

**2018 STOP/SASP  
Request for Applications  
Questions and Answers**

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Question 1:

Is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) required at the time of application?

Answer 1:

For applicants other than law enforcement, prosecution or courts, you do not need an MOU or Letter of Collaboration on official letterhead.

For applicants from law enforcement, prosecution or courts, for the application, you do not need to submit an MOU or collaboration document with your application if it has not been finalized. Instead, please submit a Letter of Collaboration with a local victim service program on official letterhead with your application. If your agency is successful in receiving STOP funding, a fully executed MOU or collaboration document will be required by December 31, 2018.

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Question 2:

Since we are a small organization, can I list myself as both the Executive Director and Project Director?

Answer 2:

Yes, you can list yourself as both the Executive Director and Project Director.

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Question 3:

Is the Office of the Attorney General conducting on-site reviews on 100% of current sub-grantees?

Answer 3:

Yes, we are conducting on-site reviews on all current sub-grantees and our goal is to complete them by June 30, 2018.

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Question 4:

Is the application process a “blind review” (where the reviewers are not aware of what agency’s application they are reviewing/scoring)?

Answer 4:

No, we do not utilize a “blind review” for reviewing and scoring applications.

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Question 5:

Do you want applicants to submit proof of their current DUNS/SAM registration?

Answer 5:

We do not require applicants to submit verification of their DUNS/SAM registration, however, that would be helpful and can be included in the application packet.

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Question 6:

For the Evaluation Plan on page 18, do we have to do a narrative with the table?

Answer 6:

No, only the table is required. If you would like to do a narrative to further clarify you may, but keep it to a 1 page limit.

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Question 7:

For the questions regarding sexual assault services on page 19, do we have to answer each question even though some of the questions are not applicable to our project/agency?

Answer 7:

No, for those there are not applicable just mark them not applicable.

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Question 8:

The page requirement for community collaboration is 1 page, does that include the chart?

Answer 8:

Yes.

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Question 9:

Are the any of the federal purpose areas solely for non-profits?

Answer 9:

No

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Question 10:

Are the federal purpose areas based on the type of agency?

Answer 10:

No, we are looking for the purpose area that closely fits what you are doing, not what kind of agency you are.

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Question 11:

What is the definition of Northern Nevada?

Answer 11:

There is no hard and fast rule. Generally, when we think of Northern Nevada, we would draw a line under Mineral/White Pine. Esmeralda, Nye and Lincoln are generally considered rural but not really north. What is most important is where you identify your location, which region in which your partnerships/collaborations identify.

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Question 12:

The sentence stating that "Indirect costs will not be funded" in last year's solicitation does not seem to appear in this year's solicitation. Could you please confirm that indirect costs are indeed not to be funded by this grant again this year?

Answer 12:

Indirect costs are allowable this year. If you do not have a federally negotiated rate, you can write in the 10% de minimis.

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Question 13:

Who qualifies as the Executive Director if your agency is organized in a different way?

Answer 13:

The Executive Director spot will be the Authorizing Official for your organization- or the person who has the authority to accept funds on behalf of your organization.

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Question 14:

Are Letters of Support from collaborators considered an allowable attachment to include with the application?

Answer 14:

Yes. You may submit Letters of Support.

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Question 15:

Our agency does not have a disaster response plan. Do we need to create one prior to submitting our application?

Answer 15:

You will want to consider the amount of time it would take to develop a disaster response plan and get it approved within your agency. If there is not enough time and your agency is selected to be funded, a disaster response plan would be required to be submitted prior to the release of funding.

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Question 16:

Can we apply for this grant and another competitive grant and ask for the same things? If awarded the VAWA grant and then later we find out that we were awarded the other grant, what issues does that cause?

Answer 16:

Yes, you can apply for multiple competitive grants, as and you don't know if you will be funded. It is smart to keep all your options open. Please understand that if you were to receive both, you would need to either turn funds back on one of the grants, or hire an additional person. You cannot fund the same hours with 2 different grants. You should make it clear in your STOP application that you are also applying for another grant. This information can go under the Sustainability section of your application. If, through our competitive process, you are funded by STOP, we would include a Special Condition on your award that you agree to return remaining STOP funds if you are awarded the other grant.

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Question 17:

As a faith-based organization can we hire based on shared beliefs/values?

Answer 17:

On a case-by-case basis, it may be permissible for faith-based organizations to only hire co-religionists (although your agency stills need to make sure that they are providing services to everyone regardless of religion, religious belief, or refusal to participate in a religious practice or hold a religious belief). However, in order to make employment decisions based on religion, the faith-based organization must complete and submit to the DOJ a Certificate Regarding Hiring Practices on Basis of Religion. Information on this issue and the Certificate may be found on the Office for Civil Rights’ website at <https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/partnerships.htm> The Certificate should be submitted to us.

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Question 18:

Being a victim-service provider, who works with very traumatized women who fear men, is it okay to only serve females?

Answer 18:

It is NOT permissible to only serve female victims, as that is discrimination based on sex. However, it may be permissible to serve female and male victims in separate settings, such as having separate counseling sessions, support groups, or housing facilities. However, the recipient must be able to demonstrate that providing services to male and female victims in separate settings is necessary to the essential operations of the program, and that it is providing comparable services to the male victims. If a recipient doesn’t have the capacity to house men separately in its facility, it may be permissible for the recipient to pay for the male victim to stay in a nearby hotel, but the recipient must transport the male victim back to its facility for services. The Office for Civil Rights has developed a FAQ document on the nondiscrimination provision of VAWA – questions 11, 12, and 13 in this document address providing services to male and female victims in accordance with the nondiscrimination requirements: <https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/vawafaqs.pdf>

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