



REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Victim Services (VS) Branch, is soliciting applications for the following program:

VICTIM INFORMATION & NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY (VN) PROGRAM

Release Date: March 22, 2023

This Request for Application (RFA) provides detailed information and forms necessary to prepare a proposal for Cal OES grant funds. The terms and conditions of this RFA supersede previous RFAs and conflicting provisions stated in the [Subrecipient Handbook \(SRH\)](#).

PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

Description:

The purpose of the Program is to track the location of inmates while incarcerated and inform victims of changes to incarceration location and/or release.

Eligibility:

The only eligible Applicant is the California State Sheriff's Association.

Grant Subaward Performance Period:

October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024

Available Funding:

Individual Applicants may request up to \$\$1,897,235.

Submission Deadline:

June 23, 2023



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A. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT NOTICE

Proposals are subject to the California Public Records Act, Government Code Section 6250, *et seq.* Do not put any personally identifiable information or private information on this proposal. If you believe that any of the information you are putting on this proposal is exempt from the Public Records Act, please indicate what portions of the proposal and the basis for the exemption. Your statement that the information is not subject to the Public Records Act will not guarantee that the information will not be disclosed.

B. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions concerning this RFA, the application process, or programmatic issues must be submitted in writing by email to:

Juliya Star, Program Specialist
Juliya.Star@caloes.ca.gov

C. SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS

Applications must be emailed to VSapplications@caloes.ca.gov by **11:59 pm on Friday, June 23, 2023.**

D. ELIGIBILITY

The only eligible Applicant is the California State Sheriff's Association.

Before the Grant Subaward performance period begins, Applicants:

- Must have a Unique Entity Identifier (Unique Entity ID) registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM). Applicants who do not currently have a Unique Entity ID will need to register at SAM.gov to obtain one.

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- Must **not** have an exclusion record in SAM. An exclusion record in the SAM indicates that a contractor (agency) is listed in the (federal) government-wide system for debarment and suspension. An agency that is debarred or suspended is excluded from activities involving federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits. [Check SAM status](#).
- Must be registered with the California Department of Justice's Registry of Charitable Trusts with a "current," "exempt," or "pending" status (applies to non-governmental organizations only). [Check nonprofit status](#).

E. GRANT SUBAWARD PERFORMANCE PERIOD

The Grant Subaward performance period is October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

F. FUNDING INFORMATION

There is \$1,897,235 available for the Program for the Grant Subaward performance period. Funding is contingent upon availability of funds and passage of the 2023-24 State Budget Act.

1. Funding Amount

Applicants may apply for up to \$1,897,235, for the 12-month Grant Subaward performance period.

Please see the chart for the breakdown of the fund sources (by four-character code) and match.

2021 VOCA	MATCH	2022 VOCA	MATCH	2021 VCGF	2023 VWA0	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$579,117	\$144,779	\$331,188	\$82,797	\$247,930	\$739,000	\$2,124,811

2. Funding Source(s)

Detailed information on all VS Branch federal fund sources can be found in the [VS Branch Federal Fund Information Guide](#). Applicants are **strongly encouraged** to review this document to familiarize themselves with the requirements for all fund sources that support this Program.

The Program is supported through the following funds:

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a. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program (Formula Grant Program)

- Supports eligible crime victim assistance programs.
- Requires the use of volunteers unless there is a compelling reason to waive this requirement.

To request a volunteer waiver, Applicants must submit the Volunteer Waiver Request Form (Cal OES Form 2-155) with their application.

- Requires a cash and/or in-kind match equal to 20 percent of the total project cost. Applicants may request a partial or full match waiver (match waiver requests are not considered during the Proposal Rating process).

To request a match waiver, Applicants must submit the VOCA Match Waiver Request Form (Cal OES Form 2-159) with their application. Up to two VOCA fund sources can be entered on one form. An additional VOCA Match Waiver Request Form may be necessary when there are more than two VOCA fund sources. All sections of the form must be completed and answers to questions 6 and 7 must be specific and unique to the Applicant and Program.

- Cal OES's four-character code for this federal fund is VOCA. This code will be in the drop-down on the Grant Subaward Face Sheet (Cal OES Form 2-101).
- The federal award number for 2021 VOCA is 15POVC-21-GG-00613-ASSI and, the federal award number for 2022 VOCA is 15POVC-22-GG-00708-ASSI.

b. State Penalty Fund

- These funds are provided through the 2023-24 State Budget Act.
- The State Penalty Fund was created as a depository for assessments on specified fines, penalties, and forfeitures imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses and used to support victim service programs, amongst others. These State funds can be used for match requirements following the provisions of the [SRH](#) Section 9.060.

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- Cal OES's four-character code for this federal fund is VWA0. This code will be in the drop-down on the Grant Subaward Face Sheet (Cal OES Form 2-101).

c. State General Funds

- There is no match requirement.
- Cal OES's four-character code for this state fund is VCGF. This code will be in the drop-down on the Grant Subaward Face Sheet (Cal OES Form 2-101).

G. PROGRAMMATIC INFORMATION

1. Background Information/Program Description

Crime victims have a constitutional right to be informed of their offender's status and court events related to their case. Often, victims must contact multiple agencies, through phone calls, letters, or emails, in search of the information. In 2005, Congress established the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification Grant Program within the US Bureau of Justice Assistance and each state was awarded grant funds to create a program.

2. Programmatic Components

The Subrecipient must track the location of inmates while incarcerated and inform victims of changes to incarceration location and/or release. This must include:

- a. Continuing to administer the existing Victim Information and Notification Everyday tracking service access for victims of crime.
- b. Provide free notification to victims regardless of immigration status.

3. Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports serve as a record for the implementation of the Grant Subaward. Statistics for Progress Reports must be collected on a quarterly basis, even when reporting occurs less frequently. The following reports are required:

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a. Cal OES Progress Reports

There are two Progress Reports required for the Program. See the chart below for report periods and due dates.

Report	Report Period	Due Date
1 st Report	October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024	April 30, 2024
Final Report	April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024	October 31, 2024

b. Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Reports

There are two, on-line OVC reports Subrecipients will also need to complete:

1) Subgrant Award Report (SAR)

This on-line report must be completed by both the Subrecipient and Cal OES within 90 days of the beginning of the Grant Subaward performance period. Cal OES will initiate access and the Subrecipient will have **60 days to complete** the remainder of the report in the OVC Performance Measurement Tool. Then, Cal OES will have 30 days to either approve the SAR, or work with the Subrecipient on corrections, and then approve the SAR.

2) Subgrantee Report

Subrecipients receiving Victims of Crime Act funds must complete this report no later than two weeks following the end of each federal fiscal year quarter. Subrecipients will report data directly into the OVC PMT database no later than the due dates listed, unless otherwise instructed by your Program Specialist.

Report Period	Due Date (on or about)
October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	January 14, 2024
January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024	April 14, 2024
April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024	July 14, 2024
July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024	October 14, 2024

*Exact dates will be provided by your Program Specialist at the end of each quarter.

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For technical assistance, issues, or questions regarding the OVC PMT database, please contact the OVC PMT Help Desk at ovcpmt@csrincorporated.com or call toll-free (844) 884-2503.

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A. SUBRECIPIENT HANDBOOK

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the [SRH](#). The SRH outlines the terms and conditions that apply to Cal OES VS Branch Grant Subawards and provides helpful information for developing a proposal, including a Glossary of Terms.

B. APPLICATION FORMS

Applicants must use the forms provided on our website. The forms must be printed on plain white 8½" x 11" paper and single sided. **Applicants may not alter the formatting of any forms, including the Grant Subaward Programmatic Narrative ([Cal OES Form 2-108](#)) – with a revision date of 4/2021 or later – and the Grant Subaward Budget Narrative ([Cal OES Form 2-107](#)) – with a revision date of 4/2021 or later.**

Applicants must complete and submit all required forms. **Required forms for this Program are identified on the Checklist in Part III.** All forms have written instructions. If a form requires a Grant Subaward number, leave this information blank. General information regarding each form is below.

1. Grant Subaward Face Sheet (Cal OES Form 2-101)

This form is the title page of the Grant Subaward that is signed by the Official Designee (*SRH* Section 3.030) and the Cal OES Director (or designee). **This form is always required.**

2. Grant Subaward Contact Information (Cal OES Form 2-102)

This form provides Cal OES with contact information for all relevant Subrecipient personnel. Information for each individual should be direct contact information. **This form is always required.**

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3. Grant Subaward Signature Authorization (Cal OES Form 2-103)

This form provides Cal OES with signatures of authorized signers and who they authorize to sign on their behalf for all Grant Subaward-related matters. **This form is always required.**

4. Grant Subaward Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Cal OES Form 2-104)

This form is a binding affirmation that the Subrecipient will comply with the following regulations and restrictions:

- State and federal civil rights laws
- Drug Free Workplace
- California Environmental Quality Act
- Federal grant fund requirements
- Lobbying restrictions
- Debarment and Suspension requirements
- Proof of Authority documentation from the city council/governing board

This form is always required.

5. Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a-b)

These forms demonstrate how the Applicant will implement the proposed plan with the funds available through this Program. This is the basis for management, fiscal review, and audit. **Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a-b) are subject to Cal OES modifications and approval.** Failure of the Applicant to include required items does not eliminate responsibility to comply with those requirements during the implementation of the Grant Subaward. **One of these forms is always required.**

The Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a-b) automatically calculate the subtotal at the end of each budget category and provide the total of the three spreadsheets at the bottom of the Equipment Costs page. Applicants may add additional columns to the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a-b) when necessary.

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Cal OES requires the Applicant to develop a line-item budget that includes a **calculation and justification in the left column for all costs**.

The Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a-b) must:

- Cover the entire Grant Subaward performance period.
- Include costs related to the objectives and activities of the Grant Subaward.
- Strict adherence to required and prohibited expenses.
- Include costs in the correct category (i.e., Personnel Costs, Operating Costs, and Equipment Costs – see below).

Include **only** those items covered by Grant Subaward funds, including match funds, when applicable. Applicants may supplement Grant Subaward funds with funds from other sources. However, since approved line items are subject to audit, Applicants should not include matching funds (if applicable) in excess of the required match on the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a-b).

a. Personnel Costs – Salaries/Employee Benefits

1) Salaries

Personnel includes Grant Subaward services performed by Grant Subaward staff **directly employed by the Applicant** (not a contract or Participating Agency) and must be identified by position, cost and time spent on allowable activities for the Grant Subaward (e.g., Clerical Staff @ \$20/hour x 980 hours; or Victim Advocate @ \$1,500/month x 12 months x .50 FTE). Personnel may be salaried or hourly, full-time or part-time positions. Sick leave, vacation, holidays, overtime, and shift differentials must also be allocated as a part of salaries. If the Applicant's personnel have accrued sick leave or vacation time prior to the approval of the Grant Subaward, they may not take time off using Grant Subaward funds.

2) Benefits

Employee benefits must be identified by type and include a calculation. The Applicant may use fixed percentages of salaries to calculate benefits. Allocated benefits cannot exceed those already established by the Applicant.

Employer contributions or expenses for social security, employee life and health insurance plans, unemployment insurance, and/or pension plans are allowable. Benefits, such as uniforms or California Bar Association dues, are allowable if negotiated as a part of an employee benefit package.

A line item is required for each different position/classification, but not for each individual employee. If several people will be employed full-time or part-time in the same position/classification, provide the number of full-time equivalents (e.g., three half-time clerical personnel should be itemized as 1.5 FTE clerical positions).

Additional information on Personnel Expenses can be found in *SRH Part 3*.

b. Operating Costs

Operating costs are defined as necessary expenditures other than personnel salaries, benefits, and equipment. The costs must be Grant Subaward-related (i.e., to further the Program objectives as defined in the Grant Subaward) and be encumbered during the Grant Subaward performance period.

Examples of common operating costs include, but are not limited to:

- Audit costs (SRH Section 14.035)
- Computers with an acquisition cost of \$4,999 or less
- Computer equipment rentals
- Consultant services (SRH Section 6.050)
- Equipment service and maintenance agreements
- Financial Assistance for clients (SRH Section 4.040)
- Furniture and office equipment (\$4,999 or less)
- Indirect costs (SRH Section 4.045)

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- Insurance (e.g., vehicle, fire, bonding, theft, and liability)
- Internet access
- Office supplies
- Office rental space (SRH Section 4.055)
- Postage
- Printing
- Second-Tier Subawards (SRH Section 7.010)
- Software
- Training materials
- Travel and per diem (SRH Section 4.065)
- Utilities
- Vehicle maintenance

Additional information on Operating Expenses can be found in *SRH Part 4*.

c. Equipment Costs

Equipment is defined as nonexpendable tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a cost of \$5,000 or more per unit (excluding tax).

A line item is required for different types of equipment, but not for each specific piece of equipment (e.g., three copy machines must be one line item, not three).

Additional information on Equipment Costs can be found in *SRH Part 5*.

6. Grant Subaward Budget Narrative (Cal OES Form 2-107)

This form should describe the following:

- How the line items on the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a-b) support the objectives and activities.
- How funds are allocated to minimize administrative costs and support direct services.
- How shared costs are allocated.
- How Grant Subaward-funded staff duties and time commitments support the proposed objectives and activities.

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- The necessity for subcontracts and unusual costs.
Need for mid-year salary range adjustments.

This form may be required.

7. Grant Subaward Programmatic Narrative (Cal OES Form 2-108)

This form is the main body of information describing the problem to be addressed, the plan to address the identified problem through appropriate and achievable objectives and activities, and the ability of the Applicant to implement the proposed plan. **This form is always required, however a Problem Statement may not.**

a. Problem Statement

No Problem Statement is required.

b. Plan

In narrative form, address the following:

The proposed activities for the Grant Subaward performance period.

8. Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances (Cal OES Forms 2-109a-g)

These forms list all the assurances and are a binding affirmation that Subrecipients will comply with the assurances to receive a federal fund source. Subrecipients may be asked to sign and submit one or more Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances (Cal OES Form 2-109a-g).

Every year, Cal OES updates the Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances (Cal OES Form 2-104a-g) to ensure that any new assurances placed upon the federal award are passed down to Subrecipients. Subrecipients will be notified if this change is needed.

This form is required for the applicable federal fund source(s) included in the Grant Subaward.

9. Petty Cash Victim Fund Certification (Cal OES Form 2-153)

A Petty Cash Victim Fund is a small amount of discretionary funds, in the form of cash, used for disbursements for unforeseen financial

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intervention paid directly to the victim. Subrecipients providing direct victim services may budget up to two percent of the total Grant Subaward cost for petty cash.

This form identifies the procedures to maintain safeguards and accountability of these funds. **This form is required only if the Applicant proposes to have a line item on their Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a-b) that meets the definition of Petty Cash in SRH Section 4.040.**

10. Grant Subaward Service Area Information (Cal OES Form 2-154)

This form identifies the counties, cities, and congressional districts served by the Grant Subaward. **This form is always required.**

11. Volunteer Waiver Request (Cal OES Form 2-155)

This form provides information to support a request to waive a volunteer requirement per Part I of this RFA. **This form is only required if the Program requires volunteers, and the Applicant wants to request a waiver.**

12. Non-Competitive Procurement Request (Cal OES Form 2-156)

A Non-competitive procurement transaction is a purchase of property/goods or services, where only a single source that can provide the services or goods is afforded the opportunity to offer a price for the specified services or goods. See *SRH Section 6.045* for additional information.

This form provides information to support a request for approval of a non-competitive procurement. **This form is only required if the Applicant proposes to have a line item on their Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a or b) that meets the definition of a non-competitive procurement in SRH Section 6.045.**

13. Out-of-State Travel Request (Cal OES Form 2-158)

This form provides information to support a request for out-of-state travel. **This form is only required if the Applicant proposes to have a line item on their Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a or b) for out-of-state travel.**

14. Match Waiver Request (Cal OES 2-159)

This form is required to waive a portion, or all, of the required match. See Part I, F., 1 for additional information. Match waiver requests are not considered during the Proposal Rating process. **This form is only required if the Program is supported with VOCA funds AND the Applicant wants to request to waive match.**

15. Operational Agreement Summary Form (Cal OES Form 2-160)

This form lists the OAs a Subrecipient has with participating agencies/organizations. **This form is only required when the Program requires OAs, outlined in Part I, Subpart G.**

16. Independent Contractor/Consultant Rate Exemption Request (Cal OES Form 2-164)

The maximum rate for an independent contractor/consultant is \$650 per eight-hour day or \$81.25 per hour per *SRH Section 6.050*.

This form provides information to support a request for approval of an exemption to the maximum rate. **This form is only required if the Applicant proposes to have a line item on their Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a or b) for an independent contractor above the maximum rate.**

17. Lodging Rate Exemption Request (Cal OES Form 2-165)

This form provides information to support a request for approval of an exemption to the maximum lodging rate per *SRH Section 4.070*. **This form is only required if the Applicant proposes to have a line item on their Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a or b) with lodging above the maximum rate.**

18. Subrecipient Grants Management Assessment

Per title 2 CFR § 200.331, Cal OES is required to evaluate the risk of noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions posed by each Subrecipient of pass-through funding. The assessment is made in order to determine and provide an appropriate level of technical assistance, training, and oversight to Subrecipients. **This form is always required.**

C. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Applicants may be required to submit additional documents. **Required documents for this Program are identified on the Checklist in Part III.**

General information regarding each document is below:

1. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement

The Indirect Cost Rate Agreement documents the agreed upon indirect cost rate negotiated between the federal government and an organization. **This document is only required if an Applicant has a negotiated indirect cost rate and costs are included in the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES 2-106a or b).**

2. Organizational Chart

The Organizational Chart should clearly depict the structure of the Applicant's organization and the specific unit within the organization responsible for the implementation of the Grant Subaward. This chart should also depict supporting units within the organization (e.g., the Accounting Unit) and the lines of authority within the organization. Job titles on the Organizational Chart must match those on the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a or b) and Grant Subaward Budget Narrative (Cal OES 2-107). **This document may or may not be required. Please see the Checklist in Part III.**

D. BUDGET POLICIES

The following sections of the [SRH](#) may be helpful in developing the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES 2-106a) and Grant Subaward Budget Narrative (Cal OES 2-107):

- Additional Rental Space (*SRH Section 4.055*)
- Audit Costs (*SRH Section 14.055*)
- Automobiles (*SRH Section 5.020*)
- Contracting and Procurements Requirements (*SRH Part 6*)
- Equipment and Equipment Costs Requirements (*SRH Part 5*)
- Expert Witness Fees (*SRH Section 6.050*)
- Independent Contractor/Consultant (*SRH Section 6.050*)
- Indirect Cost or Facilities and Administration (*SRH Section 4.045*)
- Match Requirements (*SRH Section 9.060*)
- Facility Rental (*SRH Section 4.055*)

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- Prohibited Operating Costs (*SRH Section 4.070*)
- Grant Subaward and Other Income (*SRH Section 9.075*)
- Supplanting Prohibited (*SRH Section 1.065*)
- Travel (*SRH Section 4.065*)

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Subrecipients must administer their Grant Subawards in accordance with all [SRH](#) requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements can result in the withholding or termination of the Grant Subaward. The following section may be helpful for developing a proposal and for planning purposes:

- Audit Requirements (*SRH Part 14*)
- Communication and Internet Access (*SRH Section 1.070*)
- Intellectual Property, Copyright, and Patent Requirements (*SRH Part 8*)
- Fidelity Bond/Certificate of Insurance (*SRH Section 2.015*)
- Monitoring (*SRH Part 13*)
- Report of Expenditures and Request for Funds (*SRH Section 9.025*)
- Records Requirements (*SRH Part 12*)

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PART III – CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to ensure that a complete proposal is submitted to Cal OES. This also provides the order documents/forms should be organized.

The following forms/documents are required for all Subrecipients.

- ☐ GRANT SUBAWARD FACE SHEET ([Cal OES Form 2-101](#)) – Signed by the Official Designee authorized to enter into the Grant Subaward.
- ☐ GRANT SUBAWARD CONTACT INFORMATION ([Cal OES Form 2-102](#))
- ☐ GRANT SUBAWARD SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION ([Cal OES Form 2-103](#))
- ☐ GRANT SUBAWARD CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE ([Cal OES Form 2-104](#)) – Signed by the Official Designee who signed the Grant Subaward Face Sheet and by the official delegating that authority
- ☐ GRANT SUBAWARD BUDGET PAGES (EXCEL SPREADSHEET FORMAT) ([Cal OES Form 2-106a](#)) Pages Multiple Fund Source
- ☐ GRANT SUBAWARD BUDGET NARRATIVE ([Cal OES Form 2-107](#))
- ☐ GRANT SUBAWARD PROGRAMMATIC NARRATIVE ([Cal OES Form 2-108](#))
 - PLAN
- ☐ VOCA FEDERAL FUND GRANT SUBAWARD ASSURANCES ([Cal OES 2-109a](#))
– Signed by the Official Designee who signed the Grant Subaward Face Sheet
- ☐ [SUBRECIPIENT GRANTS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT](#)
- ☐ GRANT SUBAWARD SERVICE AREA INFORMATION ([Cal OES Form 2-154](#))
- ☐ ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The following forms/documents may be required depending on the Subrecipient's application and/or Program requirements.

- ☐ VOLUNTEER WAIVER REQUEST ([Cal OES Form 2-155](#))
- ☐ NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUEST ([Cal OES Form 2-156](#))
- ☐ MATCH WAIVER REQUEST ([Cal OES Form 2-159](#))
- ☐ INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT RATE EXEMPTION REQUEST ([Cal OES Form 2-164](#))