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COMMISSION ON CRIME
AND DELINQUENCY

FY 2022 Violence Intervention & Prevention Grants

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

What We'll Cover Today

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About the Agency

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME &
DELINQUENCY

About PCCD

Mission: *To enhance the quality, coordination, and planning within the criminal and juvenile justice systems, to facilitate the delivery of services to victims of crime, and to increase the safety of our communities.*

Grants – PCCD administers state and federal funding through grants of all types – mainly for criminal and juvenile justice and related systems, victim services, prevention, and public safety.

Technical Assistance – We provide technical assistance for a variety of programs and initiatives.

Data Resources – Serve as a statistical resource for criminal justice and public safety data (e.g., digital dashboards, PA Youth Survey, etc.)

Victims Compensation – Provide compensation to victims of crime for certain expenses incurred as a result of that crime.

Training – Provide training for Constables, Sheriffs/Deputy Sheriffs, County Probation Officers, and other justice-related stakeholders.



PCCD Priorities

PCCD invests in ideas and strategies that improve systems and help make Pennsylvanians and their communities safer.

Providing support for effective, community-led efforts to prevent gun violence is one of PCCD's top strategic priorities.





About the Grant Program

FY 2022 VIOLENCE INTERVENTION &
PREVENTION COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Funding Announcement

On July 8th, the state budget passed into law, allocating \$105 million in state and federal funds to PCCD for violence intervention and prevention (VIP) grants and technical assistance.

On Sept. 6, 2021, PCCD announced the availability of \$85.5 million in FY 2022-23 VIP Competitive Grants funding for a wide range of programs that address community violence.

Funding is intended to prioritize support for effective local intervening and preventive measures to stop gun and group violence occurring across the state.

Things to Consider: Other Grant Opportunities

Gun Violence Investigation & Prosecution Grants

- \$50M total available
- Grants to support investigation and prosecution of gun-related crimes and violence.
- District Attorneys, local law enforcement agencies, campus police or university police, railroad or street railway police, airport authority police department, and a county park police force are eligible to apply.
- Application Deadline: Oct. 13, 2022
- More info [HERE](#)

Local Law Enforcement Support Grants

- \$135M total available
- Funds can be used for purchase/upgrade technology + IT improvements; purchase/upgrade hardware + software equipment; non-sworn personnel costs; non-reoccurring personnel costs for sworn officers; policy development, evidence-based practices and training.
- Local law enforcement agencies eligible to apply
- Application Deadline: Oct. 13, 2022
- More info [HERE](#)

CCVI Strategies Pilot Grants

- \$15M total available
- New initiative invests in collaborative community violence prevention and response strategies within focused service areas (defined as contiguous geographic areas).
- Grants will support 5-8 pilot projects with planning and implementation of short-, mid-, and long-term strategies.
- Application Deadline: Oct. 31, 2022
- More info [HERE](#).



NOTE: If you are applying under multiple funding announcements (or if you are included as a proposed subrecipient in an application), you **must** disclose that within each of the applications submitted to PCCD. In any case, the proposals should not be duplicative and **must** fund separate and unique activities.

Eligible Applicants

- Community-based or nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status*
 - **Fiscal sponsors may submit application on behalf of sponsored programs/organizations.*
- Institutions of higher education
- Municipalities
- Counties
- District attorney's offices



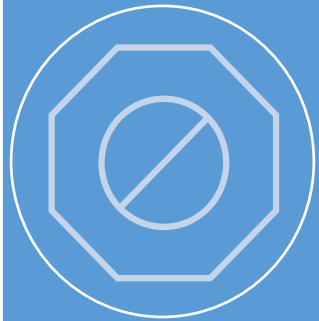
NOTE: Community-based organizations must be a registered 501(c)(3) in order to make direct application for funds. Use of fiscal sponsors who are eligible to make direct application is allowable for community-based groups that do not have 501(c)(3) status. For-profit businesses/organizations are **NOT** eligible applicants under the 2022 VIP Competitive Grants funding announcement.

Eligible Activities

Grants and technical assistance must align with the following list of eligible activities designed to reduce community violence included in [Section 1306-B\(j\)\(22\) of the Public School Code](#):

- i. Increasing access to quality trauma-informed support services and behavioral health care by linking the community with local trauma support and behavioral health systems.
- ii. Providing health services and intervention strategies by coordinating the services provided by eligible applicants and coordinated care organizations, public health entities, nonprofit youth service providers, and community-based organizations.
- iii. Providing mentoring and other intervention models to children and their families who have experienced trauma or are at risk of experiencing trauma, including those who are low-income, homeless, in foster care, involved in the criminal justice system, unemployed, experiencing a mental illness or substance use disorder, or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution.
- iv. Fostering and promoting communication between the school entity, community and law enforcement.
- v. Any OTHER program or model designed to reduce community violence and approved by the committee.

Eligible Programs & Approaches (VIP)



Street outreach & violence interruption programs (*Cure Violence, GVI, etc.*), **including school-based programs



****Anti-violence programming engaging + supporting at-risk youth** (e.g., *Juvenile Engagement Officers, diversion + reentry programs, youth advocacy + case management*)



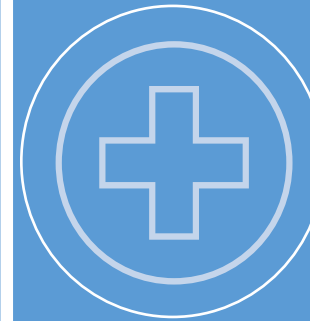
Increasing safe routes & transportation (*Safe Passages, Safe Corridors*)



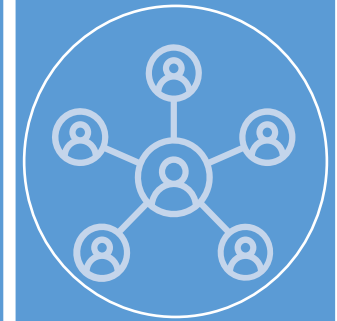
Wraparound supports & services (*education, employment, behavioral health, etc.*)



Strengthening pre-release and reentry programs, interventions, services, and supports



Trauma-informed approaches to **support individuals who have experienced/witnessed gun violence (e.g., *CBT, HVIPs*)



Any **OTHER** promising violence prevention, intervention, and/or response strategies aligned with VIP's goals.



VIP Funding Announcement Overview

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Community-based organizations and nonprofits
- Institutions of higher education
- Municipalities
- Counties
- District attorney's offices

PROJECT PERIOD

- Up to 29 months
- Project Start/End Dates: Feb. 1, 2023 – Jun. 30, 2025

BUDGET

- Between \$25K-\$2.5M total (tiered eligibility)
- Maximum award amounts tiered toward eligible applicant's size and service area; cannot exceed 50% of current operating budget.
- Indirect/administrative costs kept to a minimum (federally allowable indirect rate or *de minimis* 10% rate).
- No match requirement
- Final budgets to be determined by PCCD.

How Much Can We Apply for?

- Maximum awards under the FY2022 VIP Competitive Grants solicitation are tiered toward the applicant's size and service area.
- **Maximum award amounts will be based on applicants' current operating expenditures; applicants may not request more than 50% of their current operating expenditures.**
 - *For example, an organization with \$100,000 in total expenditures would be able to request a total grant budget of not more than \$50,000.*
- To determine your total annual operating expenditures, please refer to your organization's expenditures for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.



NOTE: Applicants must select the proper category and request the appropriate and allowable amount of funding AND must provide an accurate report of their current operating budget/expenditures within the initial funding request form. PCCD staff may reach out to applicants to request additional information/documentation to verify eligibility and accuracy.

Program Activities & Expenses



Eligible:

- Salaries and benefits for personnel (full-time or part-time), including overtime;
- Contractors/consultants;
- Facilitating referrals to community-based service providers and programs (including incentives and/or stipends for participants);
- Supplies and equipment;
- Training;
- Travel/transportation expenses (including vehicle leases);
- Indirect costs not exceeding federally approved rate or *de minimis* 10% rate; and
- Other activities necessary to meet the needs of programs and participants.



Ineligible or Limited:

- Physical security in general (note: applicants may request funding to support expenses related to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, such as greening, clean-up, lighting, etc.);
- Construction;
- Land acquisition;
- Lobbying and political contributions;
- Honoraria or bonuses;
- Vehicle purchases; and
- Indirect costs exceeding federally approved rate or *de minimis* 10% rate.

Example of VIP Eligible Expense:

What Kinds of Costs are Allowable using VIP Funds?



Eligible:

- Salaries and benefits for personnel (full-time or part-time), including overtime;
- Contractors/consultants;
- Facilitating referrals to community-based service providers and programs (including incentives and/or stipends for participants);
- Supplies and equipment;
- **Training;**
- Travel/transportation expenses (including vehicle leases);
- Indirect costs not exceeding federally approved rate or *de minimis* 10% rate; and
- Other activities necessary to meet the needs of programs and participants.

Example: Training

Applicants can request to use VIP funds for a wide range of activities, including training-related expenses. Some things to consider:

- ✓ *Training must be clearly connected to proposed project design and aligned with goals of VIP Grant Program.*
- ✓ *Costs for training must be clearly described, including who will be providing the training, how much will it cost, etc.*
- ✓ *Purpose of training, including any outcomes that are expected as a result of participating in the training.*
- ✓ *Training costs must be approved in advance in order to receive reimbursement.*

Example of VIP Eligible Expense:

What Does PCCD Expect from Grantees?



Eligible:

- Salaries and benefits for personnel (full-time or part-time), including overtime;
- Contractors/consultants;
- **Facilitating referrals to community-based service providers and programs (including incentives and/or stipends for participants);**
- Supplies and equipment;
- Training;
- Travel/transportation expenses (including vehicle leases);
- Indirect costs not exceeding federally approved rate or *de minimis* 10% rate; and
- Other activities necessary to meet the needs of programs and participants.

Example: Participant Stipends (gift cards, cash, other items/expenses)

Grantees using VIP funds for this purpose must ensure:

- ✓ *The incentive is reasonable;*
- ✓ *Clearly articulated/written guidelines are in place for individuals/participants to qualify to receive the incentive;*
- ✓ *Documentation clearly and consistently showing who received the incentive, when they received it, and verification they qualified under written guidelines;*
- ✓ *Signatures from issuing/receiving parties in most cases, especially gift cards;*
- ✓ *Other documentation/verification, as prescribed by PCCD.*

Multi-phased Process

Phase 1:

Online Initial Request Form (SurveyMonkey)



Phase 2:

Formal Application (Egrants System)



Phase 3:

Award

PCCD Grant Applicant ‘Readiness’ Checklist

Interested applicants who are community-based organizations are **strongly encouraged** to review PCCD’s Grant Applicant Readiness Checklist.

This tool provides an overview of the minimum requirements organizations should have in place in order to apply for and receive PCCD grant funds, as well as some recommended best practices.

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 Tax ID/Employer Identification Number (EIN) ? <i>*Note: You can look this information up on the IRS’ Tax Exempt Organization Search or GuideStar.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*A Federal Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*A UEI registration expiration date ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*IRS determination of the tax-exempt status of the organization ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Articles of Incorporation ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* By-laws 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 Equal Employment Opportunity Plan and civil rights requirements as outlined in PCCD’s Applicant’s Manual ? <i>Note: this is required for federal grants</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Initial Funding Request Form & Application Process

- Eligible organizations should submit an initial request for funding using an online form (Survey Monkey).
 - You can access the online request form here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022-VIP-Grants>
- Applicants selected in the initial round of requests will be notified and asked to complete a formal application in PCCD's Egrants System.
- Final recommendation of projects will be made following the receipt and review of applications in Egrants.



The SurveyMonkey initial request form must be submitted no later than Wednesday, October 12, 2022 by 11:59 PM.



OVERVIEW: Initial Funding Request Form Sections

1. **Organizational Information & Background Section**
2. **Project Narrative Section**
3. **Budget Section**
4. **References Section**
5. **Attachment Section** (Optional)
6. **Affirmation and Submittal Section**



Link to VIP SurveyMonkey Initial Request Form:

▪ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022-VIP-Grants>



NOTE: A written version of the online request form is available to view and download in Word and PDF formats on PCCD's website to help applicants formulate responses in advance.

How to Ask Questions



Today's webinar!



Email PCCD staff (RA-PCCD_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov)



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



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



Read the online Q&A page before submitting your application.

Maybe someone else asked a question that you didn't know you needed the answer to...

Phase 2 Steps



Phase 2 applicants will need to register in PCCD's [Egrants System](#).



Register as a [Non-Procurement](#) Commonwealth Vendor



Establish banking details to facilitate payments via ACH



Ensure federal SAM and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) registration

PCCD's Funding Process

PCCD grants are reimbursement based (i.e., money isn't provided "up front" for project expenses).

- Grantees can work with PCCD to utilize more frequent fiscal reporting and other mechanisms to increase the frequency of payments, but the reimbursement process can still take a few weeks.
- You can't submit expenses for reimbursement if they weren't already approved in your budget.

Grantees can only receive reimbursement funding for actual expenses approved by PCCD.

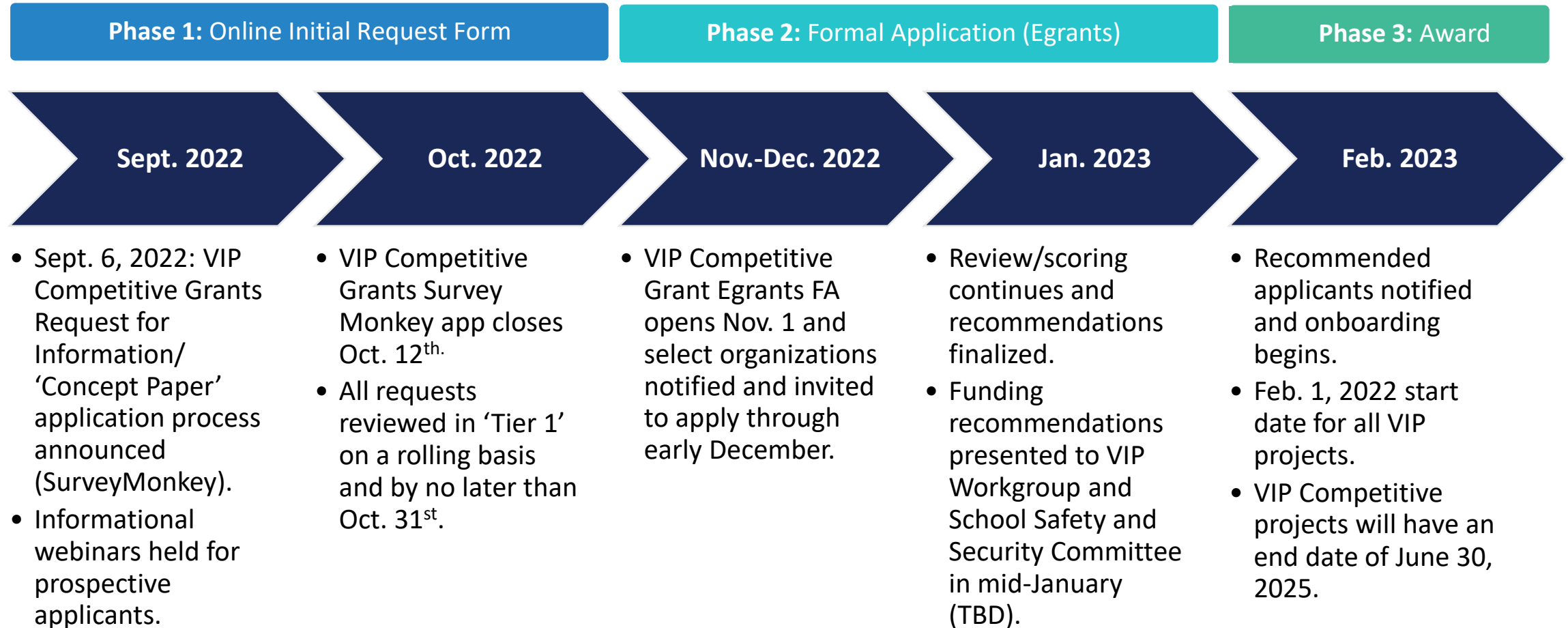
In general, grant funds are designed to support project and program-related expenses, not general operating costs.

PCCD funding must supplement, not supplant existing funding sources/programs.

Things to Consider: Required Grant Activities

- Grantees will be expected to keep track of and report on project activities and related expenditures via quarterly Program and Fiscal Reports in Egrants.
- VIP grantees should expect to participate in onboarding activities and other grant-related activities (e.g., monitoring).
- Grantees can request/receive assistance and supports from their assigned PCCD Program + Fiscal staff as well as WestEd/LISC (VIP technical assistance provider).

Anticipated VIP Funding Timeline





Q&A

WHAT QUESTIONS CAN WE ANSWER FOR YOU?



Questions?

Please use the “Q&A” feature to submit your question(s), if you haven’t already done so.

PCCD staff are reviewing and will answer as many questions/topics as we can over the next few minutes.

As a reminder, to the extent possible, any questions that we are not able to address in today’s webinar will be answered on the Q&A section of PCCD’s website.

Questions can also be submitted to RA-PCCD_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov.

The screenshot shows the Facebook Live event Q&A interface. At the top right, there are icons for help, settings, and information. Below these is the title "Live event Q&A" with a question mark icon and a close button. Underneath, there is a "Featured" section with a button labeled "My questions". Below this, there are several question entries from users, each with a profile picture and a question text. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Ask a moderator" with a note: "Questions won't be visible to everyone until a moderator approves them". Below this is a form to ask a question, which includes a name field labeled "Your name (optional)", a text input field with the placeholder "Ask a question", and a checkbox labeled "Post as anonymous". A red box highlights the "My questions" button, and another red box highlights the entire "Ask a moderator" form area.

Additional Information & Resources

PCCD's [Gun Violence webpage](#) / [“Grants & Funding” tab](#)

- [Initial Funding Request Online Survey Form \(Survey Monkey\)](#)
- [FY 2022-23 VIP Grants Funding Announcement](#)
- [VIP Initial Funding Request Online Survey Application Questions Summary/Template](#)
 - Word version and PDF version available to download and reference [HERE](#).

[PCCD “Applicant Resources” page](#) – Includes link to PCCD's [Grant Applicant Readiness Checklist](#), information on registering for PCCD's Egrants System, an overview of the competitive grant process, FAQs, grants financial management resources, and grants training.

[PCCD Funding Announcement Q&A Webpage](#)



Questions about the FY 2022 Violence Intervention & Prevention Grants Program?

Questions regarding this funding opportunity can be directed to PCCD staff at RA-PCCD_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov with “2022 VIP Competitive Grants” in the subject line. PCCD staff will review inquiries and post answers to questions regarding this grant program in the “Violence Intervention and Reduction” section of its Funding Q&A webpage through October 11, 2022.