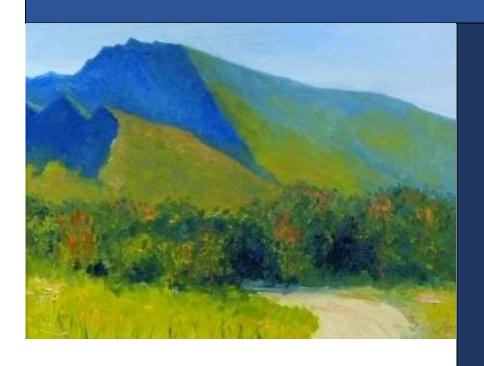
Center for Crime Victim Services Grants Plan Guidelines



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GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services (CCVS) administers federal and state grant programs that are closely allied with its vision of joining with victims, survivors, and those who interact with victims and offenders to provide, sustain, and support a collaborative system of direct services across Vermont that is comprehensive, victim-centered, trauma-informed and accessible to all diverse populations, and geographic regions in the state. For Vermont legislation specifically related to the Center please see 13 V.S.A. §5361.

PRE-AWARD ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

The Center for Crime Victim Services (CCVS) will determine the eligibility for all sub-grantee grant awards, regardless of category, amount, or funding source prior to issuing awards. Prior to receiving an award, the Center for Crime Victim Services will screen sub-grantees for suspension or debarment and complete a risk assessment. Please refer to the Monitoring Plan section of this document for more detailed descriptions regarding the risk assessment.

SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT

A sub-grantee will be considered ineligible if any of the three following conditions exist:

- Suspension and Debarment- Organizations that have been suspended or debarred by the Federal government. To ensure that applicants have not been suspended or debarred the CCVS financial/grant staff will check the <u>State of Vermont's Buildings and General Services</u>, <u>Office of Purchasing and Contracting Debarment List</u> and <u>the United States Department of Labor</u>, <u>Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs</u> (<u>OFCCP</u>) list of debarred companies.
- 2. Subrecipient Annual Report:-Organizations that are currently delinquent in submission of the Subrecipient Annual Report to F & M for any of the preceding three years are ineligible to receive new awards until the delinquent status has been resolved. The CCVS financial/Grant staff will run a VISION query is monitor the status of subrecipient Annual reports.
- Single Audit Report-Organizations that are currently delinquent in the submission of a Single Audit report for any of the preceding three years, until the delinquent status has been resolved. The CCVS financial/grant staff will run a VISION query is monitor the status of single audits.

ANNUAL SUBRECIPIENT REPORT TO VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

VCCVS will run a query in VISION to verify that subrecipients have completed State of Vermont Subrecipient Annual Report. This report can be found on the State of Vermont's Department of Finance and Management's web page, (forms-→grant recipient form) with instructions for submission. This element of pre-award eligibility is required regardless of funding source. As a condition of your federally funded grant award(s) from

the State of Vermont, you must complete this report in its entirety annually within forty-five (45) days after your fiscal year end. VCCVS will not issue your grant awards unless this requirement is fulfilled.

ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

GRANTEE SELECTION PROCESS

An application cover sheet detailing sub-grantee information, contact names, addresses
phone numbers, DUNS numbers, and Vendor Number this to ensure that information is
updated yearly, and that Standard Grant Agreements contain accurate information.
A budget summary including a detailed budget narrative of the intended use of the
funds. When a non-federal match is required, budgets will describe whether the match
is cash or in-kind.
Signed civil rights assurances
Insurance Certificates
Organizational Budgets
Organizational Conflict of interest policy (if a non-profit)
Most recent audit and/or review

MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS

Certain federal grant programs require that the sub-grantee support a percentage of their project with non-federal cash or in-kind resources.

The <u>Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)</u> grant requires that sub-recipients shall contribute not less than twenty percent of the total cost of each project with non-federal funds/sources.

The formula to determine the VOCA match is Award Amount/.8-Award Amount. Thus, the match for a 10,000 VOCA grant would be calculated, \$10,000/.8-\$10,000 = \$2,500; so, the entire cost of the project would be \$12,500 (grant amount 10K + 20% match amount, \$2,500). It is important to note that the match is based on the *cost of the entire project*, not the grant amount.

US Territories (not including Puerto Rico), and American Indian and Alaskan Native tribes, and projects that operate on tribal lands are excepted from the match requirement. The source of the match must be an allowable expense under the VOCA grant program. The sources of the project match may include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. cash; i.e., the value of direct funding for a project;
- 2. volunteered professional or personal services;
- 3. materials/equipment, but the value placed on lent or donated equipment shall not exceed its fair market value;
- 4. space and facilities;

- non-VOCA funded victim assistance activities, including but not limited to performing direct service, coordinating, or supervising those services, training victim assistance providers, or advocating for victims;
- discounts, any reduction or discount provided to the sub-recipient shall be valued as the difference between what the sub-recipient paid and what the providers nominal or fair market value is for the good or service.

The <u>STOP (Services, Training, Officers and Prosecution)</u> grant requires that the state provide a 25% non-federal match on the total award given to the state.

- The match may be cash or in-kind. In-kind match may include donations of expendable equipment; office supplies; workshop or education and training materials; work space or the monetary value of time contributed by professional and technical personnel and other skilled and unskilled labor, if the services provided are an integral and necessary part of a funded project.
- 2. Tribes and victim service providers are exempt from the match requirement.

The formula to determine the STOP match is Award Amount/.75-Award Amount. Thus, the match for a 10,000 STOP grant would be calculated, \$10,000/.75-\$10,000 = \$2,500; so, the entire cost of the project would be \$13,333.33 (grant amount 10K + 25% match amount, \$3,333.33). It is important to note that the match is based on the *cost of the entire project*, not the grant amount.

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Program (FVPSA) grants are for increasing public awareness about and preventing family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; and for providing immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of those crimes, as well as technical assistance for the professionals who serve. The FVPSA grant program, requires that the sub-grantee provide at least 20% of the project costs. The formula to determine the match amount for FVPSA is Award Amount/.8-Award Amount. The match can be cash or in-kind, and needs to be an allowable expense under the FVPSA regulations.

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Formula Grant Program supports rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. There is no match required for SASP sub-grantees.

GRANT APPROVAL PROCESS

For non-competitive state grant programs or federal formula grants, whose purposes have been mandated by the Vermont legislature or the United States Congress, some sub recipient awards are determined using fully researched formulaic percentages that are related to square miles in the service area; the number of towns in the service area; the number of counties in the service area; population of the service area (using census data) and services provided.

For competitive grant solicitations, the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services will issue Request for Proposals (RFPs). The RFPs will provide guidance to applicants, outline the criteria and process from which the proposals will be evaluated and the contractual terms that will govern the relationship between the State of Vermont and the award recipients.

Once a completed application package is submitted from the sub-grantee the risk assessment will be completed to determine if the sub-grantee is high risk or not. The budgets will be reviewed for accuracy and that expenditures are within the guidelines of the state and federal requirements. The application is review by the CCVS finance/grants staff for approval. Once approved the Standard Grant Agreement will be issued and signed by the Executive Director and sent to the sub-grantee via email.

A copy of the current CCVS Standard Grant agreement was provided for reference upon submission of this grant plan.

AMENDMENTS

No changes, modification, or amendments in terms and condition of Grant Agreements shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Subrecipient.

Amendments are required to a *grant* when:

- 1. There is any significant change in program objectives; or
- 2. There is *any* increase or decrease in the total amount of the grant

Amendments are required to a grant's **budget only** when:

1. An increase in a line item of the grant budget exceeds 10% of the line, and there is not a change in the amount of the overall grant.

After an amendment is deemed necessary the following approval process takes place; For amended *grants and budgets*:

1. CCVS finance/grants staff will review for approval the revised budget and budget narrative as submitted by the sub-grantee.

For amended *grants*:

1. An amended grant agreement documenting Part I identifying that the original award has been amended will be issued and sent to the sub-grantee.

The amended grant will be entered into the Grants Tracking Module of VISION for tracking.

PROCURMENT

SUBRECIPIENT OR CONTRACTOR DETERMINATION

The Center for Crime Victim Services (CCVS will use the <u>Association of Government Accountants</u> (<u>AGA</u>) recipient checklist to determine if the entity receiving funds has a contractor or subrecipient relationship. The AGA checklist is used to help a recipient of federal funds make a judgment as to whether each agreement it makes, for the disbursement of federal programs funds, cast the entity receiving the funds in the role of subrecipient or contractor. The checklist

is intended for use by all non-federal entities based on 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, part 200 et al. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Uniform Guidance, issued by the U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on December 26, 2013, and effective for non-federal entities on December 26, 2014.

The CCVS finance/grants staff will use the AGA checklist to decide whether relationship is that of a Subrecipient or Contractor.

CONTRACT AND CONSULTANT PROCEDURES

All procurement contracts will follow the procedures set forth in the State of Vermont Agency of Administration's <u>Bulletin No. 3.5 Procurement and Contracting Procedures</u>. This bulletin provides guidelines for conducting procurements and contracting and establishes minimum benchmarks and protocols to ensure the solicitation and awarding of contracts for services are completed with sufficient competition. The State process is designed to: ensure fair and open competition; guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption; ensure the results meet Agency needs; provide for checks and balances and oversee Agency procurement activities; and protect the interest of the State and its taxpayers.

All Center for Crime Victim contracts shall include payment provisions shall ensure that rates do not exceed the maximum allowable federal rate per diem or hour. Compensation for individual consultant services procured under a CCVS grant award must be reasonable and allocable in accordance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Subpart E, Cost Principles and consistent with rates paid for similar services in the marketplace.

Unless otherwise approved by the applicable federal or state agency, consultant rates will be based on the salary a consultant receives from his or her primary employer or documentation of previous instances when a similar rate has been charged by or paid to the consultant/contractor, as applicable, up to \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour. The consultant/contractor must provide justification for any consultant rate more than \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour and receive approval by the applicable state or federal agency before entering into a contract.

Consultant and contractor daily rates do not include travel or subsistence costs, but may include preparation, evaluation and travel time.

CONTRACTOR INVOICES

All consultant invoices must be supported by time and activity reports. This should include a a detailed explanation or worklog containing the dates and hours worked, the tasks performed on these dates, and the deliverables provided.

DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS

Financial Status Reports are required from all sub-grantees for all grants at least quarterly depending on the grant program. Financial Reports should be submitted to financial.reports@ccvs.vermont.gov. The financial reports and instructions can be found on the CCVS webpage http://www.ccvs.vermont.gov/ in the Resource Directory. The financial reports are due 15 days after the end of each quarter. Any state funds not spent by June 30th shall revert back to the Center.

Grant payments are made through the VISION Accounts Payable module subject to procedures established by the Vermont Department of Finance and Management. The invoice number on the VISION voucher must contain the grant award number which must match the grant number as entered in the Grants Tracking module. The financial status report from the grantee will be retained in the granting agency's files in accordance VISION Procedure No. 2-VISION Records Retention Procedure. Payments may only be made to the official grantee for the award. Therefore, if a grant agreement is made to an organization utilizing a fiscal agent, payment may only be made to the party designated as the official grantee.

If the grant award is a Federal sub award, the Federal share of the payment must also use a Class Code of **00001** to identify it as a sub recipient payment. When an award is funded with a combination of state and federal funds, The Class Code is only required to be used for the Federal share of the payment, though it is permissible to use it for all payment rows. If a federal grant has been identified as a contractual relationship, do not use the Class Code.

STATE GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

State grant programs are awarded to sub-grantees on the state fiscal year July 1- June 30th. Once a signed Standard Grant Agreement and all required documentation is filed with CCVS, the sub-grantees may request an advance of funds up to 50% of their total grant to meet immediate cash requirements after July 1st in accordance with <u>State of Vermont Bulletin No. 5</u> <u>Policy for Grant Issuance and Monitoring as of December 26, 2014</u>. Quarterly financial status reports will be filed detailing the amounts spent and funds left on-hand. Sub-grantees may request up to 25% of the total grant award or the actual expenditures each quarter. The CCVS financial/grants staff will review and check expenditures against the approved budget.

FEDERAL GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

Federal FVPSA

FVPSA awards to sub-grantees follow the fiscal year July 1- June 30th. Once a signed Standard Grant Agreement and all required documentation is filed with CCVS, the sub-grantee may request an advance of funds up to 25% of their total grant to meet an immediate cash requirement after July 1, in accordance with Part 75 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards Title 45: Public Welfare Quarterly financial status reports will be filed detailing the amounts spent and funds left on-hand. Subgrantees may request up to 25% of the total grant award or the actual expenditures each

quarter. The CCVS financial/grants staff will review and check expenditures against the approved budget.

<u>Federal grant awards</u> to sub-grantees typically follow the fiscal year July 1-June 30th. Once a signed Standard Grant Agreement and all required documentation is filed with CCVS, sub-grantees are required to file quarter financial reports. Federal grants are disbursed on a reimbursement only method. Federal grants are administered in accordance with <u>Title 2:</u> <u>Grants and Agreements Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards</u>. Sub-grantees will only be reimbursed for actual expenditures reported each quarter. The CCVS financial/grants staff will review and check expenditures against the approved budget.

<u>Federal grant</u> programs are awarded and disbursed pursuant to federal regulations and guidelines. In the event the Center enters into a grant agreement (contract) for services rendered, using any federal funds, the Center will first check the excluded parties list located at https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/ to verify if a vendor or contractor has been suspended or barred. The Center will not enter into a grant agreement (contract) with anyone appearing on that list.

A copy of the current CCVS Sub-grantee Financial Report and request for advance for funds form was provided for reference upon submission of this grant plan.

MONITORING PLAN

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

All grants, whenever practicable, regardless of funding source, should include performance goals, measures and monitoring. All performance related requirements, including reporting requirements, must be specified in the written grant agreement. If payment is linked to performance measures, this must be specified in the Payment Provisions.

Programmatic Reports and statistical data are required from all sub-grantees for all grants quarterly or biennially depending on the grant program. These will be submitted to the Grants Manager with the due dates indicated on the award documents.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A risk assessment will be completed for each sub-grantee, by the CCVS finance/grants staff based on the total grant awards. The current list of grant awards and totals will be attached to the risk assessment and kept in an electronic file per sub-grantee per fiscal year. If a sub-grantee is high-risk, and it is in the best interest to grant the award to the sub-grantee, a written justification must be included in the official grant file and must be approved by the Appointing Authority. The award must be issued on a reimbursement only basis and additional

monitoring requirements may include frequent programmatic review, additional review of quarterly financial reports, sites visits, etc. When a grant award includes special conditions or additional requirements, these must be clearly specified in the grant award document.

Risk Assessment considerations shall include the following:

- 1. Compliance with terms and conditions of prior grant awards
- 2. Total amount and/or complexity of the award
- 3. Financial stability and accounting system of the organization
- 4. Recent incidences of fraud, embezzlement, or mismanagement
- 5. The results of prior audits, including single audits, when applicable
- 6. Prior experience with similar awards
- 7. Current staffing levels, staff turnover and qualifications
- 8. Method of tracking hours charged to grant
- 9. Other issues that may indicate high risk of non-compliance

It is the Center's policy that sub-grantees do not have family members of agency staff serving on the board of directors. Nor should the agency employ other family members of agency staff. Funding from the Center is contingent upon compliance with this policy.

A copy of the current CCVS risk assessment form was provided for reference upon submission of this grant plan.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

All VCCVS grant recipients are subject to prohibitions against unlawful discrimination. Each year, VCCVS grantees are required to comply with all the state and federal civil rights statutes that are described in the VCCVS Civil Rights Assurances document. The duly authorized agent of the subgrantee organization must sign this document which indicates agreement with compliance of the statutes therein. Receipt of funding is contingent on the subgrantees compliance of this condition. Furthermore, subgrantees are required to appoint an appropriate staff person to either view all the online training videos at the Office for Civil Rights website, or to attend the annual civil rights training offered by the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services.

ON-SITE MONITORING

Pursuant to § 94.106 Monitoring Requirements of the 7/2016 VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Rules and Regulations CCVS shall determine the frequency of sub-grantee site visits based on sub-grantees risk assessment. Risk assessments will be conducted annually on all sub-grantees. Sub-grantees determined to be high risk will receive on-site monitoring once every two years. Sub-grantees with low or moderate risk will receive on-site monitoring at least once every four years. Sub-grantees may be required to send CCVS back up documentation for grant related expenses as part of periodic desk reviews. CCVS performs routine monitoring, to learn more

about program facilities services, and financial practices and to provide technical assistance. Our goal is a monitoring process that embraces open communications, mutual respect, problem-solving and diversity to ultimately support strong effective programs, in addition to compliance with federal and state requirements.

ON-SITE MONITORING PROCEDURE

- <u>Pre-Site Visit letter</u> will be sent to the sub-grantee to schedule a site visit, the letter will include a list of the grants to be reviewed, what the visit will include, who should be present for the site visit, etc.
- <u>Pre-Site Visit Checklist</u> will be sent to the sub-grantee, the checklist outlines materials and/or documents that should be submitted either electronically or by mail to CCVS two weeks prior to the site visit date. The Pre-Site Visit checklist also includes documentation/materials that should be available to CCVS staff during the site visit.
- The CCVS Site Visit Checklist will be sent to the sub-grantee. The CCVS Site Visit Checklist should be completed by the Executive Director, Board Chair and staff members as necessary in order to complete the checklist. Once completed the Executive Director and Board Chair are required to acknowledge and sign the checklist and return to CCVS at least two weeks prior to the site visit date by either a PDF format or by mail.
- During the site visit the CCVS staff will review the <u>CCVS Site Visit Checklist</u> that was completed by the sub-grantee and verify programmatic, financial and grant requirements.
- <u>A Post-Site Visit Letter</u> will be sent to the sub-grantee upon completion of a site visit
 either indicating that no issues were identified during the site visit and no further action
 is required by the sub-grantee or if a site visit indicates that issues were identified
 during the site visit the sub-grantee must respond with a plan to resolve the identified
 issues.
- <u>Issues of Resolution</u>: Issues identified by the Grantor (CCVS) need to be resolved by the sub-grantee and require both acknowledgement and resolution action in writing by the sub-grantee.
- CCVS will keep on file the Pre-Site Visit Letter, CCVS Site Visit checklist, Post Site Visit letter, Issues of Resolution and all materials provided by the sub-grantee.

A site visit may also be scheduled with any sub-grantee for any of the following reasons:

- Significant staff turnover
- If we receive complaints
- Reports are inadequate or consistently late
- Relevant Audit Findings or non-compliance with audit policy

The Purpose of all site visits is as follows:

- Meet with Director, Board Members and staff to talk about the program's services.
- Meet with Board members about their role and the role of the board with the program.
- Review budget and accounting procedures, including match requirements and staff time sheets when applicable.

- Review Programmatic policies and procedures
- Answer any questions about the CCVS and the grant programs etc.

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A copy of the current CCVS site visit letter and checklists were provided for reference upon submission of this grant plan.

DESK REVIEW

CCVS requires all sub-grantees to complete a quarterly financial report for each grant award. The financial report includes the actual amount of grant funds received and grant funds expended during that quarter and Year to Date (YTD) information. CCVS financial manager reviews the expenditures reported to the actual approved budget for each category per grant. CCVS may at any time request from the sub-grantee back up documentation to verify expenditures reported during any quarter or YTD.

SANCTIONS

When CCVS determines that a sub-grantee is out of compliance with State or Federal law, rule or regulation; is out of compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement, performance requirements or auditing requirements; is suspected of fraud or misuse of funds; or fails to take corrective actions on audit findings, etc. The following sanctions may be implemented:

- Delaying payments or issuing partial payments
- Making payments on a reimbursement basis only
- Placing additional reporting requirements on the award
- Disallowing costs and/or offsetting or requesting repayment if funds have been advanced
- Conducting or arranging for and independent audit and/or site visit
- Cancellation of the award
- Classifying the sub-grantee as "high-risk" and withholding future funds

CCVS may consult with the Commissioner of Finance and Management and/or the Office of the Vermont Attorney General before imposing more severe sanctions and must consult with the commissioner before imposing sanctions for awards that are identified in statute or otherwise directed by the General Assembly or pass through entitlement grants.

AUDIT POLICY

CCVS will verify that every sub recipient with Federal award expenditures meet the single audit thresholds of OMB Circular A-133 (for fiscal years beginning before December 26, 2014 or Uniform Guidance Subpart F (for fiscal years beginning on December 26, 2014 or after is audited accordingly).

Non-Federal entities that expend \$750,000 or more in Federal awards must have a single or program-specific audit conducted in accordance with Uniform Guidance, Subpart F (2 CFR Chapter II, Subpart F). A non-Federal entity may elect to have a program-specific audit if they expend Federal awards under only one Federal program (excluding R&D) and the Federal program's statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the Federal award do not require a financial statement audit. It is the responsibility of pass-through entities to verify that their subrecipients who meet these thresholds have an audit conducted in accordance with the appropriate Federal regulations.

Even when an audit might not be required for your program/s, CCVS still encourages subgrantees to consider the potential benefits of conducting one. Ultimately, audits help build financial transparency, and are a way to build an organization's reputation for integrity which may assist fundraising efforts. If an organization's board governance, or policies and procedures require an independent audit when CCVS policy does not, the requirement to do an audit per the organization's rules prevail.

The CCVS financial/grants staff will review the audit, if accepted the information about the single audit will be entered into the Grants Tracking module in VISION

Information includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. When the audit was received by the primary pass-through entity
- 2. When the audit was reviewed by the primary pass-through entity
- 3. Whether or not there were any findings
- 4. Whether or not a Corrective Action Plan was requested and received
- 5. When the audit was accepted (finalized) by the primary pass-through entity
- 6. If/when a management decision letter was sent
- 7. Adding comments pertaining to the audit review

STATE AND/OR FEDERAL REPORTING

FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITLY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA)

In accordance with Finance and Management Policy No. 8, and in addition to the requirements specified from the Uniform Guidance, pass-through entities are responsible for complying with all requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). Requirements include granting to organizations with a valid DUNS number, and reporting sub awards of \$25,000.00 or greater in the FFATA sub award reporting System. (FSRS).

VISION GRANT TRACKING MODULE

After a grant agreement has been fully executed, the granting agency should deliver a copy of the entire agreement, as executed, to the grantee. All grants must be entered in the VISION Grant Tracking module within 10 days after grant execution. Entry in VISION should be in accordance with procedures and requirements as set forth by F&M.

GRANT CLOSE OUT PROCESS

The final financial status report for SFY quarter ending June 30th is due by July 15th.

<u>State Funds</u> not spent by June 30th revert to CCVS. The CCVS financial/grants staff will review and check expenditures against the approved budget.

<u>Federal Grant</u> closeout procedures via GMS closeout section with 5 closeout components that need to be completed as follows:

- 1. Final progress report
- 2. Final Federal Financial Report (FFR)
- 3. Special Conditions
- 4. Financial Reconciliation
- 5. Programmatic Requirements Certifications

Three is exactly 90 days from when the grant ends to complete the closeout process. On day 91, GMS will automatically generate and administrative closeout and any remaining funds will be frozen.

OFFICIAL GRANT FILE

CCVS will maintain an up-to-date grant file with award-related documents on file as public record in accordance with the records retention policy established by the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, GRS-1000.1110: Grants Management Records. If the records pertain to a Federal sub award, and Federal regulations require a longer retention period, the Federal regulations will supersede GRS-1000.1110. Grant files may be kept electronically.

Grant files are saved in the following format. Grant Name, Grant FY, Sub-grantee name, Application file, Award file, and Financial file, in addition there is a risk assessment file, audit file, insurance file and site visit file.

The following are to be included in the official electronic and/or paper grant file:

- 1. The signed original grant agreement, all amendments to the original agreement, and copies of all written correspondence pertaining to the award, written correspondence includes electronic communication such as e-mail. Grant application, including staff analysis of application when award is competitive in nature. The paper file includes a copy of the signed Standard Grant Agreement Part I and if applicable Part II.
- 2. Pre-Award Risk Assessment form is filed electronically in Risk Assessment folder by Fiscal Year.
- 3. Suspension and Debarment certification/documentation, if it is separate from the grant agreement itself will be filed electronically each application per sub-grantee.
- 4. Civil Rights Assurances signed by the sub-grantee will be filed electronically per each sub grant.

- 5. Insurance certificates and/or approved Request to Modify Insurance Requirements form. We be filled in an electronic file Insurance Binders per Sub-grantee and also entered into Access with expiration dates.
- 6. Programmatic, and performance reports required to be filed by the grantee will be kept in an electronic file. Programmatic Grant modification forms will be filed in the electronic file.
- 7. All financial reports will be kept in both an electronic file and paper file, the paper file will include the VISION payment form, voucher #, approved budget and if applicable any grant modification form(s).
- 8. Documentation of monitoring activities performed by the granting agency, including audit reports and documentation of single audit review, when applicable will be filed in the electronic audit file per sub-grantee as well as in the ACCESS database with date of last audit. Single audit reviews will also be entered in VISION.
- 9. Sub-grantee request for an advance of funds are kept in both the electronic and paper file, and the VISION payment form with voucher number will be attached in the paper file.
- 10. Any other information relevant to issuance and monitoring activities will be kept in the electronic file.
- 11. Site Visits documentation will be kept in an electronic Site Visit file by fiscal year as well as there may be some paper files that include documentation that was received during the site visit. The site visit folder will include the initial letter to the sub-grantee, the documents that CCVS received from the sub-grantee, the checklist completed and signed by the sub-grantee and the post site visit letter from CCVS to the sub-grantee, along with any correspondence in response to the final letter.

*Note: If the granting agency executes multiple grant agreements with the same grantee, documentation of monitoring activities may be filed in a comprehensive vendor file rather than in each individual grant file, but reference to the vendor file must be included in each grant file.

Invoices and payment documentation must be filed in accordance with VISION Procedure No. 2-VISION Records Retention Procedure and is not required to be included in the Grant File.

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SIGNATURE OF PLAN

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