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**SFY26 Community Based Violence Intervention Program (CB-VIP)
NOFO # 2117-0501**

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS

Application Process:

You must apply for the award via Amplifund. Follow the instructions once you select Apply.

Budget

If you are experiencing issues with the budget download the budget in the Zip file.

Question 1

I received notification of a new grant for CVI, since we are not sure if there will be another round of R3 grants, we for denied again last time, but for this new one is reentry organizations eligible or only CVI groups eligible? **Response:** See Eligibility Requirements on the Notice of Funding Opportunity. You are eligible to apply if you meet those requirements.

Question 2

We saw that the annual budget limit for eligibility is \$3 million. Our most recent budget appears to be over that amount because of a one-time capital campaign and building renovation. However, our actual operating budget—excluding those capital expenses—was under \$3 million.

Can you please clarify if ICJIA will consider our operating budget for eligibility, rather than the total that includes those one-time capital costs? We want to be sure we qualify before moving forward. Thank you for your guidance and support! **Response:** If your organizations operating budget, excluding capital expenses, remains under the \$3 million threshold, your organization is eligible to apply.

Question 3

We would like to know if there are any geographic requirements or restrictions for this NOFO? We have a presence and programs across several Chicago neighborhoods and

would like to include programs on both the South and West Side. **Response:** There are no geographic requirements.

Question 4

I am reaching out regarding NOFO 2117-0501. Can you please confirm whether we need to meet all three - primary, secondary, tertiary- prevention priorities in order to apply or if it's ok that we only fall under two of them? **Response:** You do not have to meet all prevention priorities. It's ok if you only fall under two.

Additionally, with regards to performance metrics: outside of the required metrics we need to measure, it is up to us as an organization to measure only metrics that fall under current/proposed programming that matches any of the categories, correct? **Response:** This is correct.

Meaning, since we don't currently do restorative justice and this isn't something we will be proposing, that's not going to immediately disqualify us, right? **Response:** Correct.

Question 5

I would like to confirm if the \$3mil operating budget is specific to my PAIP program OR to the agency's budget. **Response:** Specific to the agency's operating budget.

Question 6

Is there an anticipated # of awards? **Response:** The total available funding is \$16,342,700. With applicant request amounts varying between \$50,000 and \$200,000, the number of awards granted could range from 81 to 326. While a precise figure is not possible at this stage, this estimate provides a general framework for potential award distribution.

Question 7

I saw that the NOFO for direct service agencies is live on the site however I don't see the new version of the grant we currently have to provide training and technical assistance. Do you know if/when that will be released? **Response:** The previous program manager and Director Adams decided to move into another director. Moving forward, grantees will be responsible for covering the cost of their own training based on their individual program needs.

Question 8

Question 9 on the application states that funding will be available for an initial 12 months, with the potential for 24 or 36 additional months. However, the NOFO also states that the Performance Period will be September 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, just 10 months. How many months of funding is available for this initial grant period?

Response: If selected, the performance period for Year 1 of the grant will run from September 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Grants cannot begin until they receive Budget Committee approval, which is scheduled for August 2025. As a result, the start date is set for September 1. In subsequent years, grantees will receive the full 12-month performance period.

Question 9

I was wondering if this grant is intended and or would be a good program for a police department. **Response:** If the municipality budget is more than \$3 million, and the municipality controls the police department's budget, the PD would not meet the criteria for funding.

Question 10

Our organization, [REDACTED] in Chicago, is interested in applying for the Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Program grant. [REDACTED] is already registered in the Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity stated that we may request paper copies of the application from you at this email address. **Response:** The application must be submitted through Amplifund. However, you will also need to upload the budget, performance metrics, and implementation schedule as part of the submission process.