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Good Morning,

I'm going to be sending out a couple quick items this morning. This first one builds on the email we sent out last week about the flexible use of your grants funds during this pandemic. Shortly, we will be collecting all of this various grant information and putting it on our webpage for easy reference. Hope you're all doing well and staying healthy. Thank you for all you do. S

Use of VOCA Competitive Funds (including VOCA-FI funds) for essential services:

If you receive any VOCA-Competitive or VOCA-FI awards administered by CVSSD, you know that you are usually restricted to using those funds for the scope and purposes detailed within the competitive grant application. For purposes of COVID-19 response, we will suspend that requirement and allow VOCA-Competitive grant recipients to repurpose those competitive funds in order to maintain essential services for victims and survivors. This exception applies only to **VOCA** competitive funding and still requires all expenses be VOCA ALLOWABLE expenses. If you need to repurpose these funds for essential services during the COVID-19 response please reach out to your fund coordinator so they can ensure they have the information they need to document the change.

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