



## FY26 Ready Regions Systems Coordination Funding Opportunity Letter of Intent Outline

This outline gives prospective applicants a preview of required information for the Letter of Intent (LOI) for the FY26 Ready Regions Funding Opportunity. On July 16, 2024, VECF will host an LOI webinar and provide a more in-depth overview.

- Submission of the LOI is **required** to express interest in being identified to submit a full proposal to serve as a Ready Region lead agency beginning in FY26.
- The LOI opens in [Foundant](#), VECF's online grants management system, on **July 15, 2024**.
- Complete LOIs must be submitted through Foundant no later than **August 16, 2024**, midnight.
- [Register here](#) for the **Ready Regions FY26 Systems Coordination Funding Opportunity LOI webinar**, scheduled for **July 16, 2024**. A recording will be emailed afterward to all registrants and posted on VECF's website.
- Please note that review of the LOI webinar (whether live or via recording) is **required** for applicants.

### LOI resources

- Review the **full funding announcement** with more details [here](#).
- Learn about **Ready Regions** on VECF's [website](#).
- Review VECF's **FY26 Ready Regions Systems Coordination Funding Opportunity webpage**, which will include a link to the LOI recording, and offer a sign-up schedule for one-on-one technical assistance with VECF following the July 16 LOI webinar.

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## LOI Questions

### I. Contact Information

- Name and address of applicant organization
  - Name, email, phone number of the primary contact for this funding opportunity
- Did the primary contact or a representative from the applicant organization attend or listen to the recording of the July 16, 2024, FY26 Ready Regions Funding Opportunity LOI webinar?

### II. Coverage Area

- Which region is the applicant organization applying to serve? (drop down menu)
- Is the applicant organization geographically and operationally located in the region proposed to be served?

### III. Applicant status: current Ready Region lead agency or non-Ready Region applicant

To ensure a fair and equitable competitive process, all applicant organizations will be required to answer the same questions in their LOI submission. However, in one question as noted below, applicant organizations that are current Ready Regions lead agencies are asked to reference Ready Regions experiences, while applicant organizations not serving as current Ready Region leads agencies are asked to describe comparable organizational experiences or performance.

- Is the applicant organization a current Ready Region lead agency?

IV. Organizational Experience Administering Initiative of Ready Regions Scope and Size

Current Ready Region lead agencies	Non-Ready Region lead applicants
<p>Ready Regions are responsible for implementing a substantive body of work. Referencing the <a href="#">FY24 Ready Regions Systems Coordination Scope of Work</a>, please describe your organization's experiences <b>managing Ready Regions responsibilities across the region in FY24</b>, considering each of the four Assurance areas (Build Relationships, Strengthen Quality, Increase Access, Engage Families).</p>	<p>Ready Regions are responsible for implementing a substantive body of work. Referencing the <a href="#">FY24 Ready Regions Systems Coordination Scope of Work</a>, describe your organization's experiences <b>managing large, multifaceted initiatives of Ready Regions complexity and geographic reach</b>, considering each of the four Assurance areas (Build Relationships, Strengthen Quality, Increase Access, Engage Families).</p>

V. Leading Early Childhood Systems Collaborations

- Ready Regions are responsible for leading region-wide collaborations advancing early childhood systems priorities. Briefly describe an experience where the applicant organization collaborated with diverse stakeholders, which might include policy makers, educators, parents, public and private partners, government agencies, and philanthropists, etc., noting sectors represented and describing the intent of the collaborations and outcomes achieved.

VI. Financial Stability and Capacity

- What is the applicant organization's total annual revenue?
- Ready Regions funding ranges between \$900,000 and \$4,000,000 annually. Describe the applicant organization's financial team and financial management and controls systems in place to manage sizeable federal and state grants, and describe any changes intended should you be identified as RR leads.

VII. Optional

- Is there other information you would like to provide to support your LOI?