



Frequently Asked Questions

The following Frequently Asked Questions may be of assistance to potential applicants when responding to funding opportunities issued by OPDV:

Question: Where are OPDV funding opportunities located on the OPDV website?

Answer: <https://opdv.ny.gov/aboutopdv/funding.html>

Question: What is a Statewide Financial System (SFS) number and where is it obtained?

Answer: An SFS number is also referred to as a NYS vendor identification number. Before doing business with NYS, your business/organization must have a ten digit vendor identification/SFS number from the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). Generally, unless it is a State entity, OPDV requests the new SFS number on behalf of an organization.

Question: What is a Charities Registration number and where is it obtained?

Answer: Most organizations that hold property of any kind for charitable purposes or engage in charitable activities in New York State and/or solicit charitable contributions (including grants from foundations and government grants) in New York are required to register with the Attorney General's Charities Bureau and will be assigned a Charities Registration Number. Please contact the Attorney General's Charities Bureau at <https://www.charitiesnys.com/>.

Question: Where does an organization register for the NYS Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) online VendRep System?

Answer: Not-for-profit organizations must register with the NYS Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) online VendRep System at http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/info_vrsystem.htm

Question: Where does a Not-for-Profit obtain pre-qualification for the Grants Gateway?

Answer: Not-for-profit applicants must be pre-qualified through the New York State Grants Gateway prior to the application submission deadline to be eligible for Awards. Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin this process as soon as possible. Information can be found on the Grants Management Website at <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov>.

Specific questions about the prequalification process should be referred to your agency representative or to the Grants Reform Team at grantsreform@budget.ny.gov.

Question: How do the Minority and Women Owned Business (MWBE) and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) requirements impact funding opportunities?

Answer:

OPDV is required to implement New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. To comply, contracts must include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women (EEO) and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs). To find out more about the MWBE Initiative visit <https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe>

In addition, in recognition of the service and sacrifices made by service-disabled veterans and in recognition of their economic activity in doing business in New York State, applicants are expected to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the Contract. To find out more about the SDVOB initiative visit <https://ogs.ny.gov/Veterans>

Briefly, with regard to budget, applicants/contractors are required to spend 30% of their discretionary budget purchases with an approved/certified MWBE vendor and 6% of their discretionary budget purchases with and approved/certified SDVOB vendor.