

OVC New Match Waiver Spreadsheet Webinar Transcript

Santana Berry:

Hey, welcome everybody. Good afternoon. Welcome to OVC's presentation of the new Match Waiver spreadsheet hosted by the OVC VOCA Center. I wanted to do a couple housekeeping pieces, so as you just heard or got a notice on your screen, this will be recorded and the PowerPoint will be available to you in the LMS after the event. And if you need closed captioning, it's accessible at the bottom of your screen using the three buttons. If you click that, you'll see an option for closed captioning. And without further ado, I'm going to share the PowerPoint and hand it over to Joel.

Joel Hall:

All right, next slide. All right. Hello, everybody. I wanted to welcome you to our Match Waiver PowerPoint spreadsheet one-on-one, sharing the updates on the Match Waiver spreadsheet the best we can. I am Joel Hall. I know many of you know me. For those who do not know, I am the deputy division director for the State Victim Resource Division for the Office for Victims of Crime at the Office of Justice Programs. And so basically what my goal is, and I've been with the formula team for over 15 years now on and off, is basically to help states understand our many different processes. And for those who've been around for a long time, you know we've done a lot of changes. And so a lot of those changes have been to try to consolidate, make things as easy as they can be, and shrink and just make your job as easy as it can be even though federal regulations are always changing and always moving around.

So what this PowerPoint basically is about is basically the spreadsheet. I know there's some concerns that people may have about waivers and stuff like that, and some of our guidance. We will loosely talk about that and go over the policy, but we really aren't here to talk about maybe some of the changes that were in the VOCA Fix Act. I can't change anything that was in that. I'm here to talk about the spreadsheet and some of our requirements and what we're expecting, and best ways to fill it out and best ways to communicate with your grant manager and many of the very positive things that we can do to help facilitate a positive relationship between OVC and the SAA. Next slide, please.

All right, so the outline. Today, the outline is basically going to be an overview of the expiration of the National Emergency Pandemic Period. What does that mean? I get a lot of questions. I was just out in California, shout out to them. They actually had a good understanding, but I was meeting with another state the week before and they kind of didn't understand what that means. So I'm just going to kind of go over again what that means, just a refresher to make sure that you're aware of that. Overview of OVC's Match Waiver policy just in general about the ability and the need to turn certain things in, comparison between the old and new spreadsheet, and then questions and answers. Hopefully this won't take too long, but you never know. We're here to help, and we have a lot of other OVC people on the webinar who can also provide some assistance as well.

But in the end, as I always tell, your grant manager is your portal, your link between the feds and your SAA and any questions that you have, you can bring them to your grant manager and if they don't know them, they'll bring them back to me. If I don't know them, we'll bring them back and move up the ladder because there's a lot of us working together and I've worked for 20, 30 years in the VOCA environment. So if you don't have your answer right away, we'll work on getting it. We have the VOCA centers as well and want to thank them for hosting this webinar. As always, they've a great support

and ally in helping us present to you many of the different things that we have, as well as hosting many of the things that they have to help you understand your job even better as well. Let's go to the next slide here.

As you'll see in a lot of different places, there's a lot of links. So this will be posted up probably on our OVC website at some point, as well as the LMS system through the VOCA Center. So these links, if you need to know where the VOCA Sustain Act is, click on that, or the policies or whatever. There's always these links to click, so I always tell people to click those links and save them somewhere, bookmarks are shortcuts and different things of nature. So I'm going to go over some of the stuff we kind of know already, but there are probably new administrators or people who may need assistance, so I'm just going to go over it quickly. On February 10th, 2023, the Biden administration announced that on May 11th, 2023, it planned to end the national emergency concerning the coronavirus disease, COVID-19. All right, this triggered the clause that's in the VOCA Fix, Public Law #117-27. That mandate states to waive match for subrecipients during a national emergency period and for one year after that period ends, so May 1st, 2024. All right, next slide.

At the conclusion of the VOCA Fix mandatory waiver period on May 11th, 2024, state-administrating agencies, SSAs, should honor all match waivers granted during that period until they expired at the end of the applicable VOCA subaward for which the match was waived. So, if you happen to do subrecipient award for let's say February of 2024, technically they don't have to provide match until that subrecipient ends for one year. So remember, it's basically you need to honor, no matter when the period is, you end it at the end of that subaward. And that's a question and we get a lot. Some people say, "Oh, we did our awards on October 1st, 2023. Do we have to end the match requirement on May 11th, 2024?" No, you honor the entire subaward period.

We'll save those questions until the end because I know some people have some exceptions, so just wanted to reiterate that. It doesn't mean that the match requirement ends on May 11th, it just means that that's the period when it's officially over and that you as the subrecipient and the award period, anything before that they can finish out their award period. You honor your original agreement. New VOCA subawards renewals or continuations made after May 11th, 2024 would no longer qualify for a mandatory match waiver. Any match waiver request for those subawards should be considered under the SAA's ordinary match waiver process outlined in section three of the match waiver approval process. All right, next slide. Go back. I think we missed one. This one's a good one. This is important.

So, flexibility. As you see in the section, I know it's kind of boring and some people criticize this, but this is a direct cut link from the VOCA Fix Act in terms of the SAA continue to have the discretion to waive the match requirement imposed on the subrecipients. So just because the national emergency ended doesn't mean that you as your state SAA and that your administration or management leadership, if they want to continue 100% match for all of your subrecipients, they have the authority to do that. If they want to do a partial, I know one state was telling me they just want to continue to do that for DV shelters, they want to continue with the match process. Your state based on your policies and what you want to do can waive match in whole or in part for certain subrecipients, all subrecipients, whatever. The trick is you just need to inform OVC about that, and we'll get over how you inform OVC about that.

But you have a lot of flexibility thanks to the VOCA Fix Act, and it was actually in the original rule as well that some of that flexibility was already there. But this way we even have more flexibility, so it's codified in two different areas, so you have that flexibility to do what you need to do. I know there are some states, I spoke to like three or four in the past few weeks, some states want to go right back to the match the way it's always been. 20%, move forward, no longer have the spreadsheets out and move on. Some states want to continue some of the match waivers in partial for certain programs and some want to continue to use 100% match waivers, a blanket so to speak, which we'll go over the word

blanket here in a second. But just constantly for all their subrecipients, and really that's up to you, as long as it's in your policies and in terms of how your management and your SAA wants to do it. The flexibility is on your side. Oh, go back one more.

The match waiver approval process sets forth how states should implement the match waiver process outline in national emergency, so just follow that as much as you can. All right, next slide. States must establish and make public, remember this one, this is one we're finding sometimes... you need to make public your match waiver policies, whether it's on your website or there's many different ways to make it public, but for websites, but it could be somewhere else. Match waiver policies that describe how to request a waiver, the eligibility for a waiver, the SAA's decision and notification process and the SAA's reporting of waivers approvals to OVC. So basically, you're just going to make sure that you have your policies made public. This requirement was effective upon passage of the VOCA Fix. As states establish and modify their match waiver policy states will need to make their match waiver policies public.

I know we're seeing this all the time. I know that going out this year as we do our site monitoring and talking to people at summits and many different things, we get a lot of match waiver questions, and we know it's not everybody's making it public. So it should be public so that if a subrecipient does want to request a waiver with you, the SAA directly, they have those information publicly posted so that they know what to expect. Next slide. Reporting policy change. The SAA will need to report to OVC any changes in their Match Waiver policy after the mandatory period of May 24th. I know I'm repeating, but it's important sometimes to be redundant. Report only substantial changes to your current policy. See the Match Waiver Approval Process section three. If you have not submitted any policy during the pandemic period... We've had a few states we came across, some states had not really changed their policy or they kind of did and they didn't inform us. So if you have not changed your policy during a pandemic period, please submit it to us, the new one, the best that you can. So make sure that if you haven't done it, you need to do it.

So just because you did do it in the past doesn't mean you don't have to do it in the future. So basically, you need to make sure that you submit to us a policy. So submit your revised policy via JustGrants. I'll talk about the process here later in the slideshow. Make public match waiver policies that describe how to request a match in the eligibility for a waiver and include information and policy on future pandemics. So in your policy, if you're going to add new policy, change it, make sure that there is a section. I've been watching that as I approve, as my grant manager sends it forward to me, that somewhere it talks about what you would do in a future pandemic. It's sometimes as simple as a sentence saying, "We will revert to back to our original policy of this date." The one I just saw was a little more detailed, so it's really up to you. There's really no wrong answer just as long as you describe what you would do during the pandemic and the next time. All right, next slide.

Reporting Match Waiver Spreadsheet. The SAA shall submit to OVC via upload to JustGrants through a Grant Award Modification, GAM, or other method as requested by OVC, a match waiver spreadsheet using the revised OVC template, listing all subrecipient match waivers approved in the federal fiscal year for each relevant federal award by no later than 120 days after the federal fiscal year. So technically, the federal fiscal year ends on 9/30 of whatever year it is, and so technically you have to the end of January. A lot of people do it before the end of December, but technically it is 120 days afterwards, so that would be January 28th I think, if you do the math on that.

So you have that period to then submit that in a GAM, and many of you have already done that. Again, those who are brand new, if this is kind of new to you, you can work with your grant manager, but you would submit that through a GAM, which I'll show you the step-by-step process here in a second. Submit it through a GAM, we approve it. All it does is just goes into our system. It's a way of tracking that and keeping that done. Sometimes I know I've had some states send them to me directly and I was like, "Well, no, please do it in a GAM. This way it goes into JustGrants, so it historically is housed. That

includes the policy and/or match waiver spreadsheet. All right, next slide. Actually, go back to the next slide. Sorry, go back one more.

I want to point something out. I was going to do it later, but since it's in yellow here. Each chief executive may waive match requirement imposed by the director in accordance with the subgrant. So I'm going over the highlights section. B, as a condition for the recipient receipt of funds under any program to provide assistance to victims of crime authorized in this chapter, the chief executive shall report to the director of the approval of any waiver of the match requirement. So it's important. This is why we have not eliminated the spreadsheet, because we get this question all the time. That section in the VOCA Fix Act is one of the reasons why we still need to do the spreadsheet. And I'll talk more about that later, but I just want to highlight that. All right, next slide.

All right. To submit a GAM, what you would do is you would go into your JustGrants award and then you would go under, as you can see in the blue, Grant Award Modification. Initiate the GAM and put programmatic in terms of the type of the change which is going to be programmatic, and then you're going to go under programmatic costs. And then as you can see, 128 annually to report the period. So you can put your match waiver spreadsheet in during that period. Sometimes you may have done your policy change around the same time as your spreadsheet, so you can put both in there. Sometimes you may just wait for your spreadsheet at the end. I've been getting some spreadsheets, some people thinking we have to do it quarterly. It's only once a year, so just a reminder, you do it annually. You don't have to do it quarterly, just annually you submit what waive you matched out in the period before. Using the spreadsheet has multiple years, which you're going to show and demonstrate so you don't have to submit multiple spreadsheets for different things.

This one spreadsheet we'll use and you can just fill it in for that particular year, and we will go over that in a second. All right, next slide. All right, so this is the old one, as you can see. So as we're always trying to do, we're trying to increase and improve and make things easier. For those who can remember, spreadsheet originally before the pandemic was actually even three times longer. It was huge, ginormous. That was before there was a mandatory match waiver requirement in the VOCA Fix, so then we did the spreadsheet and now we've shut it down even farther. Doing our best to try to make it as easy to fill out, and I want to thank those who helped me kind of pilot this and beta test this a little bit through.

I got some good feedback, some not so good feedback. This insight, for those SAAs who are out there, thank you for your time and effort in providing some things to help us make it as beneficial to you as possible. Even though you may not want to do it, you still have to do it. All right, next slide. All right, so we got less columns to complete, that's a positive and we have specific tabs. Now, in just a second, I'm actually going to go and switch over to my screen so that I can share with you what we got going on here. Give me one second. All right, I'm going to be sharing my screen. All right, here we go. Santana, let me know if you can't see it.

Santana Berry:

You're good.

Joel Hall:

All right, so this is the basic spreadsheet. Now, a common question I get, you can take this example out, each of the different years that go into here as this example. We debated about leaving this in our output, but decided to leave it in just so that you can see how an example is, but you can take it out. You don't have to keep it in there. I got one spreadsheet, somebody was showing me a sample and they kept the examples in from last year, so I would say you don't have to keep that in. It's just a tool to help you. So as you can see down at the bottom here, we have all those years. I put 2019. There

shouldn't be any 2019, but there could be some reason there is one, so I kept it in there and I went all the way to 2027 so that we don't have to touch the spreadsheet every year and add new dates.

You're going to put the subaward number, the agency name, the subaward date, the VOCA funding required match, match waived by the SAA, new match award match requirement, et cetera. A question I get a lot on this, and I have it on one of the questions but since I have it in front of me, is we as a state round our numbers. Our match waivers are rounded. Sorry about the noise. I happen to work on the street in Chinatown, DC. We round our numbers. So in the case you round, then you can use solid numbers here.

Do your rounding prior to putting it into the web sheet. Well, we'll get to that, Griselda. Yes, make sure you basically round ahead of time before we put the numbers in. I thought about making it round for everybody, but then as I was asking another person to look at it, they said, "Well, we put in our cents." So it's just easier for you as a state that round to put in to round ahead of time because there are a lot of states that do use cents. They'll put it down to the penny in terms of their match waiver requirements.

All right, so we have the instructions here that are in the front. You can follow those very closely. One of the things I wanted to say, I put in number six, I added in terms of making sure that you round the number. Submit the spreadsheet via GAM and I make sure I change that to the correct type of GAM in terms of using that in JustGrants, and I think that's it. Make sure that you list the amount of matched waivers by the SAA in dollars, which is very important. And I think that's all I have in terms of that match waiver spreadsheet. Now we'll come back of course and ask questions.

Suzanne Breedlove:

Joel, there's a question for you in the chat. I'm sorry, there's a question for you.

Joel Hall:

All right. Well, let's see. Will we get the Excel used in the sheet and the Excel spreadsheet? Yes, the answer is yes. It will be uploaded to our website and we will send it out via an email. I wanted to wait in case there was any changes. I just wanted to wait at the last minute to make sure it's correct before we move forward on that. All right. Can you clarify what the years on the bottom tabs represent? Did you say that this is the FY of the award or does it relate to the timeframe of the subaward? It relates to the timeframe of the subaward, so it's very possible that you may use a different sub award. So that's timeframe, if that makes sense to you. Maybe I should share it back again. I wish I could see what I share, I can't see my screen.

So it is timeframe because you may have in a particular year, three or four different awards that you're using in a timeframe, or even more or sometimes partial. It gets very complicated. So it would be for example, if you're using up your FY20. I'm wrong, actually. This is why I needed somebody here. It's actually the year of funding year. I'm wrong about that, sorry. It's funding year, sorry. All right, Melinda. Funding year. And I did this myself, so I should probably know better than that. Does that answer any questions? Okay. So you may have, in some cases, complexities in terms of writing some of the stuff like multiple subawards across different years. I know some people do very complicated braiding funding with different awards. But in terms of the VOCA awards, yeah, it's by funding year. All right, next slide.

This just shows you the updated instructions. Common questions that we get. Why doesn't OVC eliminate the Match Waiver Spreadsheet reporting requirement? Well, we've talked about this. I probably get this question more than any other question I've ever gotten before in my life, and we would like to get rid of it but we can't because that provision is still in there that requires you to

report to the director. So until some of that changes, this is how we've done it. For those who've been around for a while, you had to use to submit whenever you did match waivers, you have to each subrecipient's letter. And so over the course of the years we've tried to make this as easy as possible, changing policies, basically turning over most of the responsibility over to the SAAs. So this is about as low as we've got in terms of requirements, but this is the mechanism we're using in reporting. Until that changes or something is different, we need to report, and this is our mechanism.

Our state has authorized a blanket match waiver policy for some or all our subrecipients. Do we need to still complete the spreadsheet? Yes. The reason I brought this up is that over the course of the requirement, people use the word blanket. Now, it's in actually the policy. I actually didn't like that term, I tried to get Kate not to write it in there. Basically you can wave match for all 100% of your subrecipients, so that would be a term of the blanket. But some states were confusing the term, "I have a blanket waiver, so I don't have to fill these out. We just waved everything, so there's no requirements to do anything." That's not really what the word blanket meant. It just meant that you can wave match for everybody, but you still have reporting requirements.

In fact, I just ran into this last year with somebody. I was like, "You haven't filled this out," and they're like, "Well, we did a blanket, we're good. We don't have to do it." And it's like, "No, that's not what the blanket means." It's just a term acknowledging, meaning that during this pandemic period and potentially this period, you are providing 100% match to all your subrecipients. That's what it means, so I just want to make sure people aren't confused what the word blanket means. All right, next slide.

How do I report my grant year? See tabs at the bottom of the spreadsheet. See, I even wrote it in my own thing. Sorry, I've been a little off today. So when is this due by? 120 days after the end of the fiscal year. If you can turn it in by December, that's great, but you have that 120 days. It's no big thing, just make sure you submit it through via GAM and it will be good. What if I round up our match numbers? As I said before, just simply round the numbers prior to inserting them in. And that seems to be a question we get a lot, but I know we don't get that as much as we used to. It seems people have kind of figured that out in terms of what's best for their states in terms of entering that information. Next slide.

Information about OVC. Well, OVC always has a wonderful page. A lot of people don't know, so this is for new administrators. If you go to OVC's website, you will see a OVC administrators web page. I kind of took a screenshot, so it's down there. This is where we will keep those policies. People ask where can we find the spreadsheet when it's posted, it'll be posted on that page. And so you can find the match waiver policy. There's tons of links in this slideshow, but the policy going back to 2021 is still there, and you can click on that link and take a look at it. And one of the things I always like to point out as a plus, you see the VOCApedia link there? A lot of people ask us allowability questions or things that we've addressed over the years many times, so that is a great resource for you new administrators to see if maybe go through that VOCA allowability page, VOCApedia page and see if we've already addressed them. All right, next slide.

All right. In summary, the COVID-19 emergency came to end on May 11th, 2023, and initiated for one year after that. New VOCA subawards, renewals, or continuations made after May 11th, 2024 will no longer qualify for mandatory match waiver. The new Match Waiver Spreadsheet is it says now available, but is not available just yet. Probably will be another week or two before we can put it online, but we will, and we'll send out an email to all of you to let you know that it's currently active. If, one question I should have put it on there, they'll be like, "Well, we've already started our work using the previous Match Waiver Spreadsheet," that's also acceptable. That's fine. So if you already filled it out and you want to wait until the next fiscal year, you are allowed to submit your work using the previous spreadsheet. You don't have to transfer everything.

I know some states literally kind of plug it in as they go along because they have so many subrecipients, so they kind of plug in as they're moving along. So you don't necessarily have to convert everything to the new spreadsheet, but if you are starting from scratch and you're doing a new subawards, please use the new spreadsheet. SAA's are required to submit revised policies via JustGrants and notify the OVC grant manager via email, so let them know that you submitted that in there in JustGrants. We try to keep a box, so we keep track of all those different policies so we can quickly pull them up and instead of getting them to each grant. SAA's are required to annually upload to JustGrants through a grant award modification, a Match Waiver Spreadsheet list and all match waivers approved in the federal fiscal year for each relevant federal award. All right, next slide.

JustGrants training resources. Many of you may be new to JustGrants. There's wonderful sources that you can go through here. If you click on those, I think these links in the thing would be able to click on, take those trainings. It doesn't necessarily tell you anything about Match Waiver Spreadsheets, but it does show you in terms of how to upload those spreadsheets into the system in terms of using your GAM. So a lot of people ask, "What's a GAM? How do I find that out? I can't necessarily look. If you look at the entity administration, I'm not sure what to do." So work with your grant manager and also look at some of these great resources that JustGrants provides. Next slide.

As always, the VOCA Center is here to support as well. So they are working hard to keep you informed, to keep you trained to work with us as our partners in training and technical assistance and many different things, wonderful things. So make sure if you need assistance, of course you can ask your grant manager about all these different things related to the spreadsheet, but if you are needing a much larger, expansive kind of mentoring program or something that you may need, the VOCA Center is always there to help as well. Next slide. Go social. We always put the social media things that you can keep in terms of the Facebook, Twitter, or X, excuse me, and YouTube. We have some wonderful slides and pictures of our National Crime Victims' Rights Week from last week. So if you're not part of our socials, please sign up for them. We greatly appreciate it. And then the next slide, I think that's the question. So I'm going to go through here. Sorry, I can't really see them. Let me pull them off here to the side. Please don't give me hard ones. All right.

Santana Berry:

Joel, I had one question that was sent to me I can give to you. It was is there a reason why these are being uploaded using the GAM process instead of being attached to the annual report?

Joel Hall:

Yes. So the annual report. Now, one of the reasons is the policy may not come in at the same time, and two, the annual report is due December 30th. So if you did it that way, then you would lose some time, so some people may not be ready. So this way it's just easier for it to go through. But you're right, doing the annual report, it gets in the system either way. And I guess if you did it that way, we wouldn't necessarily ding you. But in the best case scenario, people who are submitting, you have updated the policies may do it on an April and so they're not going to wait until the next whole year because we only do the annual report every year. So that is one process we tried. We actually looked at different things using entity management in terms of putting a deliverable.

There was a lot of issues that were kind of complicated related to that because we felt that the GAM was kind of an approval process on the policies when in fact it's not. And we'll put language in there saying when you do a GAM, we're not approving your GAM, we're just acknowledging the acceptance of it and putting it into our system. So just wanted to say that. So we looked at it different things. In fact, it's what took this website so long, just trying to figure out. So we kind of ended up going back to the same process. So after reviewing many different options, at least four different options, kind of

went back to the GAM is probably the best and easiest and clearest way for SAAs to upload their information.

Let's see, it's Anna. Would we submit a GAM for each federal award in JustGrants for which we are waiving match? Yes, depending, so pay attention to this. That's a good question. Sometimes states may confuse them. Let's say for example you are just waiving match on FY20 still. You haven't spent all your funds down for FY20. In that case, you would just upload that match waiver GAM into your FY20 award. You would do that thing, it'd be pretty easy. Just had somebody recently do this last year, they put it for all their open awards. No, it's just FY20. However, if you are one of those states literally always they're subawarding to all awards at once. Some wait and they'll do one at a time and they'll slowly spend down, and some will take bits and pieces out of all four. They may have four active awards and they're going to waive match on all four of those VOCA awards, then you would need to use the spreadsheet.

Now, that's why you can fill it out for the different years. Just complete one spreadsheet and put it in all those four years. So it really depends. Some are just going to do one, maybe they have two open awards, maybe they have four open awards. So if in your spreadsheet there's a fiscal year that you're using, the award year down at the bottom, you would upload it to that. Does that make sense? Let's see. My state makes our match. We would probably pull it by including. Nikki, I think that's fine. If any of the OVC people disagree with me, let's put that down and answer Nikki's question. But I think as I said, many different ways as possible because you are submitting that publicly to the subrecipient, so I don't have a problem. Let's see. I just got another question.

In the federal funding year for a subaward changes mid year, thus changing the amount of the wave match for a federal should resubmit a revised spreadsheet. I have one grantee that does that too. With that one, I'm going to say ask your grant manager because it really depends. There's a few variables there I don't want to get into, but you would not necessarily need to do that to submit a spreadsheet. But there was one occasion where we might've had to. So the answer is ask your grant manager because I need to see that. You're Virginia technically, but this was another state, it was very complicated. So ask your grant manager and we'll work with you. I have a feeling you don't need to submit it with changing, but I'm not sure. I need to visually see that. All right, let's see.

Amanda Powers:

There were a couple of older questions before that. I don't know if you saw Megan's questions.

Joel Hall:

I might not have.

Amanda Powers:

Okay. Do you want me to read it quick?

Joel Hall:

Sure, go ahead.

Amanda Powers:

Okay. So Megan asked, "Our state typically awards a VOCA grant in two separate state fiscal years, meaning that match waivers will adjust each year. Should we be completing a GAM," sorry, I just scrolled, "And updating the spreadsheet each year?"

Joel Hall:

Yes, I believe so. If I can visually think about it. A lot of states will have multiple funding years. They'll have an RFP process one year and they'll go out three, but then they do have an individual yearly subaward. I think the only one state I can think of has a two-year performance award period, and technically you would've to do it every year. We will always advocate to eliminate these as well, so it's less for us. Amanda, am I missing any other ones? I see a lot of chat. I know Malgorzata answered one some question to Lindsay.

Amanda Powers:

Yes. So Nikki had a question about do all SAAs need to revise their match policies due to the end of the national pandemic period or only if our policies changed significantly or change in the future significantly?

Joel Hall:

Well, it would depend. That's a good question. If you've never updated your policy prior to the pandemic period, then yes, you would need to update the policy. And if you don't have some of the key things we talked about in terms of future pandemics or the end of the pandemic period, then you may need to do that because I would consider that pandemic period information to be substantial. Nikki, did you ever submit one prior to us before when you did Nikki? I'm not asking a question, did you?

Nikki:

We submitted a revised match policy result of the VOCA Fix [inaudible 00:38:14] national pandemic period ending.

Joel Hall:

I couldn't really hear.

Santana Berry:

I think the audio is not coming through very well, Nikki.

Joel Hall:

So anyway, Nikki, we'll take a look. You can ask our grant manager. Particularly that person was the one helping with the Match Waiver spreadsheet. So I have a feeling you probably do just to make sure you include some of the language, but maybe it's not a substantial change. When in doubt, send us the match waiver policy. We're trying to reach out to make sure that if you hadn't done it correctly before, that you do it now. But if there's no substantial change and what you've turned into us before hasn't substantially changed, you already had the pandemic period in there, as I said, we've gotten some over the past whole year, so we've already gotten some.

If they haven't changed, then you don't need to change it necessarily. I'm just not sure when you might've submitted your original, any changes, things of that nature because I know some states are going back to what they did prior to the pandemic. And so I always say, "Well, make sure you have some policies related to some things that we talked about in this webinar." Most importantly, talking about future pandemics and public, making sure it's public and how they can request these things and things of that nature.

Santana Berry:

I believe there was just one question so far that hasn't been addressed from Chris. When should we submit our SAA revised match waiver policy in JustGrants?

Joel Hall:

Whenever you can. If it's not done yet, then not yet. So whenever it's ready, please submit it. There's no timeframe on that, so submit it when it's ready. Any other questions?

Amanda Powers:

Joel, can you remind me if we answered this question? Anya had one about if the funding for the subaward changes mid-year, and thus changing the amount of match waived for the federal award, should we resubmit a revised spreadsheet? Did you answer that?

Joel Hall:

I did answer that one. I came up with nondescript answers to ask your grant manager because it could be different factors in there. Probably not the answer, no. But as I said, another state situation, it was so complicated that I might need to look at it. So Malgorzata is our braided funding person, so she's asking the questions related to that as best as we can, so thank you. Anyway, take a look at that one question related to Malgorzata and that braided funding, because that's a question we get a lot. That's why I talk individually. Talk to your grant manager, take a look at the instructions. We tried to lay that in there, but that is always something that we are providing training on. And I just got back from a state which had some of the most braided funding I've ever seen, California. So that is something we are always trying to work on the states in terms of how to make sure we capture those information correctly, and that it's reported correctly and different things of that nature.

If there are no other questions, I wanted to thank everybody and specifically the VOCA Center and Janelle and her team for helping me have this webinar. We are here to ask questions. We may even have this match waiver presentation again if we need to. I plan to upload the Match Waiver Spreadsheet up to the website within a week or two. I have a place to be, Salt Lake City next week, so I'm going to try to get that uploaded, make sure I touch base with the team, there's no more revisions. And then we will send an email out to you all. And as I said, you still have six months or more to really fill this out. So if you're using your previous spreadsheets and you don't want to change, you don't need to. But if you haven't filled it out yet, then you can use our new spreadsheet. It has less boxes and hopefully it'll reduce the time it takes and the administrative burden that we're putting on you with this. All right, that's it. Thank you so much.