**Non-supplanting Certification**

Supplanting defined

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and must not replace those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Supplanting shall be the subject of application review, as well as pre-award review, post-award monitoring, and audit. If there is a potential presence of supplanting, the applicant or grantee will be required to supply documentation demonstrating that the reduction in non-Federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of Federal funds. For certain programs, a written certification may be requested by the awarding agency or recipient agency stating that Federal funds will not be used to supplant State or local funds. See the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (Part II, Chapter 3) at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/pdfs/2015_DOJ_FinancialGuide.pdf>.

Supplanting and job retention

A grantee may use federal funds to retain jobs that, without the use of the federal money, would be lost. If the grantee is planning on using federal funds to retain jobs, it must be able to substantiate that, without the funds, the jobs would be lost. Substantiation can be, but is not limited to, one of the following forms: an official memorandum, official minutes of a county or municipal board meeting or any documentation, that is usual and customarily produced when making determinations about employment. The documentation must describe the terminated positions and that the termination is because of lack of the availability of State or local funds.

The (Applicant) certifies that any funds awarded through this VOCA Unmet Needs Program shall be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and will not replace (supplant) nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the purposes and goals of the grant.

The (Applicant) understands that supplanting violations may result in a range of penalties, including but not limited to suspension of future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under this grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

Certification:  By checking this BOX I certify that this information is a true and accurate report.

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