

VA Office of Facilities & Construction Management

GPD Capital Grant CFM Webinar

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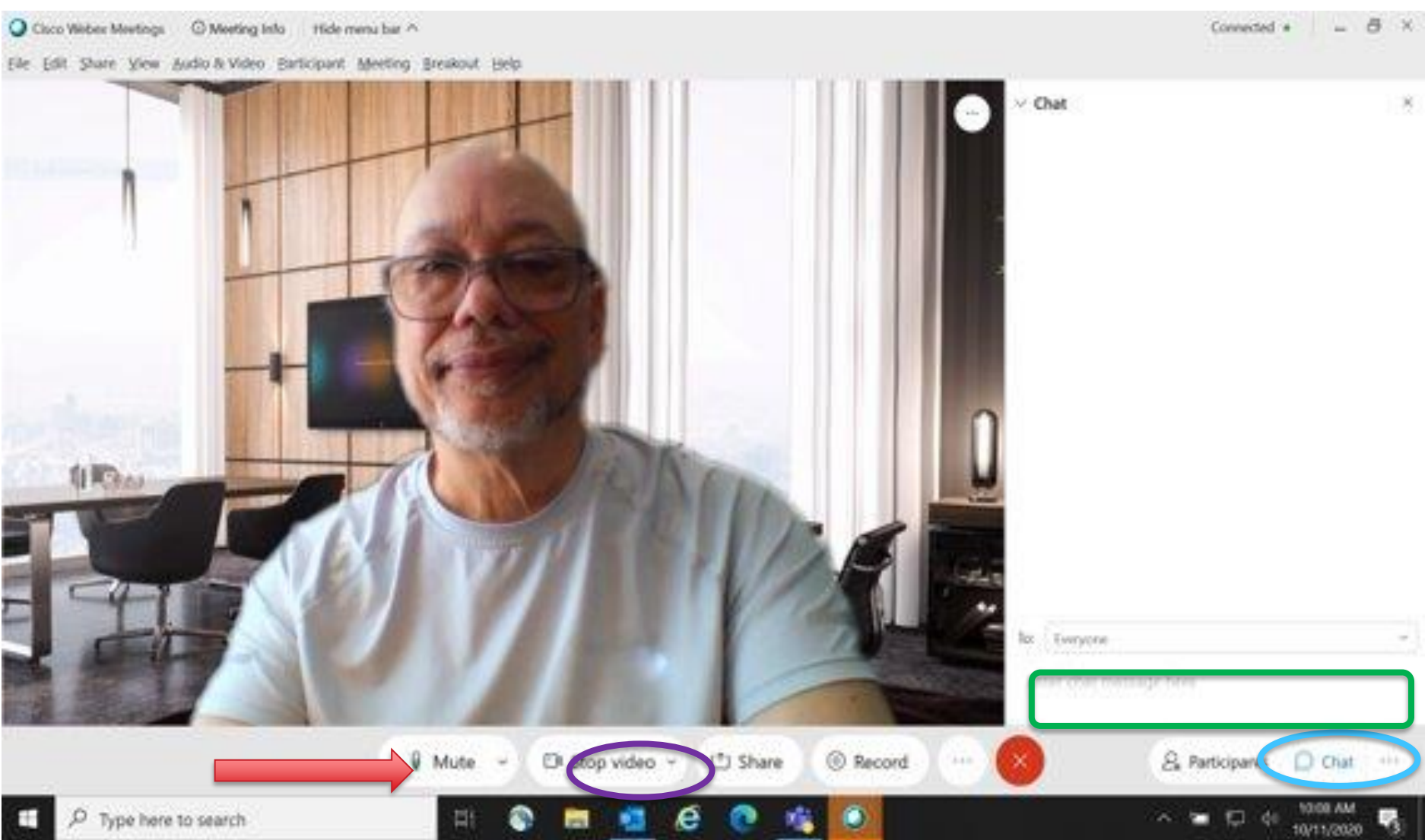
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OBJECTIVES

- Grant recipients will understand the technical design and engineering requirements associated with receiving capital funding
- Grant recipients will understand the submittal process for technical design documentation
- Grant recipients will be able to identify points of contact for design and engineering technical support



AGENDA

- Introduction of CFM team
- Accessibility, Life/Safety, Codes/Standards
- Historic Compliance
- Environmental Compliance
- CFM Review/Approval Process
- Questions



REMINDERS

Read the Capital Grant Recipient Guide

• <https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/GPD/providers/RecipientGuideCapitalFY22FINALv2.pdf>

Establish HHS Division of Payment Management (DPM) Account

Obtain VA Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) Approval

Demonstrate site control (unless activity is acquisition) & Demonstrate total funds to complete the project

Begin drawing capital funds for costs incurred

• Advances only for acquisition; must be expended within 3 business days

Costs incurred prior to completing the steps above are at the applicants own risk



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CFM TEAM

VA's Office of Construction & Facilities Management (CFM) provides technical/subject matter experts to assist/support the GPD National Office to ensure the capital grants adhere to regulations:

- Design & Engineering Resource
- Federal Regulation, Codes, Standards, etc.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Compliance
- Cost Estimating



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ACCESSIBILITY, LIFE/SAFETY, CODES/STANDARDS

35% Design Development Drawings and Specifications

- Demonstrate Accessibility Compliance [§61.15 (a) (5)]:
 - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines
 - Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standards (ABAAS)
- Demonstrate Life/Safety Compliance [§61.15 (a) (6)]:
 - Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 101)
- Demonstrate Code/Standards Compliance [§61.15 (a) (6) & (7)]:
 - Authority having jurisdiction: issue building permits and certificates of occupancy
 - Building Codes
 - Zoning Ordinances
- Demonstrate Project Feasibility [§61.15 (a) (1)]
- Provide Site Survey (if applicable) performed by a licensed surveyor [§61.15 (a) (9)]
- Show Extent of Demolition [§61.11 (b) (5) (i) & (ii)]:
 - Existing features to be removed, stored or relocated



HISTORIC COMPLIANCE

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

- 38 CFR §61.15(a)(4): Documentation establishing compliance with NHPA (54 U.S.C. 300101)
 - All GPD Capital Grants must be compliant with NHPA (no waivers or exceptions)
 - Identification of any historic properties in the project area is required
 - Consultation with State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) and other identified consulting parties is necessary
 - CFM will support applicants during this process
 - CFM is developing a plan for grant applicants to initiate NHPA to expedite consultation (if desired by the applicant)
 - CFM will consult with Federally-Recognized Tribes
 - More information is available here: <https://www.cfm.va.gov/historic/>



ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- **38 CFR §61.15 (a) (8) - Information necessary for VA to ensure compliance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*)**
 - CEQ NEPA implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500 -1508) and VA NEPA implementing regulations (38 CFR 26);
- **CFM is preparing a programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA)**
 - Estimated completion of Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) – mid to late December 2021
 - CFM will review each project scope to ensure compliance with the EA
- **Why is VA preparing a programmatic EA?**
 - NEPA requires agencies to consider the environmental impacts of actions under their purview, including providing funding
- **Environmental Due Diligence to support NEPA review**
 - CFM will do preliminary review, may require additional information from grantee
 - For acquisitions of property or new construction of a new facility
 - Phase I Environmental Site Assessment required
 - CFM can provide a scope of work & estimated cost range, if needed
 - For all other actions (renovation, new wing, minor construction, etc.)
 - Certificate of Occupancy or Occupancy Permit will be required before use



CFM REVIEW/APPROVAL PROCESS

- Document Submittal Process:
 - Submit documents via CFM's email: VACOCFMGPDCapitalGra@va.gov
 - Maximum 34 MB file size
 - File Naming Standard: FAIN ID_FileDescription.PDF:
 - Example: *VOA0121-2527-541-CG-22_DD-Dwgs-Specs.PDF*
 - No special characters (i.e. %, #, *, @, &, etc.)
- CFM will contact the grantee's point of contact if any additional information/clarification is required.
- CFM will provide the GPD team approval recommendation memos for compliance with the following technical requirements:
 - 35% Design Development Drawings and Specifications: Accessibility, Life/Safety, Codes/Standards Compliance
 - NHPA Compliance
 - NEPA Compliance, Environmental Due Diligence



CFM CONTACT INFORMATION

- CFM-GPD Capital Grants (CFM team shared email) | VA Office of Construction & Facilities Management
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- CFM Team Lead - Point of Contact:
 - Elizabeth Yo, Architect
 - Accessibility, Life/Safety, Codes/Standards
- CFM Team:
 - Alec Bennett, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist
 - Historical Compliance
 - Jason Sturm, Environmental Engineer
 - Environmental Compliance

