

# 2021 WSFR National Virtual Federal Aid Coordinators Meeting

## Questions and Answers (Q&A)

**Topic/Speaker:** WSFR Accountability Initiative Part 2: Performance Reporting and NOFOs - Kathy Hollar, WSFR Policy and Programs Division Manager and Larry Riley, WSFR LR8 Regional Manager

- 1. Keren Dil: the CVA grants going from 4 years to only 2 years has been a challenge particularly when we can't depend on when CVA awards are going to be made. Do you see the performance period staying at 2 years moving forward?**

At present CVA doesn't have a hard requirement on period of performances like BIG does. Though that is one of the things we plan to discuss during the CVA regulation update. We presently recommend no more than 3 years in the NOFO and a 2 year period of performance for CVA is a best practice and desirable considering how CVA funds are used (O&M, few permitting requirements, and typically low installation/construction times). The period of performance for a grant award, in partnership with its budget should be linked to an implementation timeline in the proposal and justified. While we strive to ensure that every state applicant is awarded some portion of their CVA application request, selection is the result of a competitive process and we are bound to evaluate the technical merit and feasibility of proposals and award those that meet or exceed the criteria in the NOFO.

- 2. Heather Kieweg: What I find challenging about the NOFO's is that most of the NOFO is the same from year to year, and it takes a lot of time to identify what is new in a NOFO from year to year. Communications of new provisions separately would be really helpful.**

Great suggestion! Going forward, we'll commit to having a couple of bullets towards the beginning of the NOFO that indicates any major updates or highlights that the reader might want to know along with what sections to read for the full details.