

RICADV Domestic Violence Prevention Fund (DVPF)
Questions & Answers: Technical Assistance Webinar for Applicants

Q. This grant is intended for currently existing prevention programs, not start-up programs, correct?

A. Community Micro-grants should enhance or supplement an existing program and are not to be used as start-up funding. The funding period for Community Micro-grants is 7 months, so this guidance helps to ensure funding recipients can implement their proposed projects successfully. The example RICADV shared on the webinar is that a previous recipient partnered with the community to develop and distribute a local public awareness campaign. While the campaign was a new aspect of their work, the recipient had already been engaging the community around domestic violence prevention. Implementation Projects are larger, longer-term awards and may be used to fund a new program.

Q. Is it okay to propose a project that is similar to one that has been previously funded and is listed on the RICADV's website?

A. Yes, this would be acceptable.

Q. For the Community Micro-grants, does it have to be a current program in place to be eligible? Say you had a prevention focus you were doing, and then you wanted to adapt it for this population. Would that would be a legitimate use?

A. Yes. Applicants should describe in their proposals what is already in place or what is already happening, such as an existing program, existing partnerships, or community engagement activities, and explain how the proposed project supplements or enhances these existing efforts.

Q. We have a very successful program that engages young girls. We now want to expand that work to include a similar program to engage young boys. Would that be considered supplementing or enhancing an existing program?

A. Yes. In the example shared on the webinar by the prospective applicant, it was clear there is a strong foundation in place that they are now looking to build on and expand to reach more young people.

Q. Do you allow subcontractors for Implementation Projects?

A. Yes, proposed budgets may include funding for subcontractors under the "Consulting" line item. Applicants may choose to partner with other organizations to implement their projects and/or may wish to engage a consultant for support or expertise.

Q. Can an organization apply in both categories?

A. Yes. There is no restriction that would prohibit applicants from submitting a proposal for an Implementation Project and a proposal for a Community Micro-grant to the same RFP. There is no restriction that would prohibit the funding advisory committee from awarding both grants to the same applicant. However, given the limited amount of funding available and the number and quality of proposals received, the grant-making process can be competitive. Both proposals would have to strongly align with the goals and criteria of the RFP and make a compelling case for why each grant type is needed. In another scenario, the applicant may apply for an Implementation Project, and

then also apply for a Community Micro-grant as the fiscal agent on behalf of a community member or group that is not 501(c)(3), as noted in the eligibility criteria of the RFP.

Q. Can we refer to this recording? Where will we find it?

A. The recording will be emailed to webinar registrants and posted to our website at www.ricadv.org/community-led-prevention.

Q. How long is the timeline for reimbursement from the state for any grant expenses?

A. Funding recipients will submit monthly fiscal reports to the RICADV to ensure we can include their project expenses in our billings to the state in a timely manner. Reimbursement to funding recipients may take about 60 days.

Q. How often does this RFP come out?

A. Every year, a Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the RICADV for Community Micro-grants. In some years, the longer-term Implementation Projects are continuing to be funded, so the RFP for those years will only include funding for new Community Micro-grants. About every 3 years, the RFP will include funding for the larger, longer-term Implementation Project grants. The RFP is typically announced around September of each year.