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Family Violence Prevention & Services Grant

Federal Authorization: Funding was initially authorized through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, which was enacted in Sections 301-313 of Title III of the Child Abuse Amendments of 1984 (P.L. 98-457). The Act was amended and reauthorized in 1988, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000, 2003, and most recently in the Title III of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as amended by Public Law (P.L.) 111-320, enacted December 20, 2010 (42.U.S.C. § 5101, *et seq.*); Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. § 10401, *et seq.*, as amended by P.L. 111-320).

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Brief Description of Program:

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Program administers the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), the primary federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their children.

FVPSA is a primary federal grant funding stream for local domestic violence programs to provide core services, including crisis response, safe housing, advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, safety planning and comprehensive support.

Specifically, FVPSA's statutory purposes as per 42 U.S.C. § 10401 (b) are to (1) assist States and Indian tribes in efforts to increase public awareness about, and primary and secondary prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; and (2) assist States and Indian tribes in efforts to provide immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents.

The federal cognizant agency is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. The NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement applies for federal funding through an annual application process.

The federal funds are allocated to sub-grant recipients (non-profit and governmental entities) based on a funding formula that assesses population data, number of people served and fiscal and programmatic grant compliance. The eligibility process includes a grant application review and compliance assessment prior to formal award notification being sent to sub-grant recipients.

Funds are allocated based on a reimbursement process once each sub-grant recipient completes and enters into a contract agreement with the NC Council for Women and Youth

Involvement. The federal contract period begins October 1st and ends September 30th of each year.

A sub-grantee that enters into a contract agreement is subject to provisions of 200CFR.

All federal and state requirements are communicated to the sub-grant recipients as part of the RFA and contracting process.

All grant awards are contingent upon the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement receiving the specified grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Family Violence Prevention Services Act grant funding period is October 1-September 30 and eligible applicants will become grantees and receive funds during the time frame. Eligible applicants that become grantees are required to submit monthly expenditure reports, quarterly statistical reports and other possible participation that will provide accountability of the Family Violence Prevention Services Act funds. Family Violence Prevention Services Act funds are reimbursable based on many factors which include availability of funds, allowable costs, and compliance (fiscal + programmatic).

Use of funds

(1) In general Funds awarded to eligible entities under subsection (a) shall be used to provide shelter, supportive services, or prevention services to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents, which may include—

(A) provision, on a regular basis, of immediate shelter and related supportive services to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents, including paying for the operating and administrative expenses of the facilities for such shelter;

(B) assistance in developing safety plans, and supporting efforts of victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to make decisions related to their ongoing safety and well-being;

(C) provision of individual and group counseling, peer support groups, and referral to community-based services to assist family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence victims, and their dependents, in recovering from the effects of the violence;

(D) provision of services, training, technical assistance, and outreach to increase awareness of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and increase the accessibility of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence services;

(E) provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate services;

(F) provision of services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, including age-appropriate counseling, supportive services, and services for the non-abusing parent that support that parent's role as a caregiver, which may, as appropriate, include services that work with the non-abusing parent and child together;

(G) provision of advocacy, case management services, and information and referral services, concerning issues related to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence intervention and prevention, including—

(i) assistance in accessing related Federal and State financial assistance programs;

(ii) legal advocacy to assist victims and their dependents;

(iii) medical advocacy, including provision of referrals for appropriate health care services (including mental health, alcohol, and drug abuse treatment), but which shall not include reimbursement for any health care services;

(iv) assistance locating and securing safe and affordable permanent housing and homelessness prevention services;

(v) provision of transportation, childcare, respite care, job training and employment services, financial literacy services and education, financial planning, and related economic empowerment services; and

(vi) parenting and other educational services for victims and their dependents; and

(H) prevention services, including outreach to underserved populations.

(2) Shelter and supportive services

Applicants will receive an eligibility notification ONLY (NO funding amount) sent to the email address provided on the grant application. The eligibility notification will be issued by August 31st.

Eligible applicants will have to complete and submit a contract to receive the grant funds. The contract is not issued until NC FVPSA staff is made aware of the FVPSA award by the FVPSA staff located in Washington DC. The notification time frame differs each cycle. The "normal" time frame for notification is September/October. The contract will provide the grant award amount and the various conditions associated with the funds including the time frame that funds must be used. Notifications will be issued to the Executive Director/Equivalent's email address provided on the grant application.

The grant contract is normally 2 years and each year of the contract may require updates to significant grant related matters.

Contract details will be provided in a separate format as part of the contract process.

Grant costs

When assessing costs to implement the FVPSA related tasks/projects, be aware that costs should be Allowable, Allocable, Reasonable, and Necessary (AARN) to provide the dv shelter services. Charges to the FVPSA grant shall be proportion to the amount of time, use and services associated with the FVPSA grant services and activities. Budget allocations should be based on a 2-year contract period.

Grant funds provided under FVPSA cannot be used as direct payment to any client/victim or dependent of a client/victim. Federal funds made available to a State or Indian tribe under this "program" shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, tribal, and local public funds expended to provide services and activities that promote the objectives of this program.

There is a 20% match requirement and the match must be unique and locally-generated.

The 20* match source(s) must be derived from non-federal funds and can be in-kind or cash. Grantee will have to track and provide details of the match during the grant cycle by including the data on the monthly reimbursement report. No grant shall be made under this section to any entity other than a State or an Indian tribe unless the entity agrees that,

with respect to the costs to be incurred by the entity in carrying out the program or project for which the grant is awarded, the entity will make available (directly or through donations from public or private entities) non-Federal contributions in an amount that is not less than \$1 for every \$5 of Federal funds provided under the grant.

The non-Federal contributions required under this paragraph may be in cash or in kind.

Sub-recipients may claim reimbursement for the costs of purchasing any of the allowable activities from another source. In addition to the allowable activities, sub-grant recipients may claim reimbursement for the purchase of any other services, with prior written approval from the NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement. All sub-grant recipients that expend State funds (including federal funds passed through the NC Department of Administration) are required to comply with the cost principles described in the NC Administrative Code at 09 NCAC 03M.0201.

Organizations Funded: Private Local Government Both

Source of Funds: State _____ Federal X