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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Domestic Violence Prevention Grant

RFA LAAA 2023-05

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

A. Introduction

The Attorney General and the Department of Law (“DOL”), collectively referred to as the Colorado Attorney General’s Office, represents and defends the legal interests of the people of the State of Colorado and its sovereignty. The Attorney General exercises the responsibilities given to the office by the Colorado Constitution, statutes enacted by the Colorado General Assembly, and the common law.

The Office of Community Engagement (“OCE”) serves as Coloradans’ open door to the AG’s Office. We build relationships and establish meaningful dialogue across Colorado, working hard to truly hear the needs, ideas, and voices of the people of our state.

We engage with Coloradans on a range of issues—from improving public safety, to financial literacy and protecting consumers, to addressing the opioid epidemic, protecting our land, air, and water, and many others—through the operation of five programs: Outreach and Engagement, Consumer Engagement and Data Services, Safe2Tell, Opioid Response, and Granting.

DOL funds authorized by C.R.S. § 24-31-108 serve as the primary source of support for OCE funded partnerships. These partnerships support a diverse range of organizations throughout Colorado that address critical challenges facing our State. The OCE works with partners to develop and fund data-driven, high-impact programs that can develop long-term success and build a sustainable foundation.

B. Project Background and Overview

The DOL announces that grant applications are being accepted for funding to support programs that that work to address domestic violence (DV). Funds will support entities with programming seeking to serve any of the following objectives:

1. **DV prevention:** Work within this objective includes programming providing services proven to reduce the severity and incidence of future DV including but not limited to:
 - a. Education on healthy relationships for children and teens,
 - b. Trauma-informed services for children and families exposed to DV,
 - c. Two-generation approach to provide physical and mental health care to families impacted by DV,

- d. Access to mental and behavioral health services for DV victims, perpetrators, and impacted family members.
 2. **DV victim services and advocacy:** Work within this objective includes programming focused on providing for the immediate needs of those impacted by DV. Programming may include but is not limited to:
 - a. Safe and stable temporary or permanent housing for DV victims and their families,
 - b. Counseling resources and support groups,
 - c. Access to legal services and support,
 - d. Medical care for physical and psychological recovery,
 - e. Economic and job assistance.
 3. **DV crisis intervention:** Work within this objective includes programming focused on providing first-responders and advocates capacity to respond to DV effectively and with compassion. This work may include but is not limited to:
 - a. Training programs for law enforcement and victim advocates.
 - b. Funding for victim advocate positions.
 - c. Mental health support for first responders and advocates.
- d. Implementation of evidence-based intervention strategies.

C. Funding and Budget Requirements

Applicants may apply for one of the following three funding tiers:

- Small Funding Opportunity - \$100,000-\$350,000
- Medium Funding Opportunity - \$350,001-\$700,000
- Large Funding Opportunity - \$700,001-\$1,000,000

\$3,000,000 is available in this funding period. DOL will, within their discretion, select awardees from any or all of tiers.

The anticipated projected funding period is from January 2024 through January 2026. The actual funding period will coincide with the award date and grant agreement execution and is subject to vary from the dates above, accordingly.

II. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

A. Eligibility

To qualify for an award of a grant under this RFA, an applicant must meet the following mandatory qualifications:

- Be a qualified non-profit organization or governmental entity;
- Be able to demonstrate at least three years of operations and a record of fiscal accountability;

and

- Have received and managed at least one other grant, including from a government or other grantmaking organization.

B. Required Project Components

All applications must address in detail the following components of the proposal. Applications may include additional components at the applicant's discretion, submitted as an Appendix.

- Application Form
 - Complete the application form included as Attachment 1 to this RFA.
- Proposal Overview
 - Describe the problem the proposal seeks to address and the proposed project to address the problem in 150 words or fewer. Include identification of which objective from Section 1A will be addressed by the proposal.
- Problem Description
 - Describe the specific problem to be addressed with data on the scope of the issue in 500 words or fewer.
- Project Description
 - Describe how your project will address the identified problem in 1000 words or fewer.
 - Include relevant data and information that has been used to identify and assess why the proposed project is well suited to address the identified problem.
 - Detail on why the proposed project should be effective in addressing the problem should be included along with detail on how the proposed solution addresses one of the objectives identified in Section 1A above.
 - This section should demonstrate that the applicant has the tools to implement the solution and the expertise in understanding the nature and dimension of the problem. Any statistics or references used in this section should, when possible, be tied to their geographical area.
- Work Plan and Budget
 - Complete the Work Plan and Budget worksheets available as Attachment 2 to this RFA.
- Performance Measures
 - Identify what data will be collected and how the information will be used to guide and assess the program and the program's effectiveness.
- Implementation Support
 - Describe all partners that are related to the implementation of the identified project;
 - Describe why the organization seeking funding is uniquely suited to implement the identified project;
 - Describe any plans for sustainability of the program beyond the funding cycle.
- Relevant Experience

- Provide descriptions of at least one program the applicant has overseen that at least generally addressed the problem identified;
- Provide contact information for three references in support of the program:
 - One reference should be management-level staff within the applicant organization;
 - One reference should be management-level staff outside the applicant organization, ideally with a relevant partner;
 - There are no restrictions on the third reference; however, it is encouraged that this reference be a member of the impacted population.

III. SELECTION, EVALUATION, AND AWARDS

DOL will review each application to determine whether the application includes all required information and documentation. Applicants that do not meet all requirements specified above may be disqualified, and their applications may not be considered for a grant award.

Applications will be assessed based on the soundness of the applicant's approach and the applicant's understanding of the requirement. Past experience/qualifications will be assessed by considering the extent to which the qualifications, experience, and past performance are likely to foster successful, on-time performance.

An evaluation committee will review each qualifying application proposal based on the criteria identified above and will make a separate determination for an award of a grant for each qualifying proposal. Only individuals on the evaluation committee will evaluate proposals for grant awards.

Below is the schedule of activities for this RFA. Dates in this schedule are subject to change at the discretion of DOL.

Request for Applications (RFA) posted	May 2, 2023
Questions Deadline	May 31, 2023
Application Submission Deadline	June 30, 2023
Estimated Award Announcements	Fall 2023

IV. HOW TO APPLY

For consideration of award, an applicant for the Domestic Violence Prevention RFA LAAA 2023-05 must submit a completed, online application no later than **11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2023** to procurement@coag.gov.

A completed application must include, **as a single combined PDF**:

- Demonstration that applicant meets all mandatory qualifications of Section 2A;
- A copy of the applicant's most current W-9 (Appendix A), completed and signed; and
- A completed Grant Application that addresses all proposal components set out in Section 2B.

No hard copies of applications will be accepted. Applications submitted after the application submission deadline will not be accepted.

If you are unable to submit your application online, please contact the Department of Law Purchasing team at procurement@coag.gov.

V. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

Applicants may make written inquiries via email to obtain clarification of requirements concerning this RFA. No inquiries will be accepted after the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Activities. Send all inquiries to:

Program contact name: Mitchell Tate

Program contact email: procurement@coag.gov

Clearly identify your inquiries with:

- a. RFA Number
- b. RFA Title
- c. The section number and paragraph number the inquiry applies to.