

**Q&A**

1. *Does a provider need a 245D license in order to be able to submit a proposal for this program?*

You must be a 245D licensed provider to be considered for this grant opportunity.

2. *Are these grants intended specifically for organizations holding a 14(c) certificate that still provide subminimum-wage work? If we do not currently have subminimum-wage work through our agency, would that be a requirement or barrier to successfully applying?*

No, you do not need to hold a 14(c) certificate in order to apply for this grant and your organization does not need to provide subminimum wage employment. In order to qualify, applicants must have a Professional/Technical contract with DEED-VRS and be a 245D licensed provider, and the Professional/Technical contract must include Workers Compensation Insurance and Liability Coverage.

3. *Can you clarify whether VRS would refer individuals who are currently working or considering working in subminimum wage settings to the provider?*

VRS would refer individuals who are eligible for the Go MN! project, which includes adults who are currently working in subminimum wage employment or previously worked in subminimum wage employment, youth/students who might be considering subminimum wage employment, and individuals being served by a waiver. An individual must have an open case with VR in order to be served by Go MN! project, as well.

4. *Is there an application link or am I supposed to write a letter for the application?*

Instructions on how to submit an application for this RFP can be found on page 5 of the Go MN! Service Provider Grant RFP. This page outlines what materials and information need to be submitted in order to be considered for the grant, as well as how to submit these materials and the deadline for submission.

5. *If our organization provides services in multiple areas/communities covering the RFP grants (with different staff directly supporting those areas), can our organization apply for multiple RFPs?*

Yes, organizations are able to apply to multiple RFPs.

6. *Does the absence of a 245D license automatically disqualify an applicant, even if the organization already has a P/T contract with VRS and is actively providing employment related services?*

Applicants must be a 245D licensed provider and have a Professional/Technical contract with DEED-VRS in order to be considered for this grant opportunity.

7. *Does the proposal need to be all in one document? Or do I submit attachments to show compliance, such as policies, proof of 245D licensure, or referral information that includes services provided?*

The application materials and information outlined on page 5 of the Go MN! Service Provider Grant RFP can be submitted all in one document, or they can be submitted as separate documents, as long as the required materials and information are provided.

8. *If I am applying to two different RFPs, for example Winona and Rochester, do I submit two different proposals to cover both areas, or do I just make it clear that I'm applying for both areas?*

A separate application is required for each RFP for which you are applying. For example, in the scenario described in this question, an organization would need to submit an application for the Rochester RFP and then a separate application for the Winona RFP.