



# **2022 Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Competitive Grants**

Information for Prospective Applicants

*October 4, 2022*

# Today's Agenda

- Welcome!
- Housekeeping rules
- FY 2022-23 VIP Competitive Grants
  - *Funding announcement overview*
  - *Frequently asked questions (FAQs)*
- Questions
- Resources + additional information



# VIP Competitive Grants Funding Announcement Overview

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Community-based organizations and nonprofits
- Institutions of higher education
- Municipalities
- Counties
- District attorney's offices

## PROJECT PERIOD

- Up to 29 months
- Project Start/End Dates: Feb. 1, 2023 – Jun. 30, 2025

## BUDGET

- Between \$25K-\$2.5M total (tiered eligibility)
- Maximum award amounts tiered toward eligible applicant's size and service area; cannot exceed 50% of current operating budget.
- Indirect/administrative costs kept to a minimum (federally allowable indirect rate or *de minimis* 10% rate).
- No match requirement
- Final budgets to be determined by PCCD.



**REMINDER:** Interested applicants must submit an initial funding request online via SurveyMonkey by October 12, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. (ET) to be considered for funding.



# Multi-phased Process

## Phase 1:

Online Initial Request Form (SurveyMonkey)

## Phase 2:

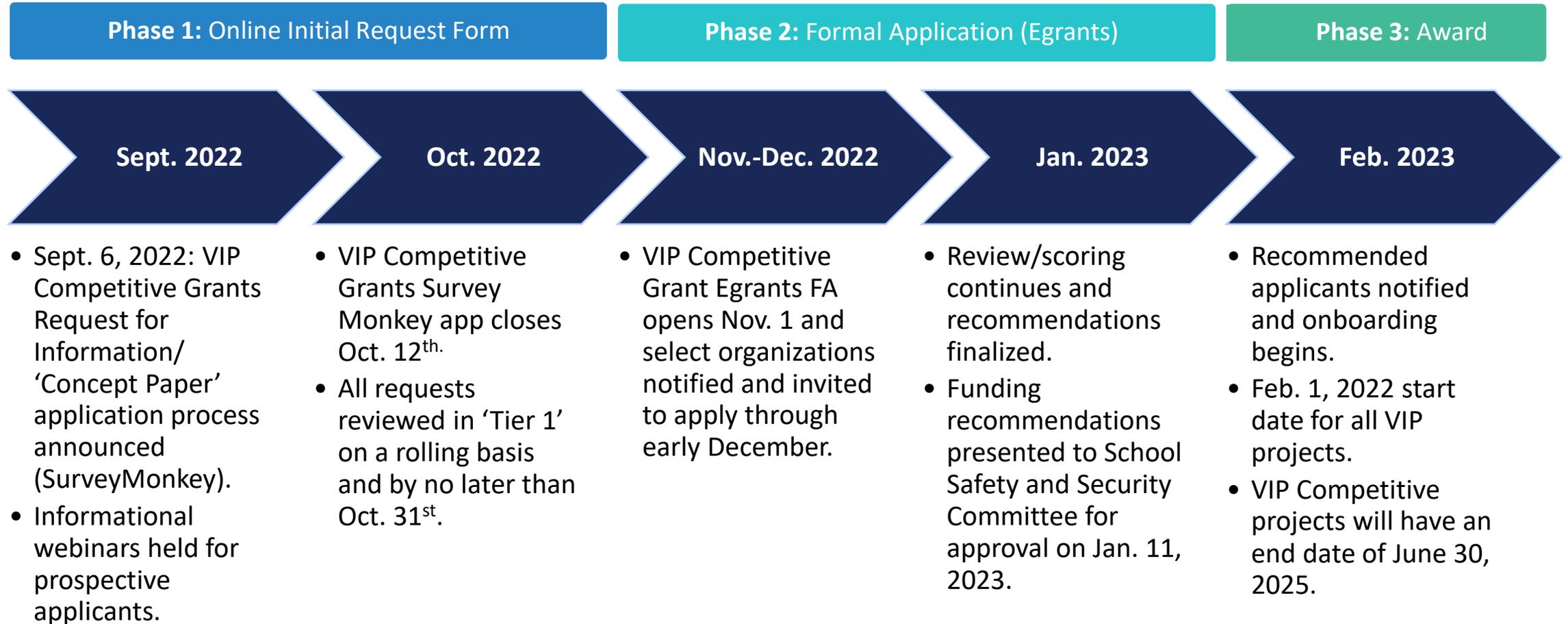
Formal Application (Egrants System)

## Phase 3:

Award



# Anticipated VIP Funding Timeline



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Application Process
- Eligible Applicants
- Eligible Activities & Expenses
- Project Period & Budget
- Grant Process
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[Coordinated CVI Strategies Pilot \(PDF\)](#) (Updated 9.19.2022)

[Gun Violence Investigation and Prosecution \(PDF\)](#)(Updated 9.28.2022)

[Local Law Enforcement Grant Program \(PDF\)](#)(Updated 9.29.2022)

[Medical Marijuana Enforcement Act \(2023-24 - PDF\)](#)\_(Updated 7.18.2022) (PDF)

[PACTT Competitive Grant \(PDF\)](#)(Updated 6.24.2022)

[School Mental Health and Safety and Security \(PDF\)](#) (Updated 8.25.2022)

[Violence Intervention & Prevention \(VIP\) Competitive Grants](#)(PDF) (Updated 9.29.2022)

[Women's Reentry Services Initiative \(PDF\)](#) (Updated 9.30.2022)



*Check out the VIP Funding Announcement Q&A Tracker document for a more detailed list of questions and responses.*

# FAQs: Application Process

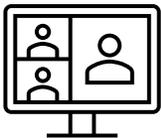


- **Initial funding requests are due Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> in SurveyMonkey.**

- More information about the application process can be found in the written funding announcement and reference guides on PCCD's [website](#).

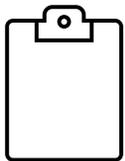


- Use the Word or PDF template to build and finalize your application content before you start working online!



- You can also listen to a [webinar recording](#) for a walkthrough of the initial request form and application process.

- Other helpful application tips are covered in a [recent webinar](#) hosted by VIP Technical Assistance partners at WestEd and LISC.

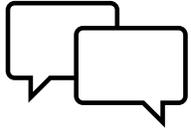


- If you're a nonprofit organization who's new to the grants process, consider reviewing/completing the [PCCD Grants Readiness Self-Assessment Checklist](#).



# FAQs: Application Process (cont.)

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***“Can my organization apply directly for VIP funding if we are included in someone else’s VIP application as a proposed subrecipient?”*** Yes. If you are applying for funding directly and are also included as a proposed subrecipient in another application(s), you must disclose that within each of the applications submitted. Make sure the funding requests aren’t duplicative!

***“What do I do if my organization is brand new?”*** If your organization does not have a year of expenditures to calculate your maximum budget request, you would qualify as a micro-organization and the maximum request would be \$25k (assuming all other eligibility criteria is met).

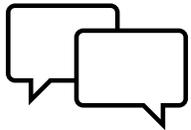
***“Will I get an email confirming my submission?”*** No, SurveyMonkey does not automatically generate an email/notification confirming your form was submitted. If you followed the instructions, please rest assured your form was received. If you’re worried, reach out to us!



# FAQs: Eligible Applicants



**Eligible Applicants** are identified in statute and include community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, municipalities, counties, and district attorney's offices.



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***“What’s a ‘community-based organization’?”*** Must be a 501(c)(3) organization.

***“Can schools apply?”*** No, schools are not eligible to make direct application, but schools can receive services/be a proposed subrecipient.

***“Can I apply if I’ve already received a VIP or other PCCD grant?”*** Yes, entities that have previously received funding from PCCD can apply for funding. Just be sure to note that funding in your initial funding request and respond with other requested information.

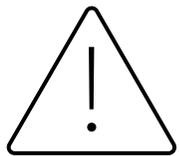
***“Can more than one group/program from a large institution apply?”*** Yes, PCCD will consider apps submitted by different departments within a large institution.



# FAQs: Eligible Activities & Programs



- **Eligible Activities & Programs** are identified in statute and are listed on pages 5-6 of the VIP funding announcement.
  - Applicants can request VIP funding to support a wide range of programs, activities, and approaches.
  - ‘Other’ category can be used for anything that isn’t listed in a category/model.



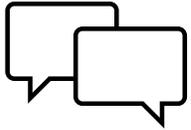
- Be mindful of ineligible activities/expenses, which are listed on pages 6-7 of the funding announcement.



**NOTE:** You can learn more about projects that were funded under prior VIP funding cycles using the interactive [‘Gun Violence & VIP Grantees Data Dashboard’](#) on PCCD’s website.



# FAQs: Eligible Activities & Programs (*cont.*)



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***“Would XYZ program/activity be eligible for funding?”*** PCCD can’t advise applicants on specific models, programs, activities, or approaches. Read the funding announcement carefully and if you think your program/project is aligned with the goals/objectives of the funding announcement, make your case!

***“Are there any restrictions on the age group(s) projects can serve?”*** There are no age-related restrictions associated with VIP funding in terms of individuals to be served, reached, or engaged by grant-funded projects.

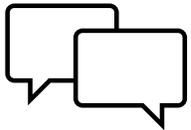
***“What if the program/activity I want to implement isn’t listed?”*** There is an ‘Other’ category where you can describe the type(s) of project activities you would like grant funding to support and why you think it will help prevent/reduce community violence. Double check that you aren’t proposing anything that’s ineligible/unallowable (pages 6-7 of the funding announcement).



# FAQs: Project Period & Budget



- **Eligible applicants can request up to 50% of their current annual operating expenditures OR \$2.5 million – whichever is less.** These tiered award maximums apply to any organization/agency making direct application for VIP funds.



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***“Is this a one-time grant or recurring annually over the 2023-2025 period?”*** One-time awards that can support project periods over an up-to-29-month period.

***“Does my program need to be operational for the full 29 months?”*** No, you can request funding to support project activities for a shorter time period.

***“Can we use projected expenditures instead of 2021-2022 expenditures?”*** No, applicants must use expenditures incurred between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 for purposes of determining their organization’s total annual operating expenditures.



# FAQs: Grant Process

- **PCCD's grants are made on a reimbursement basis.** PCCD recognizes the challenge that reimbursement can place on smaller organizations and is committed to ensuring financial reports are reviewed in a timely fashion.
- There are several steps involved in the reimbursement process.

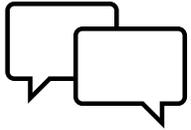


**NOTE:** The grantee is responsible for documenting all costs incurred over the lifetime of the grant.



# FAQs: Grant Process(cont.)

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***“How long does reimbursement typically take?”*** It typically takes about 30 days from the time a grantee submits a financial report in the Egrants System for reports to be reviewed, approved, and payments processed.

***“Are there any possibilities for delays in reimbursement?”*** Actual processing and reimbursement time may vary depending on a number of factors.

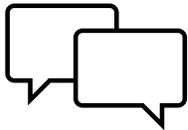
***“Are there any alternatives to the reimbursement process?”*** Grantees are encouraged to work closely with their assigned fiscal and program staff to ensure project expenditures align with approved budgets and to utilize processes that can increase the frequency/timeliness of reimbursement for approved expenditures.



# FAQs: Other Areas



- **The Funding Announcement Q&A tracker addresses a wide range of questions posed by applicants.** Organizations should carefully read that document, and if you can't find what you're looking for, ask!



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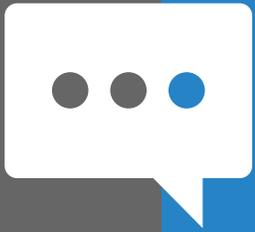
***“Are administrative costs limited to just the applicant org?”*** Applicants and recipients may apply their federally approved indirect cost rate or may use the *de minimis* 10% rate, in accordance with PCCD and federal guidelines.

***“When will we learn of funding decisions?”*** Applicants who submit an initial funding request will be notified by Oct. 31, 2022 if they have been invited to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the application process. Final recommendations for funding will be presented to the School Safety and Security Committee at their Jan. 11, 2023 meeting. Approved projects will have a Feb. 1, 2023 start date.



**Questions?**





## Questions?

Please use the “Q&A” feature to submit your question(s), if you haven’t already done so.

PCCD staff are reviewing and will answer as many questions/topics as we can over the next few minutes.

As a reminder, to the extent possible, any questions that we are not able to address in today’s webinar will be answered on the Q&A section of PCCD’s website.

Questions can also be submitted to [RA-PCCD\\_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PCCD_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov).

Live event Q&A ?

Featured My questions

Ask a moderator

Questions won't be visible to everyone until a moderator approves them

Your name (optional)

Ask a question

Post as anonymous

# Additional Information & Resources

- **PCCD's [Gun Violence webpage / "Grants & Funding" tab](#)**
  - [Initial Funding Request Online Survey Form \(Survey Monkey\)](#)
  - [FY 2022-23 VIP Grants Funding Announcement](#)
  - [VIP Initial Funding Request Online Survey Application Questions Summary/Template](#)
    - Word version and PDF version available to download and reference [HERE](#).
- **[PCCD "Applicant Resources" page](#)** – *Includes link to PCCD's [Grant Applicant Readiness Checklist](#), information on registering for PCCD's Egrants System, an overview of the competitive grant process, FAQs, grants financial management resources, and grants training.*
- **[PCCD Funding Announcement Q&A Webpage](#)**



## Questions about the FY 2022 Violence Intervention & Prevention Grants Program?

Questions regarding this funding opportunity can be directed to PCCD staff at [RA-PCCD\\_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PCCD_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov) with "2022 VIP Competitive Grants" in the subject line. PCCD staff will review inquiries and post answers to questions regarding this grant program in the "Violence Intervention and Reduction" section of its Funding Q&A webpage through October 11, 2022.

