



## Questions and Answers

### STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) - 2022

Responses to questions will be posted to this document within 7 calendar days of receipt, through the last Friday before the opportunity is closed.

The deadline for receipt of written questions is **Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit your questions to [mbcc@mt.gov](mailto:mbcc@mt.gov).

**Q1:** Is it permissible for VAWA funding to be used to fund a local study of the feasibility of a DV Court? This would include surveys/interviews/focus groups with survivors of IPV, criminal justice system professionals, a literature review, etc.

**A1:** VAWA funds may be used for purposes pursuant to **34 U.S.C. § 10441(b)** as outlined in the Purpose areas of the application. Please review the 20 purpose areas to ensure your proposed program is allowable.

**Q2:** When I downloaded the new VAWA grant application it lists the award period as 10/01/2021-09/30/2022. Is this a typo? I want to be sure I use the correct application information for preparing our grant proposal.

**A2:** VAWA 2022 Project Period is October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023.

**Q3:** Is the example for Fringe the actual percentages we should use?

**A3:** No, that is just an example.

**Q4:** Is there a budget cap amount?

**A4:** No, however we typically get around 20 applications and we only usually get around \$1 million.

**Q5:** Does the Board get our whole grant once you forward it to them (over 60% of points)?

**A5:** The board has the opportunity to read the applications, however, do usually do not. The ARC will be presented with any application specific information if requested to help guide their decision they present to the board.



**Q6:** When we have received scoring summaries for past applications, are those written by staff and not peer reviewers?

**A6:** The MBCC staff are the reviewers.

**Q7:** I guess I am asking if the ARC is completely staff or if there are other folks.

**A7:** The ARC members are members of the board and the MBCC staff attend to present options to the ARC.

**Q8:** I heard there was a court services set-aside for VAWA, but it is not in the RFP. I am wondering if the person who told me is mixing VAWA up with a different award?

**A8:** VAWA has federally required categories that must be met. They include Victim Services, Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Courts, and Discretionary.

**Q9:** Is the VAWA Strategy is given for applicants?

**A9:** Yes, we have provided applicants with a VAWA Strategy that will relate to the applicant's goals and their proposed program.

**Q10.** The City of Billings has several DUNS accounts that have previously been verified through the UID as required by the Department of Justice. Is there any reason why the City Attorney's Office could not use one of those agency ID numbers? Our finance department does not mind one way or the other, but I want to be certain before I submit anything.

**A10.** The DUNS number you submit should be related to your agency's fiscal department, and in some cases that fiscal department may overlap with other departments.

**Q11.** What is meant by collaboration MOU's?

**A11.** Any documented MOU that you may have with partners included in your Collaboration Plan can be included in this section (optional).



**Q12.** Can you tell me if on the application we are able to list in the budget narrative and line items JUST the items we wish for VAWA to fund? For example, if for the project we know we may have expenses for travel or printed materials, but we will have those funded by another source, do we need to list those at all or can we just list the expenses we are asking VAWA to reimburse?

**A12.** Budget and Budget Narrative should include all items that will be funded by VAWA (partially or fully), and/or included as match.

**Q13.** In the VAWA Supplement-1 Culturally Specific Set Aside, the requirements indicate agencies must be “nonprofit, nongovernmental”. If the application is for a government agency, should we leave that Supplemental form blank? Or check the boxes that do apply and include some narrative, even though the government agency is not eligible?

**A13.** If the applying agency is NOT a nonprofit or nongovernmental entity, this question can be left blank.

**Q14.** Is it possible for one agency to submit two different applications for VAWA funding? Specifically, I am submitting an application for a program that currently receives VAWA funding. My agency would also like to submit a second application for funding to support a new initiative that is separate and very different from the existing program. When I tried to open a second application, I got a notice on the screen that my agency already has an application in progress. Do I need to submit the first application before starting a second one? Or would I need to log in under a different agency/account in AmpliFund?

**A14.** Agencies are able to create an additional application under the same agency (if the project and scope are completely different) and that feature has been enabled.