

Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault
2017-2020 SART Project RFA
FAQs

1. **Question:** If chosen as a site to be funded what will be required of our office to participate in the Federal grant application. Will the information be taken from our application submitted to your agency or will there be additional information needed? If so can we participate in teleconferences?

Answer: We will take information from your application. However, there may also be some additional information needed. We will definitely be communicating with selected sites as we work to submit the consolidated application.

2. **Question:** When is the Federal grant due from your agency?

Answer: The Request For Applications (RFA) from OVW has not yet been released. Assuming they use a similar timeline to last year's RFA, we expect the RFA will be released early January and the application to OVW will be due the beginning of March. We do not anticipate the RFA changing significantly from previous RFAs, so we decided to start the process now in order to make sure that there would be plenty of time for getting all of the necessary information from project partners to have the strongest application possible.

3. **Question:** On the application under Project Budget: it refers to personnel cost "for at least a 0.5 FTE SART Coordinator." Is it required that there is a minimum of a .5 FTE or can it be less time if appropriate?

Answer: We believe that in order to be the most effective, a SART Coordinator should be at least 0.5 FTE. However, if your service area is small or you have other justifiable reasons for needing less FTE, you are welcome to submit for less. You will need to explain your rationale for requesting less FTE, including how you believe you will be able to successfully implement project activities and outcomes with less than 0.5 FTE.

4. **Question:** Do we need to submit two applications? One to CCASA and another to OVW (in the event CCASA does not get the grant)?

Answer: If you choose to be a project partner on CCASA's application then you will only need to submit one application to CCASA. CCASA will then submit a consolidated application to OVW. We won't know if CCASA's application is funded until September/October 2017.

If you are selected as a project partner for CCASA's application, we will ask that you not submit your own application directly to OVW for the same activities that CCASA would be funding you for. You could, however, submit your own application to expand upon what CCASA would fund you for (e.g., if CCASA only funds 0.5FTE of a SART Coordinator, you could ask for the other 0.5FTE to make it a full time position) OR for different activities.

We believe that a joint application will be stronger than individual applications and, especially for many smaller programs, managing a federal grant may be beyond their capacity. This is why we are choosing to be the lead on a joint application.

However, you can always submit your own application directly to OVW, if you do not want to be a part of CCASA's application or if you are not selected to be a project partner on CCASA's application.