

## Shymansky, Shannon C.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 11:28 AM  
**To:** Shymansky, Shannon C.  
**Subject:** FW: FAI 17-053 - B4 35% specifications

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You can just request that it be withdrawn from the project since it didn't meet the standards. We will then just only reimburse you for up to the amount that you submitted originally as long as it all was paid in compliance with Davis Bacon.

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National Program Manager, State Home Construction Grants  
Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care (12GEC)  
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Thank you so much for the clarification regarding the B.7.A requirements; I am pulling up each of the documents Connie submitted for this requirement and verifying that I provided BOTH a Spec-Book and a drawings set. I found in the document we submitted for Quincy, had three pages of drawings included in the 12-spec book, so I was scanning those three pages and will submit them with a more detailed file label so its easier to verify what has been received.

Per Anna Gaug's instruction, the Illinois Capital Development Board verified the Federal Prevailing Wage Rates with the State's Prevailing Wage Rate. They verified that LaSalle, Manteno and Quincy wither matched or exceeded the Federal Rate. The Anna Home came up short on prevailing wage, but the total cost of the projects exceeded the \$5.5M that we estimated/claimed, so we will not include them. Do you want me to request that documents referring to Anna are withdrawn or should we leave it in there? I cannot delete documents, but only hide them.

The 10-0388-8 has been signed by Director Prince and will be uploaded. The 10-0388-7, -9, and -2 have been routed to the Capital Development Board Director for signature and I will upload them when I receive them.

I will upload everything I mentioned above before I depart the office today.

Thank you.

Gwen Diehl  
217-785-4575 (Mobile 217-836-8750)

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Gwen,

I think we have confused you. CFM has recommended approved of your B.4 letter submittal stating that there was no 35% documentations due to the emergency design/contracting process. To clarify, for the B.7.A – 100% Drawings and Specification submittal, we have received the 100% drawings on Max.gov. We just need the specifications that go with the drawings for the B.7.A technical review.

I believe per Lisa's email, you had a discussion about the Davis-Bacon form that she needs as part of the grant documentation.

Please feel free to contact me or Lisa with any additional question you may have.

Thanks,  
Liz Y.

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Thanks, yes, it needs to match the original 424C

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**From:** Ramu Ramachandran <R.Ramachandran@perkinseastman.com>  
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**Cc:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: 17-051

Dear Lisa,

Gwen, Connie and team Illinois DVA are working on making changes to the letter and getting it re-submitted to you shortly. It will happen within a day. That is the only change they are contemplating. Please confirm if OK..

With regards  
Ramu

September 2, 2021

Ms. Anna Gaug  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
State Home Construction Grant Program  
810 Vermont Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Gwen and IL DVA are working to change this amount to match the original request of \$303M. The revised letter should come through within a day hopefully.

**RE: Request for Conditional Approval**  
FAI 17-051, Renovation: Emergency Campus Recor  
Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy Illinois

Dear Ms. Gaug,

In accordance with the provisions of 38 CFR Section 59.70, the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs respectfully requests conditional approval of application FAI 17-051 in the amount of \$197,047,500 (estimated total project ~~\$230,000,000~~) for Renovation: Emergency Campus Reconstruction, at the Illi Veterans' Home, Quincy, Illinois. The State will meet all requirements for this letter than 180 calendar days after the date of conditional approval. We under

L. Ramu Ramachandran, AIA, LEED AP

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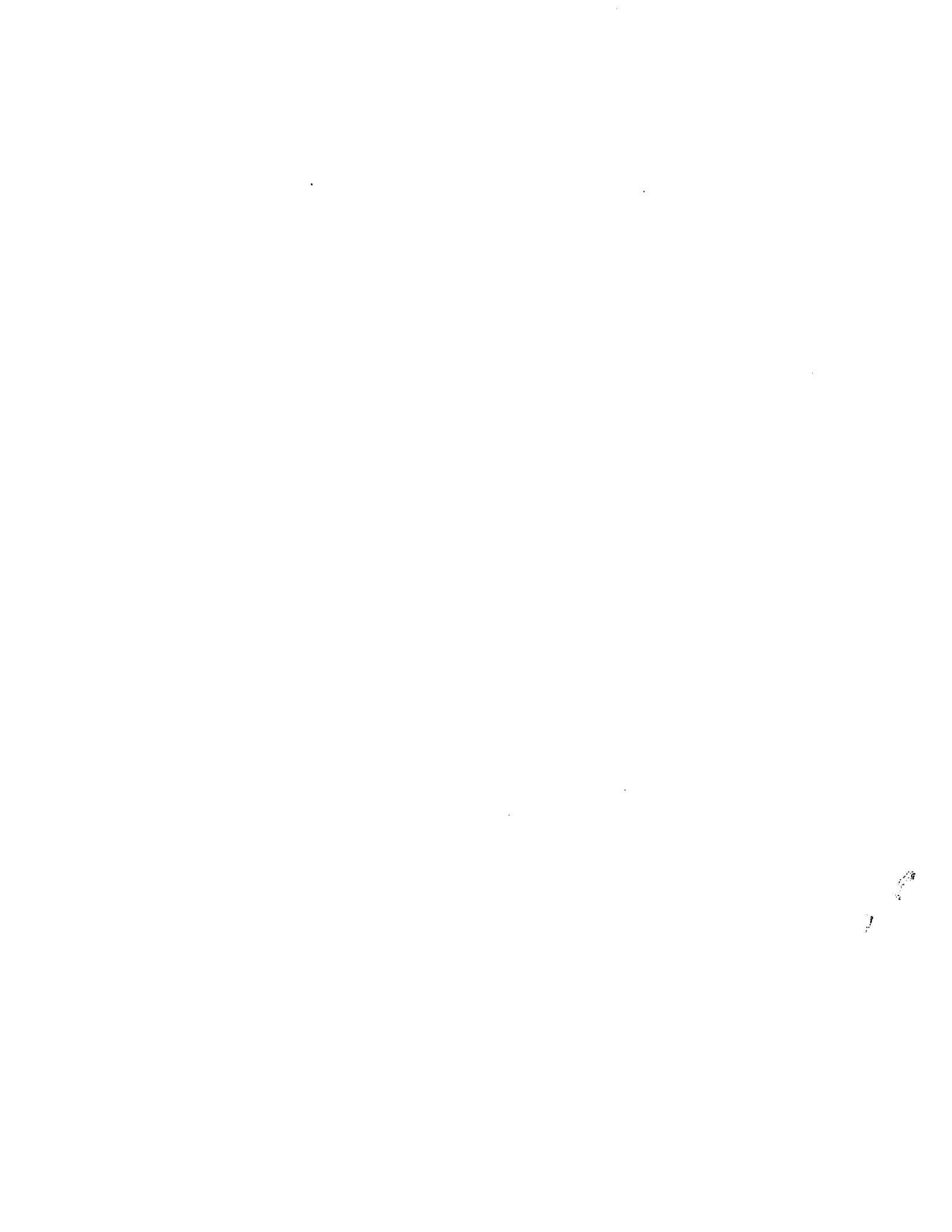
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Thanks.

Lisa

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**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

To follow up with what Lisa said, they should be listed on FY23's list. We will let you know if we need anything else for them or if they need additional items to be listed later this year.

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Hello Connie,

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Lisa

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Hi Lisa,

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1. WS00691844
2. WS00677449
3. WS00683374
4. WS00677444

Do you need anything else from us to move these new projects forward?

Thank you,  
Connie

Connie Watson  
Grants Administrator, Chief Accountability Officer  
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Hi Lisa,

We have 6 new projects entered in Grants.gov that have not been moved to Max.gov. Since there is no progression with the previously submitted projects, do we continue to submit new projects in Grants.gov?

Thank you,

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**Attachments:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects; WorkspaceSearchResults 01-26-2022.xls

When we inquired about the project, we were told that we could continue submitting projects and that the projects would appear on the Priority List, however FY2021 is the most recent list that I have seen. When we submit a project, in the past, we have applied the next FAI number in sequence, so we have a reference point; if this is not correct, let us know and we will not do that in the future.

Connie provided the attached spreadsheet. The projects that we put number on are as follows:

WORKSPACE ID	UEI	APPLICATION FILING NAME	Proposed FAI Number	LAST ACTIVITY
WS00691844	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Renovate Central Kitchen - Manteno	17-064	5/11/2021
CWS00677449	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Water Mains - Manteno	17-062	5/03/2021
WS00683374	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Roofing Systems - Quincy	17-063	5/03/2021
WS00677444	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Air Handlers R3 & R4 - Manteno	17-061	5/03/2021
WS00595765	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Construct Domestic Water Loop - Quincy	17-060	11/18/2020
WS00589027	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Mechanical Systems - LaSalle	17-059	10/28/2020

We have additional projects that are being prepared for submission:

APPLICATION FILING NAME	PROPOSED FAI NUMBER
IDVA Renovate Rest Rooms – Manteno	17-065
IDVA Replace AHUs, Exhaust, Fans, Dampers and Controls – Manteno	17-066
IDVA Emerg Storm Sewer Repair – Quincy	17-067
IDVA Replace AHUs S1 S2 Prince A1 A2 – Manteno	17-068
IDVA General Building Repairs and Improvements – Anna	17-069

IDVA Renovate Original Portion of 17-070  
Facility – LaSalle

My concern as a steward of the State, is that by not receiving timely acceptance of submitted projects I am not able to submit Section B documents and begin drawing down reimbursement funding. Since the A/Es have a contractual obligation and time schedules, they are working and earning their contractual pay, but IDVA will be precluded from recoupment of funds that may have been paid out by the State prior to SHCG program approval in spite of our timely submissions.

As you can see above, IDVA submitted two projects (17-059 & 17-060) that, had they been approved in Grants.GOV and moved into MAX.GOV, we could have provided proof of State Matching Funds (Checklist Items B.1.A and B.1.B) and we could have been considered in Priority Group 1.

Additionally, it is difficult to know what to submit for ongoing projects without manually scouring the "Project Application Status" section of the ILLINOIS 17-000 page on Max.Gov and making pen-and ink updates to projects 51-60, since the check lists haven't been updated.

Please let us know what actions we need to take so we can resume active participation in the program. Thank you for your attention to this.

Gwen M. Diehl  
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**From:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Moore, Lisa J. <Lisa.Moore6@va.gov>  
**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Have you been given FAI numbers for these? When were they submitted?

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**From:** Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:01 AM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: IDVA New Projects

Hi Lisa,



We have 6 new projects entered in Grants.gov that have not been moved to Max.gov. Since there is no progression with the previously submitted projects, do we continue to submit new projects in Grants.gov?

Thank you,

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**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Hello Connie,

The cut off for new projects is April 15, 2021. We will keep you updated on the projects.

Thanks.

Lisa

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] IDVA New Projects

Hi Lisa,

We submitted 4 new projects last May in Grants.gov and they have not been processed. They are:

1. WS00691844
2. WS00677449
3. WS00683374
4. WS00677444

Do you need anything else from us to move these new projects forward?

Thank you,  
Connie

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## Shymansky, Shannon C.

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**Subject:** FW: IVHQ (17-051) quick question on reimbursement monies/ flexibility in state's use

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**From:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 3:25 PM

**To:** MacGibbon, Chris <Chris.MacGibbon@Illinois.gov>; Ramu Ramachandran <R.Ramachandran@perkinseastman.com>

**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>

**Subject:** [External] RE: IVHQ (17-051) quick question on reimbursement monies/ flexibility in state's use

Yes once VA reimburses funds to the state for project work, the state can do what they want with the funds. You just cannot apply for another grant and say that the match is pending reimbursement from a previously awarded project, if that makes sense. The funds would have to already have been received from VA and put back into the states treasury or wherever, not like use this payment for that match. You also have to apply before you can be reimbursed. We cant reimburse any new projects that were completed or are being completed currently if VA has not already received an application for the project. Please let me know if you need to explain this via phone but bottomline- 1. once the state is in possession of the funds from a reimbursement, they can be used for whatever the state needs to do with them. 2. The state cannot retroactively apply for grant for a project that has been fully funded by the state and has been partially or fully completed, regardless of the source of the funds.

Let me know if you have further questions.

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**From:** MacGibbon, Chris <Chris.MacGibbon@Illinois.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 2:24 PM

**To:** Ramu Ramachandran <R.Ramachandran@perkinseastman.com>; Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>

**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: IVHQ (17-051) quick question on reimbursement monies/ flexibility in state's use

Thank you, Ramu.

Anna,

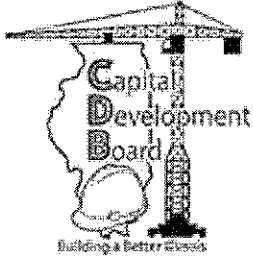
The State would just like to clarify the flexibility to use funds received as part of the federal reimbursement on the Quincy reconstruction project (USDVA #17-051, IL CDB #040-010-115) as well as other Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs projects (that meet the USDVA federal reimbursement criteria). More to the point, the state budget office, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, has expressed concerns that if the reimbursed funds are used for new or existing projects, those new projects may no longer qualify for federal reimbursements.

I realize that we have discussed this topic with your office previously and, to my knowledge, USDVA indicated that once the federal funds are received they become state funds and can be used as the state wishes. It would not impact eligibility for reimbursement for future projects.

It would be very helpful to have confirmation from your office on record so that we can relay to the budget office, and alleviate their concerns.

Any information or guidance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,



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**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 1:55 PM  
**To:** Anna Gaug (USDVA) <[anna.gaug@va.gov](mailto:anna.gaug@va.gov)>  
**Cc:** MacGibbon, Chris <[Chris.MacGibbon@Illinois.gov](mailto:Chris.MacGibbon@Illinois.gov)>; Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] IVHQ (17-051) quick question on reimbursement monies/ flexibility in state's use

Dear Anna,  
Hope you're well and the year is off to a good start for you and the team. Thank you so very sincerely for helping get the project in Illinois to this stage.

We had discussed this idea in the past - where the state was wanting to know how much flexibility they would have in being able to use the federally reimbursed dollars for other DVA projects in Illinois. Our state's office of budget has been chasing our CDB project manager, wishing to have some simple assurance (via email at least) as they start committing some funds.

Please allow me to introduce to you Chris MacGibbon, an invaluable partner to Illinois DVA, he is our team lead, and our project manager from the state CDB (the IL Capital Development Board). Chris has been dealing with the state office of budgets who has asked him to get at least an email confirmation from the USDVA. I will let him take it from here. We've advised him that he could just write to you, with a question that's been on their minds, and hope to get your response in writing.

My best wishes,  
Ramu

p.s. at IVHQ, construction is well, a lot of progress, and I hope you find an excuse to visit the site with us in 2022.

**L. Ramu Ramachandran, AIA, LEED AP**

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## Shymansky, Shannon C.

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:57 PM  
**To:** Gaug, Anna; Diehl, Gwen; Liz Yo (VA); Ramu Ramachandran; MacGibbon, Chris  
**Cc:** Shymansky, Shannon C.  
**Subject:** FAI 17-051 & IDVA New Projects

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Anna,

We are available from 2 to 4 PM Mon-Tue next week, if either of those slots work for a one hour call. TEAMS does not work well with the state's IT, so this may need to be a WEBEX we can send out.

Thank you,  
Connie

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**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Lisa is out on extended leave. I can send out a meeting and you can meet with me instead. What is your availability for next week? This week has a lot going on.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: IDVA New Projects

Hi Lisa,

Is there a time we can meet?

Thank you,  
Connie

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**Subject:** RE: IDVA New Projects

Hi Lisa,

We would like to schedule a call with VA. Would you be available to meet on Tuesday, February 22 anytime in the afternoon? If you are unavailable, when you be a good time?

Thank you,

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## MEETING RECORD (DRAFT)

Perkins Eastman  
Architects DPC

Date Prepared	3/9/2021	
Project Name	Illinois Veterans Home Quincy, new buildings and campus rehab	
Project Number	USDVA # 17-051; IL CDB #040-010-115, PE #77550.00	
Subject	Discussion around grant checklist requirements, Section B.7 forms, 180-day conditional review period. General progress discussion and expectations.	
Meeting Location	Virtual TEAMS	
Meeting Date	3/7/2022	
Prepared By	Ramu Ramachandran Perkins Eastman	r.ramachandran@perkinseastman.com
	T: 312-873-6262	F: Fax Number
Participants	USDVA-SVHCGP: – Anna Gaug, Program Director – Liz Yo, Architect, CFM and Illinois Grant Coordination IDVA: – Gwen Diehl, Illinois SVH coordinator – Connie Watson, IL Grants Administration CDB – Chris MacGibbon, Project Manager Perkins Eastman: – Ramu Ramachandran, Project Manager Bridging team for A/E	

### 1. Legend

- a. USDVA – United States Department of Veterans' Affairs
- b. SVHCGP – USDVA's State Veterans Homes Construction Grant Program
- c. CFM – USDVA's Construction and Facilities Management team
- d. IDVA – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- e. CDB – Illinois Capital Development Board
- f. PE – Perkins Eastman
- g. MOA – Memorandum of Agreement

### 2. General discussions

- a. Anna mentioned that Lisa Moore is on extended leave. USDVA remaining staff are managing a very high workload while at the same time looking for an interim or replacement grant manager for Illinois IVHQ and other projects in the program.

### 3. Status of Section A items of the grant submission checklist

- a. IDVA shared that the version of the checklist on max.gov appeared to not be current with latest round of approvals. Liz and Anna agreed that items were yet to be updated and has to be updated by Anna when time permits.
- b. Liz reviewed open line items in Section A and B and shared approval dates by looking at approval memos from CFM technical review staff. All items in Section A and in Section B (1 to 6) have been responded to and closed out (approved) successfully.
- c. A marked up version of the checklist is attached.
- d. The Conditional Award letter was dated Sep 30th, 2021. The 180 day period ends March 29, 2022.

- e. The Design-Builder (VUC) has submitted their 35% milestone document to the CDB. This replaces the Bridging Documents currently on file for Section B.4. This document was uploaded by IDVA during the week of March 2nd. It is currently under review by Liz and team.
  - f. Liz was informed that the near 100% documents will be submitted within 2 weeks. They will be named "95%" documents due to CDB's request to allow room for final CDB review input. Liz shared that that this "95%" title block terminology would be acceptable. Ramu appreciated that this would help keep documents coordinated.
4. Section B – budget submission pointers (Form 424C)
- a. Anna pointed to CFR 59.80 includes the regulations. "38 CFR § 59.80 - Amount of grant." (Copy attached). The link below is from the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (e-CFR) Title 38 - Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief CHAPTER I - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PART 59 - GRANTS TO STATES FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF STATE HOMES § 59.80 Amount of grant
  - b. Link found at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/part-59#59.80>
  - c. Anna walked the attendees through the process of updating the budget sheet 424C and limits or restrictions on making revisions to the budget. She shared the following pointers.
  - d. CHANGING THE BUDGET:
    - i. From this point in time forward, there are only two opportunities to change the budget request.
    - ii. BEFORE MOA APPROVAL:
      - 1. A one-time change possible to the bottom line of the project at this stage prior to the approval of the MOA. Changes to individual line items are not yet tracked at this stage.
    - iii. AFTER MOA APPROVAL:
      - 1. Once the MOA is approved, generally speaking, the program anticipates that there could be a 10% cost increase but it cannot award more than a 10% change.
    - iv. Once the MOA is approved, there are very strict limits on changes that are possible. Every line item of the budget sheet becomes rigid. No one lighter line item can change by more than 10% of its value on file between now and project close-out. Any line item currently at \$0.0 cannot be changed or increased.
    - v. USDVA typically sees a one-time budget adjustment closer to project close-out.
  - e. AUDIT
    - i. Anna informed the team that it is nearly 100% sure that this project will be audited because of the size of the project (over \$100 million). She asked that CDB hold on to invoices and IDVA keep track of budgets carefully.
    - ii. Monthly draw request invoices have to be very carefully categorized according to the budgets on file.
  - f. Form 424C for the IVHQ draft budget was reviewed in its marked up state.
    - i. 'Admin and Legal fees' are sometimes used by States for purchase of property
    - ii. 'Miscellaneous' line item will be disapproved, it is never used
    - iii. 'Equipment' is typically FF&E, IT movables, art, cutlery etc. at a maximum of 10% of Construction Cost. These are items not affixed to the building or otherwise not needing to be professionally installed.
    - iv. On the other hand, a commercial grade walk-in cooler might be considered a piece of equipment in the non-VA construction world, but because it is fixed to the building, it will be part of the construction cost from a USDVA standpoint.
    - v. Office supplies, soap, paper etc. will NOT be paid for from the reimbursement.
    - vi. 'Contingencies' are typically used to support any of the budget line items.
    - vii. Illinois DOIT (Department of Innovation and Technology) - Chris explain that DOIT is a state agency and will be paid by the CDB for labor and materials related to technology services on the project. Anna responded that USDVA funds cannot be used to pay another state agency or employee. However, if DOIT hires its own contractors to conduct its work, those can be supported by the funds. Chris noted that CDB will require DOIT to submit contractor invoices.

g. ITEMS NOT ALLOWED:

- i. 'NOT REIMBURSABLE / COLUMN B' - Items not reimbursable, but that are costs for the state, are to be moved to column B of the budget worksheet. Anna shared that a number of large projects from the states almost always include a number of un-allowed costs in column B.
- ii. 'DEMOLITION' - Demo of buildings on campus will be paid for only if they are directly under the footprint of new building construction. Demolition of buildings on the periphery of the work area will not be supported. For IVHQ project, Markword building demolition will need to be removed from the request. Demo needs to be inextricably linked to new construction.
- iii. 'LANDSCAPE' and campus green areas are only included if in the immediate vicinity of new construction and directly relatable to resident wellbeing and amenities (e.g., a Memory Care Garden Courtyard).
- iv. PERIMETER FENCING: perimeter security fencing. On the other hand, hardscape improvements relatable to a fire lane required to protect the new building will be allowed.

5. Next steps:

- a. USDVA'S Typical timeline after 180 day period submissions of Section B.7 are somewhere between 30 and 60 days for review of the package and notification to Congress.
- b. A number of parties need to review and approve including the Office of Budget, Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the SVHCGP and their parent and parent's parent offices, and the under Secretary.
- c. In 2022, roughly about \$170 million dollars are available to be paid.

6. 180-DAY period

- a. A major portion of the YR 2022 spend for the SVHCGP is the IVHQ reconstruction project.
- b. Consequences of not meeting the 180 day deadline for the conditional award are severe on their end and for the state.
- c. If Illinois does not make the March 29th deadline, the funds that are held for the state will be relocated to other needs, and there is no guarantee that the project will be funded again.
- d. Every year the priority ranking of projects is changed and revised, and there is no guarantee that Illinois will be ranked in 2023 and even 2024. Cannot be even one day late.
- e. She also mentioned that in case the date was missed, the project will not be reconsidered in 2023.

cc: Participants

Attachments:

1. A marked up version of the USDVA Federal Reimbursement checklist
2. Part 59 – Grants to States for Construction or Acquisition of State Homes § 59.80 Amount of grant



**CHECKLIST OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE HOME CONSTRUCTION/ACQUISITION GRANTS**

LOCATION Quincy, IL		DESCRIPTION Renovation: Emergency Campus Reconstruction	
FAI NUMBER 17-051	DUNS 8068125820000	DATE AND TIME SUBMITTED Apr 12, 2018 04:33:46 PM EDT	VA COST 197,047,500.00

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY VA**

**SECTION A - INITIAL APPLICATION PHASE**

*Deadline for the initial application is April 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Complete items A1-A6 for renovation projects OR Complete A1-A7 for life safety projects OR Complete A1-A13 for new construction and bed replacement projects.*

REQUIREMENT	DATE
1. A. Project Scope (use SVHCGP template).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> resubmit
B. Form SF 424.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
C. Form SF 424D.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
D. Form SF 424C.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
E. Budget justification worksheet, tab 1 (supplements SF424C Form).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
2. Governor's designation of authorized state official and contact person Erica Jeffries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
3. Needs assessment (must comply with all of Section II, Item 3 Needs Assessment on Form 10-0388-1 Information should reflect most recent U.S. Census data.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
4. State Clearinghouse Comments (E.O. 12372) single point of contact and compliance statement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
5. Schematics for the proposed project.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> disapproved
6. Signed initial application certification (VA Form 10-0388-1).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
7. Safety citation/letter (submit only for projects that threaten the life and safety of residents).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
8. Space program analysis for nursing home domiciliary (VA Form 10-0388-3) or ADHC (VA Form 10-0388-4).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> resubmit
9. Five-year capital plan for state's entire state home program.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
10. Financial plan for state facility's first three years of operation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
11. Documentation that there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the facility when complete will be fully occupied.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
12. Authorized state official's certification of the total number of state-operated nursing home and domiciliary beds and occupancy rate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018
13. Authorized state official's certification that the number of state home beds does not exceed the requirement in 38 CFR 59.40 or justification for number of state home beds exceeding 38 CFR 59.40 based on travel distance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 04/12/2018

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY VA**

**SECTION B - APPLICATION PHASE**

REQUIREMENT	DATE
1. State matching funds are required by August 1 <sup>st</sup> for consideration for priority group 1.	
A. State authorization for the project (copy of the legislation appropriating the funds or statement from state budget official outlining source of funding).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 07/30/2019
B. Certificate of State matching funds (VA Form 10-0388-6).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 07/30/2019

REQUIREMENT		DATE
2. Environmental Review and NEPA Compliance		
A. Submit Phase I environmental site assessment ( <i>ASTM E1527-13</i> ) if conducting ground-disturbing activities or acquiring new site.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	01/14/2020
B. Complete categorical exclusion (CatEx) form, if a CatEx applies. If potential extraordinary circumstances or activities with potential effects are indicated on CatEx form, submit description, plan, regulatory compliance, and protective measures. Conduct environmental assessment if not covered by a CatEx.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	disapproved
3. Letter from state historical preservation officer.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	under review
4. Design development drawings and specifications ( <i>35 percent</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Required certifications from the authorizing state official is required for grant award:		
A. Compliance Regarding Debarment, Suspension, And Other Responsibility Matters For Primary Covered Transactions ( <i>VA Form 10-0388-7</i> ).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	03/10/2021
B. Compliance with Drug-Free Workplace ( <i>VA Form 10-0388-8</i> ).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	03/10/2021
C. Compliance with Lobbying Act ( <i>VA Form 10-0388-9</i> ).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	03/10/2021
D. Compliance with The Davis-Bacon Act ( <i>VA Form 10-0388-2</i> ).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	03/10/2021
6. <b>Conditional Request Letter:</b> If aforementioned requirements are met, and federal funds are available, then a request for conditional approval may be submitted to VA with written assurance applicant will meet remaining requirements within 180 days after the conditional award letter is signed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. The following items are needed for final award:		
A. Final drawings and specifications ( <i>100 percent</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B. Advertisement for Bids (if using CMAR, copy of selection process).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C. Final Budget Justification Worksheet, Tabs 1 and 2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D. 1. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion From Contractor(s) ( <i>VA Form 10-0388-12</i> ).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	03/10/2021
2. SAM Search Results.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E. 1. Final Budget Form SF 424C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Final SF 424 Form.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
F. Certification of Compliance with Federal Regulations ( <i>VA Form 10-0388-10</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
G. Reasonable assurance of title to State Home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
H. Signed Application Certification ( <i>VA Form 10-0388-5</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I. Three (3) signed copies of Memorandum of Agreement. ( <i>delivered by Overnight Mail</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY VA**

**SECTION C - POST GRANT AWARD** (*Required for Grant Closeout*)

REQUIREMENT		DATE
1. Closeout request letter ( <i>submitted when construction is 90% completed</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Final Project Photos.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Equipment list ( <i>if applicable</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Signed Post-Grant Requirements Certification ( <i>VA Form 10-0388-13</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Copy of letter to state auditor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Final Payment Request ( <i>VA Form SF271</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Report of audit findings ( <i>report must show compliance with Single Audit Act of 1984 and, if applicable, resolution of audit findings</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Proof of compliance with NHPA Section 106 ( <i>if applicable</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Proof of compliance with NEPA mitigation measures ( <i>if applicable</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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## **Title 38 - Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief**

### **Chapter I - Department of Veterans Affairs**

#### **Part 59 - Grants to States for Construction or Acquisition of State Homes**

##### **§ 59.80 Amount of grant.**

- (a) The total cost of a project (VA and State) for which a grant is awarded under this part may not be less than \$400,000 and, except as provided in paragraph (i) of this section, the total cost of a project will not exceed the total cost of new construction. The amount of a grant awarded under this part will be the amount requested by the State and approved in accordance with this part, not to exceed 65 percent of the total cost of the project except that:
  - (1) The total cost of a project will not include the cost of space that exceeds the maximum allowable space specified in this part, and
  - (2) The amount of the grant may be less than 65 percent of the total cost of the project if the State accepts less because VA did not have sufficient funds to award the full amount of the grant requested.
- (b) The total cost of a project under this part for acquisition of a facility may also include construction costs.
- (c) The total cost of a project under this part will not include any costs incurred before the date VA sent the State written notification that the application in § 59.20 was approved.
- (d) The total cost of a project under this part may include administration and production costs, e.g., architectural and engineering fees, inspection fees, and printing and advertising costs.
- (e) The total cost of a project under this part may include the cost of projects on the grounds of the facility, e.g., parking lots, landscaping, sidewalks, streets, and storm sewers, only if they are inextricably involved with the construction of the project.
- (f) The total cost of a project under this part may include the cost of equipment necessary for the operation of the State home facility. This may include the cost of:
  - (1) Fixed equipment included in the construction or acquisition contract. Fixed equipment must be permanently affixed to the building or connected to the heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or other service distributed through the building via ducts, pipes, wires, or other connecting device. Fixed equipment must be installed during construction. Examples of fixed equipment include kitchen and intercommunication equipment, built-in cabinets, and cubicle curtain rods; and
  - (2) Other equipment not included in the construction contract constituting no more than 10 percent of the total construction contract cost of the project. Other equipment includes: furniture, furnishings, wheeled equipment, kitchen utensils, linens, draperies, blinds, electric clocks, pictures and trash cans.
- (g) The contingency allowance may not exceed five percent of the total cost of the project for new construction or eight percent for renovation projects.
- (h) The total cost of a project under this part may not include the cost of:
  - (1) Land acquisition;
  - (2) Maintenance or repair work; or
  - (3) Office supplies or consumable goods (such as food, drugs, medical dressings, paper, printed forms, and soap) which are routinely used in a State home.
- (i) A grant for expansion, remodeling, or alteration of an existing State home, which is on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, for furnishing domiciliary, nursing home, or adult day health care to veterans may not be awarded for the expansion, remodeling, or alteration of such building if such action does not comply with National Historic Preservation Act procedures or if the total cost of remodeling, renovating, or adapting such building or facility exceeds the cost of comparable new construction by more than five percent. If demolition of an existing building or facility on, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places is deemed necessary and such demolition action is taken in compliance with National Historic Preservation Act procedures, any mitigation cost negotiated in the compliance



process and/or the cost to professionally record the building or facility in the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), plus the total cost for demolition and site restoration, shall be included by the State in calculating the total cost of new construction.

- (j) The cost of demolition of a building cannot be included in the total cost of construction unless the proposed construction is in the same location as the building to be demolished or unless the demolition is inextricably linked to the design of the construction project.
- (k) With respect to the final award of a conditionally-approved grant, the Secretary may not award a grant for an amount that is 10 percent more than the amount conditionally-approved.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1710, 1742, 8105, 8131-8137)





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**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 6:57:03 PM

**To:** Gaug, Anna <[Anna.Gaug@va.gov](mailto:Anna.Gaug@va.gov)>; Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov)>; Liz Yo (VA) <[elizabeth.yo@va.gov](mailto:elizabeth.yo@va.gov)>; Ramu Ramachandran <[R.Ramachandran@perkinseastman.com](mailto:R.Ramachandran@perkinseastman.com)>; MacGibbon, Chris <[Chris.MacGibbon@Illinois.gov](mailto:Chris.MacGibbon@Illinois.gov)>

**Cc:** Shymansky, Shannon C. <[Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov](mailto:Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov)>

**Subject:** FAI 17-051 & IDVA New Projects

CAUTION: External E-mail
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Anna,

We are available from 2 to 4 PM Mon-Tue next week, if either of those slots work for a one hour call. TEAMS does not work well with the state's IT, so this may need to be a WEBEX we can send out.

Thank you,  
Connie

Connie Watson  
Grants Administrator, Chief Accountability Officer  
IL. Department of Veterans' Affairs  
833 S. Spring St., Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
(217) 782-6153

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**From:** Gaug, Anna <[Anna.Gaug@va.gov](mailto:Anna.Gaug@va.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:38 AM

**To:** Watson, Connie J. <[Connie.Watson@illinois.gov](mailto:Connie.Watson@illinois.gov)>; Moore, Lisa J. <[Lisa.Moore6@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Moore6@va.gov)>

**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov)>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <[Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov](mailto:Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov)>

**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Lisa is out on extended leave. I can send out a meeting and you can meet with me instead. What is your availability for next week? This week has a lot going on.

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**From:** Watson, Connie J. <[Connie.Watson@illinois.gov](mailto:Connie.Watson@illinois.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:16 AM  
**To:** Moore, Lisa J. <[Lisa.Moore6@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Moore6@va.gov)>; Gaug, Anna <[Anna.Gaug@va.gov](mailto:Anna.Gaug@va.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.gov)>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <[Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov](mailto:Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: IDVA New Projects

Hi Lisa,

Is there a time we can meet?

Thank you,  
Connie

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**From:** Watson, Connie J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:50 PM  
**To:** Moore, Lisa J. <[Lisa.Moore6@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Moore6@va.gov)>; Gaug, Anna <[Anna.Gaug@va.gov](mailto:Anna.Gaug@va.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov)>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <[Shannon.C.Shymansky@illinois.gov](mailto:Shannon.C.Shymansky@illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: IDVA New Projects

Hi Lisa,

We would like to schedule a call with VA. Would you be available to meet on Tuesday, February 22 anytime in the afternoon? If you are unavailable, when you be a good time?

Thank you,

Connie Watson  
Grants Administrator, Chief Accountability Officer  
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**From:** Moore, Lisa J. <[Lisa.Moore6@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Moore6@va.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:16 PM  
**To:** Watson, Connie J. <[Connie.Watson@illinois.gov](mailto:Connie.Watson@illinois.gov)>; Gaug, Anna <[Anna.Gaug@va.gov](mailto:Anna.Gaug@va.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov)>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <[Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov](mailto:Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Hello Connie,

The cut off for new projects is April 15, 2021. We will keep you updated on the projects.

Thanks.

Lisa

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**From:** Watson, Connie J. <[Connie.Watson@illinois.gov](mailto:Connie.Watson@illinois.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:11 PM

**To:** Moore, Lisa J. <Lisa.Moore6@va.gov>

**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] IDVA New Projects

Hi Lisa,

We submitted 4 new projects last May in Grants.gov and they have not been processed. They are:

1. WS00691844
2. WS00677449
3. WS00683374
4. WS00677444

Do you need anything else from us to move these new projects forward?

Thank you,  
Connie

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**\* 1. Type of Submission:**

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

**\* 2. Type of Application:**

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

\* Other (Specify):

\* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

**State Use Only:**

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

\* a. Legal Name:

\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

\* c. Organizational DUNS:

**d. Address:**

\* Street1:

Street2:

\* City:

County/Parish:

\* State:

Province:

\* Country:

\* Zip / Postal Code:

**e. Organizational Unit:**

Department Name:

Division Name:

**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

Prefix:

\* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

\* Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

\* Email:

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

CFDA Title:

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

\* Title:

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes  No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

**\*\* I AGREE**

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:   
Middle Name:   
\* Last Name:   
Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:

\* Date Signed:



## Shymansky, Shannon C.

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**From:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 12:49 PM  
**To:** Diehl, Gwen  
**Cc:** Watson, Connie J.; Shymansky, Shannon C.  
**Subject:** RE: [External] [MAX] Dept of Veterans Affairs-External > FAI 17-060: Safety-Domestic Water Loop

Hi Connie,

We are working on this request. There was an update and we removed the file from the max folder because we were aware of the issue. We will send this to you as soon as possible.

**From:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:09 PM  
**To:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Cc:** Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: [External] [MAX] Dept of Veterans Affairs-External > FAI 17-060: Safety-Domestic Water Loop

I am unable to view the checklist. The e-mail subject line identifies this document as pertaining to FAI 17-060, but the file label says it is 17-056. I would respectfully like to request the updated checklist for project FAI 17-051 which we discussed on Monday, March 8, 2022.

Thank you.


Gwen Diehl  
IL Department of Veterans' Affairs

**From:** MAXAdmin <maxadmin@max.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:13 AM  
**To:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>  
**Subject:** [External] [MAX] Dept of Veterans Affairs-External > FAI 17-060: Safety-Domestic Water Loop



Anna Gaug (VA) added a file to a page

 FAI 17-056 Updated Checklist.pdf

 FAI 17-060: Safety-Domestic Water Loop

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**From:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 1:19 PM  
**To:** Diehl, Gwen; Watson, Connie J.; Moore, Lisa J.  
**Cc:** Black, Melissa; Shymansky, Shannon C.  
**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Gwen- I have looked at the dates below and I think the majority of the projects listed in your most recent email would be not be eligible for FY22 based on the date of submission but would be FY2023's priority List. The date of collection for any application for FY23's list would be April 16, 2021-April 15, 2022. Applications during this timeframe would not be eligible for submission on FY22 due to the application needs to be received the year prior based on the April 15 deadline listed in the regulation. Applications 17-061-070 would be eligible for FY23's list. I am suggesting we set up a call to discuss to clear up any confusion. Please let me know when you are available next week for a call. We are currently listing projects 17-054-060 on FY22's list.

Anna

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**From:** Gaug, Anna  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 1:04 PM  
**To:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>; Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Moore, Lisa J. <Lisa.Moore6@va.gov>  
**Cc:** Black, Melissa <Melissa.Black2@Illinois.gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: IDVA New Projects

Gwen- I received an email from Terry today about your concern of some projects (but I am not sure which ones) not being listed (also not sure what list you are referencing). The FY22 priority list has not been signed and released yet. It is still under legal review. Since 17-054-060 were submitted in May 2021, they could not have been put on the FY21 list because you have to apply by April 15 2020 of the year prior per the regulation. Right now on the FY22 list that is to be signed, all of the projects listed below are set to be listed in group 1 so I am not sure what the issue is? The state has not been penalized in any manner and there have been no missed funding opportunities. Also, you have my email and phone number, with Lisa being out, you can always call myself or Emmanuel or Demetrius if you need assistance with submitting grant documents in Max and we will try to help you as best we can. I believe there is a misunderstanding and I'm happy to clear it up if you would like to meet next week to discuss.

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**From:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 3:06 PM  
**To:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>; Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Moore, Lisa J. <Lisa.Moore6@va.gov>  
**Cc:** Black, Melissa <Melissa.Black2@Illinois.gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: IDVA New Projects

When we inquired about the project, we were told that we could continue submitting projects and that the projects would appear on the Priority List, however FY2021 is the most recent list that I have seen.

When we submit a project, in the past, we have applied the next FAI number in sequence, so we have a reference point; if this is not correct, let us know and we will not do that in the future.

Connie provided the attached spreadsheet. The projects that we put number on are as follows:

WORKSPACE	UEI	APPLICATION	Proposed	LAST
ID		FILING NAME	FAI	ACTIVITY
			Number	

WS00691844	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Renovate Central Kitchen - Manteno	17-064	5/11/2021
CWS00677449	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Water Mains - Manteno	17-062	5/03/2021
WS00683374	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Roofing Systems - Quincy	17-063	5/03/2021
WS00677444	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Air Handlers R3 & R4 - Manteno	17-061	5/03/2021
WS00595765	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Construct Domestic Water Loop - Quincy	17-060	11/18/2020
WS00589027	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Mechanical Systems - LaSalle	17-059	10/28/2020

We have additional projects that are being prepared for submission:

APPLICATION FILING NAME	PROPOSED FAI NUMBER
IDVA Renovate Rest Rooms – Manteno	17-065
IDVA Replace AHUs, Exhaust, Fans, Dampers and Controls – Manteno	17-066
IDVA Emerg Storm Sewer Repair – Quincy	17-067
IDVA Replace AHUs S1 S2 Prince A1 A2 – Manteno	17-068
IDVA General Building Repairs and Improvements – Anna	17-069
IDVA Renovate Original Portion of Facility – LaSalle	17-070

My concern as a steward of the State, is that by not receiving timely acceptance of submitted projects I am not able to submit Section B documents and begin drawing down reimbursement funding. Since the A/Es have a contractual obligation and time schedules, they are working and earning their contractual pay, but IDVA will be precluded from recoupment of funds that may have been paid out by the State prior to SHCG program approval in spite of our timely submissions.

As you can see above, IDVA submitted two projects (17-059 & 17-060) that, had they been approved in Grants.GOV and moved into MAX.GOV, we could have provided proof of State Matching Funds (Checklist Items B.1.A and B.1.B) and we could have been considered in Priority Group 1.

Additionally, it is difficult to know what to submit for ongoing projects without manually scouring the “Project Application Status” section of the ILLINOIS 17-000 page on Max.Gov and making pen-and ink updates to projects 51-60, since the check lists haven’t been updated.

Please let us know what actions we need to take so we can resume active participation in the program. Thank you for your attention to this.

Gwen M. Diehl  
Veterans' Homes Coordinator  
Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Phone: 217-785-4575  
Mobile: 217-836-8750



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**From:** Gaug, Anna <[Anna.Gaug@va.gov](mailto:Anna.Gaug@va.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** Watson, Connie J. <[Connie.Watson@illinois.gov](mailto:Connie.Watson@illinois.gov)>; Moore, Lisa J. <[Lisa.Moore6@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Moore6@va.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov)>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <[Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov](mailto:Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Have you been given FAI numbers for these? When were they submitted?

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**From:** Watson, Connie J. <[Connie.Watson@illinois.gov](mailto:Connie.Watson@illinois.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:01 AM  
**To:** Moore, Lisa J. <[Lisa.Moore6@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Moore6@va.gov)>; Gaug, Anna <[Anna.Gaug@va.gov](mailto:Anna.Gaug@va.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.gov)>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <[Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov](mailto:Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: IDVA New Projects

Hi Lisa,

We have 6 new projects entered in Grants.gov that have not been moved to Max.gov. Since there is no progression with the previously submitted projects, do we continue to submit new projects in Grants.gov?

Thank you,

Connie Watson  
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**To:** Watson, Connie J. <[Connie.Watson@illinois.gov](mailto:Connie.Watson@illinois.gov)>; Gaug, Anna <[Anna.Gaug@va.gov](mailto:Anna.Gaug@va.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov)>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <[Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov](mailto:Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Hello Connie,

The cut off for new projects is April 15, 2021. We will keep you updated on the projects.

Thanks.

Lisa

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] IDVA New Projects

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4. WS00677444

Do you need anything else from us to move these new projects forward?

Thank you,  
Connie

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**From:** Watson, Connie J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 2:54 PM  
**To:** Gaug, Anna; Diehl, Gwen  
**Cc:** Shymansky, Shannon C.  
**Subject:** RE: [External] [MAX] Dept of Veterans Affairs-External > FAI 17-060: Safety-Domestic Water Loop

Great! Thank you.

**From:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 12:49 PM  
**To:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>  
**Cc:** Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [External] [MAX] Dept of Veterans Affairs-External > FAI 17-060: Safety-Domestic Water Loop

Hi Connie,

We are working on this request. There was an update and we removed the file from the max folder because we were aware of the issue. We will send this to you as soon as possible.

**From:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:09 PM  
**To:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Cc:** Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: [External] [MAX] Dept of Veterans Affairs-External > FAI 17-060: Safety-Domestic Water Loop

I am unable to view the checklist. The e-mail subject line identifies this document as pertaining to FAI 17-060, but the file label says it is 17-056. I would respectfully like to request the updated checklist for project FAI 17-051 which we discussed on Monday, March 8, 2022.

Thank you.

Gwen Diehl  
IL Department of Veterans' Affairs

**From:** MAXAdmin <maxadmin@max.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:13 AM  
**To:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>  
**Subject:** [External] [MAX] Dept of Veterans Affairs-External > FAI 17-060: Safety-Domestic Water Loop



Anna Gaug (VA) added a file to a page

 FAI 17-056 Updated Checklist.pdf

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**From:** Diehl, Gwen  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 3:02 PM  
**To:** Gaug, Anna; Watson, Connie J.; Moore, Lisa J.  
**Cc:** Black, Melissa; Shymansky, Shannon C.  
**Subject:** RE: IDVA New Projects

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Thank you for the clarification, Anna.

I apologize that I did not realize the discrepancy between when the application documents were prepared and submitted to GRANTS.GOV and that we had missed the deadline so badly.

Just to be sure, 059 and 060 will be on the FY21 list since they were submitted after the 4/15/2020 deadline? If this is correct, then the issue with Projects 61-70. (As of this date, there are no Active Applications beyond 17-060. Since they have not been moved from GRANTS.GOV to MAX.Gov, we cannot upload any additional documents. We must Submit checklist items B.1 and B.2 prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> so the projects can be considered for Priority Group 1 for that fiscal year. (If the project are not listed in MAX.GOV, we have no means of submitting the Section B documents and they are ineligible for Priority Group 1 for that year and the State can't submit SF271s to request payments).

As you see, Connie asked about the projects in November 2021 and my e-mail was sent January 28<sup>th</sup>; we were not aware that Lisa Moore was out of the office until our conversation on March 7<sup>th</sup> and have never received an out of office message for our attempts to contact her after her responses in November.

Thank you for your attention.

Gwen Diehl

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**From:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 1:19 PM  
**To:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>; Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Moore, Lisa J. <Lisa.Moore6@va.gov>  
**Cc:** Black, Melissa <Melissa.Black2@Illinois.gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Gwen- I have looked at the dates below and I think the majority of the projects listed in your most recent email would be not be eligible for FY22 based on the date of submission but would be FY2023's priority List. The date of collection for any application for FY23's list would be April 16, 2021-April 15, 2022. Applications during this timeframe would not be eligible for submission on FY22 due to the application needs to be received the year prior based on the April 15 deadline listed in the regulation. Applications 17-061-070 would be eligible for FY23's list. I am suggesting we set up a call to discuss to clear up any confusion. Please let me know when you are available next week for a call. We are currently listing projects 17-054-060 on FY22's list.

Anna

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**From:** Gaug, Anna  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 1:04 PM

**To:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>; Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Moore, Lisa J. <Lisa.Moore6@va.gov>  
**Cc:** Black, Melissa <Melissa.Black2@Illinois.gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: IDVA New Projects

Gwen- I received an email from Terry today about your concern of some projects (but I am not sure which ones) not being listed (also not sure what list you are referencing). The FY22 priority list has not been signed and released yet. It is still under legal review. Since 17-054-060 were submitted in May 2021, they could not have been put on the FY21 list because you have to apply by April 15 2020 of the year prior per the regulation. Right now on the FY22 list that is to be signed, all of the projects listed below are set to be listed in group 1 so I am not sure what the issue is? The state has not been penalized in any manner and there have been no missed funding opportunities. Also, you have my email and phone number, with Lisa being out, you can always call myself or Emmanuel or Demetrius if you need assistance with submitting grant documents in Max and we will try to help you as best we can. I believe there is a misunderstanding and I'm happy to clear it up if you would like to meet next week to discuss.

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**From:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 3:06 PM  
**To:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>; Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Moore, Lisa J. <Lisa.Moore6@va.gov>  
**Cc:** Black, Melissa <Melissa.Black2@Illinois.gov>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: IDVA New Projects

When we inquired about the project, we were told that we could continue submitting projects and that the projects would appear on the Priority List, however FY2021 is the most recent list that I have seen. When we submit a project, in the past, we have applied the next FAI number in sequence, so we have a reference point; if this is not correct, let us know and we will not do that in the future.

Connie provided the attached spreadsheet. The projects that we put number on are as follows:

WORKSPACE ID	UEI	APPLICATION FILING NAME	Proposed FAI Number	LAST ACTIVITY
WS00691844	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Renovate Central Kitchen - Manteno	17-064	5/11/2021
CWS00677449	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Water Mains - Manteno	17-062	5/03/2021
WS00683374	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Roofing Systems - Quincy	17-063	5/03/2021
WS00677444	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Air Handlers R3 & R4 - Manteno	17-061	5/03/2021
WS00595765	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Construct Domestic Water Loop - Quincy	17-060	11/18/2020
WS00589027	FSWMLW525CX9	IDVA Replace Mechanical Systems - LaSalle	17-059	10/28/2020

We have additional projects that are being prepared for submission:

APPLICATION FILING NAME	PROPOSED FAI NUMBER
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IDVA Renovate Rest Rooms – Manteno	17-065
IDVA Replace AHUs, Exhaust, Fans, Dampers and Controls – Manteno	17-066
IDVA Emerg Storm Sewer Repair – Quincy	17-067
IDVA Replace AHUs S1 S2 Prince A1 A2 – Manteno	17-068
IDVA General Building Repairs and Improvements – Anna	17-069
IDVA Renovate Original Portion of Facility – LaSalle	17-070

My concern as a steward of the State, is that by not receiving timely acceptance of submitted projects I am not able to submit Section B documents and begin drawing down reimbursement funding. Since the A/Es have a contractual obligation and time schedules, they are working and earning their contractual pay, but IDVA will be precluded from recoupment of funds that may have been paid out by the State prior to SHCG program approval in spite of our timely submissions.

As you can see above, IDVA submitted two projects (17-059 & 17-060) that, had they been approved in Grants.GOV and moved into MAX.GOV, we could have provided proof of State Matching Funds (Checklist Items B.1.A and B.1.B) and we could have been considered in Priority Group 1.

Additionally, it is difficult to know what to submit for ongoing projects without manually scouring the “Project Application Status” section of the ILLINOIS 17-000 page on Max.Gov and making pen-and ink updates to projects 51-60, since the check lists haven’t been updated.

Please let us know what actions we need to take so we can resume active participation in the program. Thank you for your attention to this.

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**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** Watson, Connie J. <[Connie.Watson@illinois.gov](mailto:Connie.Watson@illinois.gov)>; Moore, Lisa J. <[Lisa.Moore6@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Moore6@va.gov)>  
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**Subject:** [External] RE: IDVA New Projects

Have you been given FAI numbers for these? When were they submitted?

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**From:** Watson, Connie J. <[Connie.Watson@illinois.gov](mailto:Connie.Watson@illinois.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:01 AM  
**To:** Moore, Lisa J. <[Lisa.Moore6@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Moore6@va.gov)>; Gaug, Anna <[Anna.Gaug@va.gov](mailto:Anna.Gaug@va.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <[Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.gov](mailto:Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.gov)>; Shymansky, Shannon C. <[Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov](mailto:Shannon.C.Shymansky@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: IDVA New Projects

Hi Lisa,

We have 6 new projects entered in Grants.gov that have not been moved to Max.gov. Since there is no progression with the previously submitted projects, do we continue to submit new projects in Grants.gov?

Thank you,

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**From:** Diehl, Gwen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9:06 AM  
**To:** Gaug, Anna  
**Cc:** Watson, Connie J.; Shymansky, Shannon C.  
**Subject:** RE: 17-051

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**From:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 4:36 PM  
**To:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>  
**Subject:** [External] 17-051

Under the Quincy campus replacement project, 17-051, exactly how many beds will be replaced?

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State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program  
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**From:** Watson, Connie J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 8:57 AM  
**To:** Gaug, Anna; Diehl, Gwen  
**Cc:** Shymansky, Shannon C.  
**Subject:** RE: 17-054 SMF form

Hello Anna,

We just uploaded the B.1.A. Funding Release and B.1.B. State Matching Funds forms for FAI 17-054. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,  
Connie

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**From:** Gaug, Anna <Anna.Gaug@va.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 11:14 AM  
**To:** Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>; Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>  
**Subject:** [External] 17-054 SMF form

Hello,

Can you please send me the State Match funds form (10-0388-6) for 17-054 today asap? We looked at the one in max.gov and realized it was for 17-053. We need this form for the roofing project to be listed in group 1 and we just discovered the error. Also need a copy of the correctly labled funding release form for proof of funds. You can email or put in max. I just need it today as soon as you can. Thanks.

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**From:** Watson, Connie J.  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 9:07 AM  
**To:** Shymansky, Shannon C.  
**Subject:** FW: (17-051) IVHQ Section B.7 submission completeness

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**From:** Ramu Ramachandran <R.Ramachandran@perkinseastman.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 1:59 PM  
**To:** Anna Gaug (USDVA) <anna.gaug@va.gov>; Liz Yo (VA) <elizabeth.yo@va.gov>  
**Cc:** Diehl, Gwen <Gwen.Diehl@Illinois.Gov>; MacGibbon, Chris <Chris.MacGibbon@Illinois.gov>; Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] (17-051) IVHQ Section B.7 submission completeness

Dear Anna and Liz,

Hope you both are well and looking forward to the weekend.  
Next week's our big week - with March 29<sup>th</sup> being the 180-day conditional deadline! I believe Connie and Gwen have successfully uploaded everything last week.

We are hoping to hear from you if you thought the submission met your expectations.

Thank you so much, in advance for your guidance.  
With best wishes,  
Ramu

p.s. I am using the spring break week to accompany my daughter to college visits, but will make sure be available on my mobile at 312-237-6683, in case anything urgent come up. Please do not hesitate to text or call if any help was needed.

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