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Pennsylvania  
**Commission on Crime  
and Delinquency**

OCTOBER 9, 2024

# **Webinar for Interested Applicants: Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Grants**

# What we'll cover today:

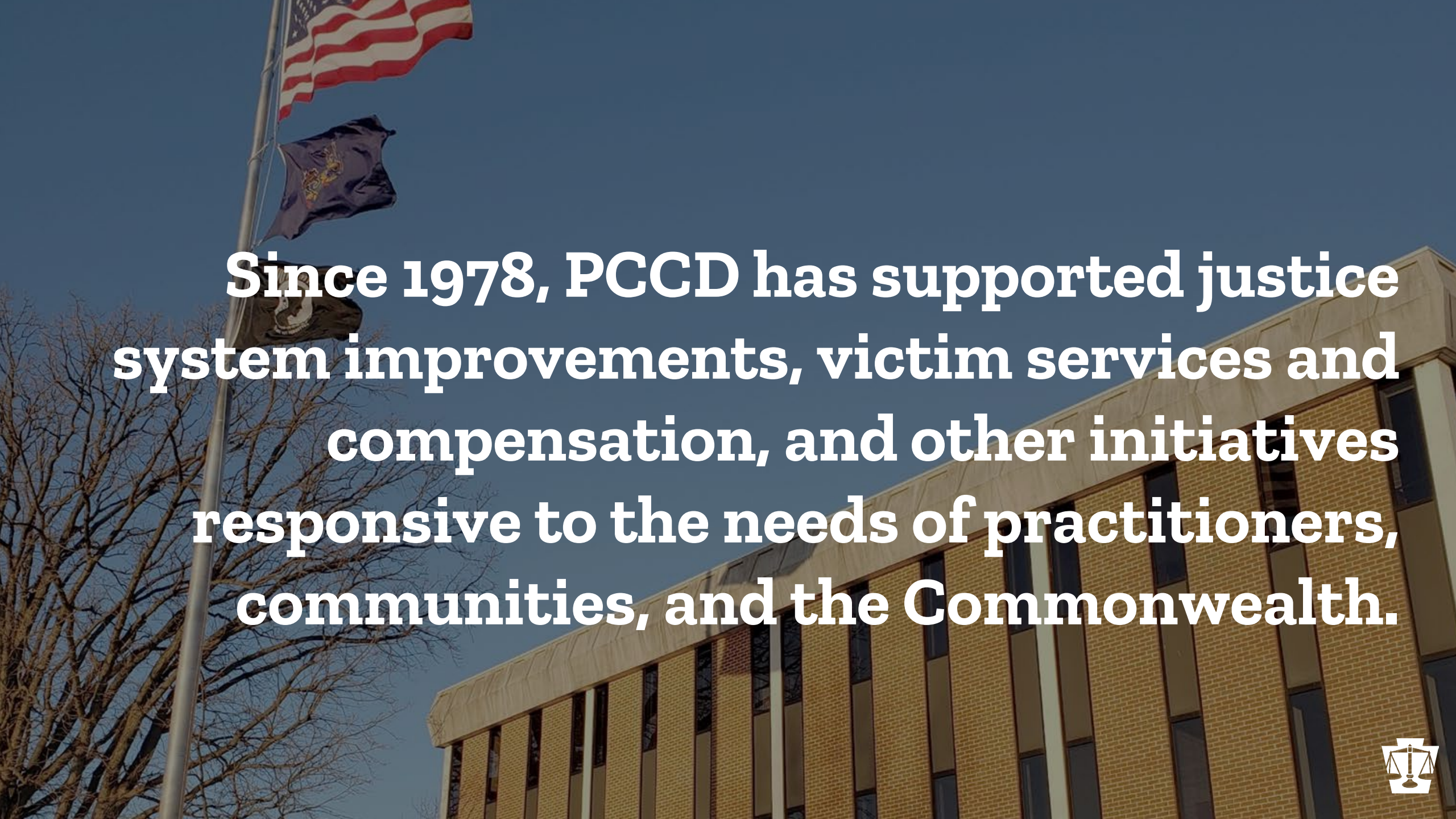
1. PCCD Overview
2. About the Grant Program
3. Review of Funding Announcement
4. Navigating the Application Process
5. Questions & Answers





*PCCD Overview*

**A brief introduction to our agency's  
mission, history, and work.**

The background of the image shows a clear blue sky. On the left, a flagpole holds three flags: the United States flag at the top, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag in the middle, and a dark flag with a white emblem at the bottom. To the right, a multi-story brick building with many windows is visible. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Since 1978, PCCD has supported justice system improvements, victim services and compensation, and other initiatives responsive to the needs of practitioners, communities, and the Commonwealth.**



# PCCD invests in a wide range of programs aligned with our mission and strategic priorities.

*In recent years, the agency has provided funding to support initiatives designed to address emerging and longstanding public safety challenges, including:*



Preventing & Reducing Gun Violence



Victim Services & Compensation



School Safety & Mental Health



Criminal Justice System Improvements



Youth-focused Prevention



Data & Research



Behavioral/Mental Health Initiatives



Children's Advocacy Centers



Juvenile Justice System Improvements



Law Enforcement Technology & Training





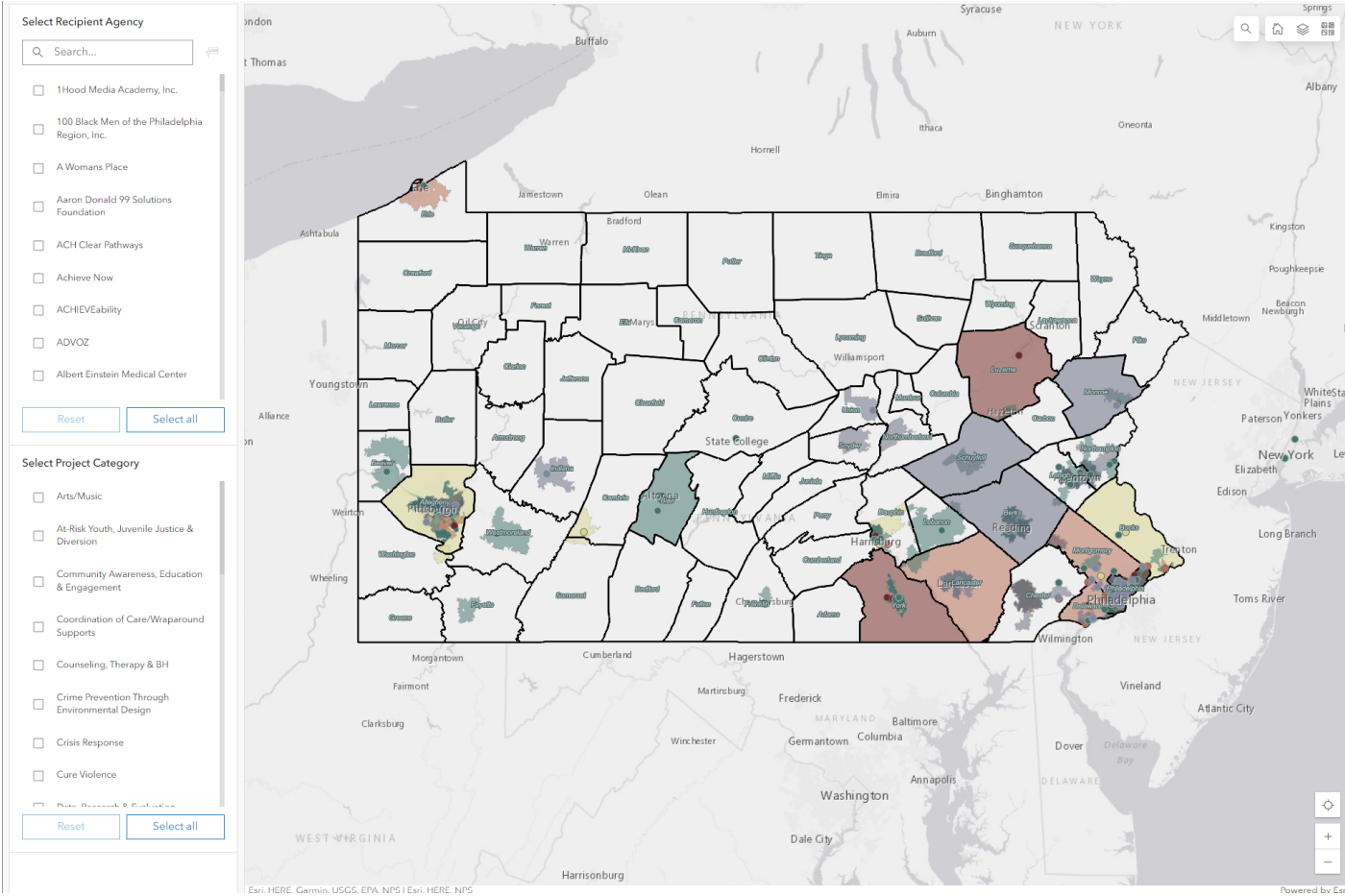
*About the grant program*

**Violence Intervention & Prevention  
(VIP) Grant Funding**

# Historical look at VIP Funding

Since 2021, PCCD has supported more than 240 local projects & initiatives, ranging from smaller grassroots programs to large-scale, community-wide and regional partnerships.

\$190M in VIP Grant funding awarded to date





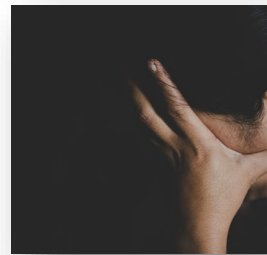
# *VIP Grants have supported a wide range of programs designed to address root causes + impacts of community violence.*



Arts, music + recreation



Counseling, therapy + behavioral health



Victim services



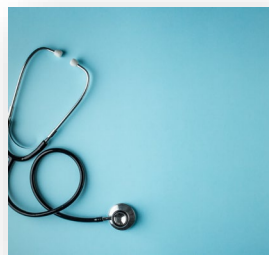
Pre-release + reentry programs



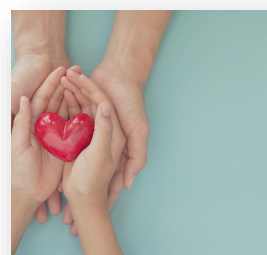
Safe Passages + Safe Corridors programs



Street outreach + violence interruption



Hospital-based violence intervention programs



Trauma-informed approaches + care



Crisis response



Wraparound supports + services



**“ My Administration will continue to deliver for our communities so that every Pennsylvanian can be safe and feel safe – and have the real freedom that comes when you can walk down the street in your community without worrying about gun violence.**

**- Governor Josh Shapiro**

# Comparing Open VIP Funding Announcements

## VIP Grants

- Intervention and Response Focused (addresses violence that is already happening in communities)
- Suitable for standalone programs run by an organization and/or its partners
- Supports both new and existing programs + orgs
- Wide variety of eligible models + strategies
- Targets “elevated risk” places + populations

## BOOST Grants

- Prevention Focused (Youth)
- Supports wide range of out-of-school time programming + models that go beyond traditional anti-violence strategies
- Includes youth-focused activities like mentoring and career readiness
- Targets “at-risk” school-age populations, especially in un- and underserved communities

## Collaborative CVI Strategies

- Comprehensive, Systems-Focused Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Strategies
- Enhance local coordination to address gun and group violence across an entire community.
- Best suited for projects involving multiple system partners + orgs working together in the same area.
- Aids in local planning and execution of targeted violence prevention strategies.
- Targets “elevated risk” places + populations

# FY 2024-25 VIP Grant Solicitation

**\$45 million in state funding** for VIP has been directed to PCCD for providing grants and technical assistance to address community violence throughout Pennsylvania through two solicitations.

Solicitation 1

VIP Grant Funding

Solicitation 2

Collaborative Community  
Violence Intervention (CCV)  
Grant Funding





*Review of Funding Announcement*

**2024-25 Violence Intervention &  
Prevention (VIP) Grant Funding**

# In Focus: Solicitation 1, VIP Grants

*Under this VIP grants solicitation, applicants may seek funding through one of two tracks.*

1

VIP Track 1: Expansion/Enhancement Grants for Established\* Programs  
Goal: Support the continuation, expansion, and enhancement of effective, community led strategies to intervene and respond to community violence.  
*\*“Established programs” = 2 years or longer*

2

VIP Track 2: Start-Up Grants  
Goal: Provide financial, technical assistance, training, coaching, and other supports to grassroots community organizations to support new\* programming as well as strengthen their infrastructure, enhance sustainability, and meet essential capacity needs.  
*\*“New programming” = less than 2 years*



Applicants may only submit one application under this funding announcement.



# Important Dates

- October 30, 2024 – Final date to submit questions regarding this announcement.
- October 31, 2024 – Deadline to submit Initial Funding Request in SurveyMonkey.
- Jan. 2025 – Applications presented to the School Safety and Security Committee for approval.
- January/Feb. 2025 – Applicants recommended for an award will work with PCCD staff to finalize their award.
- March 1, 2025 – Project start date.



# Funding Availability

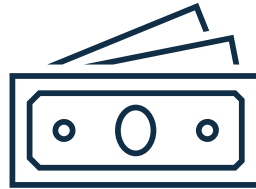
Expected  
# of  
awards



Track 1:  
25-30 awards

Track 2:  
15-20 awards

Dollar  
amount



Track 1:  
Up to \$950,000

Track 2:  
Up to \$100,000

Project  
Duration



Track 1:  
36 months

Track 2:  
18 months





# Eligible Applicants

- Community-based nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status
- Institutions of higher education
- Municipalities
- Counties
- \*District attorney's offices



*If a DA's Office is successful in its initial funding request, the county must apply in Egrants on their behalf to finalize an award.*



# Priority Considerations

## VIP Track 1: Expansion/Enhancement Grants for Established Programs

- Serve individuals with highest risk for gun violence involvement through evidence-based CVI strategies.
- Support projects co-implemented with multiple partners.
- Support continuation of successful projects whose current VIP Grant awards have ended, or are ending, as of June 30, 2025.

## VIP Track 2: Start-Up Grants

- Grassroots, community-based organizations that have not previously received a state grant (including from PCCD).



Under both VIP Tracks, priority consideration will be given to initiatives that would take place in ZIP code(s) with the highest levels of firearm-related injury and/or counties that experienced an increase in homicides between 2022 and 2023.



# How Much Money Can We Apply For?

- Under this funding solicitation, maximum award amounts will be based on an applicant's current annual actual operating expenditures (not actual or budgeted revenue or budgeted expenditures).
- Applicants may not request more than 50% of their total actual operating expenditures for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, or the maximum allowable amount for each VIP Track, whichever is less.



Examples of documentation that would be sufficient to verify the grant amount requested include:

- Statement of Activity, Profit/Loss Statement, or similar report from the applicant's accounting system
- Form 990
- Audited Financial Statement



# Eligible Activities and Expenses

1. Increasing access to quality trauma-informed support services and behavioral health care.
2. Providing health services and intervention strategies by coordinating the services provided by eligible applicants and coordinated care organizations.
3. Providing mentoring and other intervention models to children and their families who have experienced trauma or are at risk of experiencing trauma.
4. Fostering and promoting communication between the school entity, community, and law enforcement.
5. Any other program or model designed to reduce community violence and approved by the committee.



Applicants will be asked to identify the category that is most applicable to the project they are proposing.



# Examples of Eligible VIP Program Approaches

Street outreach and violence interruption programs using credible messengers

Group-related violence interventions (e.g., GVI)

Tailored case management for people at high risk of violence (e.g., education, employment, housing, health)

Hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs)

Safe routes and transportation initiatives in gun violence-affected neighborhoods

Strengthening pre-release and reentry programs for those involved in firearm-related offenses

Trauma-informed support for victims/survivors of gun violence

**\*\*Programs preventing domestic violence and firearm-related injuries**

**\*\*Establishing or enhancing Violence Reduction Councils (VRCs) to focus on gun violence prevention strategies**

# Track-Specific Eligible Grant Activities

## Track (Expansion/Enhancement)

- Continued service (serving additional participants) for established programs that have been in place for at least 2 years
- Additional services, resources, and supports
- Project-specific TA for program or model implementation
- Costs associated with grants management

## Track 2 (Start-up)

- Activities designed to increase the organization's capacity to employ CVI strategies
- Implementation costs to begin new violence intervention/response strategy or support costs associated with a < 2 year program
- Professional development and training for staff and volunteers
- Other eligible expenses to support grant-related activities



Technical assistance will be available for all VIP grantees. Track 2 applicants will be required to participate in technical assistance and coaching supports provided by VIP Technical Assistance providers.



# Eligible & Ineligible Activities and Expenses

## Eligible:

- Salaries and benefits for personnel (full- or part-time), including overtime
- Contractors/consultants
- Supplies and equipment
- Training and technical assistance
- Travel/transportation expenses
- Other activities and expenses necessary to meet the needs of programs and participants

## Ineligible:

- Construction
- Land acquisition
- Lobbying and political contributions
- Honoraria or bonuses
- Vehicle purchases
- Any expenses that fall significantly outside of the scope of the funding announcement



# Indirect Cost Limit

Indirect costs are limited to 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC). *It will be reduced if this is exceeded.*

## What direct costs are included under this calculation?



- Salaries & wages
- Fringe benefits
- Materials & supplies
- Services
- Travel
- Up to the first \$25,000 of each subaward



- Equipment
- Capital expenditures
- Charges for rent
- Tuition remission
- Portion of each subaward in excess of \$25,000

Administrative costs that are not clearly justified to be direct project costs within the applicant's proposed budget detail will be considered indirect and will be counted toward the 10% maximum indirect rate.







*Where do I start?*

# **Navigating the Application Process**



# Multi-Phased Process

Phase 1: Initial Survey (SurveyMonkey)

Phase 2: Application Review and Scoring

Phase 3: School Safety and Security Committee Approval

Phase 4: Application & Award (Egrants)

Phase 5: Project Implementation



# PCCD Grant Applicant 'Readiness' Checklist

- Interested applicants who are community-based organizations are *strongly encouraged* to review PCCD's Grant Applicant Readiness Checklist.
- Available on PCCD's "Applicant Resources" webpage under the "Funding" section.

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND, GOVERNANCE & STRUCTURE

1. Organization Name:

2. Contact Information

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Organization Governance & Structure			
DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION HAVE...			
REQUIRED	Yes	No	Unsure
*A <a href="#">Tax ID/Employer Identification Number (EIN)</a> ? <i>*Note: You can look this information up on the <a href="#">IRS' Tax Exempt Organization Search</a> or <a href="#">GuideStar</a>.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*A <a href="#">Federal Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)</a> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*A <a href="#">UEI registration expiration date</a> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*IRS determination of the <a href="#">tax-exempt status of the organization</a> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* <a href="#">Articles of Incorporation</a> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* <a href="#">By-laws</a> that clearly define the line of authority and responsibility moving between the Board and staff, outlining the hiring practices of the organization, and demonstrating the management and controls maintained by the Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*A list of active Board Members, stating each member's board position, profession or employment and community activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Copies of minutes of three Board meetings immediately preceding the date of the submission of the application for PCCD funding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Written policies and procedures in compliance with the <a href="#">Equal Employment Opportunity Plan and civil rights requirements</a> as outlined in <a href="#">PCCD's Applicant's Manual</a> ? <i>Note: this is required for federal grants</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

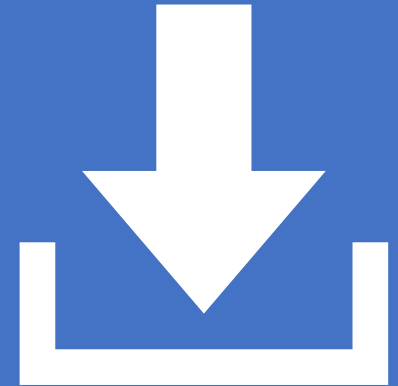


# Important Documents

- ✓ [VIP Funding Announcement](#)
- ✓ [VIP Track 1 Expansion Grants: Proposal Narrative + Budget Template](#)
- ✓ [VIP Track 2 Start-Up Grants: Proposal Narrative + Budget Template](#)
- ✓ [Electronic Submittal Form](#)
- ✓ [SurveyMonkey Questions](#)



All documents can be found on the [Gun Violence Grants and Funding](#) webpage.



# Application Steps & Timeline

STEP 1: Review questions and prepare responses within the Proposal Narrative Template, including the relevant budget information.

STEP 2: Compile letters of support or other mechanisms demonstrating commitment of named partners to the proposed project.

STEP 3: Complete Survey Monkey Initial Request Form; when prompted upload proposal narrative, Letters of Support, etc.

STEP 4: Subject to availability and authorization of funds, organizations/entities recommended and approved for FY 2024-25 VIP Grants funding will be notified in January 2025.

STEP 5: Approved grantees will be asked to complete an application in Egrants to continue the process toward receiving funding.



The online SurveyMonkey initial request form and required attachments must be submitted to PCCD no later than Thursday, October 31, 2024.



# Narrative and Budget Templates

## BUDGET TABLE – [Organization Name]

**Project Dates:** Click or tap to enter a date. **to** Click or tap to enter a date.

By Category	Year 1	Year 2	Total
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel (Including Training)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies & Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b><u>Grant Total</u></b> <b>\$0*</b>

**Proposed Budget Descriptions:** Applicants should provide detailed descriptions of the activities, personnel, or expenses that make up the estimated costs included in the Budget Table above.

- Personnel: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Employee Benefits: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Travel (Including Training): Click or tap here to enter text.
- Equipment: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Supplies & Operating Expenses: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Consultants: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

[VIP – Track 1  
Proposal  
Narrative  
Template](#)

[VIP – Track 2  
Proposal  
Narrative  
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# Help During the Application Process

[www.papeacealliance.org](http://www.papeacealliance.org)

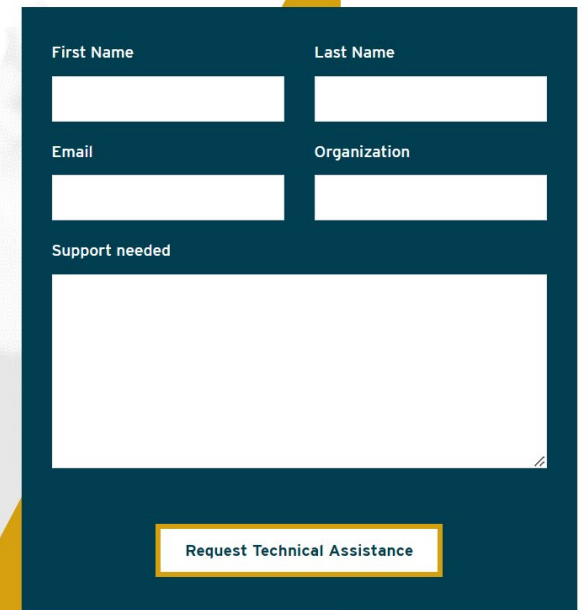
The PA Peace Alliance is a one-stop-shop for free technical assistance, training, and other resources.

The initiative was launched in March 2023 in partnership with *WestEd's Justice & Prevention Research Center* and *Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)* and designed with and for VIP grantees.

*Note: All VIP grant-funded projects will receive technical assistance at no cost to grantees over the course of the project period.*

## Request Technical Assistance

Members have access to on-demand technical assistance (TA) from the TTA team and a network of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) on various topics. TA requests can be for a specific, pre-identified challenge or can simply be an explanation of a challenge for which we help to find a solution.



The form is a dark teal rectangle with white text and input fields. It contains the following elements:

- Two input fields for "First Name" and "Last Name" side-by-side.
- Two input fields for "Email" and "Organization" side-by-side.
- A large text area labeled "Support needed" with a small cursor icon in the bottom right corner.
- A yellow button with the text "Request Technical Assistance" at the bottom right.



SAVE THE DATE! WestEd will host virtual 'office hours' for VIP and CCVI applicants on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 2-4pm (ET).





# How to Ask Questions and Seek Support





# How to Ask Questions



Today's webinar!



E-mail PCCCD at [ra-cd-vipgrants@pa.gov](mailto:ra-cd-vipgrants@pa.gov) with "VIP FA" in the subject line.



Answers will be posted on PCCCD's Funding Announcement Q&A webpage.



Check the online Q&A document before asking a question. We might have already answered your question.





# Frequently-Asked Questions



# Frequently-Asked Questions

- Can we apply for VIP, CCVI and BOOST?
- I am a school; can I apply for VIP funding?
- We have had a VIP grant in the past. Are we eligible to apply to this round of funding?
- If I currently have an active VIP grant, does that impact my ability to be awarded again?
- Can we get feedback on previous applications?
- Is this funding focused solely on gun violence?

# Frequently-Asked Questions (continued)

- Can a nonprofit complete an application while their 501(c)(3) is pending approval?
- What types of training and supports are provided to applicants and grantees?
- If a project proposal is for less than the 3-year period, does that impact the maximum amount I can request?



**Thanks for joining us!**