2019 Request for Proposals
Law Enforcement Equipment to Strengthen Domestic Violence Investigations
Question & Answers – March 22, 2019

Q 1: Is there a maximum dollar threshold for the equipment?
A: No, the applicant will need to make the case that the equipment cost is reasonable for the project and numbers of people served.

Q 2: The RFP requires the budget to be submitted in Excel. Is there a particular format that is required?
A: No, the budget must contain sufficient detail to fully illustrate the costs associated with the project.

Q 3: What is the cost of each system or item?
A: Each applicant will need to determine the costs of items contained in the proposal and submit a budget in sufficient detail to fully illustrate the costs associated with the project.

Q 4: Can this funding be used to pay for GPS monitoring of the batterer?
A: No, this grant program is designed to purchase equipment with a one-time cost and an expectation that the law enforcement agency will maintain that equipment for the period of its useful life. Typically, GPS monitoring systems are leased and these funds are not available to sustain a GPS project over a multi-year period.

Q 5: Can you apply for multiple equipment areas or do you need to pick one? If we wished to apply for more than one of the equipment areas, do we need to complete one application for each item, or do we just need one application highlighting all items?
A: A law enforcement agency may submit an application for multiple pieces of equipment. However, there are limited funds so the applicant should clearly state the priority of each piece of requested equipment. Additionally, the budget should detail each piece of equipment separately.

Q 6: Would the equipment be for this year, or would it only go into effect upon renewal of the grant later this year?
A: There is no renewal period for the grant. Please see response to Question 4.

Q 6: Is there an application you could send me to review?
A: This is the first time FCADV has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) related to equipment so no sample applications exist.

Q 7: In the past, on average how much has been awarded to different agencies and for what equipment?
A: This is the first time FCADV has issued an RFP related to equipment so no history exists to answer this question.

Q 8: Please advise if the equipment purchase with grant funding is only for Domestic Violence activities/cases? The equipment appears to be useful for other initiatives within our services.

A: If this equipment is paid in whole by these funds it must be used 100% for the purpose of addressing domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking cases. If the agency prorates the cost of the equipment, the portion paid with other eligible funds may be used to address other kinds of cases. If prorating the cost of purchase, the agency must develop and maintain a detailed log of usage that comports with the prorated costs. This log must be maintained for the useful life of the equipment.

Q 9: What is the performance period for the program?

A: If funds are awarded on April 30, 2019, the equipment must be purchased by June 30, 2019 and the payment distributed no later than July 15, 2019. If awarded after July 1, 2019, the purchase must be made no later than June 30, 2020 and the payment distributed no later than July 15, 2020.

Q 10: How many light systems, cell phones, digital cameras, or other equipment may be purchased?

A: The applicant agency should identify these numbers based on appropriately addressing the need in their agency.

Q 11: Is there one source from which these items can be purchased or does a bidding process need to take place?

A: Law enforcement agencies must follow their own procurement policies.

Q 12: Is there a required match or cost share?

A: Yes, there is a 25% match required. If the total cost of the project is 10,000.00, the match would be 2,500.00 and the award would be $7,500.00. Please see the RFP, updated on March 22, 2019, which includes specific details regarding match requirements.

Q 13: Can we purchase any software product with this grant?

A: The applicant agency must make their case for the software which should include its purpose and how it will address issues related domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.