

## FVPSA-ARP Act Supplemental Funds Request

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) appropriation for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act funds will be awarded to programs that will be able to provide temporary housing, assistance, and supportive services to victims of family, domestic, and dating violence in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency not covered by other federal funds, are allowed. **For example:** If you received an American Rescue Plan Award to cover the cost of PPE you could not submit those charges for reimbursement against your FVPSA project award.

All existing FVPSA grantees are eligible to receive additional funds to continue efforts to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19. Each grantee can request supplemental funds (up to \$150,000 per contract) in accordance with the funding allocation authorized in FVPSA section 42 U.S.C. § 10403(a)(2). **Request for additional funding will be accepted and considered on a rolling basis if funding is available.** The purpose of these supplemental funds is the same as that of the ARP funds: to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Within these parameters, grantees have the flexibility to determine which services best support the needs of children and families experiencing family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence. This award provides flexibility in how you use the funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 as needs evolve within your community. Funding may support a wide range of in-scope activities including counseling, mobile advocacy, telehealth, peer support, shelter and temporary housing, rental assistance and nominal relocation expenses, supplies, and equipment and software to assist in carrying out remote services.

### **ARP Allowable Use of Funds Guidance:**

**Prevent** -Activities that assist domestic violence survivors by providing supportive services, shelter options, and supplies, which will reduce the exposure to and risk of COVID-19.

- Outreach and education to local domestic violence programs and tribes on strategies that reduce COVID-19 transmission, using existing materials where available. Please note that grantees are expected to use materials from federal agencies and/or local public health departments.
- Provision, on a regular basis, of immediate shelter and related supportive services to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents, including paying for the operating and administrative expenses of the facilities for such shelter.
- These FVPSA supplemental funds can be used to provide temporary refuge in conjunction with supportive services in compliance with applicable state or tribal law or regulations and include:
  - Housing provisions including assistance locating and securing safe and affordable permanent housing and homelessness prevention services;
  - Rental subsidies;
  - Temporary refuge or lodging in individual units such as apartments (which is not required to be owned, operated, or leased by the program);
  - Safe homes; and Hotel or motel vouchers.
- Provision of prevention services, including outreach to underserved populations to increase access to domestic violence services and reduce the exposure to and risk of COVID-19; and
- Strengthening of partnerships with local and state public health authorities, local and state human services agencies, emergency services managers, health care providers, housing and homelessness services, culturally specific community-based organizations, tribes, and domestic violence programs to improve emergency operations and related outcomes for victims and their dependents.

**Prepare** – Activities that include assessing the needs of survivors during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Activities that provide training, information, and assistance necessary to ensure the continuity of domestic violence services. Assessing the capacity of local domestic violence programs and tribes’

emergency operation plans and plans to address the needs of survivors and reduce the exposure and risk of COVID-19. Please note that the provision of remote services continues to be an allowable activity.

- Assessment of the capacity of agencies, local domestic violence programs, and tribes to provide continuity of domestic violence services, including emergency operations plan and plans to address increasing service demands, remote services operational capacity, potential provider closures, and staff unavailability due to illness, caretaking, or other reasons related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Reviewing, updating, and/or implementing emergency operations plans and plans to address increasing and/or shifting service demands, remote services operational capacity, potential provider closures, and staff unavailability due to illness, caretaking, or other reasons related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Activities to build capacity to provide core shelter and supportive services through flexible and survivor-centered approaches that are adaptable to changing program, community, and survivor needs (e.g., mobile advocacy, flexible funding, non-congregate sheltering options).
- Development of safety plans, and supporting the efforts of victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to make decisions related to their ongoing safety and well-being during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Provision of individual and group counseling, peer support groups, and referral to community-based services to assist family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence victims and their dependents in recovering from the effects of violence during COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Provision of services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, including age-appropriate counseling, supportive services, and services for the non-abusing parent that support that parent's role as a caregiver, which may, as appropriate, include services that work with the non-abusing parent and child together during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Please note that the provision of remote services would be an allowable activity; and
- Enhancement of capacity to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services during COVID-19 public health emergency and address racial disparities exacerbated by the public health emergency.

**Respond** – Activities and technical assistance for ensuring the continuity of domestic violence services during the COVID-19 public health crisis which includes responding to issues including adapting to fluctuating needs and circumstances. Please note that the provision of remote services continues to be an allowable activity:

- Provision of services, training, technical assistance, and outreach to increase awareness of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and increase the accessibility of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence services.
- Provision of advocacy, case management services, and information and referral services concerning issues related to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence intervention and prevention, including:
  - Assistance in accessing related federal and state financial assistance programs;
  - Legal services and other advocacy to assist victims and their dependents in navigating court processes, including but not limited to restraining orders, child custody, eviction, and domestic violence-related firearm removal;
  - Medical advocacy and referrals for appropriate health care services (including mental health and substance use services), but which shall not include reimbursement for any health care services; (iv) Assistance locating and securing safe and affordable permanent housing and referrals to homelessness prevention services;

- Provision of transportation, childcare, respite care, job training and employment services, financial literacy services and education, financial planning, and related economic empowerment services;
- Parenting classes and other educational services for victims and their dependents; and
- Advocacy to assist victims in safely and effectively navigating human services systems and processes, including but not limited to child welfare and child support enforcement services; and
- Provision of direct crisis intervention services, including counseling, mobile advocacy, telehealth, peer support, and in-person assistance. Mobile advocacy allows for advocates to work in the community in order to support domestic violence survivors wherever it is safe and convenient for the survivor.

### **Prevention Services/Special Projects**

If your proposal is for prevention services, your narrative must include an explanation of the type of prevention:

**Primary Prevention** includes strategies, policies, and programs to stop both first-time perpetration and first-time victimization. Primary prevention is stopping domestic and dating violence before they occur. Primary prevention includes but is not limited to School-based violence prevention curricula, programs aimed at mitigating the effects on children of witnessing domestic or dating violence, community campaigns designed to alter norms and values conducive to domestic or dating violence, worksite prevention programs, and training and education in parenting skills and self-esteem enhancement.

**Secondary prevention** is identifying risk factors or problems that may lead to future family, domestic, or dating violence, and taking the necessary actions to eliminate the risk factors and the potential problems. It may include but is not limited to healing services for children and youth who have been exposed to domestic or dating violence, home visiting programs for high-risk families, and screening programs in health care settings

### **Match Requirements**

Congress appropriated ARP supplemental funds for FVPSA states, tribes, state domestic violence coalitions, and sub awardees without regard to the matching requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(4). **No match is required.**

### **Project Period**

The project period for this supplemental funding is **December 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023.** Retroactive pre-award costs that have been occurred from March 15, 2021, through December 1, 2021, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency are allowed.

### **Required Reporting**

A monthly expense report (FVPSA-ARP Act Supplemental Funds) will be required by the 10th of each month. You must submit an expense report even if you do not have expenses during a month. Supportive documentation must accompany each report that includes expenses and should reflect the amounts associated with the claim. A performance progress report must be submitted each year due by the following dates:

- September 30, 2022
- September 30, 2023

**For FVPSA Staff Use ONLY-Risk Assessment**

Company	1302	New RCC	27292721
New Revenue Account	43218600121	New Transfer Account	53888600121

Applicant's history of meeting all reporting requirements (monthly reports, performance reports, specific conditions reports if applicable, annual desk monitoring reviews, and any significant accountability reports).

- Meets expectations-Low to No Risk Factors**  
(no late reporting, 1-2 late reports w/notice to FVPSA staff)
- Does NOT meet expectations-Moderate to High Risk Factors**  
(3+ multiple late reports w/ notice, 1+ late reports w/o notice)

Applicant's funding history

- Meets expectations-Low to No Risk Factors**  
(no prior reversions greater than \$100.00, has a history of spending FVPSA funds, present balance status is 50% or less)
- Does NOT meet expectations-Moderate to High Risk Factors**  
(present balance is 60% or greater, history of reverting funds multiple times more than \$100.00)
- \*\*\*Prevention-Specialized Service Providers will be assessed on a different scale due to the nature of service delivery and approaches
- In compliance with CFW&YI state grants (DV, SA MLF, DFF)

Questions/comments

Enter approved Amount

## Supplemental Funds Application

<b>Program's Name as it will appear on the contract</b>	
<b>County(ies) served</b>	
<b>Previous FVPSA APR Grant Award Amount on contract (leave blank if this is the first request for supplemental funding)</b>	
<b>DV Shelter Provider?</b>	<b>Prevention-Specialized Provider?</b>
<b>Project Contact:</b>	
<b>Title, First Name, Last Name</b>	
<b>Phone number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Project Request</b>	
<b>Scope of Work</b>	
Please use the outline below to provide a project narrative. Your proposal should address at least one or more of the categories and include activities aligned for each area selected. Refer to ARP Allowable Use of Funds Guidance on Page one and Submission Request on page 3 for guidance. Remember ARP supplemental funding prioritizes projects that “Prevent, Prepare and Respond” to COVID-19 and the intersection with domestic violence.	
<b>Goals and Objectives</b>	
Describe what you will accomplish with the project. What will change because of the project? Give the steps you will take and the strategies you will use in trying to accomplish your goals.	
<b>500 characters or less</b>	

**Evaluation process**

Tell how you will measure what you have accomplished. Your evaluation should include what will be achieved (outcomes) and how it will be achieved (process).

**(respond below) 500 characters or less**

**BUDGET DETAILS**

Please provide a general budget below. You can add and delete categories as needed. Once approved an annual budget will be created related to this award. This budget will remain separate from any existing FVPSA award amounts, and they will be reported on separately. **(NO MATCH IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT)** The following are ineligible costs:

- Direct payment to survivors; Construction costs; and Renovation costs.

**Sample Budget**

<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
Employee Expenses (e.g., program-related staffing):*Please list position titles in your grant narrative*	
Hazard/pandemic Pay	
Equipment/supplies	
Services/Contract Expenses (e.g., utilities, telephone, lease-related expenses):	
Client Services (e.g., gas cards, housing needs, basic needs, legal services)	
Vehicle Purchase *will require advance approval*	
Total Award Requested	\$