIP grant funds may not be used for the acquisition of real property, but there are no other restrictions on eligible items, activities or programs. The simulators you describe would be eligible items to be purchased with CalVIP grant funds.

11. May CalVIP funding be used to enhance our computer crimes lab by funding construction within the police building, funding equipment costs, and funding training for computer crimes investigators?

Please refer to the “Eligible Activities” and “Ineligible Grant Expenditures” sections on page 6 of the CalVIP RFP. CalVIP grant funds may not be used for the acquisition of real property, but there are no other restrictions on eligible items, activities or programs. The construction, equipment and training you describe would be eligible items to be purchased with CalVIP grant funds.

12. What are some examples of in-kind matching funds we can list to qualify the match requirement?

There are some examples of in-kind matching funds listed on page 8 of the CalVIP RFP. These include “donated office supplies, equipment, professional services and volunteer time.”

13. Are grant funds provided in advance to grantees or will grantees need to submit invoices before being reimbursed?

Please see page 12 of the CalVIP RFP. Grant funds are not provided in advance. Disbursement of grant funds occurs on a reimbursement basis for costs incurred

during a reporting period. Grantees may choose to invoice on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

14. Are Los Angeles based CBOs restricted from applying in the CBO category due to the exclusive City of Los Angeles' non-competitive allocation?

No, community-based organizations that serve the City of Los Angeles are not restricted from applying. Please check page 5 of the CalVIP RFP for a list of criteria that non-governmental organizations must meet in order to receive CalVIP funds.

15. Our city is not listed for potential CalVIP Preference Points--does BSCC expect to fund projects outside of the those receiving preference points?

The BSCC cannot anticipate the results of the scoring of proposals. However, the preference point system was designed to give applicants that are disproportionately impacted by violence a slight advantage in the scoring, but not enough of an advantage to automatically earn a grant award. The Executive Steering Committee placed a much higher value on the rating factors of the proposal, as follows: Project Need at 35 percent; Project Description at 35 percent; Project Evaluation at 15 percent; and Project Budget at 15 percent.

16. Although our city has a much smaller population, the crime ratio per 10,000 population is actually very high. Would this be a consideration, and will smaller jurisdictions be competitive under this grant?

The criteria BSCC used to calculate crime rate was one crime per 100,000 population. This is the formula used to calculate crime rates by both the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Smaller jurisdictions will be competitive under this grant. In fact, 24 of the 101 cities that qualified for preference points had populations of less than 10,000. Another 20 of the 101 cities that qualified for preference points had populations of less than 20,000.

17. Are the members of CalVIP Coordinating and Advisory Council prohibited from receiving CalVIP funds? A few of the potential members belong to agencies that the City is looking to subcontract with to hire outreach workers/case managers if awarded BSCC CalVIP funds. Please advise.

Applicants should consider state and local conflict of interest laws when selecting members of the CalVIP Coordinating and Advisory Council. Grantees are advised to consult with their agency's counsel regarding Government Code sections 1090 *et seq.*, Government Code sections 81000 *et seq.* (the Political Reform Act), and for information on local ordinances and codes that may pertain to an individual's participation on the CalVIP Coordinating and Advisory Council.