

Section Name: ARRA SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR VOCA

Section Description: Applicants applying for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) VOCA funds must certify they will comply with the following special conditions:

1. Conflict with Other Standard Terms and Conditions:

The recipient understands and agrees that all other terms and conditions contained in this award, or in applicable OJP grant policy statements or guidance, apply unless they conflict or are superseded by the terms and conditions included here that specifically implement the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5 (“ARRA” or “Recovery Act”) requirements. Recipients are responsible for contacting PCCD for any needed clarifications.

2. Discrimination Findings:

The recipient assures that in the event that a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the ground of race, religion, national origin, sex, or disability against a recipient of victim assistance formula funds under this award, the recipient will forward a copy of the findings to the Office for Civil Rights of OJP and the Office of Financial Management and Administration of PCCD.

3. VOCA non-supplanting:

The recipient agrees that funds received under this award will not be used to supplant State and local funds otherwise available to provide crime victim assistance.

4. Access to Records; Interviews:

The recipient understands and agrees that the Department of Justice (DOJ), (Including Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG)), and its representatives, and the Government Accountability Office (GAO), shall have access to and the right to examine all records (including, but not limited to, books, papers, and documents) related to this Recovery Act award, including such records of any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor.

The recipient also understands and agrees that DOJ and the GAO are authorized to interview any officer or employee of the recipient (or of any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor) regarding transactions related to this Recovery Act award.

5. One-Time Funding:

The recipient understands and agrees that awards under the Recovery Act will be one-time awards and accordingly that its proposed project activities and deliverables are to be accomplished without additional DOJ funding.

6. Separate Tracking and Reporting of Recovery Act Funds and Outcomes:

The recipient agrees to track, account for, and report on all funds from this Recovery Act award (including specific outcomes and benefits attributable to Recovery Act funds) separately from all other funds, including DOJ award funds from non-Recovery Act awards awarded for the same or similar purposes or programs. (Recovery Act funds may be used in conjunction with other funding as necessary to complete projects, but tracking and reporting of Recovery Act funds must be separate.)

Accordingly, the accounting systems of the recipient and all subrecipients must ensure that funds from this Recovery Act award are not commingled with funds from any other source.

The recipient further agrees that all personnel (including subrecipient personnel) whose activities are to be charged to the award will maintain timesheets to document hours worked for activities related to this award and non-award related activities.

7. Quarterly Financial Reports:

The recipient agrees to submit quarterly financial status reports (Quarterly Subgrantee Reports) to PCCD. These reports are to be submitted via Egrants not later than 20 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The final report shall be submitted not later than 60 days following the end of the grant period.

8. Recovery Act Transactions Listed in Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards:

(a) The recipient agrees to maintain records that identify adequately the source and application of Recovery Act funds, to maximize the transparency and accountability of funds authorized under the Recovery Act as required by the Act and in accordance with 2 CFR 215.21, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations" and OMB A-102 Common Rules provisions (relating to Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments).

(b) The recipient agrees to separately identify the expenditures for Federal awards under the Recovery Act on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) and the Data Collection Form (SF-SAC) required by OMB Circular A-133. This condition only applies if the recipient is covered by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations." This shall be accomplished by identifying expenditures for Federal awards made under the Recovery Act separately on the SEFA, and as separate rows under Item 9 of Part III on the SF-SAC by CFDA number, and inclusion of the prefix "ARRA-" in identifying the name of the Federal program on the SEFA and as the first characters in Item 9d of Part III on the SF-SAC.

9. Reporting Requirements under Section 1512(c) of the Recovery Act:

(a) This award requires the recipient to complete projects or activities which are funded under the Recovery Act and to report on use of Recovery Act funds provided through this award. Information from these reports will be made available to the public.

(b) The reports are due to PCCD (via Egrants) no later than five calendar days after each calendar quarter in which the recipient receives the assistance award funded in whole or in part by the Recovery Act.

(c) The recipient understands that section 1512(c) of the Recovery Act provides as follows:

Recipient Program Reports - Not later than five days after the end of each calendar quarter, each recipient that received recovery funds from PCCD shall submit a program report (via Egrants) that contains--

- (1) The total amount of recovery funds received;
- (2) The amount of recovery funds received that were expended or obligated to projects or activities; and
- (3) A detailed list of all projects or activities for which recovery funds were expended or obligated, including--
 - (A) The name of the project or activity;
 - (B) A description of the project or activity;
 - (C) An evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity;
 - (D) An estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity; and
 - (E) For infrastructure investments made by State and local governments, the purpose, total cost, and rationale of the agency for funding the infrastructure investment with funds made available under this Act, and name of the person to contact at the agency if there are concerns with the infrastructure investment.
- (4) Detailed information on any subcontracts or subgrants awarded by the recipient to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282), allowing aggregate reporting on awards below \$25,000 or to individuals, as prescribed by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

10. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct:

The recipient must promptly refer to the DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subgrantee, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a false claim for Recovery Act funds under the False Claims Act; or 2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving Recovery Act funds. This condition also applies to any subrecipients. Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by –

Mail:

Office of the Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
Investigations Division

Room 4706
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

Email: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov

Hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish) (800) 869-4499

Or Hotline fax: (202) 616-9881

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at www.usdoj.gov/oig.

11. Protecting State and Local Government and Contractor Whistleblowers (Recovery Act, section 1553):

The recipient recognizes that the Recovery Act provides certain protections against reprisals for employees of non-Federal employers who disclose information reasonably believed to be evidence of gross management, gross waste, substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, abuse of authority, or violations of law related to contracts or grants using Recovery Act funds. For additional information, refer to section 1553 of the Recovery Act. The text of Recovery Act is available at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery.

12. Limit on Funds (Recovery Act, section 1604)

The recipient agrees that none of the funds under this award may be used by any state or local government, or any private entity, for construction costs or any other support of any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool.

13. Infrastructure Investment (Recovery Act, sections 1511 and 1602):

The recipient agrees that it may not use any funds made available under this Recovery Act award for infrastructure investment absent submission of a satisfactory certification under section 1511 of the Recovery Act. Should the recipient decide to use funds for infrastructure investment subsequent to award, the recipient must submit appropriate certifications under section 1511 of the Recovery Act and receive prior approval from PCCD and OJP. In seeking such approval, the recipient shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, and shall use award funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefits. The rest of the Recovery Act (including sections 1511 and 1602) is available at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery.

14. Buy American Notification (Recovery Act, section 1605):

The recipient understands that this award is subject to the provisions of section 1605 of the Recovery Act (“Buy American”). No award funds may be used for iron, steel, or manufactured goods for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work, unless the recipient provides advance written notification to PCCD, and written authorization is given that modifies this special condition to add government-wide standard conditions (anticipated to be published in

subpart B of 2 C.F.R. part 176) that further implement the specific requirements or exceptions of section 1605.

Section 1605 of the Recovery Act prohibits use of any Recovery Act funds for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States, subject to certain exceptions, including United States obligations under international agreements.

For purposes of this special condition, the following definitions apply:

“Public building” and “public work” means a public building of, and a public work of, a governmental entity (the United States; the District of Columbia; commonwealths, territories, and minor outlying islands of the United States; State and local governments; and multi-State, regional, or interstate entities which have governmental functions). These buildings and works may include, without limitation, bridges, dams, plants, highways, parkways, streets, subways, tunnels, sewers, mains, power lines, pumping stations, heavy generators, railways, airports, terminals, docks, piers, wharves, ways, lighthouses, buoys, jetties, breakwaters, levees, and canals, and the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of such buildings and works.

“Manufactured good” means a good brought to the construction site for incorporation into the building or work that has been-

- (1) Processed into a specific form and shape; or
- (2) Combined with other raw material to create a material that has different properties than the properties of the individual raw materials.

“Steel” means an alloy that includes at least 50 percent iron, between .02 and 2 percent carbon, and may include other elements.

For purposes of OJP grants, projects involving construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of jails, detention facilities, prisons, public crime victims’ shelters, police facilities, or other similar projects will likely trigger this provision.

Note: The recipient is encouraged to contact PCCD – in advance – with any questions concerning this condition, including its applicability to particular circumstances.

15. Wage Rate Requirements under Section 1606 of the Recovery Act:

(a) Section 1606 of the Recovery Act requires that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to the Recovery Act shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code.

Pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 14 and the Copeland Act, 40 U.S.C. 3145, the Department of Labor has issued regulations at 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, and 5 to implement the Davis-Bacon and related Acts. Regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 instruct agencies concerning application of the standard Davis-Bacon contract clauses set forth in that section. The standard Davis-Bacon contract clauses found in 29 CFR 5.5 (a) are to be incorporated in any covered contracts made under this award that are in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration or repair (including painting and decorating).

(b) For additional guidance on the wage rate requirements of section 1606, contact PCCD. The U.S. Secretary of Labor retains final coverage authority under Reorganization Plan Number 14.

16. NEPA and Related Laws:

The recipient understands that all OJP awards are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. section 4321 et seq.) and other related Federal laws (including the National Historic Preservation Act), if applicable. The recipient agrees to assist OJP in carrying out its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws, if the recipient plans to use Recovery Act funds (directly or through subaward or contract) to undertake any activity that triggers these requirements, such as renovation or construction. (See 28 C.F.R. Part 61, App.D.) The recipient also agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this award.

17. Misuse of Award Funds:

The recipient understands and agrees that misuse of award funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under an award, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

18. Additional Requirements and Guidance:

The recipient agrees to comply with any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law and future OJP (including government-wide) guidance and clarifications of Recovery Act requirements.

In the area provided below please certify that the Applicant Agency will comply with these ARRA Special Conditions for VOCA funds by stating, "Applicant certifies that we will comply with these special conditions for ARRA VOCA funds." Additionally, you must print the attached Certification Form (in the template) and submit the original signed copy to PCCD. The signed copy should be scanned and submitted electronically as an attachment in the Egrants section called Required Attachments.