



FY 2022-23 Coordinated Community Violence Intervention (CCVI) Strategies Pilot Grants

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About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the VIP [funding announcement](#) and application process, which opened on September 6, 2022. Responses will be provided as staff is able to process questions through October 27, 2022.

Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at RA-PCCD_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov with 'CCVI Strategies Pilot Grants' in the subject line.

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1. Match Requirement

- a) *Can other federal dollars (non-PCCD) be used towards the 25% match?*

Answer: Yes. Federal government grants or appropriations may be used as a cash match source for this grant. As noted, PCCD funds cannot be used as a match for another PCCD grant, including CCVI Strategies Pilot Grants. Additional information regarding the funding match requirements, including examples of potential match sources, is available on pages 8-9 of the [funding announcement](#).

2. Eligible Applicants

- a) *What is your definition of a community-based organization for this grant opportunity? We are a registered 501(c)(3) school network, so our grant-funded initiatives are in direct service to students in our schools. Does this “count” as a community-based organization or must it be a standalone, more traditional nonprofit org that applies?*

Answer: School entities (as defined in the PA Public School Code), including charter schools, are not considered to be eligible to make direct application for VIP funds. However, nothing precludes a school entity, including a charter school, from receiving services from an eligible applicant or being included as a recipient agency within the funding request of an eligible applicant to provide specific goods, activities, and/or services related to implementation of the proposed project.

- b) *Are fiscally sponsored organizations eligible to apply?*

Answer: Applicants requesting funding under the 2022 Coordinated CVI Strategies Pilot Grant Program must meet eligibility criteria outlined in the funding announcement. Under this solicitation, community-based organizations/nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status, institutions of higher education, counties, municipalities, and district attorney’s offices are eligible to make direct application.

3. Eligible Activities & Expenses

- a) *Given the collaborative nature of these pilots, is PCCD seeking programs that serve a large group of people broadly? Or more targeted programs serving a smaller group of people deeply?*

Answer: The CCVI Strategies Pilot Grants Program funding announcement does not provide any parameters or restrictions regarding the number of individuals who must be reached/served as part of pilot programs. Additional information regarding eligible activities, approaches, and expenses is available on pages 10-11 of the [funding announcement](#).

- b) *We are a 7-year multidisciplinary safety collaborative who is wrapping up a 9-month community-based planning process resulting in a multi-year action plan. Implementation is anticipated to align with PCCD's timelines. Currently we have [X] funds that are insufficient for a comprehensive response to gun violence. PCCD CCVI would close existing funding gaps for implementation. Are we eligible?*

Answer: Given the competitive nature of this solicitation, PCCD cannot advise prospective applicants on specific models, programs, activities, or approaches. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to carefully review [funding announcement](#) criteria to determine whether your organization meets required criteria necessary to apply for and receive grant funding from PCCD. (You can also utilize the [“PCCD Grant Applicants Readiness Checklist” tool](#) as an additional resource.)

In addition to applicant eligibility criteria, a number of eligible activities and approaches are described on pages 10-11 of the [funding announcement](#). Eligible applicants should describe their proposed project activities and explain how this approach aligns with the goals of the 2022 Coordinated CVI Strategies Pilot Grants Program within their application.

- c) *If we are a newly formed non-profit, are we disadvantaged? Or is this grant program not meant for us?*

Answer: Interested applicants are encouraged to carefully review [funding announcement](#) criteria, as well as utilize the [“PCCD Grant Applicants Readiness Checklist” tool](#) to determine whether your organization meets required criteria necessary to apply for and receive grant funding from PCCD.

4. Application Process

- a) *The VIP application has an initial request component through SurveyMonkey. Is there a similar first step for the CCVI application as well?*

Answer: No. The entire application process for CCVI Strategies Pilot Grants utilizes PCCD's [Egrants System](#). Additional information and instructions related to the application process is available in the written [funding announcement](#). You can also access information and resources related to Egrants [here](#).

- b) *Can you apply to this AND to VIP?*

Answer: Yes. Eligible applicants are allowed to submit funding requests under both the 2022 VIP Competitive Grants Program and Coordinated Community Violence Intervention (CCVI) Strategies Pilot Grants Program solicitations. Please note: If applicants are applying under multiple funding announcements (or if they are included as a proposed subrecipient in an application), the applicant must disclose that within each of their applications submitted to PCCD. In any case, the proposals should not be duplicative and must fund separate and unique activities.

b) Do institutions of higher education need to submit evidence of 501(c)(3) status?

Answer: No.

5. Funding Priorities

a) Are areas of the state with the highest crime rates being prioritized?

Answer: Yes. Priority consideration will be given to proposed collaborative initiatives that would take place in ZIP code(s)/municipalities in the Commonwealth with the highest rates of gun violence, other violent crime, and other needs-based factors.