

Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)

**American Rescue Plan
COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines,
and Mobile Health Units
Supplemental Funding**

**ALLOWABLE
COSTS
TRAINING**

Our Agenda

1

Review the ARP supplemental grant program purpose.

2

Review allowable costs and Frequently Asked Questions.

3

Review training and technical assistance resources.

2021 ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, and Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Overview

Funding Amount: \$550 million

Purpose: Provision of grants to domestic violence shelters and programs for rapid testing, onsite testing, and providing access to COVID-19 testing; providing access to vaccines; and for facilitating access to mobile health unit services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents

Type of award: Supplemental award to existing FVPSA grant recipients

Release Date: October 25, 2021

Recipients:

\$332,500,000 for states representing 56 grant recipients reaching 1,500 domestic violence programs (subaward grants);

\$142,500,000 for tribes representing 144 grant recipients reaching 252 tribes (direct awards and consortia awards); and

\$50,000,000 for coalitions, resource centers, capacity building centers and hotlines to provide technical assistance to tribes, domestic violence shelters/programs, and culturally specific organizations.

All ARP funds are available for implementation through September 30, 2025



Historic Impact of \$1 Billion in ARP Appropriations for Survivors

**\$450 Million in
ARP DV & SV
Services
Funding**



**\$550 Million in
ARP COVID-19
Testing,
Vaccines, &
Mobil Health
Units Funding**



**\$1 Billion
Investment in
Survivor
Services &
Supports**

What is the origin story of this supplemental funding?

03/30/21 HHS COVID 19 Testing Team inquired about need for onsite testing to mitigate spread of COVID-19 in congregate settings (DV shelters)

04/01/21 50 FVPSA grantees responded to inquiry indicating need for resources and supplies

07/12/21 HHS and OMB approved ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units supplemental funding for FVPSA grant recipients

10/25/21 ACF & FVPSA released \$550 million in ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, mobile health unit supplemental funding



03/31/21 FVPSA Director reached out to all FVPSA grant recipients via email about need.

04/14/21 FVPSA Director submitted proposal to HHS and OMB requesting funding for testing, vaccines, and mobile health units

10/08/21 OMB & HHS approved program instruction guidance memo



What is the purpose of the ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units supplemental funding?





Safe voluntary access to COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health services.



Increased usage of mobile health units and mobile advocacy services for survivors.



Reduced burden for DV programs that do not have resources and staff to support COVID-19 mitigation.



Increased access to health and behavioral health supports for survivors and children.



Meaningful partnerships between DV programs and health care providers.



Temporary housing/rental assistance for survivors and mobile advocacy services.

What are the expected outcomes of the COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units funding?

What does success look like for this supplemental funding?

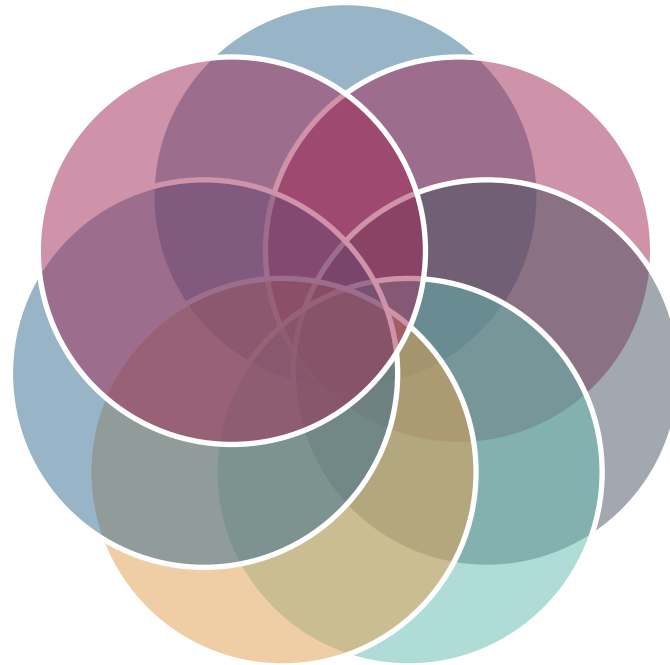
Infinite Possibilities of Success

Increase health and wellbeing services for survivors and children

Temporary housing and rental assistance to support health and safety of survivors

Health departments provide pop-up vaccination clinics for DV programs

Collaborations with IHS to help tribes access mobile health units



DV programs have partnerships with mobile health units to support survivors

Doctors and nurses make regular rotations to DV programs

DV programs have COVID-19 mitigation teams onsite

How can this supplemental funding support our collective goals for survivors and families?



Mitigate COVID-19 and support the continuity of survivor services and supports.



Provide access to health supports for those who are facing barriers and isolation to preventive health care.



Improve health and wellbeing outcomes for survivors and reduce health disparities exacerbated by IPV.



What is the purpose of the ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units supplemental funding?

- Safe voluntary access to COVID-19 testing.
- Maintain contract for testing to support DV programs.
- Provide funding for onsite testing and supplies for programs.
- Partner with clinics to provide testing for programs survivors
- Contract with mobile testing unit for DV programs.
- Hire COVID-19 testing consultations and mitigation teams.

Mitigate COVID-19 With Testing

Mitigate COVID-19 with access to vaccines

- Safe voluntary access to COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.
- Maintain contract to provide vaccines for DV programs.
- Partner with health departments to provide vaccine clinics for survivors.
- Contract with mobile health unit to provide vaccines for survivors.
- Develop outreach materials.
- Hire COVID-19 vaccine coordinators and consultants.

- Contract with mobile health units to make regular visits to local programs or tribes to collect tests and administer vaccines in a variety of settings.
- Contract with mobile health units to provide primary health care and behavioral health care for survivors staying in shelters, safe homes, transitional housing units, and permanent supportive housing.

Provide safe access to health care and supports

Meaningful Partnerships

- Establish contracts/MOUs with health centers, health care providers, local clinics, and health departments.
- Hire COVID-19 mitigation protocol consultants and coordinators.
- Integrate health supports into mobile advocacy services for survivors.
- Contract with doctors and nurses to make rotations at DV programs.

What are the allowable costs for the ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units supplemental funding?

Common Allowable Costs Across All FVPSA ARP Supplemental Grants

All FVPSA American Rescue Plan supplemental grants provide **flexibility** to address the range of needs for survivors and the programs that serve them, including:

- Shelter, temporary refuge, hotel/motel vouchers, temporary rental assistance;
- COVID-19 mitigation (supplies, PPE equipment, testing/vaccines);
- Accessibility services, minor renovations /improvements;
- Outreach and education materials (websites, social media, toolkits); and
- Workforce expansion (hiring employees, employee retainment benefits, employee wellbeing supports).

Common Allowable Costs Across All FVPSA ARP Supplemental Grants

All FVPSA American Rescue Plan supplemental grants provide **flexibility** to address the range of needs for survivors and the programs that serve them, including:

- Supportive services (health, behavioral health, childcare assistance, transportation assistance);
- Culturally specific services and supports (bi-lingual advocates, multi-lingual websites, multi-lingual materials, translators/interpreters, language access plans);
- Mobile advocacy services (vehicles, visiting nurses, visiting social workers, mobile health units); and
- Virtual services (teletherapy, support groups, digital hotline services).

COVID-19 Mitigation Allowable Costs

- Cleaning and disinfecting supplies;
- Personal Protective Equipment including masks, gloves, gowns, eye protections, soaps, sanitizers;
- Cleaning services and cleaning contracts;
- Physical barriers for social distancing;
- Respirators/air filters;
- Social distancing materials;
- Rental/leasing fees for facilities to assist with social distancing;
- Hotel/motel contracts to shelter families to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and
- Temporary housing assistance to support social distancing.

COVID-19 Mitigation Allowable Costs

- Resources, supplies, and tools that support the healthy operation of survivor services;
- Testing supplies/services;
- Contracts with testing vendors;
- Ventilation systems updates and minor renovations to HVAC systems;
- Minor renovations to improve the accessibility of services;
- Health promotion materials and or videos; and
- Hiring staff or contractors to manage COVID-19 mitigation for the safe operation of survivor services.

COVID-19 Testing Allowable Costs

- COVID-19 testing includes viral tests to diagnose active COVID-19 infection;
- Other activities to support COVID-19 testing, including planning for implementation of a COVID-19 testing program, providing interpreters and translated materials for LEP individuals;
- Procuring supplies to provide testing, training providers and staff on COVID-19 testing procedures, and reporting data to HHS on COVID-19 testing activities; or
- Supplies to provide COVID-19 testing including, but not limited to:
 - Test kits,
 - Swabs,
 - Storage (e.g., refrigerator, freezer, temperature-controlled cabinet),
 - Storage unit door safeguards (e.g., self-closing door hinges, door alarms, door locks),
 - Sharps disposal containers, and
 - Temperature monitoring equipment.

COVID-19 Testing Allowable Costs

- Costs for rapid COVID-19 testing as well as self-administered COVID-19 testing supplies for domestic violence shelters, domestic violence programs, tribes, and culturally specific programs;
- Costs related to planning for implementation, providing interpreters and translated materials and interpreters;
- Expansion of a COVID-19 testing program and/or COVID-19 mitigation program,
- procuring supplies to provide COVID-19 testing, training providers and staff on COVID-19 testing procedures or COVID-19 mitigation, and reporting data to HHS on COVID-19 testing activities and COVID-19 mitigation activities.

COVID-19 Testing Allowable Costs

- Leasing of properties and facilities as necessary to support COVID-19 testing and COVID-19 mitigation;
- Digital technologies to strengthen the recipient's core capacity to support the public-health response to COVID-19;
- Education, rehabilitation, prevention, treatment, and support services for symptoms occurring after recovery from acute COVID-19 infection, including, but not limited to, support for activities of daily living—this includes services for the range of symptoms and providing interpreters and translated materials for LEP individuals maintenance;

Vaccines

Allowable Costs

- Contracts with businesses to make COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, and essential health services easily accessible for survivors in your state or local community;
- Administration of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine;
- Administration of the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine requiring a series of two or more doses;
- Administration of the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine requiring a series of two or more doses;
- Administration of recommended booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and
- Other activities to support COVID-19 vaccine access or administration, including planning for implementation of a COVID-19 vaccine program, providing interpreters and translated materials for LEP individuals, procuring supplies to provide vaccines, training providers and staff on COVID-19 vaccine procedures, and reporting data on vaccine activities.

Vaccines

Allowable Costs

- Development and sharing of vaccine related outreach and education materials that are culturally competent or linguistically appropriate,
- Costs related to conducting face-to-face outreach as appropriate, making phone calls or other virtual outreach to community members for education and assistance,
- Printing or digital information on the closest vaccine locations,
- Costs related organizing pop-up vaccination sites,
- Costs related to making vaccine appointments for individuals, making vaccine reminder calls/texts, and
- Costs related to transportation and childcare assistance to vaccine appointments, as needed, and
- Interpreters and translated materials for communications with LEP individuals.
- Accessible and adaptive supports to make access to vaccines and vaccine information accessible for persons with disabilities

Mobile Health Units

Allowable Costs

- Contractual agreements with mobile health units to make regular visits each week to shelter locations, program locations, transitional housing locations, or tribal locations;
- Contracts with mobile health units for regularly scheduled visits or on-call visits to domestic violence programs, culturally specific organizations, tribes, or rural communities to mitigate the spread of viruses;
- Supplies for the operation of mobile health units;
- Educational materials and public awareness campaigns about mobile health unit services;
- Transportation costs associated with operating a mobile health unit; and
- Staff costs for implementing mobile health services.

Mobile Health Units

Allowable Costs

- Costs related to COVID-19 testing and vaccine administration;
- Preventative health services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 such as vaccines, primary health care, or behavioral health services; and
- Operational costs or supply costs associated with the operation of mobile health units to partner with domestic violence shelters, programs, tribes, culturally specific organizations, or rural communities.

Accessible Services

Allowable Costs

- Assistive, adaptive, and rehabilitative devices/services;
- Rental/leasing fees for accessible services location;
- Interpreter/translation services;
- Technology devices and services;
- Temporary housing assistance;
- Minor renovations for physical improvements to increase accessibility;
- Hiring staff/contractors who are accessibility specialists;
- Transportation assistance;
- Printing materials including Braille, large print;
- Video production/video-based hotline crisis services; and
- Website updates to increase accessibility.

Supports for Survivors' Basic/Essential Needs

Allowable Costs

Supplies for the local programs including supplies for survivors such as:

- Food/Water,
- Clothing,
- Toiletries, and
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) etc.
- Services for children and youth;
- Childcare/youth services, supports for children with disabilities;
- Culturally appropriate services;
- Language access and linguistically appropriate services; and
- Accessibilities for persons with disabilities.

Supports for Survivors' Basic/Essential Needs

Allowable Costs

- Utilities;
- Rental costs/leasing fees of the facility;
- Safe homes;
- Hotel or motel vouchers;
- Emergency and immediate shelter;
- Temporary refuge or lodging in individual units such as apartments.
Not required to be owned, operated or leased by the program
- Transportation.

Workforce Expansions, Capacity Building & Supports – Allowable Costs

- Hiring bonuses;
- Childcare and transportation subsidies;
- Employee stipends;
- Roadside assistance plans for employees conducting mobile advocacy;
- Livable wages through salary increases;
- Incentive pay (i.e., bonuses), appreciation/wellness/hazard pay; and
- Provide additional salary bumps for specialized knowledge/skills.

Workforce Expansions, Capacity Building & Supports – Allowable Costs

All ARP supplemental funds can be used for workforce-related expansions and supports, or to reimburse subrecipients or contractors for such costs:

- Planning for implementation of survivor services, COVID-19 mitigation strategies; implementation of mobile advocacy services; language access planning, or virtual/remote services implementation.
- Training providers and staff on COVID-19 mitigation activities; implementation of mobile advocacy services; or virtual/remote services implementation.

Workforce Expansions, Capacity Building & Supports – Allowable Costs

All ARP supplemental funds can be used for workforce-related expansions and supports, or to reimburse subrecipients or contractors for such costs:

- Hiring consultants, providers, and staff to carry out survivor services; COVID-19 mitigation strategies; implementation of mobile advocacy services; or virtual/remote services implementation;
- Reporting data to HHS on survivor services; COVID-19 mitigation strategies; implementation of mobile advocacy services; or virtual/remote services implementation.

Training, Outreach & Partnerships - Allowable Costs

- Outreach to underserved populations to increase virtual access to survivor services and reduce the exposure to and risk of contracting the COVID 19 virus.
- Formalizing partnerships via MOUs with health care providers, culturally specific organizations, rural services providers, accessibilities/disabilities service providers, or developing an interdisciplinary taskforce.
- Facilitation of online webinars and workshops to develop and enhance advocate staff and programs to support victims and survivors.
- Purchase or extend contracts for training software (i.e., recording modules and training sessions for internal and external training needs).
- Contracts for language services to translate and interpret training materials.
- Training for staff on best practices for incorporating training needs for survivor with disabilities and language access needs.

Support Services – Allowable Costs

- Advocacy, case management services, and information and referral services;
- Survivor advocacy, support groups, and counseling services;
- Childcare, respite care, children's supplies, services for teens/youth;
- Translation and interpretation services; and
- Items for traditional and cultural practices that promote healing.

Support Services – Allowable Costs

- Job training and employment services;
- Medical advocacy/vaccines access, maternal health supports;
- Behavioral health/addiction support;
- Financial literacy programs and economic empowerment services;
- and
- Provision of wellness resources, such as yoga and exercise supplies.

Language Access

Allowable Costs

- Contracts for language services to translate and interpret training materials;
- Bi-lingual advocates;
- Multi-lingual hotline services;
- Multi-lingual websites;
- Multi-lingual training;
- Contracts with translators and interpreters;
- Multi-lingual awareness videos about survivor services offered by local programs;
- Multi-lingual safety planning videos;
- Multi-lingual support groups; and
- Training for staff on best practices for supporting the needs for survivors with language access needs.

Culturally Specific Services

Allowable Costs

- MOUs with culturally specific organizations to serve survivors from racial/ethnic specific communities;
- MOUs with LGBTQ+ organizations to serve survivors and develop outreach materials;
- Bi-lingual advocates;
- Multi-lingual support groups;
- Multi-lingual awareness videos about survivor services offered by local programs;
- Multi-lingual safety planning videos;
- MOUs/Contracts with doulas, promotoras, Indigenous midwife providers, and public health providers;
- Multi-lingual mobile advocacy services for survivors from racial and ethnic specific communities;
- Multi-lingual youth groups; and
- Training for staff on best practices for language access needs.

Virtual Services

Allowable Costs

All FVPSA ARP supplemental grants can support all costs associated with survivor programs designing, implementing, and assessing ways to optimize the use of virtual services and teleservices for survivors including the following:

- Virtual, remote, telehealth, and teletherapy systems;
- Computers, laptops, and tablets;
- Mobile devices;
- Software;
- Internet services;
- Mobile services;
- Technology services or tech support contracts; and
- Data security including servers, firewall protection software, and training for personnel and survivors on topics such as proper use of devices and service portals, security of passwords, and available data safety features.

Mobile Advocacy Services

Allowable Costs

- Mobile advocacy allows for advocates to work out in the community in order to support survivors wherever it is safe and convenient for the survivor;
- Vehicle purchases (prior written approval required);
- Mobile health unit contracts;
- Employee costs for advocates to conduct mobile visits to survivors;
- Contract with social workers to conduct mobile visits to survivors; and
- Contract with health care providers/nurses to conduct visits to survivors.

Mobile Advocacy Services

Allowable Costs

- Contract with early childhood development specialists to conduct visits to survivors and their children;
- Contract with youth development or youth services specialists to conduct visits to survivors and their children;
- Contract with doulas, midwives, promotoras to conduct visits to survivors and their children;
- Contract with addiction specialists or substance use treatment providers to conduct visits to survivors;
- Contract with COVID-19 testing or vaccine provider to conduct visits to survivors and their children; and
- Contract with disabilities specialists or disabilities service providers to conduct visits to survivors and their children.

Transportation Allowable Costs

- Payment for vehicle repairs for survivors is allowable, these payments must be made directly to vendors.
- Third-party vendor payments are an allowable expense for ARP supplemental funding.
- Vehicle purchase is an allowable expense under the FVPSA Program. Motor vehicles are defined as general purpose equipment. Once purchased, the motor vehicle may only be used for specific grant related activities for survivor services.

In order for a grantee to purchase a vehicle, they **will need to obtain prior written approval for the purchase** and ensure that the vehicle is used in support of FVPSA activities, ensuring victims have access to the services they need.

Prior written approval requests must be sent in writing to FVPSA Program Specialist and ACF Grants Specialists.

Prevention Services

Allowable Costs

- Violence prevention programs for adults;
- Violence prevention programs for youth;
- Violence prevention programs for children;
- Community education training and curriculums;
- Public awareness videos;
- Prevention websites, social media campaigns;
- Contracts with prevention outreach specialists;
- Prevention advocates;
- Youth violence prevention specialists; and
- Disability specialists to ensure prevention services/materials are accessible.

Partnerships

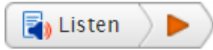
Allowable Costs

Hiring staff or consultants to coordinate MOUs, contracts, or interagency agreements with the following providers:

- Local/state health departments,
- Indian Health Services,
- Health centers/health care providers, mobile health unit providers,
- Counselors, social workers, virtual counseling services,
- Mental health, behavioral health providers,
- Early childhood development specialists, youth development specialists,
- Disabilities services specialists,
- Addiction/substance use specialists,
- Culturally specific organizations,
- LGBTQ organizations, and
- Prevention specialists.

What resources are available online to help us with implementing ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units supplemental funding?

FVPSA American Rescue Plan Grants Portal



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TOOLS

View ARP Grants technical assistance opportunities, resources, and FAQs to learn more about these historic funds.

[View Technical Assistance](#)



DRAWDOWN INFORMATION

Obtain the tools, resources, and key deadlines you need to draw down your ARP funding.

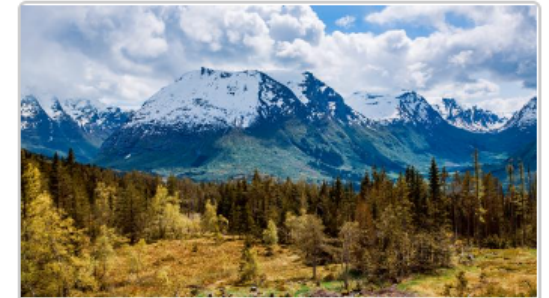
[View Drawdown Info](#)



ALLOWABLE COSTS

Gain foundational knowledge and learn about allowable costs.

[View Allowable Costs](#)



TRIBAL RESOURCES

Visit our ARP resource page with informative and educational materials for advocates, tribal leaders, and tribal organizations.

[View Tribal Resources](#)

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/programs/fvpsa/fvpsa-arp-grants-portal>

FVPSA ARP FAQ & Training Resources

FVPSA American Rescue Plan Supplemental Funding Guidance

ARP Domestic Violence Services Supplemental Funding \$200 Million	<u>Allowable Use of Funds Memo</u>	<u>FAQ</u>	<u>FAQ Presentation</u>
ARP Sexual Assault Services Supplemental Funding \$198 Million	<u>Allowable Use of Funds Memo</u>	<u>FAQ</u>	<u>FAQ Presentation</u>
ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, and Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding \$550 Million	<u>Allowable Use of Funds Memo</u>	<u>FAQ</u>	<u>FAQ Presentation</u>
ARP Culturally Specific Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Supplemental Funding \$49.5 Million	<u>Allowable Use of Funds Memo</u>	<u>FAQ</u>	<u>FAQ Presentation</u>

FVPSA Financial Grants Management Training Resources

FVPSA FINANCIAL GRANTS MANAGEMENT TRAINING RESOURCES					
Module 1 — Understanding the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and Cost Principles	<u>Video (EN)</u>	<u>Video (SP)</u>	<u>Slides (EN)</u>	<u>Slides (SP)</u>	<u>FAQs</u>
Module 2 — Roles & Responsibilities for Pass Through Entities and Sub-grantees	<u>Video EN</u>	<u>Video SP</u>	<u>Slides EN</u>	<u>Slides SP</u>	<u>FAQ</u>
Module #3 — Internal Controls	<u>Video EN</u>	<u>Video SP</u>	<u>Slides EN</u>	<u>Slides SP</u>	<u>FAQ</u>



FVPSA Success Stories and Podcasts

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/programs/fvpsa/fvpsa-arp-grants-portal/fvpsa-multimedia>

- Puerto Rico Mobile Health Units Aid in Survivor Healing
- The Massachusetts state administrator success story of supporting shelters in implementing expanded medical advocacy and supportive services
- API-GBV ARP success story about supporting the mental health and wellbeing of advocates.
- Southern Indian Health Council (SIHC) self-sufficiency success story.

What are the responses to FAQs about the allowable uses of ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units funding?

FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A – Transfer Grant?

Can FVPSA transfer this supplemental award to another state agency? **No.**

No, the FVPSA Program cannot transfer the ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health unit supplemental grant award to another state agency. All ARP COVID-19 testing vaccine and mobile health unit supplemental grant awards must be issued to existing FVPSA state, territory, and tribal grant recipients.

Can we partner with other agencies and tribes to implement this supplemental funding? **Yes.**

All FVPSA grant recipients are allowed and strongly encouraged to establish formal partnership agreements, MOUs, or interagency agreements with local/state health departments, state agencies, Indian Health Services, health centers, health care providers, and mobile health units in order to provide access to testing, vaccines, and mobile health units for domestic violence survivors and their dependents.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A – Combine use with other ARP Supplemental Funding

Can these funds be used in coordination with the implementation of my agency's or tribe's ARP supplemental award issued on May 20, 2021, to provide services and supports to survivors? **Yes.**

FVPSA grant recipients may use ARP supplemental funding issued in May 2021 in coordination with the ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units supplemental funds to provide comprehensive services and supports to meet the needs of survivors and to implement supports related to a range of in-scope activities to assist survivors and their dependents in staying safe, healthy, and healing. ARP supplemental funds allow for flexibility and creativity in how FVPSA grant recipients expand supports to bridge the gaps in services and supports needed to assist survivors and their children.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A – Required Allocation Percentages?

Are there required percentages for how these supplemental funds can be allocated to provide access to testing, vaccines, and mobile health units for domestic violence survivors? **No.**

FVPSA ARP grant recipients do not have a required percentage range for how much of the ARP supplemental funding needs to be allocated towards testing, vaccines, and mobile health units. FVPSA grant recipients have the flexibility to allocate the ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units supplemental funding to provide comprehensive services to meet the needs of survivors and to implement supports related to a range of in-scope activities to assist survivors and their dependents with mitigating the spread of COVID-19 while fleeing violence.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A – Match?

Is there a match required for these funds? **No.**

No match is required for these ARP supplemental grant awards or subawards.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A – End Early?

Do we have to use the funds this fiscal year? **No.**

ARP supplemental funds were made available on October 25, 2021 and will remain available until expended and through the end of FY 2025, September 30, 2025.

Do we have to go all the way up to 2025? **No.**

Can we propose to end services for this grant earlier? **Yes.**

Activities proposed under ARP supplemental funding may end prior to September 30, 2025. ARP supplemental funding will remain available until expended and through the end of FY 2025, September 30, 2025, but funds may be fully spent down prior to that time. All grantees have the flexibility to use the funds over multiple years based on need.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A – Survivors Mandated to Participate in Testing/Vaccines Services?

Are survivors mandated to participate in COVID-19 testing or vaccination programs? **No.**

No, in accordance with FVPSA statute and regulations, services must be provided on a voluntary basis and no condition may be applied for the receipt of emergency shelter (42 U.S.C. 10408(d)(2)). Further, recipients cannot impose conditions for admission to shelter by applying inappropriate screening methods (45 CFR 1370.10(b)(10)).



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A– Health Care Partnerships & Collaborations?

Can we partner with health care providers to offer testing, vaccines, and mobile health unit services to survivors? [Yes](#)

All FVPSA grant recipients are allowed and strongly encouraged to establish formal agreements, MOUs, contracts, or interagency agreements with local/state health departments, state agencies, Indian Health Services, health centers, health care providers, mobile health units, and other community based partners in order to provide access to testing, vaccines, and mobile health units for domestic violence survivors, domestic violence programs, tribes, and culturally specific programs in their states and local communities.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A– Health Care Partnerships Resources?

Are there resources to help us partner with health care providers to offer testing, vaccines, and mobile health unit services to survivors? **Yes**

FVPSA-funded National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence has developed two resources that can help states, territories, tribes, shelters, programs, and health care providers build and sustain strong partnerships.

A step-by-step online guide for community health centers on building partnerships with Domestic Violence (DV) and Sexual Assault (SA) advocacy, addressing violence in health centers, and promoting prevention: IPVHealthPartners.org.

An online toolkit for health care providers and DV advocates to prepare a clinical practice to address domestic and sexual violence, including screening instruments, sample scripts for providers, patient and provider educational resources: IPVHealth.org.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A– COVID-19 Testing Expenses?

What are allowable COVID-19 testing expenses?

COVID-19 testing, mitigation, and related expenses may include the following:

COVID-19 testing includes viral tests to diagnose active COVID-19 infections, antibody tests to diagnose past COVID-19 infections, and other tests that the Secretary and/or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) determines appropriate in guidance;

Other activities to support COVID-19 testing, including planning for implementation of a COVID-19 testing program, providing interpreters and translated materials for LEP individuals, procuring supplies to provide testing, training providers and staff on COVID-19 testing procedures, and reporting data to HHS on COVID-19 testing activities; or

Supplies to provide COVID-19 testing.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A– COVID-19 Vaccines Expenses?

What are allowable COVID-19 vaccine expenses?

The supplemental funding can be used for supplies and vaccine administration fees for administering the COVID-19 vaccine.

Allowable uses of funds may include, but are not limited to, the development and sharing of vaccine related outreach and education materials that are culturally competent or linguistically appropriate.

FVPSA grant recipients can use ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units supplemental funding to contract with businesses to make COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, and essential health services easily accessible for survivors in your state or local community. There are businesses that offer indoor testing, mobile buses, and mobile trailers that can collect tests and administer vaccines in a variety of settings.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A– Mobile Health Units Expenses?

What are allowable mobile health unit expenses?

This ARP supplemental funding is intended to assist states, territories, tribes, shelters, culturally specific organizations, and rural communities with establishing or maintaining contracts with existing mobile health units operated by hospitals, medical clinics, health centers, and public health nonprofit organizations.

This funding is intended to provide resources for contractual agreements with mobile health units to make regular visits each week to shelter locations, program locations, transitional housing locations, or tribal locations. FVPSA grant recipients are not expected to purchase or operate their own mobile health units.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A– Workforce Capacity Building Expenses?

What are allowable mobile health unit expenses?

Expenses to secure and maintain adequate personnel to carry out COVID-19 testing, COVID-19 mitigation activities, or mobile health unit coordination activities

Please review HHS regulations 45 CFR § part 75 “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards,” Subpart E—Cost Principles, <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-A/subchapter-A/part-75/subpart-E?toc=1>.

Such expenses may include:

- Hiring bonuses and retention payments,
- Childcare,
- Transportation subsidies, and
- Other fringe or personal benefits authorized by HHS regulations ([45 CFR part 75](#)).



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A Direct Cash Assistance

Will direct payments to survivors be an option? Has the statutory prohibition on direct payments to survivors been lifted/waived under ARP supplemental funding? **No.**

FVPSA Section 308(d)(1) prohibits direct payments to victims of domestic violence or their dependents, which states, *no funds provided under this title may be used as direct payment to any victim of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, or to any dependent of such victim.* Until there is an act of Congress, this prohibition remains in place.

The FVPSA Program does not have the legal authority to waive the direct payment prohibition outlined in Section 308(d)(1) to allow ARP funding to be used to make direct payments to survivors.



FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines, & Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding Q&A– Vehicle Purchases

Public transportation has become limited/non-existent. Will we be able to purchase vehicles to support staff travel to areas of service where transportation doesn't exist? **Yes.**

Vehicle purchase is an allowable expense under the FVPSA Program. Motor vehicles are defined as general purpose equipment. Once purchased, the motor vehicle may only be used for specific grant related activities.

Under the FVPSA, grant funds may be used for the “provision of advocacy, case management services, and information and referral services, concerning issues related to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence intervention and prevention, including ... provision of transportation.”

In order for a grantee to purchase a vehicle, they **will need to obtain prior written approval for the purchase** and ensure that the vehicle is used in support of FVPSA activities, ensuring victims have access to the services they need.

Request additional information from your Federal Program Officer who will assist you in coordinating approval for such request with the ACF Office of Grants Management.



Next Steps to Learning More

1. **OFVPS website**, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps>
2. **FVPSA FAQ webpage**,
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/programs/fvpsa/fvpsa-grants-frequently-asked-questions>
3. **FVPSA ARP Grants Portal**,
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/programs/fvpsa/fvpsa-arp-grants-portal>
4. **FVPSA Learning Portal**,
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/programs/family-violence-prevention-services/fvpsa-arp-grants-portal/fvpsa-arp-learning>
5. **FVPSA Project Officers List**,
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/programs/fvpsa/fvpsa-regional-contact-list>



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