

Below is a list of all applicant question submitted to RIVETS regarding RFP072022.

Is there a maximum amount of funding that we can apply for?

RIVETS Response: At the onset of each state fiscal year, the Rhode Island Governor and General Assembly allocate general revenue funding to support the Veterans Service Grant program at the Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services (RIVETS). In FY23 budget, RIVETS is able to award a total of \$200,000 annually to various providers addressing needs in the Veteran community. In FY22, RIVETS made funding awards to 11 applicants, with the average award totaling approximately \$18,000. The FY22 awards ranged from \$3,500 to \$48,000, and were based upon project scope, service delivery, Veterans and family members impacted, etc. The total number of applicants awarded may change year to year.

What is the maximum amount of funds that can be included in an application?

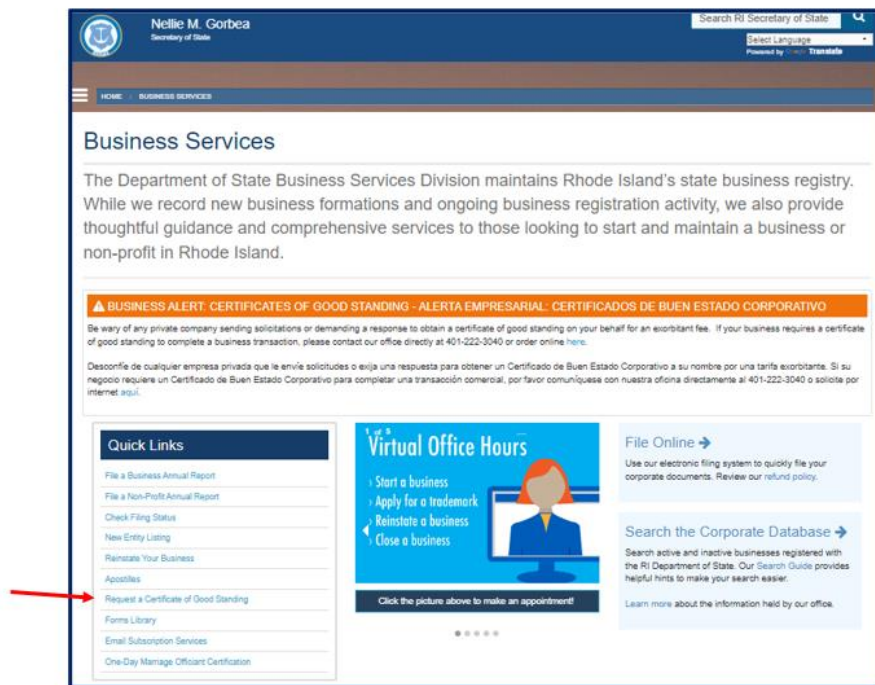
RIVETS Response: See response above

May we apply for funding for a Benefits Counselor?

RIVETS Response: RIVETS encourages potential programs to design budgets which account for direct program expenses. Including staff stipends within a budget proposal is not prohibited, but we advise applicants to thoroughly review the scoring criteria, with attention to the project scalability section, when preparing a program budget.

Our organization has a Letter of Good Standing dated 6/30/2021. Can we use the same letter this year or do we need an updated letter?

RIVETS Response: A Certificate of Good Standing or Certificate of Legal Existence (sometimes called a “certificate of status”) is issued by the RI Department of State to verify that a business entity is in good standing with our office. It does not verify that a business has satisfied its tax obligations and should not be confused with a Letter of Good Standing issued by the RI Division of Taxation. According to the Veterans Service Grant RFP, the Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing must be issued within the last 90 days. Submissions with out-of-date information will not be considered. A Certificate of Good Standing can be requested on the RI Secretary of State website: www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/business-services



Our organization is a vendor in the state RIVIP purchasing system. How do I check on the current information if I do not have access to the purchasing system?

RIVETS Response: Previous and new applicants must update/register on-line at the State of Rhode Island's Division of Purchasing new web-hosted eProcurement system, Ocean State Procures: <https://ridop.ri.gov/ocean-state-procures-osp/osp-vendor-registration>. Awards will not be granted if the registration is not approved by the Department of Administration.

The instruction guide for self-registration in Ocean State Procures (OSP) may be found on the Division of Purchasing website: <https://ridop.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkqbur616/files/documents/vendor-self-registration-quick-start-guide.pdf>

