

SCDD Cycle 46 Launch Webinar Questions and Answers (Q&A)

GrantVantage Platform-related Questions:

1. What is the GrantVantage website to create the account?

Grant application Platform: <https://cascdd.gvgrantcloud.com/>

2. If we are already set up with GrantVantage for a Previous DDS grant, would we still need to set up another account?

Yes, SCDD's grant portal is separate from that of any other entity and requires its own separate account.

3. How can I start the grant application?

We recommend potential applicants start by reviewing the Cycle 46 Grants Guidelines document: [Cycle 46 Request for Proposal Grant Guidelines \(ca.gov\)](#)

A downloadable copy of the GrantVantage application is available: [SCDD Cycle 46 Application Questions](#)

Grant application Platform: <https://cascdd.gvgrantcloud.com/>

4. Do we need to setup a Microsoft account all over again, or can we use our company account?

No, you don't need to set up a separate Microsoft account. You will just need to register a new account on SCDD's grant application platform at: <https://cascdd.gvgrantcloud.com/>

5. How many questions do we need to answer in the application?

There are 39 questions in the application, which includes questions requiring documents to be uploaded and declarations/assurances that require authorizing initials as confirmation.

6. Can one ask for support in the portal itself?

Yes, there is a help desk link in the header of the SCDD GrantVantage portal. If you click on the question mark icon it will take you to the help desk.

7. What are the GrantVantage office hours?

GrantVantage Help Desk Hours are from 8:00am-6:00pm, Pacific Time

8. Is there a chat or just via call?

The Help Desk responds to your ticket via email. If your issue can not be resolved through email communication, you will be sent an invitation for a meeting to troubleshoot

9. Is GrantVantage Help Desk open on weekends?

No, the Help Desk is only open Monday – Friday.

10. Will future SCDD grants all utilize GrantVantage platform?

Yes, future grants will utilize the GrantVantage platform.

General Cycle 46 General Questions:

11. How long do you have to be in business to qualify applying for this Grant Cycle 46?

SCDD does not require any minimum length of time. All are welcome to apply.

12. Is this open to sole proprietors' consultants?

Can a school-based entity, such as a County Office apply?

The Council will award funding, on a competitive basis, to California-based agencies and organizations that represent and/or serve individuals with intellectual, developmental and/or cross-disabilities.

Eligible Applicants include:

- Local government agencies
- Non-government organizations
- Tribal organizations
- Community-based non-profits

Established coalitions that are classified as 501(c)(3) tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) Code. Under this definition, community is defined as a city, a group of cities, a county, a group of counties, and/or Tribal land(s). Applicants may submit proposals as a single organization or on behalf of a consortium of organizations.

13. The grant requests are very specific. Can the proposals address areas be related to but outside of the grant descriptors?

Project proposals need to address either all or some of the components listed on the Focus Area Flyer. Please read these documents carefully prior to submitting your application. Focus Area Flyers can be found at:
<https://scdd.ca.gov/grantinformation/>

14. Who is on the committee?

A list of State Plan Committee Members can be found at: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sp/>

The Scoring Panel members are qualified staff and members of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities with the requisite knowledge and/or experience in the supports and services needed by Californians with I/DD and their families and the process related to the Council's Program Development Grants.

15. Can you explain what a bidder's conference is?

A bidder's conference is a meeting that an agency will schedule upon releasing a new bid proposal. The bidder's conference is designed to give interested and eligible vendors the chance to ask questions regarding the project.

16. Can you elaborate on the self-advocacy focus area?

You can find more details in the Self-Advocacy flyer: [Self-Advocacy Project Flyer](#).

17. What is the maximum request/award amount per application?

The Council has allocated a total of \$300,000 to fund Cycle 46 projects in any of four (4) proposed focus areas: Education, Employment, Health and Safety, and Self-Advocacy. The Council understands that the final list of approved projects may not address all four (4) of the targeted focus areas. The applicant may request any amount up to \$300,000. SCDD will consider all proposal submissions and choose one (1) or more that (in combination) will not exceed the full \$300,000 budgeted amount.

18. If we are a service provider working in partnership with a post-secondary institution (community college) providing and want to apply for a grant for education, are we able to do that? Or does it need to be the community college that applies? Can we apply as partners?

Yes, you can apply as the applicant. You will need to submit an MOU from the institution that you are collaborating with.

19. For the Self-Advocacy element does it only need to serve the Youth, how about adults with IDD over the age of 35?

The Self-Advocacy project is targeted specifically at youth and young adults from the ages of 16-30 years old.

20. If we are a CBO building a skill building program for youth and individuals with IDD, and this is being developed - can we apply for this grant? and Education? or should we apply under Self-Advocacy?

Please read each flyer carefully to choose the focus area that best suits your program.

21. Can one organization apply for all focus areas in one application or do you recommend one application with one focus / target area

No, they must be applied for separately as separate projects.

22. If a project addresses two areas, but the budget can be identified clearly for each area, should there be 2 applications (1 for each area) clarifying that they are part of the same one project?

Please submit one application per project, even if that project addresses two areas. You will need to select the focus area that best fits your project.

23. Are individuals with IDD who have high level support needs, and/or multiple areas of support, (ex. developmental, behavioral and/or health needs) is this community considered underserved?

Yes, there is a question in the application that lists various unserved/underserved populations for you to select from. One of the options is "cross-disabilities".

24. What contributions qualify for the In-Kind match? What counts as 'in-kind' costs?

Matching funds include

- Non-federal public or private funds
- Funds that are not used as match for any other federal program
- Unrecovered indirect costs
- Either cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated**

In other words, match can be either an actual expenditure (cash) or a virtual cost (in-kind contribution). In-kind match contributions come from the grantee organization. In-kind match is typically in the form of the value of personnel, goods, and services, including direct and indirect costs. Third party in-kind match contributions come from other non-federal third parties. Third party in-kind match contributions come in the form of the value of personnel, goods, and services (including direct and indirect costs). Grantees and third parties simply need to document the contributed resource of value

The most common type of match, and the easiest to track, is cash match. Cash match is either the grantee organization's own funds (general revenue) or cash donations from non-federal third parties (i.e., partner organizations), or by non-federal grants. A cash match contribution is an actual cash contribution.

25. Does match requirement mean my organization has to provide a percentage of the money for the project? My organization is completely volunteers with no budget, does that mean we don't qualify?

The match can be in-kind or cash.

26. Can you clarify what the match requirement is again, for ex: L.A County?

A match of 25% is required for Non-Poverty Areas and a 15% match is required for services that will be provided in Poverty Areas. A "poverty area" is typically defined when 20% or more of the population lives below poverty level.

Poverty levels by county can be found at: [Exhibit A California Poverty Levels by County 2021](#)

27. Is there a percentage limit on administrative costs?

No, there is no percentage limit.