

OCVS Funding Updates Overview

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Updates
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Updates



Office of Crime Victim Services

grant programs

	VICTIMIZATION TYPE				ELIGIBLE VICTIMS			ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES			
	Sexual Assault	Domestic Violence	Human Trafficking	Other Crimes	Children	Teens	Adults	Primary Prevention	Direct Services	Education	Systems Improvement
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Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Updates

What we know

What we do not know

Recent WI VOCA Award Levels

2024 Next VOCA Competitive

VOCA Fix Passed

Funding levels for 2024 VOCA Competitive

Future CVF Deposits

Timeline for WI ARPA funds

Timeframe for VOCA Fix impact

Timeline for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding

Federal Appropriation Process

The President's budget request and the House and Senate Appropriations bills specify a VOCA "Cap," which is the amount OVC may release from the Crime Victim Fund (CVF) in a specific federal fiscal year (FFY).

February: President submits a budget proposal to Congress

March-April: House and Senate Budget Committees develop their versions of a budget resolution that sets overall topline spending levels for the following fiscal year. These are the spending caps which appropriators must stay within.

May-September: House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees hold hearings and draft the 12 appropriations bills that, together, make up the federal budget. In theory the bills should be negotiated, passed and signed by the President before the new fiscal year begins on October 1. In practice, appropriations bills are often signed around late winter.

If an appropriations bill is not signed by October 1, then Congress may pass a Continuing Resolution (CR) to allow an extension of federal spending at current levels. If Congress does not pass a CR or if the President vetoes it, then unfunded nonessential activities and programs (includes VOCA funding) are shut down until appropriations are enacted. Usually, the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs has enough reserves to continue to operate during a shutdown. However, if a prolonged shutdown were to happen, they would not be able to sustain operations.

Office for Victims of Crime Award Process

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) cannot determine or distribute state VOCA Assistance or Compensation formula award allocations until the appropriations are enacted. For example, the FFY 2022 appropriations bills had not been passed as of 12/28/2021, and there was a Continuing Resolution extending FFY 2021 funding through February 18, 2022. Continuing resolutions were passed again in February and March 2022 before the budget was ultimately agreed upon and passed by Congress on March 11, 2022.

Once the budget is passed and a VOCA Cap determined, funds are appropriated and the statutory set asides are deducted from the CVF. Currently, those are:

- OVC Administrative Costs
- Funding for OVW*
- \$10 Million to OIG*
- Funding for the FBI Victim Specialists
- Funding for U.S. Attorney Offices
Victim-Witness Coordinators
- Federal Victim Notification System
- Tribal programming*
- OVC discretionary grants

*Subject to change by Congress in any given federal fiscal year

VOCA Funding

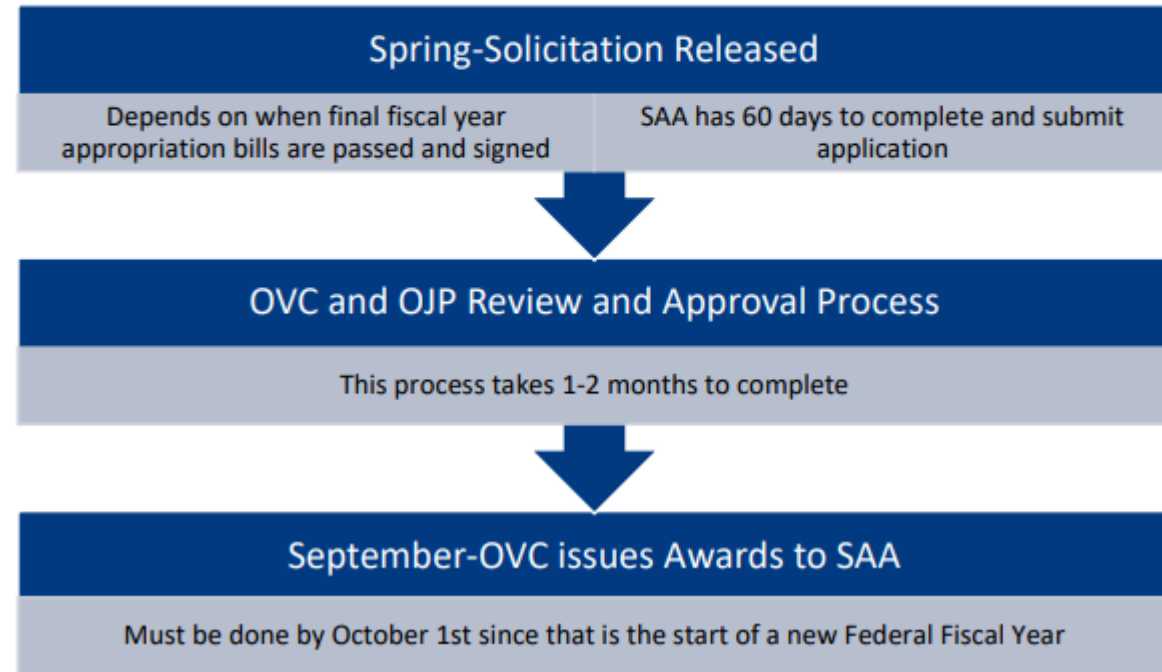
Federal Appropriations Process

VOCA Funding

Federal Appropriations Process Continued

After all those expenses are deducted, the remainder is available to award for the Victim Compensation and Victim Assistance programs. OJP calculates the Compensation awards for each state and deducts the total amount from the Cap. The funds remaining are distributed to state Victim Assistance programs based on a formula using population data.

The typical funding cycle for Victim Assistance from application to award usually takes 3-4 months:



Poll – True or False?

VOCA is a federal formula grant awarded to states and the grant amounts are based on population.

Wisconsin VOCA Award Information

Federal Fiscal Year Award	Award Amount	CVF CAP	5% Administrative Funds	Amount of Admin Funds Used	Award Date	Award Period
2014	\$8,189,763	\$745 million	\$409,488	\$409,488	9/10/2014	10/1/2013 – 9/30/2017
2015	\$34,957,532	\$2.361 billion	\$1,747,876	\$1,677,789	9/15/2015	10/1/2014 – 9/30/2018
2016	\$39,393,093	\$3.042 billion	\$1,969,655	\$1,671,965	9/8/2016	10/1/2015 – 9/30/2019
2017	\$32,661,004	\$2.573 billion	\$1,633,050	\$1,044,362	9/28/2017	10/1/2016 – 9/30/2020
2018	\$58,568,542	\$4.436 billion	\$2,928,427	TBD	8/9/2018	10/1/2017 – 9/30/2022
2019	\$39,619,715	\$3.353 billion	\$1,980,986	TBD	9/13/2019	10/1/2018 – 9/30/2023
2020	\$29,294,541	\$2.641 billion	\$1,464,727	TBD	9/17/2020	10/1/2019 – 9/30/2023
2021	\$18,258,383	\$2.015 billion	\$912,919	TBD	9/16/2021	10/1/2020 – 9/30/2024
2022	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	10/1/2021 – 9/30/2025

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Update

Integrate with
VOCA Funding
Announcement

Simultaneously
administer with
VOCA

Outline ARPA
Requirements

Reduce
Administrative
Burden (OCVS
and Subs)

Guidance

- Track Separately from VOCA
 - Financially
 - OVC PMT

VOCA Subgrantee Funding Breakdown

Grant Period	VOCA Decrease to Subgrantees' Awards	ARPA Portion of "VOCA Project" Subgrant Award	Total Projected Subgranted Award Amounts
10/01/2022 – 9/30/2023	Initial 15%	15%	\$44,566,489
10/01/2023 – 9/30/2024	Additional 15%	27.75%	\$44,566,489

Subgrant Example:

Grant Period	Total "VOCA Project" Award Amount	VOCA Funded Amount	ARPA Funded Amount
10/01/2022 – 9/30/2023	\$100,000	\$85,000	\$15,000
10/01/2023 – 9/30/2024	\$100,000	\$72,250	\$27,750

Resources – Federal and State

US DOJ Budget Forecaster

- <https://www.justice.gov/dojgrantsprogramplan>
- <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/current-funding-opportunities>

Coalitions

- AIAA, BBWPC, CACs of WI, End Abuse, WCASA, WI CASAs, WVWP

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Audit Overview

Passthrough Entity Requirements

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Guidelines Update Highlights

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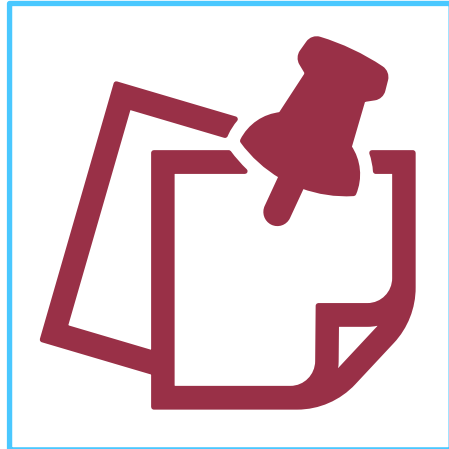
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Helpful Hints and Reminders



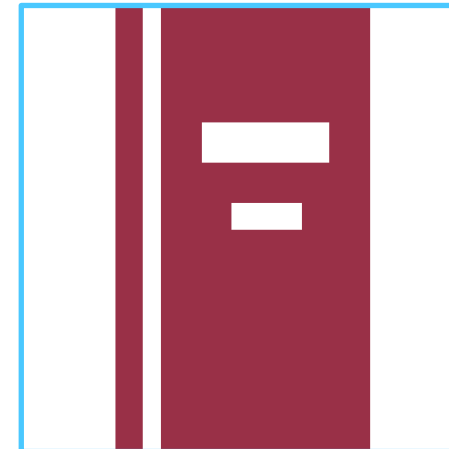
Office of the Inspector General (OIG)

Audit



WI VOCA OIG Audit Closed

Potential for WI VOCA Subrecipients to be audited by US DOJ OIG



Office of the Inspector General (OIG)

Audit



Background



Results



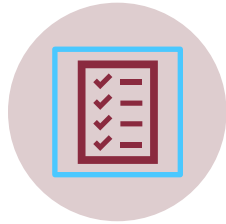
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Moving Forward

Office of the Inspector General (OIG)

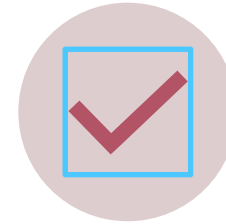
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OIG AUDITING VOCA



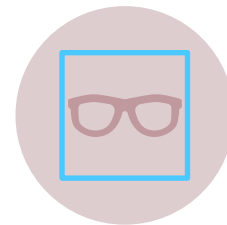
17-MONTH AUDIT
OF WI VOCA
GRANT



OIG PROVIDED
GUIDANCE AND
RECOMMENDATIONS

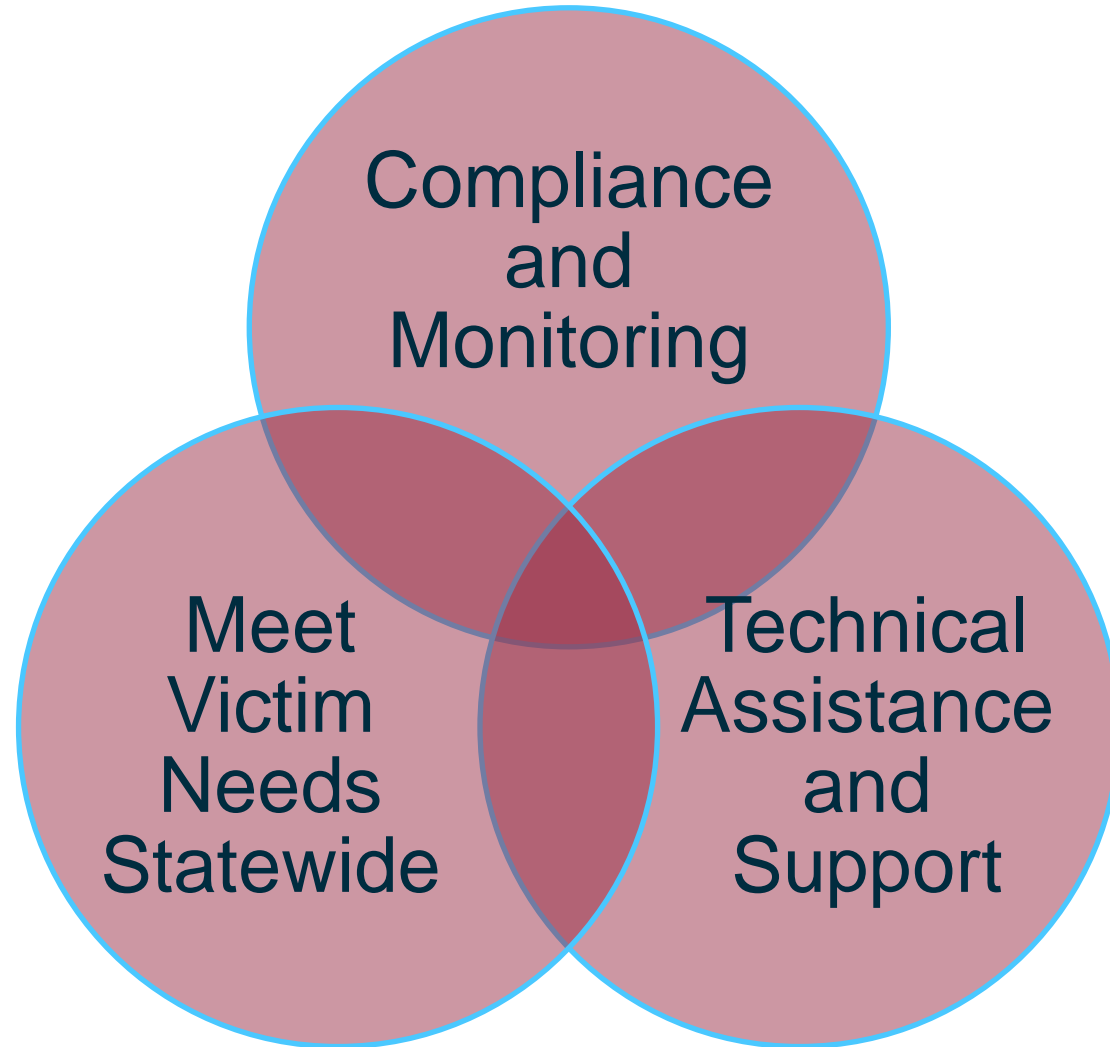


REVIEWED OCVS EXPENSES,
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



LOOKED AT SEVERAL
SUBGRANTS

Passthrough Entity Responsibility



Passthrough Entity Requirements

Monitoring

- Programmatic
- Administrative
- Financial

Compliance

- Federal Rules and Regulations
- State Rules and Regulations

Good Stewards

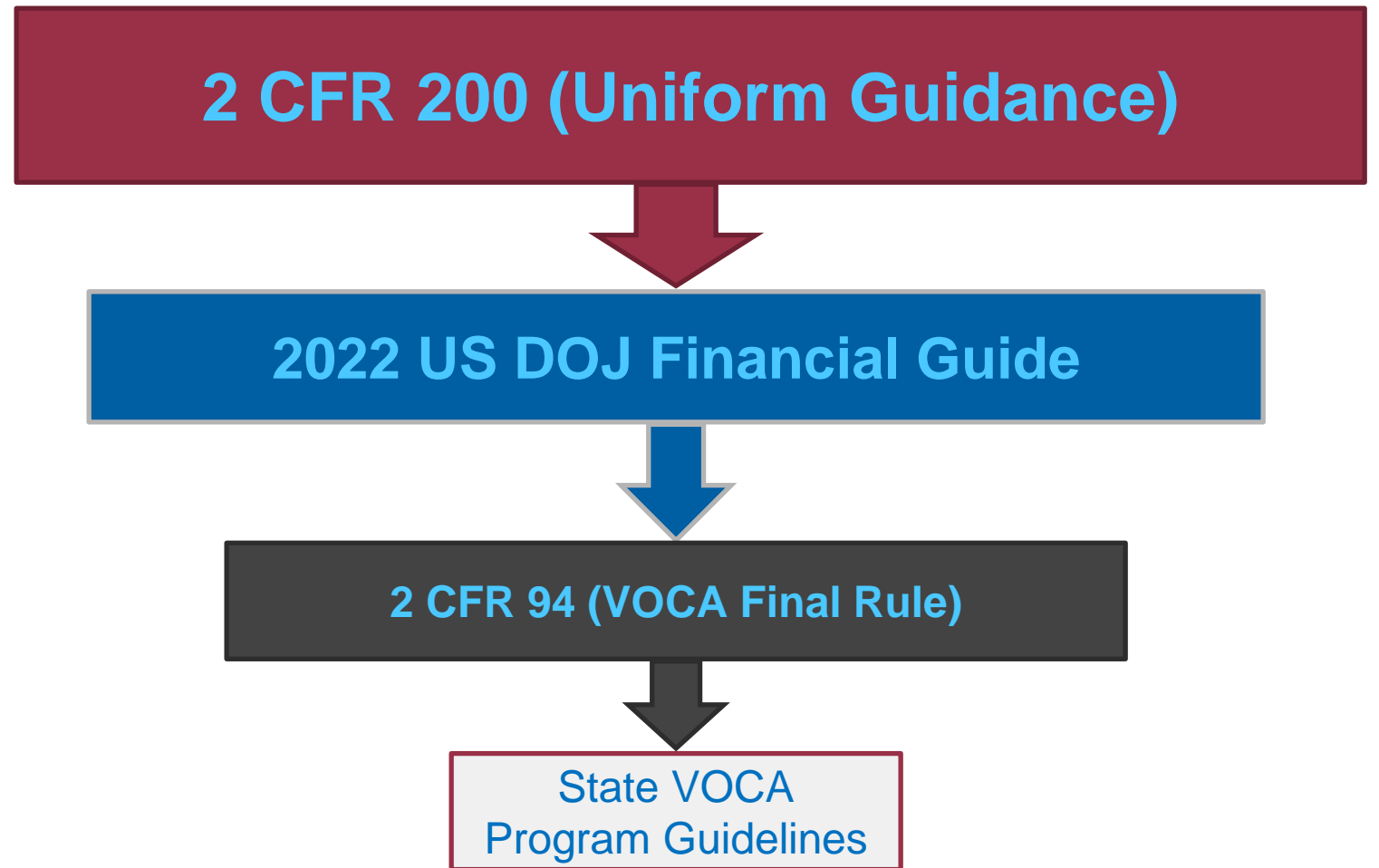
- Balance between administrative burden to subgrants and insufficient oversight

Victim Needs

- Administer funds to ensure statewide needs are met
- Responsive to changing needs of victims

VOCA Rule and VOCA Guidelines

Order of
Precedence



Poll – True or False?

The US DOJ Financial Guide, the VOCA Final Rule, and the State VOCA Program Guidelines can all be **more** restrictive than ~~Uniform Guidance.~~

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Guidelines

Updates Overview

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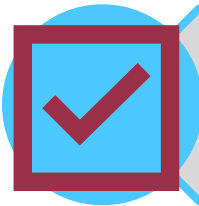
- Travel Rates
- Subaward and Contract Checklists
- Program income form

Further Clarifications

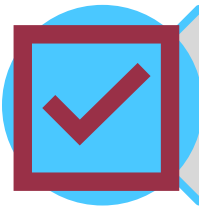
- Match Guidance
- Rent and Organization Routine Expenses

Modification Due Date Changed

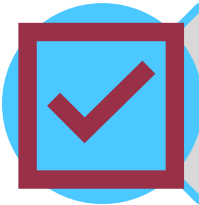
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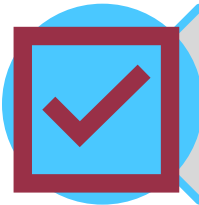
When to do a Budget Modification



Sufficient Justification for the Budget Modification



Do Not Delete a Budget Line Item



When to zero out a Budget Line Item

Poll

A modification is required when:

- Staff Changes
- New Project Director, Financial Officer, or Signing Official
- Adding a new line item in the budget
- Budget category changes in excess of 10% or \$500 (whichever is greater)
- All of the above

Budget Modification Reminders



When to do a Budget Modification

Staff Changes

- Including: Project Director, Financial Officer, Signing Official

Adding new line item into budget or no longer need funding for a line item

Budget Category changes of **10% or \$500** (whichever is greater)

Budget Modification Reminders



Sufficient Justification for Budget Modification

Who; What; Where; When; Why; How

Explain in detail the reason for the changes

Include quotes or estimates for items that meet the inventory report requirements with request

Poll – True or False?

Budget line items should not be deleted in a modification?

Budget Modification Reminders



Do Not Delete Budget Line Items

When Staff leave:

- Do not delete the departed staff from the budget
- Do not reduce line item to \$0 if funds were already reimbursed in the fiscal report

When Staff leave:

- Do add new staff into budget as a new budget line item
- Do account for any remaining funds to be paid for the departed staff

In general, in Egrants do not delete anything without specific instructions from OCVS to do so

Time and Effort



True or False?

Time and Effort reporting is a new requirement.

Why now?

Time and Effort is not a new aspect of OCVS VOCA grants.

- New guidance provided
- Result of OCVS's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audit
- Result of other states' OIG audits

What is the purpose?

In the event of an audit or desk review it needs to be clear that...

- Unallowable expenses or activities are not charged
 - Prevention and lobbying
- Grant objectives are being met
 - Two sexual assault advocates
- It is clear what the grant is funding

Poll

Hours billed to the VOCA grant should be calculated based on...

- Predetermined amounts based on floor space
- An after-the-fact accounting
- Predetermined amounts based on FTE's
- Remaining funds

What is required?

There needs to be a clear trail from time worked to amounts claimed.

- Not based on estimates or percentages
 - No predetermined allocation
- An after-the-fact accounting
 - Staff reflect on how time was spent
- Employee states their time and effort
 - Certified by employee and supervisor

Poll

Now that match has been mandatorily waived this year,
What is considered the VOCA project?

- Only the portion of the victim service project VOCA funds
- The entire victim service project at an agency
- Both

What is considered the VOCA project?

The VOCA project is activities and services by VOCA funds (federal and match).

- Cash Match and Federal expenses should not be comingled
 - It should be clear what expenses are charged to the grant
 - Separate accounting codes and options on timesheets
 - Match has been waived, when it returns still needs to be tracked separately
- Think of your VOCA fiscal reports
 - Reimbursed expenses are the federal part of the VOCA project
 - Billed hours need to be supported

What is considered the VOCA project?

The VOCA project is activities and services by VOCA funds (federal and match).

- American Rescue Plan

Match



Reporting

Match has been mandatorily waived during the national emergency.

- Fiscal reports with match will have to be redone
- Reach out to your grant manager if you would like match added to your grant

Helpful Hints and Reminders



Preparing for an Audit

Getting ready starts with the understanding of an Audits purpose

- Accountability
- Transparency

OIG Audits can include testing of

- Internal controls
- Compliance with laws and regulations
- Analysis of effectiveness and efficiency

Potential for sub-recipients being audit by OIG is likely

- To ensure accountability they will dive deep into the surface level

Considerations and helpful tips

OIG Auditors will test

- Internal controls vs. grant objectives/activities
- Internal controls vs. grant expenditures
- Laws, regulations and grant conditions to internal controls and (P&P)

TIPS:

- Ensure you have a complete P&P checklist
- Ensure you have back up documentation for expenditures
- Ensure you are complying with VOCA guidelines
- Ensure time and effort is documented appropriately and with supported documentation
- Ensure you have documented statistical data to support the work such as PMTs and grant narrative reports.



Thank You!