

**VNCP Round 3 Open Question and Answer Period Submissions**

Date	Question Type	Question	Response
3/28/2025	Applicant Eligibility	We are a nonprofit neighborhood improvement program serving the needs of homeless and at-risk veterans. Are we an eligible entity under VNCP?	Section 2 of the RGA outlines the requirements for organization eligibility. If your organization meets these, then you should be able to apply.
3/28/2025	Project Eligibility	Our project includes exterior and interior painting, minor repairs and upgrades to kitchens and bathrooms at 3 project sites. Would our project be eligible for capital funding under VNCP?	Section 2 of the RGA outlines what constitutes a capital eligible project. Renovations and reconstruction are usually eligible, but repairs are not. Painting, whether interior or exterior is not eligible as a stand alone project. However, when a portion of a facility, like the bathroom, is fully renovated, painting of that project area is eligible as it is the finishing phase of the bathroom remodel.
3/28/2025	Project Eligibility	Our organization has three separate properties where we provide our programs and services. Can we submit an application with a project that takes place at all of our locations?	There is nothing in the VNCP RGA that restricts an application to only one designated project location. However, the application should clearly list each separate project location address and provide the required site control for each address. Remember only one application per organization is allowed. If more than one application is submitted for an organization, only the first application received will be reviewed by the scoring team.
3/31/2025	Financial Documentation	Are we required to obtain project quotes from or do we need to address good faith efforts for Minority and Woman-Owned business enterprises or Service-Disabled Vetern Owned Businesses under VNCP?	Yes, recent cost estimates for the proposed project are required. They can be either individual estimates from contractors/vendors or one comprehensive estimate from a general contractor, architect or engineer. If purchasing equipment is part of the proposed project, then screenshots of web pages with the price and date of the internet search would qualify. For VNCP applications, recent meant dated no earlier than 11/11/2024. If awarded a VNCP grant, all awardees would be expected to use their best efforts to utilize MWBE/SDVOB contractors and vendors whenever possible, however, a set quota is not required.
4/2/2025	Applicant Eligibility	Our organization supports NYS veterans with visual, mobility and psychological impariments through our adaptive Nordic programming, including remote digital navigation/orienteerint technology. We do not have veteran members. Our we eligible to apply for VNCP funding?	Section 2 of the RGA outlines the requirements for organization eligibility and describes members as "dues paying members." Additionally a chart details the information requested related to dues paying members of the not-for-profit veterans organization.
4/2/2025	Applicant Eligibility	While I see that to qualify for funding at least 75 percent of the organizations current members must be veterans or service members of the United State Military , we are unsure of what the term "members" means here. 100% of the people we serve are vets; but our staff is only about 50% vets. Does "members" refer to the peope we serve or our staff?	Section 2 of the RGA outlines the requirements for organization eligibility and describes members as "dues paying members." Additionally a chart details the information requested related to dues paying members of the not-for-profit veterans organization itself.
4/4/2025	Applicant Eligibility	I am reaching out to inquire about the Veterans Nonprofit Capital Program. We are interested to learn if our Veteran Nonprofit would be eligible for the next cycle of funding.	Section 2 of the RGA outlines the requirements for organization eligibility and describes the type of membership requirements for eligibility. If the organization is incorporated as described; has the minimum number of dues paying members in its organization; has been in existence for at least five years and doesn't have an open VNCP Round 1 or 2 active grant; it could be eligible. Please refer to Section 2 of the RGA for full eligibility requirements.
4/7/2025	Applicant Eligibility	Would VFW's and American Legions be eligible for this opportunity?	Please refer to Section 2 of the RGA for full eligibility requirements for an organization and its membership. Given that most of the American Legion and Veterans' of Foreign Wars in New York State fall under this type of incorporation, it is expected that they will be eligible so long as their existing membership also meets the requirements.

4/8/2025	Applicant Eligibility	Our organization serves veterans, gold star, active duty, along with their immediate families through other funding received by NYS. We are a 501c3, but we can create subsidiary to create a 501c19 to suffice the above referenced grant requirements if needed. We meet all of the other requirements for this grant, but would like some clarity on this before proceeding forward.	Please refer to Section 2 of the RGA for full eligibility requirements for organization and its membership. If you were to create a new incorporated entity, it would not meet the requirement that applicants have been in existence for a minimum of 5 years prior to applying.
4/10/2025	Applicant Eligibility	A veteran's club that received a VNCP grant two years ago has a question on applying for the grant again this year. How far along in the close-out process does the club need to be in order to be eligible to apply this year? If the club has submitted all of its receipts, invoices, checks, etc., and has applied for final reimbursement, is that sufficient, or does the grant need to be completely closed out? If so, how long does that typically take once the club has submitted its final reimbursement? They are asking because they wish to apply again this year, and we know the grant is due May 30th. If they submit all of their reimbursement requests now will they still have time to apply for the VNCP, or does it typically take over a month to close out the grant?	An organization that received funding through VNCP Rounds 1 or 2 must have their existing grant closed out in order to be eligible for Round 3. All requisitions should be submitted and processed ASAP to ensure they can be completed before the application window closes. If all project invoices have been paid but there is a grant balance remaining, the organization should notify DASNY by email that their project is complete and the grant should be closed.
4/10/2025	SFS	I am having trouble getting into SFS. What should I do?	Any technical questions regarding the Statewide Financial System, or SFS, should be directed to SFS via their email at <a href="mailto:helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov">helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov</a> . Additionally, you can look to the DASNY and DVS websites for links to helpful webinars that will guide you through both registering in SFS and applying for SFS prequalification.
4/11/2025	Prequalification	At the end of last calendar year, our organization submitted all prequalification documents to SFS but now, four months later, we understand that in order to apply for the VNCP grant, we must prequalify. We had thought that the Prequal process was finished. However, when I login to SFS, most of the documents are now in red. Yet we'd already submitted them, and when I click to attach the document again, I get the response that two documents cannot be submitted, so a document is already on file. Do we need to re-submit all of these documents?	Questions regarding the Statewide Financial System, or SFS, should be directed to SFS via their email at <a href="mailto:helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov">helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov</a> . Additionally, you can look to the DASNY and DVS websites for links to helpful webinars that will guide you through both registering in SFS and applying for SFS prequalification.
4/11/2025	Project Eligibility	I am a board member our local VFW. We are in need of a new generator for our facility. Are there any programs that are currently available that we might be able to apply for to help defray this necessary cost.	The purchase of generators, and the accompanying electrical work needed to install them are capital eligible projects under the VNCP program, as well as under other discretionary capital programs administered by DASNY on behalf of New York State. The VNCP application period begins on April 21, 2025 and extends through May 30, 2025.