

SSVF Webinar Series: Notice of Funding Award (NOFA) -Renewal Grantees
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- *(First 2 questions refer to the Powerpoint Presentation for this webinar)*
slide 20: Can subcontractors get more than 2 million? Yes

- *slide 24: Is TFA for priority 1 higher than the requirement for priorities 2 and 3? If so, why? Both have a maximum of 50%, but a minimum has been added for priority 1 at 40%. As many of the priority communities are located in high cost areas, grantees will need to commit appropriate levels of financial resources.*

- *Where are uncovered CoC's located? A list of current grantees and areas served is available on the SSVF website.*

- *For first year programs, are we to cite the number of households prevented from homelessness to date or is it too early in the process to provide this info? Grants will be scored based on information provided. If no data is provided, score will be negatively impacted.*

- *Are support letters expected? Support letters can improve grant scores. They are not required except for priority 1 applicants who must have CoC endorsements and a letter from VA.*

- *What if you have a priority 2 to renew and are looking to also apply in priority 1 (which has no cap)? So, the total amount could be more than \$2 million for the priority 1? Correct. Any funding awarded through priority 1 does not accrue to any funding caps established for priority 2 and 3.*

- *Can you apply to renew your current program and do a priority 1 in the same geographic area? Yes.*

- *If we received a two year renewal, we do not need to reapply, correct? Correct. Two year renewal grants will not need to apply and will be notified by VA with instructions for preparing year two of the grant. However, if a two year renewal agency has received accreditation from CARF or COA, submitting proof of accreditation may entitle you to a 3rd year of funding. This proof of accreditation would need to be submitted to VA by March 14, 2014 at 4:00 PM eastern time.*

- *If you have a two-year grant and next year will be the second year, how do you apply for the 2 percent COLA (we will not have the CARF accreditation completed, so are not applying for a second and third year). VA will contact two-year grantees to ensure that there are no program changes and to request a budget for the second year of the grant, which can include the 2% increase.*

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- If we received a 2-year award, but are not seeking CARF or COA accreditation, and only want the 2% COLA increase, what is the application process? **As long as there are no program changes, VA will contact two-year grantees and request a budget for the second year of the grant, which can include the 2% increase.**
- What if our agency has several locations and one site is currently on a 2 year grant, so not renewing and the other site is thinking about going after priority 1 funding? What is the cap for maximum for the agency? Does it fall under the priority 1 or 2 cap? **Any funding awarded through priority 1 does not accrue to any funding caps established for priority 2 and 3.**
- If we were to apply for the priority 1 funding is it possible to also submit for priority 2 as well in case we do not receive the priority 1 funding for our area? **Yes. Any funding awarded through priority 1 does not accrue to any funding caps established for priority 2 and 3.**
- If I understood correctly, a current 2 year grantee who doesn't want to change its budget does not need to submit anything (unless they want that 3rd year - then they would need to submit proof of accreditation). Is this correct? **Yes. VA will contact two year grantees to discuss the second year of the grant.**
- So, an agency can apply for renewal and a Priority 1 in the same geographic area. That means we would possibly exceed the \$2 million per agency (we also have another SSVF grant in another geographic area that has a two-year renewal). Would you please clarify that both of these are correct - can apply for Priority 1 and 2 in same geographic area and can exceed the agency limit if one of the requests is for Priority 1? **Yes. Any funding awarded through priority 1 does not accrue to any funding caps established for priority 2 and 3.**
- Sounds like renewal applicants DON'T need CoC endorsement, correct? **Correct, CoC endorsements are only required for priority 1, but CoC support letters are encouraged for priority 2 and 3 applicants.**
- If our service area crosses multiple COCs, must we get endorsements from each one? We would not be applying under Level 1. We will be a renewal Level 2. **CoC endorsements are only required for priority 1, but CoC support letters are encouraged for priority 2 and 3 applicants.**
- Two CoC endorsements would be difficult for large CoCs like Los Angeles. How do we approach? **Los Angeles, as are all CoCs, is limited to 2 endorsements. However, lead grantees can include multiple sub-contractors.**

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- Can an organization apply for Priority 1 and a renewal grant with Priority 2? **Yes. Any funding awarded through priority 1 does not accrue to any funding caps established for priority 2 and 3.**
- Confirming that priority one funding is total over three year period and not each year for three years. **Yes, the award is for a 3-year period so, for example, a \$6 million award can be \$2 million per year for 3 years.**
- I'm a new grantee (in first year) and serve a Priority 1 targeted community. If I submit a renewal application and want to increase my total grant amount more than 2%, what Priority am I? **Requesting an increase beyond 2% would be a significant change to the grant and would make this a priority 3 application. However you may choose to 1) submit both a renewal (priority 2) and a new application (priority 3) as long as those applications serve different areas; or 2) submit a renewal (priority 2) and approach the CoC in the Priority 1 targeted community for application endorsement.**
- Is CARF or COA accreditation required for Priority 1 applicants? **No. Per section VI.C.6, accreditation applies only to renewal applications seeking 3 year grants. As per section II.D, all priority 1 grants are non-renewable and run for 3 years.**