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

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency

December 14, 2023

What We'll Cover Today

1. **About PCCD**
2. **Community Violence in PA**
3. **Overview of VIP Funding**
4. **FY 2023-24 VIP Solicitation**
5. **Navigating the Application Process**
6. **Questions & Answers**
7. **Additional Funding Opportunities**





About PCCD

An introduction to our agency's mission, history, and work.

About PCCD

Helping make PA safer for 45 years.

- Serves as PA's justice planning + policymaking agency.
- Strategic priorities focused on long-standing + emerging issues impacting PA'ians + communities.
- Strong history investing in programs + strategies that improve safety and well-being of youth.

Shaped by input + expertise from stakeholders.

- Commission + Advisory Committee structure
- Collaborative by design
- Bring together diverse experts who come together to drive policy, program, funding decisions at state + local levels.

Small, but mighty.

- Relatively small state agency housed in the executive office.
- Administers millions in grant funding annually.
- Track record of getting things done.





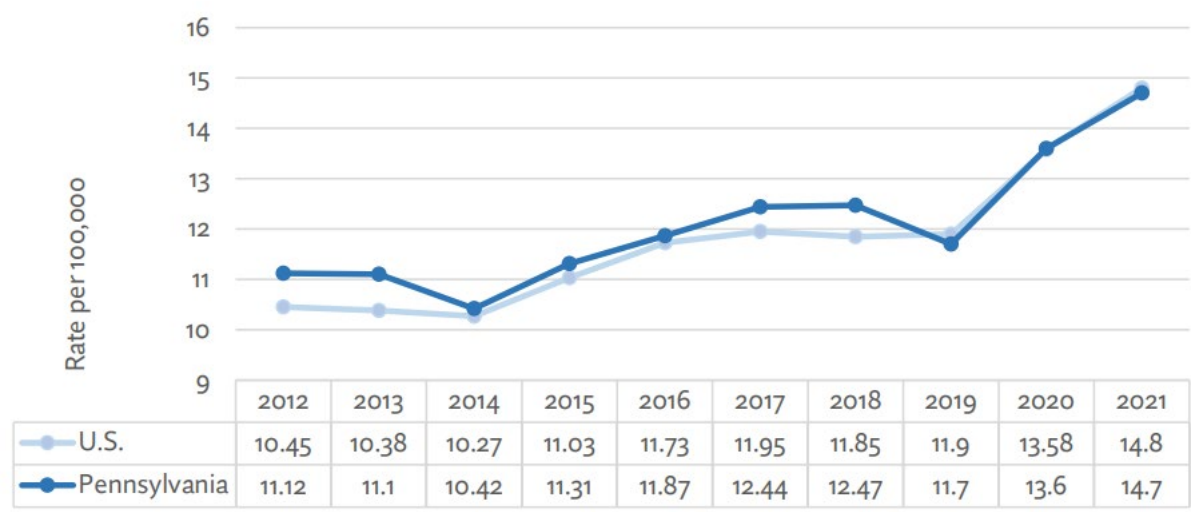
Community Violence in PA

Why is this funding important?

Gun violence, group-related violence, and other forms of violence impact communities across Pennsylvania.

- An estimated 1,906 Pennsylvanians died from gun-related injuries in 2021.
- Gun violence disproportionately impacts people and communities of color.
- Learn more about gun violence and crime trends:
 - [PA Uniform Crime Reporting \(UCR\) Data](#) (PA State Police)
 - [PA Violent Death Reporting System](#) (PA Dept. of Health)
 - [Crime in Pennsylvania \(2013-2022\)](#) (PCCD)
 - [Cost of Non-fatal Firearm Injuries in PA, 2016-2021](#) (PCCD/IUP)

Rate of Firearm-related Deaths in PA and U.S., 2012-2021





Every time there is a shooting, there are more victims: the people who are killed, the people who are injured, the family members who are mourning, the survivors who are traumatized, and the community members who are scared to live in their neighborhoods. I know because I was one of those community members...Now, 18 years later, this work is more important than ever.

– Lt. Governor Austin A. Davis, PCCD Chairman





Overview of VIP Funding

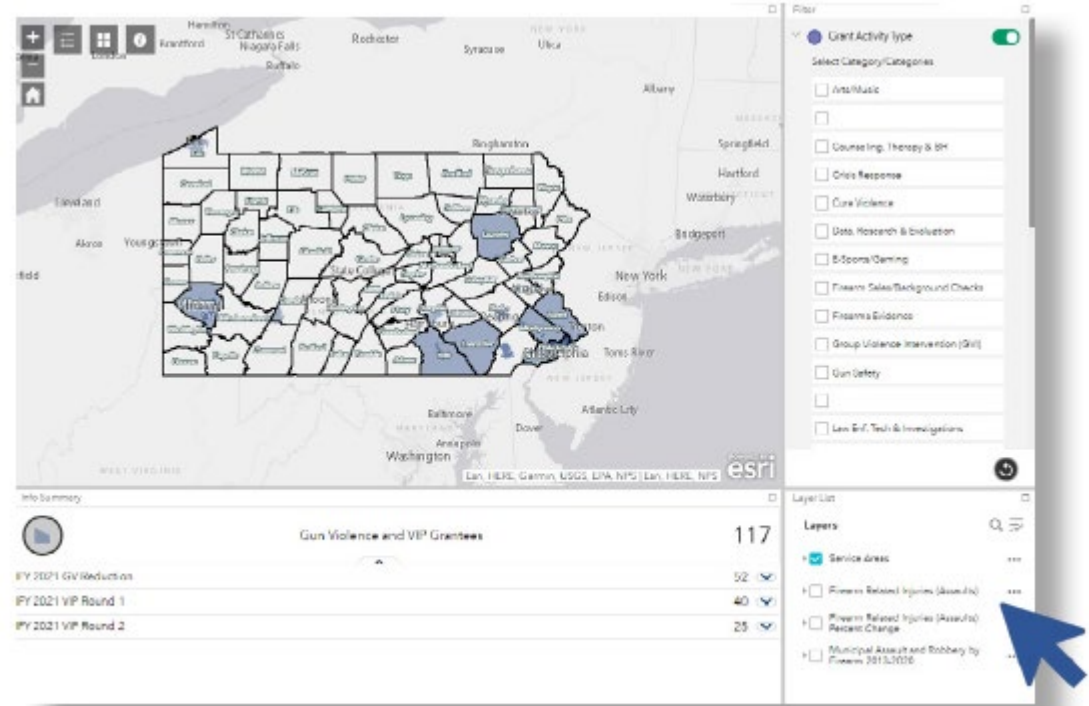
An overview and historical look at PCCD's VIP funding.

Historical look at PCCD's VIP Funding

VIP funding is administered by PCCD's School Safety and Security Committee and is designed to support effective local intervening and preventative measures to stop gun and group violence in areas experiencing high rates of violent crime within Pennsylvania.

Since 2021, PCCD has supported more than 190 local projects & initiatives, ranging from smaller grassroots programs to large-scale, community-wide and regional partnerships.

- **\$150M in VIP funding awarded to date.**



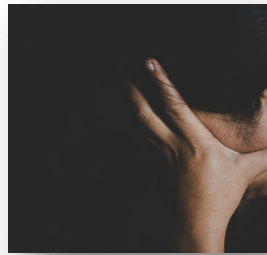
VIP Grants have supported a wide range of programs designed to address root causes + impacts of community violence.



Arts, music + recreation



Counseling, therapy + behavioral health



Victim services



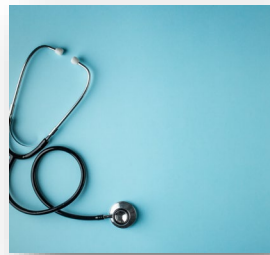
Pre-release + reentry programs



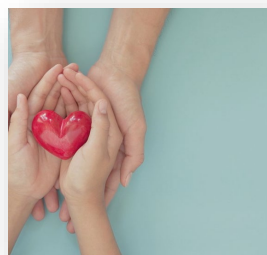
Safe Passages + Safe Corridors programs



Street outreach + violence interruption



Hospital-based violence intervention programs



Trauma-informed approaches + care



Crisis response



Wraparound supports + services





FY 2023-24 VIP Grant Funding Announcement

FY 2023-24 VIP Funding Solicitation

\$40 million in state VIP funding has been directed to PCCD for providing grants and technical assistance to address community violence throughout the Commonwealth.

TRACK 1

VIP Competitive Grants

TRACK 2

Coordinated Community Violence Intervention (CCVI) Strategies Grants

Please note: APPLICANTS MAY ONLY SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION UNDER THIS FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT. Funding is contingent upon availability and authorization of funds.



VIP Grant Funding Track



Maximum award amounts for FY 23-24 VIP Grants will be based on applicants' current operating budgets, with no applicant able to request more than 50% of their operating budget, up to \$950,000 total, over an up-to-36-month project period.

* There is no match requirement for projects under the VIP track.



Eligible Applicants & Priority Considerations

Who is eligible?

- 👍 Community-based or nonprofit organizations (501(c)(3) status)
- 👍 Institutions of Higher Education
- 👍 Municipalities
- 👍 Counties
- 👍 District Attorney's Offices

Who is given priority consideration?

- Applicants seeking funding to support collaborative projects co-designed and co-implemented with multiple partners who are included as proposed sub-recipients.
- Applicants who have not previously received funding from PCCD to support violence prevention/reduction efforts.
- To support continuation of current successful projects whose current VIP Grant awards have ended, or are ending, as of January 31, 2024.
- Proposed initiatives that would take place in ZIP code(s) or municipalities with the highest rates of gun violence, other violent crime, and other need-based factors.



VIP Eligible Program Activities

VIP grants funds must align with eligible activities identified in [Section 1306-B\(j\)\(22\) of the PA Public School Code](#) (see page 4 of the VIP funding announcement for full list).



Applicants must also identify the specific type(s) of anti-violence strategies that will be supported with grant funding (see page 5 of the VIP funding announcement).

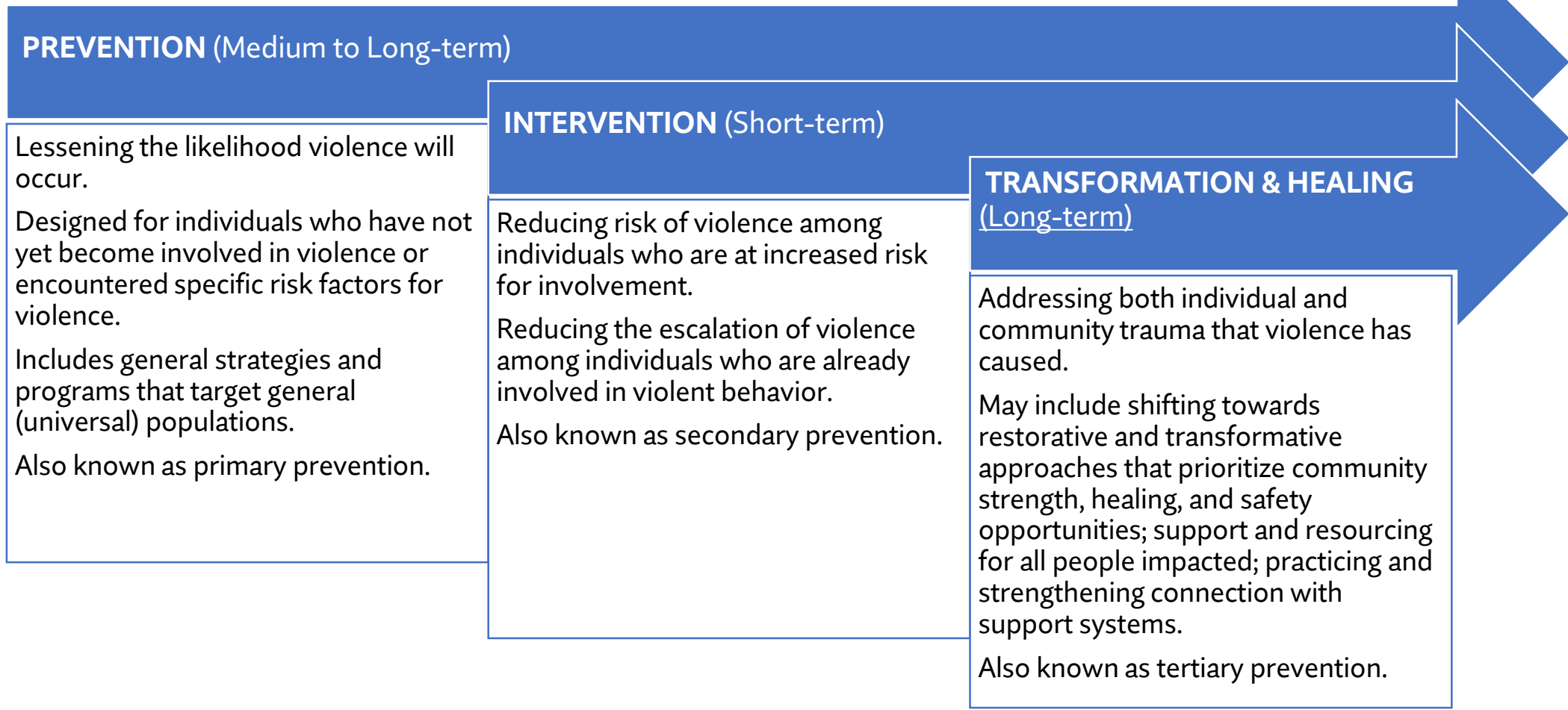
PREVENTION

INTERVENTION

TRANSFORMATION & HEALING



Anti-Violence Strategies



Examples of strategies are provided on page 5 of the VIP funding announcement.



Eligible 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; and
- Other activities necessary to meet the needs of programs and participants.



Ineligible:

- Physical security/infrastructure costs (such as security cameras, building modifications, and other “hardening” strategies) Construction;
- Land acquisition;
- Lobbying and political contributions;
- Honoraria or bonuses;
- Vehicle purchases; and/or
- Any expenses that fall significantly outside of the scope of the funding announcement.

Please read the detail of additional information on allowable grant expenses on pages 6-7.



Other Budgetary Items to Consider



Orientation & onboarding activities

- Budget for 10 hours



Grant administration & management

- Program reporting & management
- Financial management, reporting, & oversight
- Evaluation and technical assistance



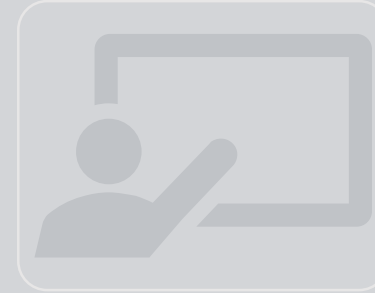
Project-specific technical assistance & model implementation

- Staff development and training
- Establishing data collection procedures



Enhancing readiness & capacity building

- Business/admin functions
- Contracted services
- Accounting support/bookkeeping
- Technology and information management systems
- Sustainability



Governance

- Board training
- Leadership development
- Strategic planning

These expenses should only be a portion of the budget and should be appropriately explained and justified.



***New* 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.



MTDC Example

Budget Category	Year 1	Included?
Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time program coordinator (\$60,000) – 100% of time on grant 	✓
Employee Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical benefits (\$3,000) 	✓
Supplies & Operating Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Curriculum (\$10,000) 	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rent (\$4,000) 	✗
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gift cards as research incentives (\$5,000) 	✗
Total Included/MTDC	\$73,000	
Maximum Allowable Indirect	\$7,300	

***Please Note: This budget is simplified to show the MTDC calculation. Detailed calculations & justifications are required for each line item.**





Navigating the Application Process

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:

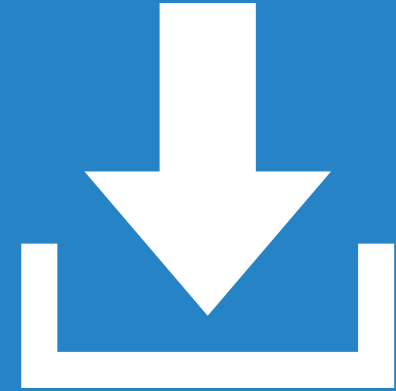
Phone Number:

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"/>

Important Documents

All documents listed below can be found on the ***Gun Violence Grants and Funding*** webpage.

- [Funding Announcement](#)
- [Application Process Checklist](#)
- [SurveyMonkey Initial Request Form](#)
- [SurveyMonkey Questions \(PDF\)](#)
- [**\(NEW\)** VIP Project Proposal Narrative](#)



Application Steps

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, and Letters of Support/Reference.

STEP 4: Subject to availability and authorization of funds, organizations/entities recommended and approved for FY 2023-24 VIP Grants funding will be notified in March 2024.

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, January 18, 2024 by 9 PM (ET).



VIP Proposal Narrative Template

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	Year 3	Total
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel (Including Training)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies & Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>Grant Total</u> \$0*

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.



Help During the Application Process

PA PEACE ALLIANCE

www.papeacealliance.org

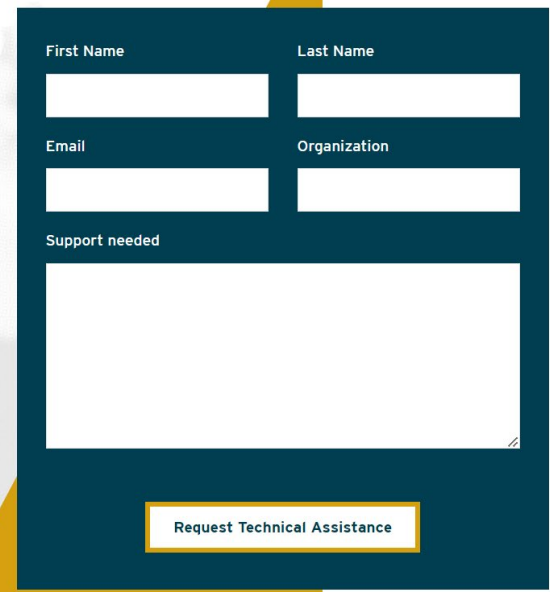
The PA Peace Alliance is a one-stop-shop for free technical assistance, training, and other resources.

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 box with white text and input fields. It contains the following fields: 'First Name' and 'Last Name' (two small white boxes), 'Email' and 'Organization' (two larger white boxes), and a large 'Support needed' text area. A yellow button labeled 'Request Technical Assistance' is at the bottom right.

Questions can also be submitted to ra-cd-vipgrants@pa.gov, with responses posted on the [Active Funding Announcement page](#) of the PCCD website.





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Common questions and concerns we hear from grantees...and what you've asked us to cover!

How to Ask Questions



Today's webinar!



Email PCCD staff (ra-cd-vipgrants@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...

Frequently Asked Questions

- ✓ **I can't open and/or download a document, what should I do?** Please reach out to ra-cd-vipgrants@pa.gov for technical issues and overall questions related to the funding announcement.
- ✓ **Can current VIP grant recipients apply for this new round of funding?** Yes, entities that have previously received funding are eligible to apply. One of the priority considerations include the continuation of current successful projects whose current VIP Grant awards have ended, or are ending, as of January 31, 2024.
- ✓ **My organization hasn't received state funding before. How do I prepare for a PCCD state grant?** Review the [PCCD Grant Applicants Readiness Checklist](#).
- ✓ **How come I don't see the open funding announcement in Egrants?** Scroll down on this [page](#). The submission to this funding announcement is through the SurveyMonkey platform. However, successful applicants will be required to complete an Egrants application within 45 days.



Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

- ✓ **Is my PCCD grant reimbursement only?** PCCD's grants are reimbursement only; however, we realize that larger purchases may create a cash flow issue, especially for smaller organizations. Generally, submitting fiscal reports more frequently to request reimbursement greatly assists in alleviating this issue.*
- ✓ **Do we need to get a separate checking account?** This is not required but is standard for PCCD. Your organization should still be able to track the funding separately.*
- ✓ **Do my subrecipients need to be registered with the Commonwealth?** No. Only the applicant agency needs to be registered. The payments go to the grantees and the agency is responsible for paying their subrecipients.*

**If your organization is approved, these questions will be relevant to ensure your organization can properly manage a PCCD state grant. A formal Egrants application will be required.*





Other 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-cd-vipgrants@pa.gov.

The screenshot shows a 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 close button. A tab labeled "My questions" is highlighted with a red box. Below the tab, 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 the text "Questions won't be visible to everyone until a moderator approves them". Below this, there is a form to ask a question, which is also highlighted with a red box. The form 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".



Additional Gun Violence- Related Funding Opportunities

FY 22-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Local Solicitation

Last month, PCCD announced the availability of \$3.5 million in federal grant funding for local governments to address gun violence and improve responses to behavioral health crises within communities and the justice system.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Units of local government (city, county, township, or town)
- **Application Due Date:** December 20, 2023

Learn more on our [Active Funding Announcements webpage](#).

The competitive grant program is designed to support projects and programs that address at least one of the three priority areas in PCCD's approved [FY2022-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Funding Plan](#).

1. Improve crisis intervention services and supports across behavioral health, civil legal, and other settings, with a focus on reaching people and communities experiencing gun violence.
2. Improve coordination of services and responses to gun violence victimization.
3. Address the intersections of domestic violence and intimate partner violence with gun violence.



Thank You!