VAWA GRANT PROGRAM EXTENSION

Eligibility

All subrecipients that were awarded a 2022 VAWA grant are eligible to receive a six-month grant extension as long as they meet all requirements and deadlines outlined in this instructional packet.

Revisions Packet Deadline

Revisions are due by 4:00 p.m. MST on December 1, 2022.

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Award Information:

Funding Type: Estimated Total Funding: Expected Number of Awards: Grant Extension Due: Anticipated Start Date: Length of Extension Period: Grant Program Extension \$839,000.00 25 December 1, 2022, 4:00 PM January 1, 2023 6 months

INFORMATION SECTION

Extension Justification

Upon careful consideration, UOVC has decided to shift the VAWA Program Year from a calendar year cycle to the state fiscal year which begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. By doing so UOVC can better align funding priorities among all grant programs. In order to move VAWA to the state fiscal year cycle, current VAWA subgrantees will receive a six-month extension to their 2022 awards in order to be funded through June 30, 2023. This is calculated by taking the current award for each program and dividing it in half.

Term of the Award

The term of the contract is January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023.

Appropriation and Availability of Funds

Subgrantees will be awarded one-half of their 2022 VAWA grant award amount. For example, if a subgrantee was awarded \$100,000.00 in the 2022 Program Year, the amount of the six-month extension would be \$50,000.00.

| | Action | Responsibility | Date |
|----|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Release Instructions Packet | UOVC | 10/3/2022 |
| 2. | Training Webinar | UOVC | 10/18/2022 |
| 3. | Questions/Technical Support | Applicants | Ends 11/25/2022 |
| 4. | Submission of Extension | Applicant | 12/1/2022, 4:00 pm |

Sequence of Events – Timeline

| | Review and Approval of Revisions | UOVC & Applicants | 12/1/2022 - 12/30/2022 |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 6. | Grant Extension Period Begins | UOVC | 1/1/2023 |
| 7. | 2022 Close-out Process | UOVC & Applicants | 1/1/2023 - 1/31/2023 |
| 8. | Initiate Extension in GMS | UOVC | 1/1/2023 - 1/31/2023 |
| 9. | Final Executed Extension Contract | UOVC | 1/31/2023 |

Training Online Webinar

UOVC will hold one training session that will be available to attend via Zoom, on **Tuesday**, **October 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM –3:00 PM**, (Mountain Standard Time). The training will present information, provide tips, clarify issues and answer questions. Please register at the following link: <u>VAWA and SASP Grant Extension Training Webinar</u>. The recorded training will be available on the UOVC website, no later than Friday, October 21, 2022.

Submission of Extension Documents

Submissions of extension documents must be received no later than **4:00 PM (Mountain Standard Time) on Thursday, December 1, 2022**. Proposals received after that time will be rejected as not meeting the mandatory requirements of the extension.

Questions Regarding Extension

In an effort to be transparent and equal to all subgrantees, please submit all questions regarding this extension on this <u>Q & A Submission</u> form. Questions submitted on the Q/A form will be answered, publicly, until Friday, November 25, 2022 at 4:00 PM MST. You may view all of the questions and answers here: <u>Public Q & A Form</u>.

Match Requirements

The grant award may not be more than 75% of the total costs of the project. Therefore, a 25%, non-Federal cash or in-kind match is required. Tribal and non-profit, non-governmental victim services organizations that are providing direct services to victims are exempt from the match requirement. All other organizations must provide a match.

Amendments During the Extension Period

Amendment requests will be more restrictive during the Extension Period. Generally, UOVC will not approve any amendment requests that move funds between categories, however, we may consider amendment requests that move funds between personnel and fringe or adjustments between travel and training. UOVC would rather our subgrantees deobligate/revert funding as opposed to amending awards to spend unused funding on non-essential items. Any deviations or exceptions to these practices will be at the sole discretion of UOVC staff.

2022 VAWA Grant Program Closeout

| Action | Deadline |
|--|------------------|
| Submit the final financial status report | January 15, 2023 |
| Ensure paybacks are settled prior to submitting the last billing | 2023, January 15 |
| Ensure all matches have been met, if applicable | 2023, January 15 |
| Submit a deobligation letter for any unused funds | January 30, 2023 |
| Submit the final quarterly progress report | January 30, 2023 |
| Ensure the two (2) Governing Board reports have been submitted | January 30, 2023 |
| Complete the annual Muskie Report | January 30, 2023 |

PROGRAM EXTENSION SUBMISSION

Extension Application Outline

This grant extension application packet contains the necessary forms and detailed information required to make an application for VAWA funding.

The grant extension submission packet must include the following:

- 1) Budget & Budget Justification Form
- 2) Program Plan and Evaluation/Collaboration
- 3) UOVC Referrals Form
- 4) Award Letter, Certified Assurances & Grant Conditions

Budget and Budget Justification Instructions

The revisions submission process will be completed via an amendment request. UOVC has created an amendment ledger on Excel that should be much more user friendly than the previously used word document. The VAWA Program Manager will upload this amendment ledger to the "files" section of your grant by <u>October 21, 2022</u>.

UOVC will be shifting every personnel line item to a "Total Grant Position Fund." This is similar to the way an agency would bill salary employees. Each position is awarded a total amount of funding for the Revision Period, based off of your current pay rate and hours. Once that dollar amount is expended for the period, your agency will have to pick up any additional costs. You will still be required to track your hours and provide timesheets in a desk review. The benefit of this change is not needing to add additional lines for new employees, changing hours or rates. In your budget and on your ledger, you will not enter the amount of hours or pay rates. More information will be provided during the training webinar.

UOVC will not allow any excess funding to rollover from Year 2 to the Extension Period.

Please remember to upload copies of resumes for new staff, training information (agenda or proposed training), and <u>a written justification of every alteration of your grant.</u>

Subgrantees that were required to provide a 25% match during the 2022 program year will still need to provide their 25% match requirements during the Extension Period.

Program Plan and Collaborative Project

During the Revisions Period, subgrantees will be expected to adhere to their current 2022 Program Plan as it is currently approved, except for the number served. Subgrantees should adjust their total number served for each objective to 1.5 times the number currently listed, in response to the extension period. See a simplified example below:

| | Objective | Number Served |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Current 2022 Award | Training | 100 |
| Adjusted to include extension period | Training | 150 |

Subgrantees will continue to complete quarterly progress reports in the GMS for Q1 (Jan-Mar 2023) and Q2 (Apr-Jun 2023).

Due to the limitations of the online GMS, and to help reduce administrative burden for subgrantees, UOVC has provided a <u>Sample: Program Plan Letter</u> for subgrantees to complete

and return as part of the revisions application packet. This letter gives UOVC permission to adjust the number served for each objective, on your behalf.

UOVC will generally not allow subgrantees to make changes to their program plan or collaborative project. However, if a subgrantee believes there are extenuating circumstances requiring a change to their goals and objectives, please reach out to the VAWA Program Manager regarding options for that process.

UOVC Referrals Form

Subgrantees will be expected to continue to refer victims to UOVC during the Extension Period. In an effort to simplify reporting, an objective will be added to each Program Plan. Subgrantees will report their anticipated number served on the <u>Sample: Program Plan Letter</u> referenced in the Program Plan section of this packet.

Award Letter & Certified Assurances and Grant Conditions

Subgrantees will need to review the previously signed certified assurances and grant conditions from the 2021-2022 VAWA Grant Program and certify they understand that these regulations remain in effect during the six-month extension period, ending June 30, 2023. UOVC has provided a <u>Sample: Certified Assurances & Grant Conditions Letter</u> for subgrantees to complete and return as part of the revisions application packet.

Additionally, UOVC will issue award letters for the extension period and therefore will need to be signed and returned prior to activating the six-month extension in the online GMS. The award letter will be made available after the completion of the revisions process (between Jan 1 - Jan 30, 2023).

| Action | Deadline |
|--|---------------|
| Financial status report #1 (Jan-Mar) | Apr 21, 2023 |
| Financial status report #2 (Apr-Jun) | July 21, 2023 |
| Ensure paybacks are settled prior to submitting the last billing | July 21, 2023 |
| Ensure all matches have been met, if applicable | July 21, 2023 |

Extension Period Reporting and Closeout

| Submit a deobligation letter for any unused funds | July 21, 2023 |
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| Quarterly progress report #1 (Jan-Mar) | Apr 30, 2023 |
| Quarterly progress report #2 (Apr-Jun) | July 30, 2023 |
| Governing Board Report | July 30, 2023 |
| Complete the Muskie Report for period (Jan-June 2023) | July 30, 2023 |