



Questions and Answers

FY2025 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Responses to questions will be posted to this document within 7 calendar days of receipt.

The deadline for receipt of written questions is **May 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit your questions to mbcc@mt.gov.

ATTENTION: This funding opportunity is for grant funding that the Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) administers that originates from the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ). To continue program activities designed to maintain public safety services, MBCC has determined that it will proceed with this funding opportunity. MBCC anticipates that new grant guidance may be issued in 2025 to reflect USDOJ's revised policies and priorities. New USDOJ guidance could change the terms and conditions and the availability of funding for any grants that are executed from this funding opportunity. MBCC will share new grant conditions, guidance, and requirements with all grantees as they become available. In some instances, executed grant awards may be revised or cancelled.

Q1: Can funding be used to bring in trainers to train local LE, attorneys, and judges on strangulation?

A1: Yes, VAWA funds can be used for training of Law Enforcement, Attorneys and Judges.

Q2: When entering my needs statement, the footnotes did not format correctly. Am I able to just list the sources at the end of the document all together?

A2: Yes, you may list the sources at the end of the document.

Q3: I was trying to do the EEOP Verification/Certification through DOJ and they have a notice saying that they are pausing collection of information until further notice. How do we go about including this information on the application. I've included a screen shot, if that helps.

A3: As of March 11, 2025 the EEOP tool provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance is not available. This situation may change during the application period. If the tool becomes available again, please follow the directions outlined in the application. If the tool is not available, submit a screenshot of the website in place of the completed certificate.

Q4: Regarding the STOP Formula Prosecution Certification required in the FY2025 STOP VAWA opportunity: Is that certification only required of Prosecution-based applicants? Or is it required of all applicants?



If it is required of all applicants, my follow-up question relates to this language from that certification section: “statutory requirements in 34 U.S.C. §§ 10449, 10450, 10451, and 10454 (as implemented in 28 C.F.R. §§ 90.13-90.16)”. Can the MBCC clarify “as implemented in 28 C.F.R. §§ 90.13-90.16” means?

A4: This certification is only required by those in the prosecution category of VAWA. The implementation they are referring to can be found here: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-I/part-90>

Q5: I am writing a proposal for our Blackfeet Domestic Program for the VAWA funding. I have a question about IDC.

The Blackfeet Tribe has just finished the 2023 Audit and is waiting for the 2023 IDC rate to be established. Since we are behind in our audits, how should I address IDC for the proposal?

A5: As of October 1, 2024, the indirect cost rate that may be used is 15%.

Recipients and subrecipients that do not have a current Federal negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate) may elect to charge a de minimis rate of up to 15 percent of modified total direct costs (MTDC). <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRd93f2a98b1f6455>

Q6: The Blackfeet Tribe Finance Dept. is just finishing up their 2023 audit so we don't have a current IDC rate. What can we do in lieu of IDC? Can we use an administrative rate? If so, what is the rate?

A6: If the Blackfeet Tribe does not have an approved IDC, they can use a de minimis rate of up to 15% or propose a reasonable allocation of administrative costs that are allowable under the FVPSA grant. [eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E - Direct and Indirect Costs](#)

Q7: In the Financial Resource Disclosure document for both current and next period MBCC VAWA funding, is the amount the entire VAWA award/requested award (including local match)? Or would the federal award amount be entered in the top portion with all local match separated out and added to the table in the lower section under County/City funds, for example?

A7: All amounts in the Financial Resource Disclosure form will not include match, just the total federal awarded amounts.

Q8: I have submitted requests on two separate occasions for statewide crime data from MBCC for this cycle's VAWA RFP, but have not received a response. I am wondering if I should move ahead with the application or wait until the crime data is available.

I understand MBCC has been burdened with a number of external complications recently, so I only ask to ensure that my application conveys the most accurate data available. Thank you for your consideration.



A8: There is an issue with our website's link, and we are working on fixing this issue. For now, please forward any requests for crime data directly to Janice Fries at JFries2@mt.gov or 444-4298.