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### State (Division of Victim Services) Grant Related Information/Updates (includes VOCA, CSU)

**1. \*\*\*FY2024 Rollover Grant Update**

“Greetings!

FY2024 Rollover Grants are still being released. There have been unanticipated delays within the Bureau of Grants and Purchasing (BGP). They anticipate all grants will be posted in the next two weeks.

Thank you,  
DVS Grants Team”

**2. \*\*\*FY2024 Year End Closing Deadline Notice (Sent July 18, 2023)**

“Greetings!

As we approach the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2023, there are important deadlines, outside of DVS control, that require your organization’s attention.

We recognize that this can be overwhelming due to the number of activities needing completion in a short period of time and apologize for the inconvenience.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to MDHHS-DVS@Michigan.gov with any questions.

Thank you,  
DVS Grants Team”

Due Date	Requirement(s) and Reporting System	Action Needed
September 18, 2023	Fiscal Year 2023 (October 2022-August 2023) FSRs-EGrAMS	Please submit any outstanding FSRs for expenses through August 2023.
September 25, 2023	State payment hold period begins	No Action needed. DHHS in accordance with State guidelines for year-end close institute a payment hold period for FY23 grant agreements du to year end closing processing. This period will run from Monday 9/25/23 through at least Friday 11/10/23.

October 4, 2023	Obligation FSRs – EGrAMS	Please provide an estimate of the remaining grant money that you will use by the end of the grant year. <b>Do not</b> underestimate your expenses. This will cause accounting differences and delay payment. It is better to estimate high than low.
	<b>DVCS (TANF/GF) Grantees Only:</b> Obligation TANF Report – EGrAMS	To estimate the September TANF numbers for the Obligation TANF Report, add up the total number of residents in shelter and the total number of resident in shelter without children from 10/1/22-7/31/23, and divide each total by 10
October 30, 2023	Year End Reports: Final FSR – EGrAMS	The September final FSR must be marked <b>Final</b> at the top of the page. <b>Your <i>Final</i> September FSR cannot exceed <i>Obligation FS</i></b>
	<b>DVCS (TANF/GF) Grantees Only:</b> Final TANF Report - EGrAMS	Report your actual September TANF count.
Year End Reports: Equipment Inventory Schedule – EGrAMS	If your agency has purchased Equipment with DVS funding, the Equipment Inventory Schedule must be completed. This includes any equipment purchased with DVS funds including equipment purchased in prior years. Submit in EGrAMS as an Attachment with the 2023 September final FSR Download Equipment Inventory from Show Documents in EGrAMS.	

The chart can also be viewed as a pdf [here](#).

**3. \*\*\*Materials From July 13-14, 2023 Grantee Leadership Meeting (sent July 17, 2023)**

“Hello and happy Monday,

Thank you for a productive and information filled DV/SA Grantee Leadership Meeting. Please find attached the materials shared during the meeting.

I also wanted to follow up on the discussion surrounding pooling advocates into budgets. Please do not move forward with any changes until you receive communication from the DVS Contracts Team with clarification. It is a bit more nuanced than discussed, ergo my hesitation on Friday and referral to follow up with contracts.

For more information about the Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care you may visit MIBOSCOG - Home.

We are looking at securing calendar year 2024 meeting dates with an intent to have all meetings in Mt Pleasant based upon the discussion with a goal to have the November meeting as early as possible.

I have also included a list of DVS DV/SA Grantee Leadership attendees names and emails as discussed in the meeting.

Many thanks to all who attended and or presented. We look forward to seeing you in November at Crowne Plaza in Lansing.

Take care, Tonya

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Included as attachments:

[DVS Funding Update Slides](#)

[Working with Your Local Planning Body in the Balance of State CoC Slides](#)

[Coordinating Services Across Community Slides](#)

[CVC Legislative Updates and Program Overview Powerpoint](#)  
[CVC Reference Guide with Definitions](#)

[Confidentiality and Warrants and Subpoenas Powerpoint](#)

[Sexual Assault SANE Visioning Presentation](#)

[Creating Safe Spaces LGBTQ Presentation](#)

[HEARTH Creating Access for Survivors](#)

[ALC Announcement](#)

[Supreme Court Upholds Indian Child Welfare Act](#)  
[Supreme Court Rules Against Navajo Nation](#)

[DVS Grantee Leadership Meeting Contact Information](#)  
[Grantee Leadership Meeting Invites](#)

#### **4. FY24 Rollover Grant Applications on Egrams (sent June 20, 2023)**

"Good afternoon:

The 2024 rollover grant applications are beginning to be released on Egrams! They will be released by grant program as the Bureau of Grants/Purchasing completes them. Three important things:

1. As we await guidance on funding for FY 2024, we ask that you use the [FY2023 Allowable/Unallowable chart](#) as a tool to help prepare your budget(s).

2. A pre-approved list of out-of-state conferences has been added as a sheet on the Allowable Chart. If you are requesting travel to any of these conferences in your 2024 budgets, please follow the instructions on the Pre-Approved List.

3. Per request, a sheet has been added to the allowable chart named "Where to Budget". All DHHS budgets will include the updated budget categories this year. This guidance will assist in determining where to budget specific items.

Please contact us at MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov if you have any questions.

Thank you!

DVS Grants Team”

## 5. Important FY 2024 Grant Information (sent June 8, 2023)

“Good Morning! We have been informed that the FY 2024 rollover agreements will begin to be released by the Bureau of Grants and Purchasing (BGP) late this week (the week of June 5th) with all rollover grants posted on Egrams by July 4, 2023!

Automatic Extensions - Grants will automatically post on Egrams with a three-week deadline that is set by the BGP. We will automatically approve a two-week extension to that deadline, which will allow 5 weeks to complete the rollover agreement. You do not need to obtain email approval. If you need more than five weeks, please email us at [mdhhs-dvs@michigan.gov](mailto:mdhhs-dvs@michigan.gov)

Boilerplate changes – Several key changes were made to the DTMB/DHHS boilerplate language. Please watch the short boilerplate video available here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/140671949309126748> and review the [PowerPoint](#) which outlines those changes.

Allowable / Unallowable list – Will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Annual certifications – Will be distributed no later than August 15, 2023 with a due date of October 1, 2023.

We hope this information will help with summer scheduling! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at [mdhhs-dvs@michigan.gov](mailto:mdhhs-dvs@michigan.gov) .”

## 6. Additional Certifications Needed (sent June 5, 2023) (*time sensitive*)

The Division of Victim Services is currently undergoing an audit. As a result, additional certifications are needed that require immediate action. Please complete the certification survey using the link below by **6/12/23**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Additional Certification Link: <https://www.research.net/r/VQDH566>

## 7. May VOCA Funding Update (sent May 19, 2023)

“Happy Friday,

See the link below for the latest update regarding VOCA funding. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the DVS mailbox at MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov if you have any questions.

DVS Website: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/safety-injury-prev/publicsafety/crimevictims/grants-and-funding/current-grantees/voca-update-for-grantees>

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTDnwg3IU\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTDnwg3IU_o)

Have a great weekend!”

## 8. Budget Revision Request Due Date is May 26, 2023 (sent May 17, 2023)

“Greetings! The deadline for grant amendments for FY 2023 is May 26, 2023. Please submit budget revision requests to MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov.

Egrams Amendment - The following changes require an Amendment on Egrams. Please use the tab along the bottom called "Egrams Amendments" to request an Amendment.

1. Changes of more than \$10,000 and/or 15%, whichever is greater.
2. Adding a line item for which funding was not previously allocated.
3. Significant changes to the project purpose or staff charged to the grant.

REMINDER: Line-item transfer requests for changes that do not meet the threshold to require an Egrams amendment are no longer needed."

2023 Budget Revision Form REVISED March, can be found [here.](#)"

## **9. Letter from DVS to Tribal Leadership: Regarding Talking Circle (sent March 20, 2023)**

"Dear Tribal Leadership:

In February of 2022 the Division of Victim Services coordinated a virtual Talking Circle with Tribal Leaders, Tribal Advocates and MDHHS Division of Victim Services (DVS) staff. As you may know, DVS administers nearly 600 contracts that fund more than 200 community-based programs, Tribes, and government partners across Michigan that provide vital services to victims, such as counseling, legal and medical advocacy, emergency housing, and crime victims' rights advocacy. The Division also provides reimbursement for sexual assault medical forensic examinations, direct compensation to victims through Michigan's Crime Victim Compensation program as well as supports the statewide victim notification system (MI-VINE). Nine Tribes in Michigan currently have contracts with the Division of Victim Services to provide services to victims of crime.

We deeply appreciated the thoughts and feedback you provided us during our 2022 Talking Circle about the needs of crime victims in your communities and our partnership with your Tribe. During that event the Division of Victim Services committed to hosting regular Talking Circles with Tribal Leadership. Since then, we have been working with Rachel Carr-Shunk and Sandra Pilgrim Lewis at Uniting Three Fires Against Violence to identify a date and time for a virtual Talking Circle this spring. As our conversations with them unfolded we decided to work toward an in person Talking Circle rather than one via Zoom. We are grateful for their guidance on this and agree that it is a great idea! For convenience of everyone's travel and time, it is our hope to be able to host an in person Talking Circle in conjunction with the Tribal Leadership Summit this fall. Please look for an invitation as UTFAV's Tribal Leadership Summit scheduling plans solidify.

We are committed to supporting Tribal Nations and communities whenever possible in their efforts to provide culturally honoring services to crime victims including victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking among others. You are key stakeholders in this critical work. We honor and are grateful for the commitment you have made to survivors in your Nations and communities. Your expertise in culturally-rooted service provision and prevention efforts for the members of your communities is well-known and respected in our office. Your willingness to share your knowledge and experience of the unique gaps and needs of your Nation is extremely valuable in building and sustaining meaningful partnerships and we are committed to the continued cultivation of our relationships and very much look forward to meeting you in person at the next Talking Circle.

Sincerely,

Gail Krieger  
Director of Operations

CC: Lorna Elliot-Egan, MDHHS Constituent & Tribal Services Manager  
Elizabeth Nagel, Senior Deputy Director"

## **10. Surveillance Security Cameras inside shelter and non shelter service provider areas (from April 7, 2023)**

"Good morning,

I hope this finds you doing well and hopefully welcoming in spring weather.

Over the last few years many grantees have called DVS seeking direction and guidance on the use of surveillance cameras. There have also been significant discussions at the state and national level among the victim service provider community. As a result of these inquiries and discussions, DVS has developed a [paper which is intended to help Michigan organizations make thoughtful decisions about the use of surveillance cameras in client spaces](#). This paper provides an overview of relevant state and federal law/regulation and a review of considerations for organizations as you navigate determinations about the use of surveillance cameras and any policies and practices.

Additionally, the National Network to End Domestic Violence has issued guidance and consideration on the use of Video Cameras and Surveillance at Programs

[Video Cameras Tipsheet — Safety Net Project \(techsafety.org\)](#)

[Interior Video Surveillance — Safety Net Project \(techsafety.org\)](#)

[Exterior Video Surveillance — Safety Net Project \(techsafety.org\)](#)

We will also be looking to create some opportunities for discussion surrounding the use of video cameras and surveillance in the near future.

Please feel free to reach out if you would like to process the information shared.

Sincerely, Tonya

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## 11. Budget Revision Requests/Line Item Transfers (from March 17, 2023)

“Happy Friday! We have exciting news regarding budget revision requests.

Effective today Line Item Transfers for changes that do not meet the threshold to require an Egrams Amendment are no longer required.

When are Egrams Amendments required?

The following changes require an Amendment on Egrams.

1. Line item increases of more than \$10,000 and/or 15%, whichever is greater.
2. Adding a line item for which funding was not previously allocated.
3. Significant changes to the project purpose or staff charged to the grant.
4. Adding a staff position that was not previously budgeted.

Is there a new Budget Revision Request Form?

Yes (find it [here](#)). Although the old form may be used.

Where should Budget Revision Requests be sent?

MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov

When are Budget Revision Requests due for FY 2022?

Final amendment requests will be due in late May, 2023. A notice will be distributed as we get closer to that deadline.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the DVS inbox at MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov. Thank you for all you do and have a wonderful weekend!  
-The DVS Team”

## 12. Michigan Victim Advocacy Network (MiVAN) Trainings and Workshops (from March 17, 2023)

“Dear DV/SA Grantee Leadership,

The [Michigan Victim Advocacy Network](#) (MiVAN) is a valuable clearinghouse of crime victim advocacy trainings and resources. Be sure to encourage your staff to check out MiVAN’s upcoming trainings and workshops:

### **Advocacy Tools for Healing Trauma Workshops (March 22, May 17, May 24, September 13, September 20, 2023)**

Encourage your team to join MiVAN’s free, live, virtual workshops. On March 22, Dr. Apryl Pooley will host *Engaging the Mind-Body Connection*, a 2-hour interactive session, which will provide opportunities to recognize trauma reactions and practice responding with various mind-body tools. The workshop will be offered again on May 24, 2023 and September 20, 2023. [Learn more about the upcoming March workshop.](#)

Dr. Pooley will host another workshop, *Building Trauma-Informed Advocacy Skills*, on May 17, 2023 and September 13, 2023. Also free, live, and virtual, this 2-hour interactive session will help advocates know how, and when, to talk about trauma with survivors. Registration will open in April.

(Each workshop offers 2 CE clock hours. Advocates may register for one or both workshops, however, [the online course Trauma Across the Lifespan is a mandatory prerequisite for these workshops](#). These are the same workshops that have been offered in years past.)

### **Stay tuned: NEW Understanding the Confidentiality Requirements of VOCA, FVPSA, and VAWA (Spring 2023)**

A new ‘Understanding Confidentiality’ course will be available this Spring! The updated and redesigned course is interactive and better engages advocates in meaningful skill-building around various nuanced confidentiality scenarios. The course will offer 2 CE clock hours. All VOCA-funded employees in Michigan are mandated to view this series.

### **Michigan Advocate Survey (May 2023)**

MiVAN will be collecting advocate feedback on the state of crime victim advocacy in Michigan via the biennial Michigan Advocate Survey in May 2023. In 2020, over 500 advocates responded to the survey, providing invaluable insight into their experiences, needs, and trends across the field. We encourage you to have your staff participate by offering designated time during the workday for your staff to complete the survey. [Explore the results from the 2020 survey.](#)

### **Other ways to stay in-the-know**

All DVS-funded advocates are welcome to create a free account on MiVAN.org and access [trainings, resources](#), and evidence-based advocacy videos on [Paper to Practice](#). Join MiVAN’s private [Facebook group](#) to receive real-time updates about training launches and other statewide advocacy information. Finally, MiVAN compiles specific resource roundups based on your requests. Let them know what information you and your staff are looking for!

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## 13. Computer Cap Increase and SASRV/SACS/SANE Webinar Links and Questions and Answers (2/27/2023)

Happy Monday! Great news to start the week. On Friday we were given permission to increase allowable cap for individual computers (including software) from \$1,200 to \$2,200! Thank you to everyone that provided

feedback and information. This change is effective immediately. If you need to do a budget amendment to accommodate this change, please let us know by email [MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov).

Additionally, four webinars were held last week regarding some changes to the SASRV/SACS and SANE. Click below for:

[FY23 webinar recording links](#) (also includes webinars from the fall)  
[Questions and Answers](#) from SASRV/SACS and SANE webinars

Thanks!  
Julie Giddings  
MDHHS/Division of Victim Services”

#### 14. DVS January 2023 Tribal Talking Circle Follow-Up (February 21, 2023)

“Good morning,

I was honored to participate in a Tribal Advocacy Listening session in January of 2023 at the invitation of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence. I again want to thank everyone who participated in that event for sharing your experiences, needs and insights. We have a few updates and appreciate your patience as we have been working to set up an infrastructure of support based on your feedback.

First, to track tribal issues and concerns in an ongoing way, we have implemented a tracking sheet that we intend to keep updated, which is attached [HERE](#). We hope this is a helpful and productive tool.

Next, going forward we are pleased to share the following:

- **Julie Giddings** will serve as the contract teams tribal advocate/grantee liaison – [giddingsj@michigan.gov](mailto:giddingsj@michigan.gov). Questions about contracts can be directed to Julie. In addition, Julie or an alternative member of the contracts team will work to attend the MTVAC (Michigan Tribal Victim Advocate Consortium Meeting) quarterly meetings as schedules allow.
- **Nora Williams** will serve as the DVS QA tribal advocate/grantee liaison – [williamsn17@michigan.gov](mailto:williamsn17@michigan.gov). Nora will engage in an ongoing way with grantees with a focus on relationship building and ongoing participation.

Cathy Brown, [brownc89@michigan.gov](mailto:brownc89@michigan.gov), will continue on in her critical role of leading the Division’s larger Culturally Specific and Underserved (CSU) grant strategy and work closely with Julie and Nora. The Division of Victim Services recognizes the importance and value of the much needed services and supports that the tribal advocates provide to native survivors who too often are invisible and unheard. We look forward to working with you to support the amazingly culturally centered work in assisting survivors with securing safety, removing barriers on their journey to healing.

We are also pleased to be hosting our next DV/SA Grantee Leadership Meeting (formerly the Agency Director’s Meeting) in Grand Rapids on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of having the honor of walking alongside Tribal Advocates and other community members to Honor, Remember, and Recognize May 5th as National Missing Murdered Indigenous Peoples Awareness Day. I am planning to attend both events and am looking forward to connecting with you all in-person.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me directly with any concerns.

Sincerely,

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### **15. Email from Nora Williams, DVS Quality Assurance Tribal Advocate Grantee Liaison (February 22, 2023)**

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Nora ndezhnekas Sault Ste. Marie ndotthbya Wigwas zibik nde da Ktthe gnewesh shna ngi da zhi wigwas zibik Nnetthiwenmo e wabenem

Hello,

My name is Nora. I come from Sault Ste Marie. I live in Birch Bark River. I lived in Birch Bark River for a long time. I am happy to see you all.

I’m really excited to have been asked to be the QA tribal advocate grantee liaison. I’m thrilled to get to see familiar faces and excited to meet new partners. I will be reaching out to each tribe individually to set up some time for us to meet and have conversation.

I am available for Technical Assistance, and support. If you have immediate needs now, please reach out to me. Otherwise please expect a call from me within the next 2 weeks. I look forward to having conversations with you all soon.

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### **16. Tribal Advocate/Grantee Liaison Introduction: Email from Julie Giddings (February 22, 2023)**

“Greetings:

I’m sending this email to let you know that I have been chosen to be your tribal advocate/grantee liaison. I’m happy and excited to get to know and to work with you.

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Julie Giddings, and I have worked for the Division of Victim Services for 26 years. I am married, have three stepchildren, three grandchildren, thirteen nieces and nephews, two great nieces and one great nephew, two dogs and a cat. I enjoy spending time with family, taking walks with my dogs, and getting lost in a good book. Many, if not all of you, worked with Diana Bartlett who is no longer working for the Division. I am taking her place and hope that I will do as good of job as she did. I know I have big shoes to fill.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly whenever you need help. You no longer need to email the MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov email box. I will cc the MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov email box on all emails so that the grants team is kept apprised of your questions and my responses.

I look forward to working with you all.

Take care,

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### 17. VOCA Update (February 17, 2023)

“VOCA Funding Update: We are pleased to be able to provide an additional update on VOCA funding update <https://youtu.be/Mn24XVhG-zE>  
We hope this provides helpful information and look forward to coming back to you with additional updates.”

### 18. Sexual Assault Email Updates (February 17, 2023)

“**Subject:** Sexual Assault Email Update

Good afternoon and happy Friday! Meeting invitations were sent today to SASRV, SANE and SACS grantees for meetings next week. The goal of these meetings is to discuss and gather feedback about proposed changes to the FY 2024 grants.

Each meeting has a different registration link. You are welcome to attend any/all of the meetings however, the meeting invite(s) you received directly from DVS is/are most relevant to your organization. [Depending on the grants your organization has been awarded, you may have received an invitation to more than one meeting.](#) We encourage you to attend if you are available, however recordings will be distributed.

Intended audience	Date/Time	Registration Link
SASRV Grantees that bid for grants in FY 2019	Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3863903092023312217">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3863903092023312217</a>
Grantees that received an SASRV grant between FY 2021 and FY 2022	Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6040274209020066398">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6040274209020066398</a>
SANE grantees	Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6547582277006188374">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6547582277006188374</a>
Grantees that do not have an SASRV Grant	Friday, February 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4591589574114610006">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4591589574114610006</a>

Please let us know if you have any questions!

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Grant Questions Email: [MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov)”

## 19. 2023 Division of Victim Services DV/SA Grantee Leadership Meetings (Formerly known as Agency Directors Meeting) (February 16, 2023)

Here is a [“revised schedule](#) of the 2023 dates for the DV/SA Grantee Leadership Meetings (formerly Agency Director Meetings) Please note there has been a change in the May meeting location, and we will now be in Grand Rapids at the Sheraton Hotel.

**DVS would like to invite you to join us on May 4th & 5th in Grand Rapids at the Sheraton Hotel, for our DV/SA Grantee Leadership Meeting, in anticipation of having the honor of walking alongside Tribal Advocates and other community members to Honor, Remember, and Recognize May 5th as National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person’s Awareness Day.**

**While one day is not enough to honor and raise awareness concerning the impact that has affected Native Communities across the Nation. Native peoples are afforded one day to Honor, Remember and Recognize the thousands of lives that have been affected to not only those that have passed, those that are missing but, also the thousands of families that have lost loved ones.**

Please replace the meeting schedule you received last month with this revised version.”

## 20. Travel policy change! (February 1, 2023)

**Effective immediately** grantees may bill for travel costs up to individual grantees approved travel policies/rates. Where a policy does not exist, the State travel rates must be followed. Please contact us at MDHHS-DVS@michigan.gov if you have any questions.

### Question/Concern

It is difficult to find a hotel at State rates.

Do we have any flexibility to increase the amount we can be reimbursed for the cost of hotels?

### Actions Taken/Proposed

#### **Effective Immediately - Travel Costs**

**Effective immediately Grantees may bill for travel costs up to individual grantees approved travel policies/rates.**

**Where a policy does not exist, the State travel rates must be followed.**

1. Be reimbursed for travel costs (including mileage, meals and lodging) budgeted and incurred related to activities provided under this Agreement.
  - a. If the Grantee has a documented policy related to travel reimbursement for employees and if the Grantee follows that documented policy, the Department will reimburse the Grantee for travel costs at the Grantee’s documented reimbursement rate for employees. Otherwise, the state of Michigan travel reimbursement rate applies.
  - b. State of Michigan travel rates may be found at the following website: [https://www.michigan.gov/dtmb/0,5552,7-358-82548\\_13132---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/dtmb/0,5552,7-358-82548_13132---,00.html)
  - c. International travel must be preapproved by the Department and itemized in the budget.

## 21. Grantee Concerns and Recommendations (January 27 2023)

The DVS has been working on many fronts to address and respond to the questions and concerns that have been raised by grantees over the past few months. The attached is a working document that the DVS uses tracks requests/concerns that have been identified and progress toward addressing the concern. We will be distributing this document to grantees periodically as a mechanism for keeping you updated. Following are three significant changes that have been addressed as a result of your feedback:

Grant Program Impacted: DVCS – VOCA

Concern: The time to administer the split in funding between DV and SA is excessive and is not beneficial to serving clients

Action Taken: Effective Immediately - The DVS will expand client eligibility under the Domestic Violence Comprehensive Services - VOCA (DVCSV) grant to allow programs to serve survivors who experienced sexual assault in the context of intimate partner violence as well as survivors of non-intimate partner sexual assault/abuse. This fix is not intended to support entire sexual assault programs or fund sexual assault staff, but rather to provide additional administrative flexibility and allow DV programs to effectively serve the occasional non-IPV sexual assault survivor.

Grant Program Impacted: All Grants

Concern: The DHHS audit requirement that vendor cards cannot be billed on FSRs until they are dispersed to clients is burdensome and causes grantees to either spend staff time purchasing vendor cards one at a time, or fronting expenses for a period of time.

Action Taken: DVS requested reconsideration due to the hardship to grantees. DHHS audit has reversed the directive and has indicated that vendor cards may be included on FSRs as soon as the grantee incurred the cost

Grant Program Impacted: TSH/TSHV

Concern: The TSH/TSHV programs do not allow the purchase of vendor cards. This makes supporting and empowering clients very challenging.

Action Taken: Effective immediately - vendor cards will be allowable in both the TSH and TSHV grants. Additional information to follow about how to use current grant funds for vendor cards.

Please continue to let us know your ideas and recommendations. Your feedback is essential.

Thank you for your continued efforts to advocate on behalf of survivors. You are the front line and safety net for survivors, thank you for the work you do every day.

## 22. VOCA and DVS Funding Update (January 26, 2023)

We recognize that grantees are anxious for an update on VOCA funding for budget development and planning purposes. While we do not have all of the answers, we wanted to give you an update of where we are right now. Please take a moment to watch the following funding video <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/safety-injury-prev/publicsafety/crimevictims/grants-and-funding/current-grantees/voca-update-for-grantees>. Updates will go out as we get more information. In the meantime, we hope this helps you understand how funding has been allocated over time and some of the factors we are trying to balance going forward.

In addition, we have attached a document entitled Major DVS Grant Programs. This chart is intended to provide an overview of DVS funding. DVS will be doing webinars regarding DVS funding in the near future.

View the chart [here](#).

## 23. Division of Victim Services – Cross Walk of Duties Presented to MDSVPTB (Treatment Board)

To view an explanation of specific duties of staff of the Division of Victim Services (and how those duties fulfil legislative requirements of enabling legislation of the MDSVPTB) please [click here](#).

## 24. VOCA FY23 Grant Information

Staff Contact Info:

- Please direct all VOCA grant questions to the VOCA Group email: MDHHS-CVSC-VOCA-Grant@michigan.gov.
- Technical issues or problems accessing your EGrAMS account should be reported to the EGrAMS Helpdesk at: 517-335-3359 or MDHHS-EGrAMS-HELP@michigan.gov

Information/Document Title	What is it?	What do you need to do with the information?
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<a href="#">FY 2023 VOCA Requirements</a>	Overview of requirements/reports for 2023 VOCA Grants	Save as reference
<a href="#">Grantee Guidelines &amp; Policy Manual</a>	Comprehensive guidelines for all DVS grantees	Save as reference
<a href="#">Health &amp; Safety Certification Form</a>	Form used to certify that Health and Safety Inspections have been completed.	Complete and upload to your organization's IGX Profile page
Annual Certification Link: <a href="https://www.research.net/r/AC2023">https://www.research.net/r/AC2023</a>	Link to certify understanding and compliance with a variety of State and Federal grant requirements.	Complete the link no later than October 1, 2022
<a href="#">Allowable &amp; Unallowable Chart</a>	Comprehensive lists of allowable expenses for the primary DVS grant programs	Save as reference

If you have questions, please contact [mdhhs-mdsvptb@michigan.gov](mailto:mdhhs-mdsvptb@michigan.gov) or [mdhhs-cvsc-voca-grants@michigan.gov](mailto:mdhhs-cvsc-voca-grants@michigan.gov)

## 25. Division of Victim Services – All Recorded Webinars Available

Thank you to everyone that has attended/watched the DVS fall grants webinar series. We will post the materials (Q&A, PowerPoint, Grantee Guidelines, Allowable Chart) to DVSGMS/IGX. As soon as those are posted we will send out communication to notify you. Thank you for joining us and all you do!!!

Below please find all recorded webinars:

Webinar Topic	Date/Time	Webinar Registration Link	Webinar Recording Link
Health & Safety, Annual Certification requirements, Allowable/Unallowable Chart Overview	Date: September 27, 2022	-	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/1655700010878978050">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/1655700010878978050</a>
	Time: 10:00 – 12:00		
ARPA Requirements (SFMI/SFSA/DVCA-F)	05-Oct-22		<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2921321457374771970">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2921321457374771970</a>
	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	-	

Using DVS GMS (aka IGX) for Reporting and Communication	12-Oct-22		
	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6871607251384555523">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6871607251384555523</a>
Grantee Guidelines	19-Oct-22		<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3891593190196809734">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3891593190196809734</a>
	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		
Desk Review Information (what are they, who must do them, etc.)	October 26, 2022		<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2267860806731083791">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2267860806731083791</a>
	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		
Allowable and Unallowable Chart - Deep Dive, follow up and discussion	09-Nov-22		
	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2260350043112299533">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2260350043112299533</a>
Grant boilerplate highlights, Attachment Es	16-Nov-22		<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8698378751500207883">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8698378751500207883</a>
	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		



### Upcoming Events

Advocate Check In Calls – Every Second Thursday of the Month - 10:00am EST  
 Tribal Trafficking/MMIP Work Group – Every Other Third Thursday of the Month – 1:00pm EST  
 For more information about any upcoming events, reach out to UTFAV Training Coordinator at [vpatzwald@utfav.org](mailto:vpatzwald@utfav.org)