

2023 Veteran Services Grant Q & A

Question	Answer
Multiple Proposals Are multiple proposals allowable? In other words, if I have several ideas on ways to effectively best serve veterans including all of them would put me over budget, should the onus be on me to make the decision as to which is the best path to aid veterans, or should I submit alternative proposals to allow the onus to shift to the committee to determine which projects are best compatible with ODVA's mission of helping veterans?	No, multiple proposals are not appropriate/ Choose what you believe to be the best one(s) and include these in the proposal to a maximum of \$250,000. The proposal must show clear goals and objectives and how they benefit the veterans in your community or Oregon as a whole.
Eligibility Organization is a 501 c(3) or 501(c) 19 or 501 (c) 23 that is located outside of Oregon, however we provide services to Oregon Veterans. Are we eligible to apply?	Eligible non-profit organizations and entities must be able to: Demonstrate proof of current (active) business registration with Oregon Secretary of State Corporation Division; Demonstrate proof of registration with the Charitable Activities Section of the Oregon Department of Justice; Provide the most recent Oregon Form CT-12 report filed with the Department of Justice; and Demonstrate proof of at least a one-year operational history. If this cannot be demonstrated eligibility criteria will not be met.
Can an organization that was funded last year apply for a second year of support for the same project/program?	Yes, this is a separate funding opportunity. Yes. Eligible non-profit organizations and entities must be able to: Demonstrate proof of current (active) business registration with Oregon Secretary of State Corporation Division; Demonstrate proof of registration with the Charitable Activities Section of the Oregon Department of Justice; Provide the most recent Oregon Form CT-12 report filed with the Department of Justice; and Demonstrate proof of at least a one-year operational history. If this cannot be demonstrated eligibility criteria will not be met.
Is a faith-based 501 (c) 3 eligible to apply?	Someone the organization has authorized to bind the organization to the grant contract. CEO, CFO, etc. The proposal budget must be for the entire performance period (18-months) No, Only one document. Both the program narrative and budget narrative are to be in one document. The budget is on a separate ODVA provided Excel worksheet. The Project Narrative and the Budget Narrative are to be submitted as one complete document. In other works do not submit two separate documents, one for the project narrative and one for the budget narrative. The EXCEL book is a stand alone attachment.
Proposal Documents: Who may sign the Applicant certification form? Should the proposed budget be annual or 18 month?	
I was looking everything over do we have to submit two separate narratives one for budget and one for the programs? 12 I have completed the official ODVA grant Budget Form that was provided with items and corresponding costs. For clarity, however, is this is the SAME form in which you want us to provide the Budget Narrative elements?	
Use of Funding: To be clear: is this grant specifically for projects, pilots, and/or capacity building? Or are operating expenses eligible as well?	If operating expenses are directly associated with serving the veteran than they would be eligible for funding. If they are indirect, those expenses may not exceed 10% of the grant award.
I am also curious if operating expenses are eligible under transportation accessibility and availability. We currently receive HRTG grant funds for medical transportation and have submitted a LOI for RVHT grant funding but we would like to see our transportation services expanded to provide veterans with transportation that is not restricted to medical transportation only. I also may have missed the answer to this question but is there a match requirement for this grant?	There is no match requirement. When an Organizations' budget includes funding from other government sources, the grant funds cannot be used "instead of" these funds. OR EXAMPLE: If you are serving a veteran client that has medical benefits that will pay for the services, those funds must be used first, If there are other expenses for this client that are not covered, then the grant funds may be used. Tentatively January 1, 2024- June 30, 2025. That depends; If the position is directly working with the veterans them yes, (but only that portion that is directly associated with serving the veteran. If the position is for administrative, then no. Yes, a contract worker can be paid with grant funds, provided the duties are to directly serve the veteran. A job description and timeline to hire must be included with the grant proposal.
Supplant Funds; What does it mean that the Grant Funds cannot supplant funds. Can you reconfirm the period of grant support please? Is hiring a program manager allowed with grant funds? Someone to provide the services associated with the grant project is okay?	
Can a new position be a contract position vs an employee?	
Funding: "ODVA shall award..."amount equal to the least..." Does this mean awards could be given for less than what is asked for in the proposal or that proposals will be rejected based on asking for more than ODVA is willing to grant? Is there any consideration given to the total number of grants that will be funded? I.e., more grants at lesser amounts vs. fewer grants at maximum amounts available?	The Department may award Grant Funds for all or some of the dollar amounts requested in an individual Proposal. This is something the evaluators will have to consider at they work through their recommendation to the Director of ODVA

Is there any preference given to smaller non-profits vs. government agencies?

When determining which grant proposals to fund, ODVA shall make funds available statewide and may give priority to:

- To those proposals that the Department determines are best designed to help veterans in their community or
- Concentrate funds and resources in those areas of the state with the greatest need for veteran assistance programs, as determined by the Department.