

Flexible Assistance For Survivors (FA) Pilot Grant Program Competitive Funding Opportunity (CFO) Webinar

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

1. What fiscal year should an organization utilize to document the number of victims/survivors the applicant and partner organization(s) served to determine which tier to apply for?

Use fiscal year 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

2. Is it ok to use a P.O. Box for the primary location of services an organization provides?

Yes, due to the nature of this work, it is ok to use a P.O. box address.

3. Do partner organization(s) have access to the application?

No, only the Applicant Organization has access to the GCS Application.

4. Where can I find the CFO?

You can access the Flexible Assistance for Survivors (FA) Pilot Grant Program Supplemental - Competitive Funding Opportunity (CFO) in the Grants Central System (GCS).

This [link](#) will guide you to the GCS Opportunity Portal where you may search under Opportunity Name, Flexible Assistance for Survivors there you will find information on the FA CFO.

5. Where can I view the program application and attachments?

You will need to register in the GCS. Once your profile is created and accepted, you will be able to search and view the Program Supplemental, Program Narrative Questions and Required Documents.

6. How can I receive technical assistance?

If you are experiencing technical difficulties with Grants Central System (GCS) please refer to the FA CFO, page 1, Section A which indicates:

For technical assistance with navigation in Grants Central System (GCS), please email GrantsCentralInfo@caloes.ca.gov.

7. Is my organization eligible?

Eligibility information can be found in the FA CFO, starting page 1, Section B.

8. What is the definition of victim/survivor?

The definition of Victim/Survivor can be found FA CFO, page 4, Section D.

9. Does this program allow for an advance?

In the FA CFO, page 3, section C, it indicates: *Subrecipients may request a one-time advance up to 25% of the Total Project Cost.*

10. Do I need to have a partner agency in order to apply?

No, you do not need to have a partner agency in order to apply.

11. Do partner agencies need to be registered with the California Department of Justice's Registry of Charitable Trusts to receive funding?

No, per the FA CFO page 3, section B, the Applicant is required to be registered with the California Department of Justice's Registry of Charitable Trusts for submission of the proposal. Partner Organizations are considered Second-Tier Subawards. Please see the 2025 Subrecipient Handbook section 7.010 [2025 Subrecipient Handbook](#).

12. Would this assistance be treated in the same manner as federal income?

Per the FA CFO, page 7, section D.2.c, it states that *AB 200 indicates cash/financial assistance to a victim/survivor shall be treated in the same manner as the federal earned income refund for the purpose of determining eligibility to receive funds benefits under Division 9 (Commencing with Section 10000) of the Welfare and Institutions Code or amounts of those benefits.*

13. Can funds be paid directly to a landlord/service provider or does it need to be paid directly to the victim?

Per the FA CFO, page 4, section D, it states that the *Assembly Bill 179, Chaptered on September 30, 2024, amended the program to allow organizations to distribute flexible cash assistance funds to a victim/survivor directly, to the parent or guardian of a survivor, or to a vendor, business, or another third party to pay for an expense or to purchase a product on a survivor's behalf, as specified.*

14. What percentage of funds can be used for administrative costs and can we include a 15% de minimis?

Per the FA CFO page 4, section C, bullet two indicates: No more than 10% of funds for expenses can be used to administer the Grant Subaward. A 15% de minimis can be included as a part of the 10% administrative costs amount.