



FAQs about the General Operating Support Formula

True or False:

1. Our CAC grant is excluded from our organization's eligible revenue calculation.

True. Eligible revenue is calculated net of a CAC grant.

2. Eligible revenue, for purposes of the ERS form, is derived from unrestricted operating revenue alone.

True. Temporarily and permanently restricted revenues are not included in the formula calculation.

3. The ERS budget size of each organization in the funding pool doesn't matter to me – my grant is based on the size of my organization's budget.

False. The size of your organization RELATIVE to the total size of all of the organizations in the pool determines, in part, the size of your organization's grant.

4. It doesn't matter how MANY organizations are approved for GOS funding; what matters is the sum of the budget of all organizations in the pool.

False. The number AND the sum of all budgets are BOTH part of the calculation. We use the number of organizations to help ensure that all dollars allocated to the GOS pool are spent.

5. The total dollars available in the GOS grant pool will always be \$15million.

False. The allocation is made by CAC's board in advance of each set of grant awards. The allocation is \$14million for the current cycle, and it will likely get smaller as our funding decreases.

6. GOS will always get the majority of CAC's funds.

True. CAC's spending policy dictates that, no matter how much revenue we collect, the majority of grant dollars will be allocated to the operating support program.

7. The growth of the project support program will negatively impact the dollars available to the GOS program.

False. The allocations are discreet. The growth of project support doesn't impact GOS.

8. My organization received a higher score this round, and so I am guaranteed to receive a larger grant.

False. You have likely seen your largest grant from CAC, as the receipts from the cigarette tax (our sole source of funding) are decreasing. While it is possible that you could receive a modest increase in 2013-14, depending on all of the factors in the formula that we have discussed today, most organizations should plan for smaller grants than in previous cycles.