



Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Risk Reduction Civil Legal Assistance (RRCLA) Program 2017

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Questions and Answers

Can you please clarify the number of grants that will be awarded, and the amount of each?

OPDV will award one grant of up to \$50,000, for one year.

Please provide clarification of a “civil legal assistance provider”. For example, would a private attorney with expertise in providing services under this grant qualify as such?

A civil legal assistance provider must be an entity or individual with 1) an understanding of the dynamics of intimate partner violence and how to use that knowledge to provide excellent legal assistance to victims; 2) experience providing holistic civil legal services for survivors of intimate partner violence and/or sexual assault; and 3) an established infrastructure for providing such services, including, but not limited to, malpractice insurance, back-up for situations in which the primary attorney may be unavailable, and a supervision structure to assist the attorney in handling the range of cases presented. A civil legal assistance provider may not be an employee of the domestic violence organization seeking the funding.

Is this RFP looking for a staff attorney/supervisor model for the proposal? Or can multiple experienced attorneys be used just at part time [*sic*] as opposed to one full time funded attorney & supervisor?

A civil legal assistance provider could be an organization that provides services using multiple experienced attorneys, so long as there is an established protocol for prioritizing clients referred by the high risk team, and there is a supervision structure within the organization for the attorneys providing the legal services.

If the grant is not covering 100% of the cost of the program, should any leveraged funding be included?

Leveraged funding may be included in the budget, but is not required. If the available grant will not be covering 100% of the cost of the program, it is essential that the following is included in the Budget section: cost above and beyond the grant for the eligible costs, details of how the

additional cost would be covered, and a commitment statement from the program that the costs would be covered.