**D. MEANINGFUL ACCESS, PLANNING, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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| Grantees must provide all survivors meaningful access to services. Meaningful access is defined in Section C.2. of the RFA and includes appropriately responding to an initial crisis call and/or disclosure, offering services that are responsive to a survivor's status and identity, and connecting survivors to partner organizations as needed.  With each question, be specific in your response about efforts focusing on 1) BIPOC populations, 2) LGBTQIA2S+ populations, 3) People with Disabilities, 4) Male/Gender Expansive populations, 5) Tribal Nations, and 6) any other populations impacted by inequity you may serve.   All grantees are expected to provide culturally responsive services to any survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. A culturally responsive organization or program promotes equity by recognizing the multiple intersecting identities of survivors and examining how its own practices and policies impact the people it serves. | |
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1. **How does the organization or program prepare staff to recognize their own biases and work with survivors from diverse cultures and populations?**
2. **To what extent has your organization or program examined its own practices and policies to ensure services to survivors are equitable and culturally responsive?**
3. **When and how is the organization or program connecting survivors to partner organizations or programs? The response should reflect the organization or program’s own limitations around providing meaningful access to services.**

All grantees have a responsibility to ensure its practices and policies are continuously improving to match the needs of the people and the community it serves. All grantees must engage in a planning process that informs the development of its programs and services, and enhances outreach to survivors in their communities, especially to those who have not accessed services before. Steps for planning may include 1) community assessment, 2) identifying immediate and long-term goals, and 3) formulating specific strategies to achieve those goals.

1. **Describe your organization's or program’s most recent community assessment and/or planning process (~~i.e.~~ e.g. data collection and review, surveys, interviews, focus groups, meetings, etc.).**
2. **What did your organization or program learn from its community assessment and/or planning process about 1) the prevalence of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, and 2) survivors from ~~populations impacted by inequity~~?**
3. **How did these findings influence your organization's or program’s immediate and long-term goals and specific strategies for developing programs and delivering services?**
4. **How are representatives from populations impacted by inequity invited and included in the organization’s or programs planning process?**

All grantees are expected to engage the community throughout its planning, development and delivery of services to survivors. In addition to the community assessment and/or planning processes mentioned above, community engagement can include presentations and trainings, community coordination efforts, stakeholder input, survivor feedback, surveys, co-advocacy plans, etc

1. **In your efforts to engage the community, what presentations and trainings will your organization or program receive from or offer to other organizations, systems, communities and Tribal Nations in this biennium?**
2. **Describe your organization's or program’s involvement in community coordination efforts (e.g. domestic or sexual violence response teams, child abuse multidisciplinary teams, local or regional partnerships that may include the criminal justice system and other social service providers, Tribal Nations)**
3. **In what other ways does or will your organization or program engage and involve the community to improve your services? (e.g. stakeholder input, survivor feedback, surveys, co advocacy plans?**