



Questions and Answers FY2024 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)

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

The deadline for receipt of written questions is **Friday, May 31, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit your questions to mbcc@mt.gov.

Q1. For those programs that are working a 32 hour work week and that is considered full time, will this calculation make a difference if it is noted in policy that 32 hrs if = 1 FTE?

A1. As long as your policy indicates that 32 hours is full time, the calculations need to be based on a 32 hour work week and 1664 hours a year.

Q2. Is the budget for this cycle based off of what we were awarded this last cycle?

A2. No, the budget is not based on what was awarded last cycle. Build your budget according to your agency needs.

Q3. If that is the case that they are applying for what they need, then this is competitive.

A3. No, the grant is not competitive, the applications will not be scored, they will be looked at for eligibility, primary purpose areas as outlined in the grant application, as well as Priority percentage of fund use as outlined in the federal rules.

Q4. Can you help me understand how you'll make the funding decision if the process is both non-competitive and we are not given an amount to base our request on?

A4. Recommendations will be as close to last years awards based on what is allowed under FVPSA regulations and based on funding received by MBCC.

Q5. Would this grant cover a start up....so hiring someone to start the process of developing a shelter or facility?

A5. No, these funds will not cover a person to start the process of developing a shelter, according to the federal guidelines, the primary purpose of FVPSA funds are to provide immediate shelter.



Q6. Is the match 20 or 25%

A6. 20%

Q7. This is a question regarding the required Signature Page. If we are a current FVPSA grantee through MTDPHHS, should we put that grant number on the top of the signature page? Or, since we don't have a grant number from MBCC, should we write N/A in the Grant Number box at the top of the form?

A7. Please write N/A – the MBCC grant number can be added later.

The next five questions and answers refer to the Primary Purpose of the FVPSA:

- To prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- To provide immediate shelter, supportive services, and access to community- based programs for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and their dependents.
- To provide specialized services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, underserved populations, and victims who are members of racial and ethnic minority populations.

Q8. Can FVPSA funds be used to prevent loss of housing such as 1 to 3 months rent on a current rental?

A8. Yes, so long as the primary purpose ties back to providing direct services to a program participant. See "subrecipient may provide a program participant with rental assistance" in [eCFR :: 24 CFR 576.106 -- Short-term and medium-term rental assistance](#).

Q9. Can FVPSA funds be used to assist in obtaining housing, such as 1st month rent and deposit?

A9. Subrecipient may provide a program participant with rental assistance, security deposit is not an allowable expense per the SAA.

Q10. Can FVPSA funds be used to purchase cell phones and phone cards?

A10. Yes, allowed, so long as the program participant falls within the primary purpose areas for FVPSA.

Q11. Can FVPSA funds be used to register vehicles?

A11. Yes, allowed, so long as the program participant falls within the primary purpose areas for FVPSA.

Q12. Can FVPSA funds be used for vehicle repair?

A12. Yes, - allowable reimbursement for reasonable transportation—vehicle-related expenses (minor mechanical repairs, tires, windshields, insurance, etc.)