

ADVISORY BULLETIN

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TO: ALL FUNDED PROGRAMS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: VOCA Match Waiver

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The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) remains focused on finding ways to help our funded programs during this time of continued financial and operational challenges. It is our goal to help you meet these challenges so you can continue to provide critical services to your clients and communities.

OVS is formally notifying our funded programs that the blanket match waiver will be extended through September 30, 2024. All contract periods ending on September 30, 2023 (Year 1 of the 2022 RFA awards) and September 30, 2024 (Year 2 of the 2022 RFA awards) will not require match. An official notification will be sent to each individual awardee confirming this waiver at a later date. The match requirements for the contract period ending September 30, 2025 (Year 3 of the 2022 RFA awards) have yet to be determined, so additional information for Year 3 will be communicated at a later date.

Waiving this match requirement provides programs with added flexibility in spending your awards on VOCA-allowable expenses and allows you to continue to provide services.

OVS worked with the federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to develop our [Match Waiver Policy](#), which gives the agency the authority "...to issue partial, or full, match waivers to some, or all OVS subrecipients during any contract term when unique circumstances justify such action. Examples of unique circumstances include, but are not limited to, a natural disaster, a pandemic, or a mass violence incident."

Should you have any questions about the match waiver, please email or call your assigned Contract Management Specialist.

On behalf of OVS, thank you for your continued commitment to providing the highest quality services to victims of crime in New York State.



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