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Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) Program  
1744-0623

**RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS**

**Day posted: Month Day, Year** July 21, 2025

**Question**

The NOFO says that applicants need to have the Uniform Application document signed and submitted via email. It looks like there is a spot to enter most of this information in that section in Amplifund. Do applicants need the signed form emailed with other application materials or is the webform on Amplifund sufficient?

**Response**

No, the Uniform Application does not have to be emailed. The webform on Amplifund is sufficient.

**Question**

Where can we learn if the federal executive orders, we see in direct federal grants apply to this grant opportunity? For example, We need to know if we are asking our state's attorney's office to cooperate with ICE, because they don't.

**Response**

VAWA is not exempt from Executive Orders, however many Executive Orders apply specifically to federal agencies or law enforcement entities, not necessarily to all federal grantees. ICJIA cannot provide legal advice and encourages applicants to consult their own legal counsel to assess whether a particular Executive Order applies to their organization. If there are specific provisions or language of concern, applicants should identify those explicitly when seeking guidance.

**Question**

We would like to include rent at the project facility as a match. Is occupancy allowed to count as a match?

**Response**

Yes, occupancy costs (such as rent, utilities, and maintenance) can count as match under VAWA grants—if they are allowable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and properly documented.

**Question**

Are we to complete and upload the budget template on the Budget and Budget narrative Instruction page?

Response

Yes, applicants should complete and upload the budget in AmpliFund.

Question

Is 5000 the character limit for the whole section in project implementation or should this space be used for a brief synopsis?

Response

Please utilize this space to best respond to the question. The applicant will not be penalized for making any adjustments to get their responses entered. See next question

Question

The NOFO says to upload the narrative as a word document. What should we put in the text boxes and where is the narrative supposed to be uploaded? The only spaces provided in the narrative section to upload documents is the implementation schedule and the goals and objectives. Can we use that space to upload the narrative as well?

Response

We will accept the narrative uploaded in any section where you are able without any penalty to the applicant. Applicants can upload their narratives with the other uploadable documents.

**Day posted: Month Day, Year** July 11, 2025

Question

How should the applications be submitted? The NOFO references emailing the application and also submitting it through Amplifund?

Response

The applications should be submitted via Amplifund. We have made the correction in the NOFO instructions.

Question

On page 7 of the NOFO it says: "4. Applicants must describe how the following mandatory programmatic elements are incorporated into the MDT.

- Specialized assistant state's attorney dedicated to the facilitation of MDT operations and oversight of the monthly (minimum) case review meetings and quarterly (minimum) steering committee meetings" But then on page 8-9 it says "Prosecution: Recommended activities, at minimum: Facilitate steering committee and case review meetings".
- Does this mean that our prosecution partner is required to be the 'Specialized assistant state's attorney', or could an alternative prosecutor organization that includes sexual violence specialized prosecutors be an acceptable partner?

Response

There should be a specialized assistant state's attorney dedicated to the MDT.

Question

On page 10 under **Lead Entity Requirements**, it says " Subgrantees may include:

- County state's attorney
- Probation/court department
- Victim service agency, if the agency houses the program coordinator."

Which of these agencies are required or optional as part of the grant application since it says there it may include, but elsewhere stipulates must include similarly listed agencies.

Response

The MDT partnership should include law enforcement, prosecution, courts/probation, and victim service agencies.

Question

Where can we learn if the federal executive orders, we see in direct federal grants apply to this grant opportunity? For example, we need to know if we are asking our state's attorney's office to cooperate with ICE, because they don't.

Response

Many Executive Orders have been issued and without knowing the specific Executive Order that is being referenced, ICJIA cannot provide more information. ICJIA also cannot provide legal advice to applicants and applicants are strongly encouraged to consult their own legal counsel regarding the interpretation and potential impact of Executive Orders on their programs.

Question

Should we submit a uniform application and budget for each funded entity, or a single budget with the lead entity completing the uniform application?

Response

You may submit one budget for the team.

**Day posted: Month Day, Year** July 3, 2025

Question

We have noticed that there are multiple versions of the MDT goals and objectives.

- On page 11, the NOFO has goals/objectives from the previous NOFO that seem to align with this program
- On page 32, the NOFO has a whole new set of goals/objectives that are much less applicable to this program
- The downloadable document on Amplifund has the new set of goals and objectives
- The narrative template has the new set of goals and objectives

- The document included in the NOFO packet has Human Trafficking goals and objectives, which I believe to be a mistake

Can you please clarify which version of these goals/objectives we should be using?

#### Response

Apologies for the confusion.

Page 11-13 of the NOFO instructions at ICJIA.gov is what applicants should primarily focus on. They list the mandatory objectives, whereas page 32-38 (also labeled as Attachment 1) offers additional suggested objectives they may select depending on the specifics of their program. It's a "catalog" of sorts containing various objectives they can select from if applicant is having trouble coming up with their own. Here are more details re: the process vs. outcome objectives:

- **Process objectives** – There are 11 mandatory process objectives, then the instructions ask applicants to select at least four (4) additional process objectives unique to their program. These additional objectives can be something they define themselves, OR choose from the available options listed in Attachment 1 for some ideas. They are required to have a total of 15 process objectives total – 11 defined by ICJIA + 4 defined by them.
- **Outcome objectives** – There are two (2) mandatory outcome objectives, then the instructions ask applicants to select two (2) unique to their program. Again, they can develop their own OR choose from those in Attachment 1. They are required to have a total of four (4) outcome objectives – 2 defined by ICJIA + 2 defined by them.

Unfortunately, the Program Narrative **should** contain the mandatory objectives listed on pp. 11-13, but it includes the others (optional) instead. We have updated this portion of the NOFO that can be found at: [MDT NOFO](#)

**We are currently trying to make revisions to the Amplifund version of this but in the meantime, please apply for this NOFO using the downloadable version of the goals and objectives which can be found via the link in the above paragraph. Complete and upload the version of this template in Amplifund.**

#### Question

Who is eligible to apply?

#### Response

Government entities and victim service agencies can receive funding from this NOFO in the capacity of partner agency however only government entities are eligible to apply. The government agency will serve as the MDT lead agency.