

**Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program
SFP PY 2009-10**

Questions and Answers

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Applicant Eligibility

1. We have a current VEAP grant (ARRA-funded) that runs through June 2011. Are we eligible to apply for this new opportunity? If we were awarded funds, would it be possible to start operations in July 2011?

Yes, you are eligible to apply for this new grant opportunity however you cannot delay the estimated start up date of May 2010. The State expects that the performance period for projects awarded under this solicitation will be 24 months.

2. Are current subgrantees of the Employment Development Department (EDD) for WIA Veterans' projects eligible to apply for funding under the current WIASFP10-2? The SFP does not seem to include any language barring this, but it seemed best to verify before moving forward.

Yes, current subgrantees of WIA Veterans' projects are eligible to apply under this Solicitation for Proposals (SFP).

3. I'm a recently-separated veteran and would like to become a physical therapy assistant or vocational nursing as long as I could get a grant for one of the schools (American Career College offers the vocational nursing program and Loma Linda University has the physical therapy assistant program). If I do get the grant, what documents do I need? If you could, provide step by step instructions it would help a lot.

Individuals are not eligible to apply for these grant funds. Applications are accepted from public, private non-profit and private for-profit organizations, local Workforce Investment Boards, education and training providers and faith-based/community based organizations. Once funding decisions have been announced on EDD's Web site (expected May 2010), we would encourage you to contact the awardee(s) in your local area to learn the next steps on how to enroll in their program.

Applicant Requirement

1. Applicants will be required to demonstrate knowledge, experience, and capacity to provide services to veterans [Military and Veterans Code, Section 999.80]. Applicants must demonstrate their knowledge, experience and capacity for serving veterans under Section VI in the SFP Proposal Narrative. What kind of experience are you looking for? Sorry if that question is vague; but I was wondering what minimum requirement is, and if we don't have it, who we might be able to partner with to provide it.

The applicant must demonstrate their knowledge, experience and capacity for serving veterans under Section VI – Statement of Capabilities (questions 1-3) in the SFP Proposal Narrative. In regards to “experience”, applicants must demonstrate their organization’s capabilities and knowledge in conducting and administering a veteran project and ability to collect and report financial and participant performance data; describe their organization’s infrastructure and capacity that demonstrates their ability to provide service to veterans, including the project’s proposed staffing that demonstrates their experience working with veterans; and complete the chart verifying their organization’s past experience in administering veterans’ projects (include: past project name, project dates, planned goals and the objectives that were achieved). All of these responses together will demonstrate the applicant’s “experience” for serving veterans for the purposes under this SFP. If applicants can not demonstrate this requirement, their application will not be funded.

General

1. Is there a maximum amount not-to-exceed for proposals for this solicitation?

The maximum total award per grantee is \$1,000,000.

2. This SFP only applies to recently discharged Veterans within the last 48-months? Is this firm or could any other possibilities be possible?

Though the SFP's focus is on recently-separated veterans [WIA Section 101 (49)(B)], other veterans will not be excluded but must be in at least one of the priority groups listed in Section 1.C – Eligible Veterans (pages 5 & 6) of the SFP.