

PCADV Recommendations of Funding Guidelines on Batterer Intervention Services (BIS)

1. Programs desiring funding should agree to conform to the PA Program Standards for Batterer Intervention Services, promulgated by PCADV and the BIS Network of PA.
2. Programs must establish a minimum length of counseling/intervention of 60 hours (52 for counseling/8 for intake) to be eligible for funding.
3. The costs of clinical/counseling/educational services should be paid by program participants. Funds awarded hereunder should not underwrite the costs of clinical/counseling/educational services.
4. An exception to the general rule in # 3 should be made such that a limited amount, no more than 25% of a proposed budget, may be allocated to pay for clinical, etc. services for indigent participants.

To be eligible for fee waiver, indigent participants must be required to provide community service at the rate of two (2) hours of community service for every counseling hour. Community services options should be developed by the BIS network in consultation with the Probation/Parole Office and the local domestic violence program. A draft plan for community service should be appended to each application.

5. Eligible services, with the limited exception in # 4, should be case management, coordination of community responses, systems advocacy related to batterer intervention services, court/probation/corrections liaison and monitoring by domestic violence programs.
6. BIS grantees must be monitored by the local domestic violence program and must pay the program for the monitoring. No BIS program is eligible for an award unless there is a letter from the local domestic violence program affirming its commitment to monitoring, and supporting the ward.
7. A further condition of eligibility should be that the program agrees not to engage in competition with domestic violence programs for limited funds, particularly related to victim services.
8. BIS programs may not utilize PCCD funding for counseling/education services offered pursuant to diversion mandates; only deferred adjudication or post-adjudication counseling/education mandates should be eligible.

9. The long-term existence of a BIS program should not be an impediment to funding under these guidelines.

10. The costs associated with the delivery of BIS services, particularly the non-clinical services above, to perpetrators in rural communities are often higher than in urban locations, and rural programs have fewer philanthropic, corporate and other private resources upon which to rely in support of the BIS services. Awards should reflect these differences.

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