



NC GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION 2025 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

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*Please note the new three-year Period of Performance for all VOCA and VAWA competitive applications. Budget year two and three will be added annually through an extension process in EBS.

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| ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS | | | |
| State and Local Government Agencies Indian Tribal Governments Non-profit Organizations Legal Services Programs Local Government Agencies Local Law Enforcement Agencies State and Local Courts Victim Service Providers State DV/SA Coalitions | | | |



Introduction

Thank you for your interest in seeking funding for crime victims from the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission (GCC). The Crime Victim Services (CVS) Committee advocates for victims by promoting the development of effective programs that improve the response of human service professionals and the criminal justice system to crime victims through grants from two Federal funding sources: the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), through the STOP (Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors) grant program and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance grant program.

| VAWA STOP Priorities |
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| State & Local Court – Noncompetitive |
| Discretionary – Emerging Issue: DV Firearm Homicide Reduction |
| Discretionary – DVIP, Prevention |
| Law Enforcement – DV Firearm Homicide Reduction |
| Law Enforcement – Regional Training |
| Law Enforcement – Statewide Training |
| Law Enforcement – 2FTE or less |
| Law Enforcement – 2FTE or more |
| Prosecution – DV Firearm Homicide Reduction |
| Prosecution – Regional Training |
| Prosecution – Statewide Training |
| Prosecution – 2FTE or less |
| Prosecution – 2FTE or more |
| Victim Services – State/Gov Org |
| Victim Services – Nonprofit |

We encourage you to read through this document in its entirety as you prepare to apply for consideration. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements. Complete applications, including required documents, must be submitted through our online grant management system (EBS) no later than 11:59pm on January 31, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted. Proposals received with incomplete information may not be considered for funding.

For more information about the grant process, forms, the EBS grant management system, or other resources, visit GCC online at [Governor's Crime Commission | NC DPS](#).

Contact Information

The Commission's work is supported by staff who specialize in grants planning, grants management, and data and analysis. Staff at the GCC is committed to providing high quality, efficient, and effective customer service through guidance, collaboration, and technical expertise. Our success relies on the success of our grantees in providing services to communities across the state, and in complying with all Federal, State, and GCC guidelines.

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AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS ANNOUNCEMENT

About the Crime Victim Services Committee

The mission of the Crime Victims' Services (CVS) Committee is to advocate for victims by promoting the development of effective programs that improve the response of human service professionals and the criminal justice system to crime victims.

Grants administered by the CVS Committee include the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds. Additionally there are two advisory groups which provide input to the CVS Committee:

CVS (Crime Victim Services) Advisory Group

The CVS Advisory Group provides feedback to the Commission on crime victim policy and programs. The composition of the Subcommittee is experts in the field of victim services.

STOP Implementation Plan Advisory Group

The STOP Advisory Group provides feedback to Commission staff on effective responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Funds Availability

All awards are contingent upon the N.C. Governor's Crime Commission receiving the specified grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice at the expected level and are subject to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Funding Authority

As the state administering agency, the GCC has authority, by legislation, to administer this federal grant program, as defined by statute. The powers and duties of the GCC can be found at N.C.G.S. § 143B-602, N.C.G.S. § 143B-1101, and N.C.G.S. § 143B-1103.

Conditions of Eligible Organizations

1. **Nonprofit organizations** must be duly incorporated and registered under North Carolina statutes, unless it is a tribal governing body or a local chapter of a national, tax-exempt victim service organization.
2. **Public (government) agencies**, such as criminal justice agencies, include law enforcement, prosecutor offices, courts, corrections departments, probation and paroling authorities.
3. **Religiously-affiliated and faith-based organizations** must offer services without regard to religious affiliation and receipt of services is not contingent upon participation in a religious activity or event.
4. **Tribal governments** may be required by certain funding sources to be federally recognized as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States, with responsibilities, powers, limitations, and obligations attached to that designation.

Scoring Process

All grant applications are competitive and will be scored and reviewed by the Crime Victim Services Committee. **Not everyone who applies will be awarded a grant.** The Committee will consider geography, regional diversity, economic need, and prior GCC grant funding. Direct awards provided by federal agencies will also be considered.

The Committee will strive to make decisions that are equitable and fair. It will strive to look at national and state priorities as well as ever changing needs in criminal justice. It will debate, discuss, and decide what it believes is the best for the entire State of North Carolina given the current funding and applications.

PART I: GRANT INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Grant Program Background

The primary purpose of VAWA grant program is to address violence against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking and includes human trafficking.

VAWA STOP is a federal formula grant. Our funding partner is the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women (OVW).

History of the Violence Against Women Act

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 was passed by Congress and created the Office on Violence against Women (OVW) in the United States Department of Justice. Since its inception, OVW has supported a multifaceted approach to responding to crimes against women through the implementation of grant programs authorized through VAWA. VAWA supports communities and was designed to improve the criminal justice systems responses to adult, youth and child victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking by forming partnerships between state and local communities. For additional information about this program and related performance measures, including how awards contribute to the achievement of program goals and objectives, see:

- OVW grant program information: [Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\) | Grant Programs | United States Department of Justice](#).
- Program performance measures under the Measuring Effectiveness Initiative: [Grant Programs \(vawamei.org\)](#)
- Program-specific sections in OVW's most recent report to Congress on the effectiveness of VAWA grant programs [Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\) | Reports to Congress \(justice.gov\)](#)

VAWA STOP Program Description

The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. STOP encourages the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement, prosecution strategies and victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

OVW grants help and provides victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities' capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

Compliance with Federal Rules Regulating Grants

Agencies that receive funding from the Governor's Crime Commission must comply with all provisions of the Federal Program Guidelines, and the administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements of the Uniform Guidance set forth in [2 C.F.R. § 200](#).

The DOJ Grants Financial Guide is provided for the use of all recipients and subrecipients of Federal grant programs of the Department of Justice. The Guide serves as a compilation of the uniform guidance governing DOJ grants, and is available online at:

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedojo/overview>

Compliance with the statutory eligibility requirements of the VAWA as amended, STOP grant program.

Costs for Criminal Charges and Protection Orders

Laws, policies, and practices do not require, in connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking offense, or in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal, or service of a protection order, or a petition for a protection order, to protect a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault, that the victim bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the offender, or the costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, dismissal, withdrawal, or service of a warrant, protection order, petition for a protection order, or witness subpoena, whether issued inside or outside the state, tribal, or local jurisdiction.

Forensic Medical Examination Payment for Victims of Sexual Assault

Agencies may not charge victims of sexual assault for forensic medical exams. Agencies cannot require victims of sexual assault to seek reimbursement for forensic medical examinations from their insurance carrier. Additionally, agencies shall not require a victim of sexual assault to participate in the criminal justice system or cooperate with law enforcement in order to be provided with a forensic medical exam.

Judicial Notification

Judicial administrative policies and practices include notification to domestic violence offenders of the requirements delineated in section 922(g)(8) and (g)(9) of Title 18 of the United States Code, and any applicable related federal, state, or local laws.

Polygraph Testing

No law enforcement officer, prosecuting officer or other government official shall ask or require an adult, youth, or child victim of an alleged sex offense as defined under federal, tribal, state, territorial, or local law to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an offense, and the refusal of a victim to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device shall not prevent the investigation, charging, or prosecution of an alleged sex offense.

Demonstrated Organizational Capacity

Agencies must demonstrate a record of effective services to the community by having a history of providing direct services in a cost-effective manner and by showing a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.

Compliance with Federal Rules Regulating Grants

Agencies must comply with the applicable provisions of VAWA, the Program Guidelines, and the requirements of the OJP Financial Guide. The most recent OJP Financial Guide is available online at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.justice.gov/d9/2024-02/doj-financial-guide-2023_ovw.pdf.

Maintenance of Civil Rights Information

Agencies must maintain statutorily required civil rights statistics on victims served by race, national origin, sex, age, and disability, within the timetable established by the NC Department of Public Safety, Governor's Crime Commission; and permit reasonable access to its books, documents, papers and records to determine whether the sub-recipient is complying with the applicable civil rights laws. This

requirement is waived when providing a service, such as telephone counseling, where soliciting the information may be inappropriate or offensive to the crime victim.

Compliance with Privacy Act

Agencies must protect the information of victims who receive services. Agencies must provide individuals with a means by which to seek access to and amendment of their records. The Privacy Act sets forth various record-keeping requirements as required by federal law.

Compliance with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Agencies must understand and certify that any person has the right to request access to grant records or information except to the extent the records are protected from disclosure as contained in law.

Maintenance of Confidentiality of Client/Victim

Agencies are required to maintain the confidentiality and privacy information of the people they serve.

Delivery of Legal Assistance

A certification form (Attachment VW-02) must be signed and dated by the Authorizing Official and Project Director.

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(12), agencies providing legal assistance with funds awarded under this program must certify the following information:

1. any person providing legal assistance with funds through this program
 - (A) has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or
 - (B)
 - i. is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in subparagraph (A); and
 - ii. has completed, or will complete, training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide.
2. any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a tribal, state, territorial, or local domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, state, territorial, and local law enforcement officials.
3. any person or organization providing legal assistance with funds through this program has informed and will continue to inform state, local, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate state and local law enforcement officials of their work; and
4. the grantee's organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or child sexual abuse is an issue.

Community Coordination

Applications should illustrate coordinated public and private efforts which may include written agreements/memoranda of understanding, work groups to oversee and recommend improvements to community responses, and the development of protocols for such responses.

GCC supports the development of comprehensive projects that include collaborative partnerships with multiple agencies (e.g., human service agencies, court and criminal justice agencies, universities, etc.). The project narrative for the lead agency should summarize the multidisciplinary nature of the project. These comprehensive projects **must** have Memoranda of Understanding between all agencies involved uploaded as a supporting document.

Prohibited Discrimination

Applicants must assure and certify compliance with all civil rights nondiscrimination requirements, including those prohibiting unlawful discrimination.

Maintenance of Confidentiality

Except as authorized by law, program records containing the identity of individual juveniles must not be disclosed without the consent of the service recipient or legally authorized representative. Under no circumstances may program reports or findings available for public dissemination contain the actual names of individual service recipients.

This does not prohibit compliance with legally mandated reporting of abuse or neglect.

Compliance with State Criteria

Agencies must abide by any additional eligibility or service criteria as established by the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission including the submission of statistical and programmatic information on the use and impact of grant funds, as requested by the GCC.

Information Sharing

GCC and its subrecipients may share the following information:

- Non-personally identifying data in the aggregate regarding services to their clients and non-personally identifying demographic information in order to comply with reporting, monitoring, evaluation, or data collection requirements;
- Court-generated information and law-enforcement-generated information contained in secure governmental registries for protection order enforcement purposes; and
- Law enforcement- and prosecution-generated information necessary for law enforcement and prosecution purposes.

Traffic Stop Data

N.C.G.S.143B-903 requires that certain law enforcement agencies report traffic stops within 60 (sixty) days to the SBI. The SBI publishes the list of required agencies each year on the SBI website on the SBI Traffic Reporting page by clicking on the List of Agencies Required to Report. Any agency that is required

to submit traffic stops and does not shall be ineligible to receive any law enforcement grants available by or through the State per G.S. 143B-903(e).

Contracts and Consultants

Agencies may concurrently receive Federal awards as a recipient, a subrecipient, and a contractor, depending on the substance of its agreements with Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities.

Contract means, for the purpose of Federal financial assistance, a legal instrument by which a recipient or subrecipient purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a federal award.

All contracts in the grant must be uploaded as an attachment to the grant and must be approved by the assigned grants administrator for the project after opening, but prior to being enacted. If an agency already has an executed contract from a previously funded grant award, a copy of the contract should be uploaded as a project-specific attachment. Contracts must be approved by the GCC Grant Administrator before obligations can be made.

If program activities are delegated to another entity that delegation will generally be considered a subaward and is not allowed.

Please note that the approval of the grant award by the Commission does not constitute the approval of a specific sub-award or contract. For additional information on this topic, please refer to 2 C.F.R. § 200.331, subrecipient and contractor determination.

Indirect Costs

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs using a negotiated indirect cost rate must have a current, signed, federally – approved indirect cost rate agreement. Applicants that have never received a federally – approved indirect cost rate may elect to charge a de minimis rate of up to 15% of modified total costs, which the agency will then be required to use for all applications for federal funding, indefinitely or until a federally – approved rate has been negotiated.

De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate

Some subrecipients have the option of using a de minimis indirect cost rate set by law.

Effective October 1, 2024, the federal de minimis rate increased from 10% to **up to 15%**, which can be applied to new awards opened after the effective date. Subrecipients are authorized to determine the appropriate rate utilized up to 15% and must use the rate for all federal awards until a federally negotiated rate is received. Please note that it is not required that you increase your rate to 15% if you have previously elected to utilize the de minimis indirect cost rate, but you may choose to do so as long as the rate is applied consistently to all federal awards made to your agency. This includes federal funding from sources outside of the GCC.

The *de minimis* rate is up to 15% of modified total direct costs (MTDC).

- The MTDC base includes: salary and wages, fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and the first \$50,000 of each contract.

- Excluded from the MTDC calculation is: equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, tuition remission, rental costs, scholarships, and the portion of any contracts in excess of \$50,000.

This *de minimis* rate is available without the need to negotiate with the cognizant federal agency for indirect costs. The *de minimis* rate is an option only for subrecipients that do not have an approved federally negotiated indirect cost rate.

When the *de minimis* rate is used, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs. Double charging is not permitted.

If you elect to use *de minimis*, it must be applied consistently across all your agency's Federally funded projects until your agency receives a Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate.

If you elect to use *de minimis* in your projects, you must submit and upload a certification to each of your project applications. The *De Minimis* Certification Form can be found at the Grant Forms section of our website. On the form, please indicate the rate percentage that your agency will use. This must also be included in the grant application.

Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs through the use of a federally negotiated indirect cost rate must have a current, signed, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA). Other applicants may elect to charge a *de minimis* rate of 15% of modified total direct costs (MTDC), which the agency will then use for all applications for federal funding, indefinitely or until a federally - approved rate has been negotiated.

Documentation supporting the agency's use of an indirect cost rate is required.

Since utilizing an indirect cost rate occurs at the organization level, the Financial Officer is responsible for the verification of an organization's indirect cost rate (*de minimis* or federally negotiated rate). If an organization is utilizing an indirect cost rate, the required support documentation must be uploaded to the EBS Grants Management Platform by the Financial Officer.

Supplanting

Supplanting, consistent with the Uniform Guidance, is the deliberate reduction of State, local, or tribal government funds otherwise available, specifically because federal funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund the same activity.

Federal funds may be used to supplement existing State and local funds for program activities and must not supplant (replace) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. To avoid potential supplanting issues, the below guidelines should be followed:

- Federal funds cannot be used to pay for existing State-funded employees unless the existing position is "backfilled" with a new hire.
- Federal funds cannot be used to pay for items or costs that the award recipient is already obligated to pay with State, local, or tribal funds.

- State, local, or tribal government funds previously appropriated, allocated, or budgeted for award purposes cannot be reduced or reallocated to other purposes because of the receipt of federal funds.
- Agencies must maintain documentation demonstrating that any reductions in non-Federal resources budgeted for award purposes is unrelated to the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.

Unallowable Uses

Federal awards generally provide recipients and/or subrecipients with the funds necessary to cover costs associated with the award program. There are other costs, categorized as unallowable costs, that will not be reimbursed. Subrecipients must not use award or match funding for unallowable costs. Standard unallowable costs are identified in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 (Disallowed Cost).

The following services, activities, and costs, although not exhaustive, cannot be supported with grant funds at the subrecipient level:

- Lobbying/advocacy with respect to legislation or administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy;
- Audit Costs (except as an allocable percentage of mandatory audits);
- Fundraising activities;
- Capital expenses, including capital improvements; property losses and expenses; real estate purchases; mortgage payments; and construction;
- Bonuses, commissions, tips, stipends, and honoraria
- Trinkets (items such as hats, mugs, portfolios, t-shirts, coins, gift bags, etc., regardless of whether they include the conference name or OJP/DOJ logo) must not be purchased with DOJ funds as giveaways for conferences. Basic supplies that are necessary for use during the conference (e.g., folders, name tags) may be purchased.
- Additional inappropriate costs as identified and considered by the GCC as unallowable.

(NEW Unallowable Cost) The award requirement below will be effective and subject to enforcement under this Federal grant award from the Department of Justice starting on October 31, 2025.

- Legal Services for Aliens: *Except as indicated in the following sentence, costs of providing legal services (that is, professional services of the kind lawfully provided only by individuals licensed to practice law) to any removable alien (see 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(e)(2)) or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States are disallowed and may not be charged against the award.*

Costs for legal services disallowed under the preceding sentence do not include costs for legal services— (1) to obtain protection orders for victims of crime (including associated or related orders (e.g., custody orders), arising from the victimization); (2) that are associated with or relate to actions under 18 U.S.C. ch. 77 (peonage, slavery,

and trafficking in persons); (3) to obtain T-visas, U-visas, or “continued presence” immigration status (see, e.g., 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(T) & (U); 22 U.S.C. § 7105(c)(3)(A)); or (4) as to which such disallowance would contravene any express requirement of any law, or of any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Additional STOP Unallowable Activities

- Activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions.
- Research projects. (This does not include program assessments conducted only for internal improvement purposes.)
- Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting)
- Funding for any criminal defense work, including defending women who assault, kill, or otherwise injure their abusers.
- Rehabilitative services related to the crime committed by incarcerated individuals who experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victimization.
- Moving household goods to a new location or acquiring furniture or housing in a new location.
- Couples counseling or any intervention that requires participation by a victim or that is not designed to hold offenders accountable for their violent behavior.
- The purchase of vehicles.
- Immigration fees for immigrant victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Terms and Conditions Subject to Court Ordered Stay

As stated in the FY2025 Federal VAWA STOP and SASP Special Conditions:

*Terms and conditions subject to court ordered stay. Award condition 15 (“Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination laws (certification)”) and any certification submitted by the recipient regarding certain out-of-scope activities are subject to a preliminary stay in Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al., and are not enforceable as to any OVW FY 2025 awards unless and until the preliminary stay is lifted. **If the preliminary stay is lifted, OVW will process a modification identifying the award condition or out-of-scope activity that is no longer subject to the preliminary stay and has become enforceable and the date on which it becomes enforceable.***

Programs funded with VAWA STOP funds subject to this determination will receive an update to any resulting conditions and applicable requirements.

Pre-Award Risk Assessment

Pursuant to the regulations found at 2 C.F.R. 200.206(b), subrecipient agencies who are new to GCC funding or have not received funding within the previous 5 years are required to undergo a Pre-Award Risk Assessment (PARA) prior to the opening of the grant. The purpose of the PARA is

to ensure that new subrecipient agencies can carry out all aspects of the federal grant award, including fiscal and administrative management of federal grant funds.

After an assessment by a Grant Planner and Grant Administrator, agencies are determined as high, medium, or low risk. Subsequent risk measurements are conducted post-award by the assigned Grant Administrator using a matrix-based evaluation tool.

Reimbursement Requests

The subrecipient is required to submit monthly expenditures reports unless there are no reimbursable activities in a particular month. You may submit reimbursement requests for expenses occurring during your period of performance up to 60 days after your project ends.

Agencies are recommended to have at least 3-4 months in reserve funds to support their funded projects. This can assist with any reimbursement delays or issues that may arise.

Executive Director Compensation

Executive Directors cannot be 100% funded through subawards. Executive Directors have responsibilities that do not include or directly support the allowable activities (for example, fundraising, donor retention, board meetings, and executive administrative functions). Personnel costs that are directly related to providing direct services, supervision of grant staff, and supporting grant activities are allowable costs.

Ordering Delays

Supply chain issues are common. Funds for any purchased items must be obligated by the end of the grant period of performance. Items must also be received by the end of the grant period of performance. You may submit your final reimbursement request for expenses occurring during your period of performance up to 60 days after your project ends.

Donated Office Space

The Governor's Crime Commission requires a written valuation of the space, as well as a floor plan detailing the space used as an upload to their attached documents. If there is a lease or rental agreement associated with this entity donating this space, it should also be attached as an upload to your grant application.

Purchasing Food

Food for training and other events (not direct services) is generally unallowable but may be permitted with pre-approval from the US Department of Justice. DOJ only approves requests when it deems food and beverage costs to be necessary.

Performance Reporting

All projects approved for funding are required to provide regular Federal performance reports in the EBS system. These include program-specific performance reports, as well as annual project progress reports that align with the goals and objectives of the specific grant project.

Failure to report program performance will result in a hold of grant funds.

Performance Reporting – VAWA Grants

The GCC uses performance measure data to track award activity, progress toward program goals, and to identify statewide progress and areas for service improvement.

Data is to be reported by subrecipients to the GCC on the following dates:

| REPORT TYPE | REPORTING PERIOD | DUE DATE |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| VAWA-STOP Annual Report | OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31 | January 30 |
| VAWA-STOP Final Report | JANUARY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30 | October 30 |

Annual Progress Reports

All projects funded by the GCC are required to provide an annual report that aligns with the goals and objectives of the subrecipient project identified at the time of application. The annual deadline for all Project Progress Reports is **OCTOBER 30** of each year of performance.

Award Terms and Conditions

Projects selected for funding will be subject to all Terms and Conditions set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Office for Victims of Crime / Office on Violence against Women, and the NC Governor’s Crime Commission that are associated with the federal award.

PART II: PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Below are the priorities for Crime Victim Services Committee's VAWA funding administered by the GCC. This includes required categories and areas for use established by the federal program rules and recommendations of the Crime Victim Services Committee.

The Governor's Crime Commission is interested in supporting the priority areas identified below. GCC encourages programs that involve partnerships, collaborations, and best practices to meet the needs of crime victims and others across the state.

GCC encourages the applicants to develop projects that:

- Support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking by ensuring that the stigma of reporting is no longer a barrier for victims.
- Provide resources for training to help law enforcement better understand victims and ultimately reduce any stigma around reporting.
- Utilize best practices and/or evidence-based interventions.

STOP Priority Service Areas

STOP funding is restricted to developing and strengthening effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and strengthening of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women in the following areas: 1) domestic violence; 2) dating violence; 3) sexual assault; and 4) stalking. Human trafficking victims who have been sexually assaulted or battered by an intimate partner can be served with STOP funds.

The State and Local Courts allocation must be awarded "to" State and Local Courts. Choosing which priority service area should be made based on the beneficiary of the funded activities. (Ex: A victim service agency providing training to law enforcement officers would fall under the Law Enforcement Priority Service Area.)

Priority Service Areas

First, you will need to identify in your application one priority service area for your proposed project.

- 1) **Victim Services**
- 2) **Law Enforcement**
- 3) **Prosecutors**
- 4) **State and Local Courts** – designated agencies only; if you are not contacted by GCC, you are not eligible
- 5) **Discretionary**
 - a. **Court Sanctioned Domestic Violence Intervention Programs**

As per the North Carolina Administrative Code, programs must be certified by the N.C. Council for Women and Youth Involvement.

NOTE: Agencies requesting funding for Court Sanctioned Domestic Violence Intervention Programs are required to submit their certification from the N.C Council for Women and Youth Involvement.

b. Primary and Secondary Prevention

Primary prevention means strategies, programming, and activities to stop both first-time perpetration and first-time victimization. Primary prevention is stopping domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking before they occur. Secondary prevention is identifying risk factors or problems that may lead to future domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and taking the necessary actions to eliminate the risk factors and the potential problem. No more than 5% of the State's total STOP award may be used for this purpose.

STOP Focus Areas

Second, you will need to identify IF your proposed project plans to serve one of the two STOP Focus Areas below. (Not Mandatory)

1) Sexual Assault

Projects in the Victim Services, Law Enforcement, Prosecution and/or Courts Priority Service Area are eligible to choose this Focus Area. Discretionary projects are not eligible for this focus area. Projects must have a sole and legitimate focus on sexual assault and personnel funded under the projects must have sufficient expertise and experience in the field of sexual assault response.

2) Culturally Specific

Only projects in the Victim Services Priority Service Area are eligible to choose this Focus Area. To be eligible, projects must be focused on working with racial and ethnic minorities as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act, which means:

- American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts)
- Asian Americans
- Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders
- Blacks; and
- LatinX

In order to receive the funding from the culturally specific funding allocation, the organization **must** be a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization or tribal organization that serves a specific geographic community that:

- focus primarily on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- has established a specialized culturally specific program that addresses domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- has a primary focus on underserved populations (and includes representatives of these populations) and domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or
- obtains expertise, or shows demonstrated capacity to work effectively, on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through collaboration.
- is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups; **AND**
- is providing services tailored to the unique needs of that population.

NOTE: Agencies requesting funding from the culturally specific allocation are required to submit the GCC Culturally Specific Organization form signed by the agency's Board President in the application (Attachment VW-01).

STOP Purpose Areas

Third, you must meet one or more of the VAWA's statutory purpose areas. You will need to identify in your application at least one purpose area with which your proposed project aligns.

GCC has identified thirteen (13) purpose areas that align with the State of North Carolina's VAWA Implementation Plan and that fill in funding and service gaps for the State.

- A.** Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including the appropriate use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (T) and (U) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)).
- B.** Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- C.** Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims.
- D.** Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- E.** Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- F.** Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.
- G.** Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals.
- H.** Supporting the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as "Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants") in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants shall have expertise in sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking and may undertake the following activities:

- a) developing, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts, and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including the use of evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide and prioritize dangerous or potentially lethal cases
- b) notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency
- c) referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services); and
- d) taking other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order.

I. Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault.

J. Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims.

K. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional and detention settings.

L. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses targeting male and female victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in section 249(c) of title 18 [of the United States Code.]

M. Developing, enhancing, or strengthening prevention and educational programming to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, with not with not more than 5 percent of the amount allocated to a state to be used for this purpose.

| State Allocation | Priority | Focus Areas | |
|------------------|--|---|---|
| 35% | Victims Services | 10% <u>culturally specific and culturally competent services</u> designed to meet the needs of specific racial and ethnic minority groups in the victim services priority. | 20% must be set aside for projects that solely and meaningfully address sexual assault in at least two of these funding allocation categories. |
| 25% | Law Enforcement | | |
| 25% | Prosecution | | |
| 5% | State and Local Courts | | |
| 10% | Discretionary <ul style="list-style-type: none">DVIPsPrevention**Emerging statewide issues | **No more than 5% allowed for prevention. | |

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| | Domestic Violence Firearm Homicide Reduction | | |
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Application Submission Limit

Agencies may only submit one competitive application under this funding source. Agencies must note in their application if funding is being requested in a competitive priority area for which they have a current open grant-funded project.

Budget Planning

Your budget should justify all expenses and be consistent with the program narrative. Budgets must be clear and specific. The Governor's Crime Commission reserves the right to reduce budgets and request budget adjustments at its discretion.

Budgets requesting VOCA / VAWA funds are required to reflect 12 months of spending. Each subsequent year of funding for the Period of Performance's Year 2 and Year 3 will be requested through a budget extension and approval process in EBS and is subject to federal funding availability.

Year 1 = 10/1/26 – 9/30/27 (submit this budget now)

Year 2 = 10/1/27 – 9/30/28 (this budget will be submitted upon request from GCC)

Year 3 – 10/1/28 – 9/30/29 (this budget will be submitted upon request from GCC)

Funding Caps

In consideration of fluctuations in federal funding amounts, all applications for VAWA funding have a cap on the amount of funding that may be requested by an applicant. Note that this reflects the maximum dollar amount that may be awarded for an application under the funding priority for a period of performance of one year, and specific caps can be found within the individual priority sections. Requests for funding should be necessary and reasonable.

Match Requirement – VAWA Specific

There is a 25 percent match requirement imposed on grant funds provided to state or local government agencies under this program. Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10446(f), a grant made under this program may not cover more than 75 percent of the total costs of projects awarded to these type organizations.

The applicant must identify the source of the 25 percent match, which must be from a non-federal source, and identify how match funds will be used. Applicants may satisfy the required match with either cash or in-kind services.

Grants to non-profit victim service providers for victim services can be excluded from the match requirement. For a grant to qualify under this exclusion, the recipient must be an organization that is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a tax-exempt organization described in section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code (unless it is a tribal governmental organization or a governmental rape crisis center not in a territory). Grants to tribes can also be excluded from the match requirement.

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Allowable Costs

Federal awards generally provide recipients and/or subrecipients with the funds necessary to cover allowable costs associated with the award program. There are other costs, categorized as

unallowable costs, that will not be reimbursed. Subrecipients must not use award or match funding for unallowable costs. Standard allowable and unallowable costs are identified in 2 C.F.R. § 200, Subpart E - Cost Principles.

STOP Allowable Activities

NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list.

- Victims Services: telephonic or web-based hotlines, legal advocacy, economic advocacy, emergency and transitional shelter, accompaniment, and advocacy through medical, civil or criminal justice, immigration, and social support systems, crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, information, and referrals.
- Support services for secondary victims such as children who witness domestic violence.
- Support services for incarcerated individuals who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking including crimes experienced while incarcerated and crimes experienced at other points in their youth (ages 11-24) and adult lives.
- Activities that support LGBTQ+ victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including those whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Legal services, such as housing, family law, public benefits, and other similar matters.
- Reasonable transportation costs that would enhance a woman's safety.
- Domestic violence intervention programs that use court monitoring to hold offenders accountable for their behavior.
- Prevention Programs – both primary and secondary prevention efforts.
- Outreach initiative linked to a specific set of services with a goal to increase awareness about the services, so that victims know where to go for the services.
- Support services for sexual assault victims who are age 11 or older.
- Health care providers' time conducting forensic examinations, if two requirements are met: (1) the examinations are performed by specially trained examiners for victims of sexual assault (such as Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) or Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs)); and (2) the jurisdiction does not require victims of sexual assault to seek reimbursement from their insurance carriers.
- Alternative treatments for victims of abuse. Specific justification for the type of approach, such as research on the benefits of the specific type of treatment to domestic violence or sexual assault survivors. There would also need to be justification that the cost of service was reasonable.
- Supervised visitation and exchange by and between parents in cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Costs of prosecutors, law enforcement officers, or judges handling cases involving violence against women.
- Operational costs of a facility or shelter.
- Stipends intended to reimburse the participants for their costs in attending a focus group related to the funded purpose area, such as mileage, gas, childcare, etc. This can be done through actual reimbursement of cost, not gift cards.
- Purchase of groceries as part of victim services that the agency provides to victims.

- First month's rent. Security deposits are allowable, but systems need to be put in place for the return of funding.
- Law enforcement equipment that is specifically for the purpose of responding to or investigating domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, such as cameras to record injuries.

State and Local Courts 5%

Maximum Federal Request: Non-Competitive, designated agency only, will be notified of the amount by GCC.

Length of Award: One-Three years

Funding Priority Description: Funds in this category are allocated to support courts in their continued efforts to ensure access to legal remedies and protections for victims and to strengthen the courts' collaborative role in enhancing community safety.

Victim Services 35%

Maximum Federal Request

Funding Cap: \$ 200,000

Length of Award: One-Three years

Funds in this category are allocated to support a range of services directly to victims that assist them and their families in navigating the criminal justice system and aftermath of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Here are some examples:

- Providing information and support
- Helping victims navigate the criminal justice process
- Providing emergency assistance
- Helping victims find housing
- Providing counseling
- Helping victims find other services
- Providing assistance in multiple languages
- Helping victims understand their rights
- Short-term individual and group support services
- Information and resources
- Crisis Intervention
- Culturally specific services

Law Enforcement 25%

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| Maximum Federal Request | <u>Direct Services:</u> |
| | Up to \$100,000 for projects with less than 2 FTE equivalent staff member(s) |
| | Up to \$150,000 for projects with 2 or more FTE equivalent staff members. |
| | <u>Training of Frontline Staff</u> |
| | Up to \$55,000 for regional training grants of Sworn Officers |
| | Up to \$200,000 for statewide training grants of Sworn Officers |
| | <u>DV Firearm Homicide Reduction</u> |
| | Up to \$100K for programs that address Domestic Violence Firearm Homicide Reduction |

Length of Award: One-Three years

Funds in this category are allocated to support local, and tribal law enforcement to investigate and prosecute these crimes.

Prosecutors 25%

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| Maximum Federal Request | <u>Direct Services:</u> |
| | Up to \$100,000 for projects with less than 2 FTE equivalent staff member(s) |
| | Up to \$150,000 for projects with 2 or more FTE equivalent staff members. |
| | <u>Training of Frontline Staff:</u> |
| | Up to \$55,000 for regional training grants of Sworn Officers |
| | Up to \$200,000 for statewide training grants of Sworn Officers |
| | <u>DV Firearm Homicide Reduction:</u> |
| | Up to \$100K for programs that address Domestic Violence Firearm Homicide Reduction |

Length of Award: One-Three years

Funds in this category are allocated to support a stronger, consistent, and more effective prosecution response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This category supports a victim-centered approach in the evaluation, investigation, and prosecution of the specific crimes.

Discretionary 10%

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| Maximum Federal Request: | <u>Domestic Violence Intervention Programs</u> |
| | Up to \$55,000 for individual regions and |
| | Up to \$100,000 for programs that propose to expand and serve multiple regions. |
| | <u>Prevention / Emerging Issues</u> |
| | Up to \$55,000 for prevention programs |
| | Up to \$100K for programs that address Domestic Violence Firearm Homicide Reduction |

**Agencies requesting funding for a regional DVIP project are required to submit a letter from the N.C. Council for Women, supporting the justification for the expanded multi-region project.*

Length of Award: One to Three years

Funds in this category support Domestic Violence Intervention programs that hold offenders accountable, Prevention programs, and emerging issues such as domestic violence homicides with firearms, and reduction efforts.

Funding Priority Crosswalk

It is imperative to select the correct funding priority when applying for funding in the grant management system. The descriptors for the funding priorities in the Enterprise Business Services (EBS) system include an abbreviated Program Description, Program ID, and start/end date.

Please use the below as a guide to identify and apply to the funding priority under which your proposed project will align:

| Funding Priority | Program Description | Program ID |
|---|---|---------------|
| State & Local Court – Noncompetitive | CVS 2026 VAWA - Court - designated agency | 2026_CVS_2001 |
| Discretionary – Emerging Issue: DV Firearm Homicide Reduction | CVS 2026 VAWA - Discretionary - DVFHR | 2026_CVS_2002 |
| Discretionary – DVIP, Prevention | CVS 2026 VAWA - Discretionary - DVIP | 2026_CVS_2003 |
| Law Enforcement – DV Firearm Homicide Reduction | CVS 2026 VAWA - LEA - DVFHR | 2026_CVS_2004 |
| Law Enforcement – Regional Training | CVS 2026 VAWA - LEA - Trg - Regional | 2026_CVS_2005 |
| Law Enforcement – Statewide Training | CVS 2026 VAWA - LEA - Trg - Statewide | 2026_CVS_2006 |
| Law Enforcement – 2FTE or less | CVS 2026 VAWA - LEA-DS - 2FTE less | 2026_CVS_2007 |
| Law Enforcement – 2FTE or more | CVS 2026 VAWA - LEA-DS - 2FTE more | 2026_CVS_2008 |
| Prosecution – DV Firearm Homicide Reduction | CVS 2026 VAWA - PROS - DVFHR | 2026_CVS_2009 |
| Prosecution – Regional Training | CVS 2026 VAWA - PROS - Trg - Regional | 2026_CVS_2010 |
| Prosecution – Statewide Training | CVS 2026 VAWA - PROS - Trg - Statewide | 2026_CVS_2011 |
| Prosecution – 2FTE or less | CVS 2026 VAWA - PROS-DS - 2FTE less | 2026_CVS_2012 |
| Prosecution – 2FTE or more | CVS 2026 VAWA - PROS-DS - 2FTE more | 2026_CVS_2013 |
| Victim Services – State/Gov Org | CVS 2026 VAWA - Victim Services - Gov | 2026_CVS_2014 |
| Victim Services – Nonprofit | CVS 2026 VAWA - Victim Services - NonPro | 2026_CVS_2015 |

PART III: APPLICATION ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

UEI Number

On April 4, 2022, the unique entity identifier (UEI) used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID (generated by SAM.gov). The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov. As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov. Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new Unique Entity ID.

Existing registered entities can find their Unique Entity ID by logging in to SAM.gov. In your Workspace, select the entity title of the "Entities" widget. The UEI is shown beside the entities. New entities can get their UEI at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration.

Please note that the GCC staff cannot assist you with UEI issues as this system is federally managed.

NCID

Applications for funding must be submitted via the Enterprise Business Services grant management platform. Applicants must first obtain an NCID username and password in order to access this online system. To obtain your NCID username and password, you must register at: <https://ncid.nc.gov> If you have issues with obtaining your NCID or utilizing an existing NCID account, contact the ITS Service Desk 24-hours a day at (919) 754-6000 or toll free at 1-800-722-3946. Please note that the GCC staff cannot assist you with NCID access issues.

NCID accounts cannot be shared among users. Each user must have their own unique NCID and password. All users must adhere to the NCID Acceptable Use Policy. Violation of the policy could result in disciplinary action, termination, loss of information resources, and criminal prosecution.

Enterprise Business Services (EBS) Platform

If you have not accessed the system or have an account that has been deactivated, you must request access to EBS using the EBS External Access Request Application, which requires an NCID account.

If you require access to EBS to create or review an application, or to manage or view an existing awarded grant, you will need to request access by following the steps:

1. Using Google Chrome, you will access the online EBS External Access Request Application found at <https://www.ebs.nc.gov/sap/crmaccess/>
2. Provide the details required by the form and submit.
3. Your authorization will be processed over the next 48 business hours. If approved, you will receive an email from sapacct@ncdot.gov. EBS Support should only be contacted

after you have received this email. Please make sure your email spam filter is not blocking this email address.

Logging Into EBS

To log into EBS Grants Management Platform:

1. Login at <https://www.ebs.nc.gov/>
2. Enter your NCID Username and Password, then click on “Log On”

(EBS Login)



3. The “Login Help” link below the “Log On” button will take you to information about resetting your password and contacting the EBS Help Desk.

Agreement Officials

Each project is required to have the below roles assigned as Officials in the grant application. Officials are required to have established NCID accounts and access to the EBS platform.

| OFFICIAL ROLE | REQUIRED AGENCY CONTACT |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Authorizing Official | Nonprofits: Board Chair (must not be an employee of the agency) State Government: Department Secretary Local Government: Town, City, or County Manager Law Enforcement Agencies: County or City Manager |
| Financial Officer | Nonprofits: Board Treasurer (must not be an employee of the agency) State Government: Chief Financial Officer or Department Finance Officer Local Government: Finance Director Law Enforcement Agencies: Agency Finance Director |
| Project Director | Nonprofits: Executive Director or appointed project staff responsible for overseeing the work of the project State Government: Designee responsible for overseeing the work of the project Local Government: Designee responsible for overseeing the work of the project Law Enforcement Agencies: Designee responsible for overseeing the work of the project |

PART IV: APPLICATION GUIDE WITH SAMPLE SCREENS

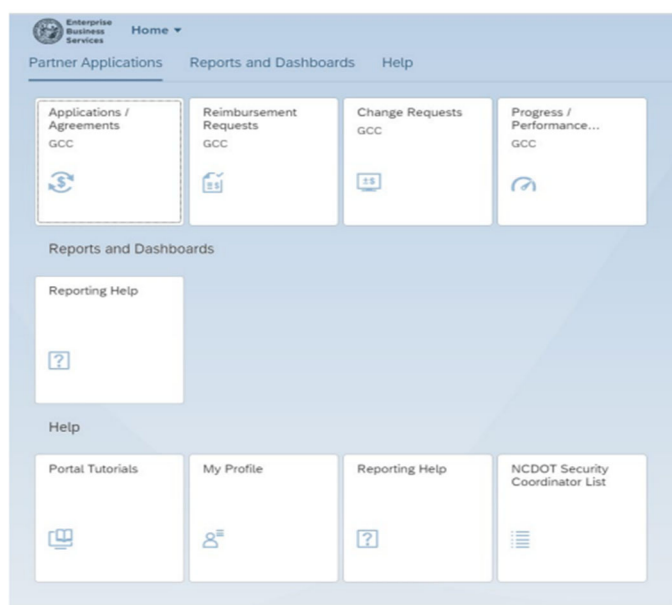
EBS Home Screen

Profile Settings

You can access your Profile and Settings in EBS by clicking on the person icon in the top right-hand corner of the page. This will show you the NCID that you have used to log into the system and will allow you access.

Grant Management Tiles

The EBS Home Page is organized to include the grant funder organizations that you have access to. If you have access to multiple funding organizations, you will see files for each organization. For instance, you may have access to both GCC and the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHDP), managed by NCDOT. If so, you will have a set of "Tiles" for each organization. See below for an example of Tiles in EBS.



Application/Agreement Tile

The Application/Agreement tile allows you to:

- Apply for a GCC Grant
- Check on the Status of an Application
- View details of any funded grants that are in progress (Agreements)
- View any historical applications or completed grants

Apply and Submit Application

Once logged into EBS, you may access the **EBS External User Guide** and other resources to assist with navigating the application process. The EBS External User Guide provides detailed information on the various areas of the grants management system.

In order to begin an application, follow the below steps. As with previous GCC grant applications, applicants are required to provide a complete proposal that includes a **project narrative, goals and objectives, a detailed budget, eligibility certifications, project-specific attachments**, and other necessary information as required by the individual funding source and Committee.

Click **Create Application**.
The program selection screen displays.

Select a **Program ID** of the priority that you are applying under.

A crosswalk of definitions to assist with selecting the correct Program ID is listed above in the Program Priorities section of this document.

Click **OK** to confirm the creation of a new application.

The screenshot shows the 'DPS GCC Application' interface. At the top, there's a header with a back arrow, a logo, and the title 'DPS GCC Application'. Below the header, there's a section titled 'Current Applications (3)' with a 'Create New Application' button in the top right corner. A table lists three applications with columns for applicationId, program, granteed, granteeName, and status. The first two applications are '2000069594' and '2000069588', both for '22 VOCA UNDERSERVED'. The third application is '2000069510' for '22 VOCA UNDERSERVED'. A 'Cancel' button is visible next to the second application. Below the table is an 'Application History' section, which is currently empty, showing 'No Applications are currently available'.

The screenshot shows the 'Select the Program to create the Application' screen. It features a table with columns: Program Description, Program ID, Start Date, and End Date. The table lists several programs, including 'MENTAL HEALTH PRIORITY FOR LE', '2022 Byrne JAG Block Grants', '22 JJ DISCRETIONARY', '22 VOCA UNDERSERVED', and 'Match and budget testing'. The '22 VOCA UNDERSERVED' program is highlighted with a red box and a yellow callout bubble containing the number '1'.

The screenshot shows a 'New Application Confirmation' dialog box. The text inside the dialog reads: 'You are about to create new Application for GCC. Are you sure?, If not Please start over and edit an existing Application.' There are 'Yes' and 'No' buttons at the bottom of the dialog. The 'Yes' button is highlighted with a red box and a yellow callout bubble containing the number '1'.

Complete all areas of the Application in EBS.

The screenshot shows the 'DPS GCC Application' form in the EBS system. The form includes fields for Grantee/Subrecipient Name, Address, Tax ID, Period of Performance (From: Sep 1, 2022, To: Dec 31, 2024), Created On (9/11/23), Program Description (22 VOCA UNDERSERVED), Recipient Grant ID, Indirect Cost Rate (0.00), Matching Funds % (20.00), and Maximum Budget Amount (100,000.00). Below these fields is a 'BUDGET SUMMARY' section with a 'Budget Amounts Summary' table showing 'Total Match Requirement for Project' as 0.00. At the bottom is a 'Budget Summary by Expense Group' table with columns for Expense Group, Year1 Amount, Year2 Amount, Year3 Amount, and Total Amount. The table shows 'Indirect Cost' with \$0.00 for each year and a total of \$0.00, and 'Totals' with \$0.00 for each year and a total of \$0.00. Navigation buttons 'Back', 'Save', and 'Submit' are at the bottom right.

Saving and Editing

Once you start an application, the process of managing that application begins.

As you are completing the application, be sure to save often. This may prevent you from having to enter information multiple times. Information that is lost is impossible to be restored in the system.

Once you save the application, it will be placed in a status of, “Created” in your Current Applications table.

When in status of “Created”, you can see access the Application, make changes, and either save or submit. You are also able to Cancel the Application with the “Cancel” button in the Current Applications table.

Application Attachments

Applicants are required to upload supporting documents as attachments to the application in order to receive funding consideration. These documents are required at the time of application submission. Failure to comply (i.e., failure to upload required attachments and budget information) could impact your application’s ability to continue through the review process.

Sample forms and templates for many of these documents can be found on the GCC website at: www.ncdps.gov/gccforms. Please note that not all forms are required for every funding source.

Required Organization Documents

When uploading required Organization Documents, the “File Name” should reflect the Document Type.

These include:

- 501(c)(3) Verification (non-profit agencies)
- IRS Form 990 (non-profit agencies) (must be the most recent fiscal year’s form)
- Board of Directors List (non-profit agencies)

- Single Audit Certification
- No Overdue Taxes Certification (non-profit agencies)
- Indirect Costs Certification, Federally Negotiated/De Minimis
- Civil Rights Checklist & Certification
- Lobbying, Debarment, and Suspension Certification
- NCID Acceptable Use Policy Certification
- Confidentiality Certification
- Advance Determination of Suitability for Interacting with Minors
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Data Breach Policy
- Overtime Pay Policy
- Procurement/Purchasing Policy
- Record Retention Policy
- Travel Policy
- Unlawful Discrimination Policy
- Whistleblower Policy

Project-Specific Documents

Additional project-specific documents are also required at the time of submission, as applicable to the individual proposal.

These include:

- **Budget Detail/Match Worksheet:** this document should be used to break down your budget by cost category. If your project requires match, it is required that you detail the match by cost category. All sources of match must be consistent with allowable costs.
- **Memorandum of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreement :** Current, written agreement(s) demonstrating community partnerships: MOU, MOA, etc. (if applicable) A sample MOU is available on the GCC website. If there are multiple agreements, please label accordingly:
Ex “MOU – Wake County, MOU – Guilford County”
- **Contract / Pre-Contract Form:** Contracts for project-related services (if applicable). A sample contract is available on the GCC website. A Pre-Contract Form is required with application for contracted services/personnel that are not yet executed. If there are multiple contracts, please label accordingly: Ex “Contract – Counseling Services, Contract – Translation Services”
- **Detailed Supply Listing:** Items should be documented in list form indicating which supplies will be purchased in Year 1, Year 2, or Year 3. Please also indicate Program supplies vs. Office supplies. There is a sample “Detailed Supply Listing” form available in the Grants Forms section on the GCC website, under Application.
- **Equipment/Rental Lease Agreement:** Agency’s current equipment lease and/or rental space agreement with floor plan (if costs are budgeted for reimbursement or match) in the project. If there are multiple lease agreements, label accordingly: Ex “Lease – Wake County Office, Lease – Wake County Shelter, Lease – Equipment (Copy Machine – Konica Minolta C368)”
- **Policy for Reporting Workplace Incidents** (VAWA Only)
- **Confidentiality Assurance Form** *2024 update
- **Culturally Specific Organization Verification** (Culturally Specific applicants)
- **Legal Services Certification** (Legal Services applicants)

- **Victim Centered Approach to Prosecution – Training Certifications** (Prosecution Services applicants)
- **Assurance Concerning Polygraph Testing Prohibition** (Legal Services; Law Enforcement applicants)
- **NC Human Trafficking Commission Letter of Support** (if project prioritizes serving HT victims)
- **Child Advocacy Centers of North Carolina Verification Letter** (for CACs only)
- **Certification from N.C. Council for Women and Youth Involvement** (Domestic Violence Intervention Programs)
- **N.C. Division of Women and Youth Letter of Support** (formerly N.C. Council for Women and Youth Involvement) supporting a multi-service area application. (if applicable)

Supplemental Attachments may also be requested. These documents are not required during the application period, however upon notification of approval for funding, these may be requested to be submitted as attachments during the Modification period. GCC encourages subrecipients to prepare attachments prior to notification of approval for funding to ensure timely submission.

All supplemental forms can be found on the GCC Website in the Grant Forms section under Application.

- Summary of Direct and Contracted GCC Funds
- Detailed Budget Narrative Form
- Staffing Allocations Form
- Job Descriptions

Templates for many of these attachments can be found on the Forms section of the GCC website.

Required Application Certifications

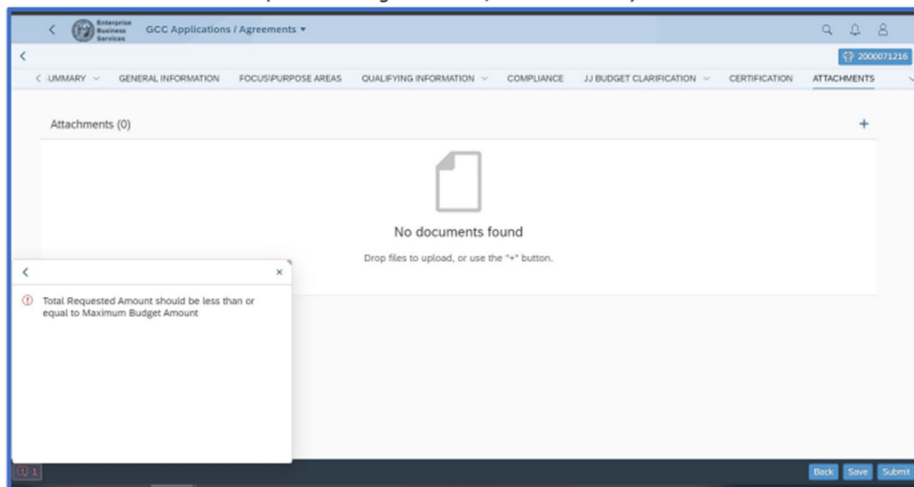
Prior to submission, applicants are also prompted to certify compliance and understanding of the below as part of the application in EBS:

- Certification of Non-Supplanting
- Certification of Filing an Equal Employment Opportunity Program
- Certification of Submission of Current Annual Operating Budget
- Certification that Applicant is Eligible to Receive Federal Funds
- Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, and Suspension
- Drug Free Workplace Compliance (for State agencies only)
- Certification of Compliance with General Statute 114-10.01 (for law enforcement agencies only)
- Certification of Recent Filing IRS Form 990 and IRS Form 990-EZ
- Certification Regarding Funding of Salaried Positions

Submitting the Application

Once you are ready to submit the application, check the bottom left corner of the application to make sure you have no errors in your application. If you have errors, you may have to correct them before the application can be submitted. The Submit button is at the bottom right corner of the application. Once submitted, you will no longer be able to edit your application. See the screenshot below of a sample error message and save/submit buttons on an application.

(Error Message and Save/Submit Buttons)



Application Review/Agreements

Once your application has been submitted, the GCC review will begin. During the review process, you can return to your current applications table to see the status of your application. Also, during the review process, GCC may return the application to you in an editable state so that you can make changes or attach additional documentation.

When an application is returned, you can **save**, **edit**, or **cancel** the application.

After the GCC review period, your application will either be approved or denied for funding.

- If **approved**, the application will be subject to required modifications and award conditions. The application, now an agreement, will keep the same identification number and will stay in your Current Applications table.
- If the application is **denied**, the application will move to the Application History table at the bottom of the Applications/Agreement screen.

Required Modifications and Conditions

The GCC may request modifications to your project proposal after the application is submitted.

Pursuant to administrative code 14B NCAC 05B .0203, applicants shall submit the grant compliance and modification information within 30 days of receipt of award notice. An applicant may request an extension of no more than 60 days to submit the required information. An applicant who does not provide the required information shall be ineligible for grant funding.

PART V. RESOURCES

Below you will find additional resources to support the process of applying for funding. Many additional resources are available on the GCC website, including but not limited to: Grant Writing and Grant Award Workshop materials, sample forms and certification documents, the EBS User Guide, and resources designed for all post-award processes.

EBS Help Desk

The EBS Help Desk can be reached by emailing EBSSupport@ncdot.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions and Workshop Q&A

A list of our updated Frequently Asked Questions and Workshop Q&A can be found on the GCC website. We strive to update these questions, as well as any additional resources, on a continual basis.

For any additional questions, please contact a member of the Crime Victim Services Committee's Planning Team found at the beginning of this document.

Summary of Key Dates

The following is a short timeline of key dates related to the grant application process for this program. Please note that these dates are designated as tentative in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

| Activity | Tentative Date |
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| Applications Open in EBS | December 1, 2025 |
| Application Deadline to the GCC No later than 11:59 p.m. | January 31, 2026 |
| Commission Vote for Approved Applications | June 2026 |
| Grant Award Workshop (mandatory for funded projects) | September 2026 |
| New Award Start Date | October 1, 2026 |

Scoring Matrix

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| 1. Project Abstract (The Problem) - 20 Points Briefly describe project's purpose, identify target population, and discuss program components which address the identified problem. Include local statistics to substantiate the need. (Max 300 characters) | 0-2 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 8-10 |
| Organization structure | No experience or operational capability. | Little experience and operational capability. | Some experience and operational capability. | Clearly demonstrates experience and strong operational capability. |
| Need and population | Need vague and duplication of services. | Need minimally described and/or not supported by data. Little knowledge of local resources and some duplication of services. | Need is somewhat defined and supported by data. includes description of target population. Possible duplication of services but still needed. | Need is clearly defined and supported by data. includes description of target population and not duplicating other services. |
| 2. Partners and Collaboration - 10 Points Please identify the partners with whom you will collaborate and briefly describe how that collaboration will occur. (Max 1300 characters) | 0-2 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 8-10 |
| Partners and collaboration | No partners mentioned. | Partners suggested but not clearly identified. Collaboration is not well defined. | A few partners identified and some collaboration is described. | Several partners identified and collaboration is clearly described. |
| 3. Project Narrative - 30 Points | 0-2 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 8-10 |

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| <p>Please provide additional information about your project application. (Max 1300 characters)</p> <p><i>Summarize proposed activities and services. Explain how they intend to utilize their resources. This category will also evaluate how accountable the agencies will be with the use of GCC funds.</i></p> | | | | |
| Clearly written purpose | Entire purpose of the project and proposed activities are unclear. | Parts of project's purpose and proposed activities are unclear. | Purpose of the project and proposed activities are mostly clear and make sense. | Purpose of the project and proposed activities are clearly written and make sense. |
| Proposed grant funded resources addresses project need and purpose | Use of resources not described or does not address project need and purpose. | Use of resources are somewhat defined and somewhat addresses project need and purpose. | Resources requested by applicant are mostly defined and there is a somewhat clear understanding of how they will be used to directly address the need and purpose of the project. | Resources requested by applicant are clearly defined and there is a clear understanding of how they will be used to directly address the need and purpose of the project. |
| Follows proven program techniques | Project activities are not proven or evidence based | Uses a few proven, evidence-based project activities | Uses some proven, evidence-based project activities | Uses proven evidence-based project activities |
| 4. Project Timeline of Activities - 10 points (Timeline of Activities) | 0-2 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 8-10 |
| Timeline is reasonable and achievable. Clearly defined with key dates, use of funds, roles and duties | No clear timeline | somewhat reasonable and achievable. Loose schedule with some use of funds but not clearly defined roles. | Mostly reasonable and achievable. Proposed schedule and use of funds and assignment of duties. | Reasonable and achievable. Clearly defined timeframe with dates, use of funds and roles and duties outlined. |
| 5. Goals and Objectives - 30 points | 0-2 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 8-10 |

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| <p>Grantees are limited to two goals. Your project should at least have one goal. Grantees are limited to four objectives. Your project should at least have one objective</p> <p><i>Does the program provide a reasonable and logical evaluation of its work, client management, training, and tracking process so that governmental funding agencies can accurately identify successful ongoing criminal justice program models and justify future funding of same. The standard common performance outcomes for all units must and will be measured in the following manner.</i></p> | | | | |
| Reasonable and achievable goals are clearly defined | Goals are not stated or unclear. | Goals are addressed but not enough detail. | Goals are mostly clear but can be more specific, measurable, realistic, and/or timely. | Goals are clearly stated, measurable, realistic, and timely. The desired outcome is clearly defined. |
| Objectives that support goals and measure program activity throughout the entire project | Objectives do not align with the goals. | Objectives are somewhat aligned with the goals but are not specific or measurable. | Objectives mostly aligned with the goals but lack some specificity. | Objectives are specific, measurable and directly aligned to the described need and goals. |
| Describes how they will evaluate | No data collection or evaluation plan. | Data collection nor evaluation plan provides enough details. | Data collection but unclear evaluation plan. | Specific, measurable well thought out collection of data and evaluation plan. |

Research and Other Resources

Justice Data Portal

The GCC's Criminal Justice Analysis Center (CJAC) serves as North Carolina's statistical analysis center. It is one of the 53 state or territory agencies in the United States that conduct objective analysis of state- and system-wide policy issues in the criminal justice system. In partnership with a growing number of state agencies and SAS, the CJAC has developed a centralized and publicly available collection of North Carolina's justice-related data at both the state and county level.

The Justice Data Portal meets the ever-growing need for stakeholders, decision-makers, and the public to have an easy-to-use, regularly updated, central place to get North Carolina data from across the criminal justice continuum. <https://JusticeDataPortal.NC.gov>

US Census Bureau Profiles

The US Census Bureau's mission is to serve as the nation's leading provider of quality data about its people and economy. Available on the website are data profiles, tables and maps, and general census data, which can be viewed by specific state. <https://data.census.gov>

UCLA Williams Institute – LGBT Data and Demographics

The Williams Institute conducts independent research on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. Available on the website is data which can be viewed by specific state.

[LGBT Data & Demographics – The Williams Institute \(ucla.edu\)](https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/lgbt-data-demographics/)

LEP.gov Limited English Proficiency – Data & Language Maps

The LEP.gov (Limited English Proficiency) website provides information and resources on the civil rights protections provided to individuals who do not speak English as their primary language. It also provides information on language access services and language assistance programs offered by the U.S.

Department of Justice. [Data and Language Maps | LEP.gov](https://www.lep.gov/data-language-maps/)

Best Practices Clearing House

The U.S. Department of Education launched the Safer Schools and Campuses Best Practices Clearinghouse in 2024, designed to support students, families, teachers, and other educational providers by highlighting best practices and lessons learned. <https://bestpracticesclearinghouse.ed.gov/>

Public Safety Clearinghouse

The Public Safety Clearinghouse is a public online tool that serves as a one-stop shop for violence reduction and public safety resources from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) program components and other federal entities. The Clearinghouse has 19 topic areas and contains hundreds of trainings, technical assistance opportunities, publications, and other resources available to any jurisdiction in the criminal justice field. This includes topics on policing, corrections, domestic violence, gang and gun violence, human trafficking, and youth violence.

<https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/Clearinghouse>

Glossary of Terms

Authorizing Official: Chief point of oversight for the project. Signatory to the grant award.

Conference: Defined broadly, and includes meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, or training activities.

Consultant: An individual who provides professional services.

Contract: a legal instrument by which an entity purchases or services needed to carry out the project under the award.

Equipment: means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost that equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the recipient or subrecipient for financial statement purposes, or \$10,000.

Evidence-based: Programs and strategies that have been found effective at improving positive or preventing negative outcomes, using rigorous scientific research methods. Programs and strategies may be evidence-based across all populations or only for particular cultures and identities.

Expenditure: a charge made to a project or program for which an award was received.

Financial Officer: Provides financial oversight to the project and ensures compliance with both agency and Federal financial policies and procedures.

Goals/Objectives: Goals and objectives must be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART). Goals are general statements of what you seek to achieve. Objectives describe how you will achieve the goals of the project.

Implementing Agency: The organization, department, or section responsible for executing the work of the approved and funded Agreement.

Indirect Cost: Costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project, but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project.

Internal Controls: A process implemented by an agency designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in the following categories: effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of reporting for internal and external use, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Match: The subrecipient share of the project costs. Match may either be “in-kind” or “cash”.

Period of Performance: The period for which implementation of the project is authorized.

Personnel & Contractual Positions: Provide an overview as to the purpose and function of the positions listed in the personnel and contractual categories in the budget detail that contribute to the success of the project. Where applicable, budgets should reflect the overtime needs. Please note specific job duties for the positions are provided within the job description section of the application.

Project Abstract: Briefly describe the project’s purpose, identify target population, and discuss program components which address the identified problem. Include local statistics to substantiate the need.

Project Collaboration: Identify the partners with whom you will collaborate and briefly describe how the collaboration will occur. Current MOUs are required for collaborative partners and should be uploaded as an attachment.

Project Director: Primary point of contact with the GCC who is responsible for the execution of the project. Signatory to the grant award.

Project Narrative Summary: Include a description of how grant funded positions are integral to the project and how contractual, travel, operating, and equipment expenses will support the project. This should also discuss how you will collaborate with other agencies and not repeat the abstract.

Project Timeline of Activities: Provide a timeline for the implementation of the project.

Promising Practices: Programs and strategies that show potential (or “promise”) for developing into a best practice. Depending on the level of scientific evidence, these are sometimes referred to as “evidence-informed”, “research supported”, or “emerging” practices.

Qualitative Data: Descriptive information that captures qualities or characteristics that cannot be easily measured using numbers.

Quantitative Data: Numerical information that can be counted, measured, or compared on a numerical scale.

Reasonable: Costs that a prudent person would have incurred under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision to incur the cost was made.

Subaward: An award (grant) provided by the GCC to projects approved for funding. Subawards are referred to as the Agreement in EBS.

Subrecipient: The entity or organization that receives a subaward from the GCC.

Supplanting: To deliberately reduce State or local funds because of the existence of Federal funds.

Supplies/Operating Budget: Provide an explanation as to the purpose items (office supplies, field supplies, printing, postage, computer software, office rent, cell phone, utilities, etc.) listed in the supply category in the budget detail contribute to the success of the project. If your program includes a broad category line item (i.e. general office supplies), please upload an attachment that lists each item to be purchased within the line item.

Sustainability Planning: A formal, working plan for the project and how it will result in permanent operational funding (not GCC funding) once the grant ends. Continued funding is not guaranteed.

Trauma-Informed: A model of care that aims to prevent re-traumatization and help people recover from trauma.

Travel Budget: Describe the purpose and benefit of the travel items listed in the detailed budget. Explain the types of travel to occur during the project period, such as the type of conference, training, or meeting to be held for which travel is requested. Each travel item should be justified, with an explanation provided in this section. Training or conference registration costs should be included in the travel category. If travel is budgeted in any application for grant funding, you must upload your agency's travel policy as an attachment.

Unallowable Costs: Costs the government is unwilling to pay as a charge or through an indirect cost pool applied to the grant or contract.