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Pre-Bidders Webinar FY 2024 Consolidated Request for Applications for Crime Victim Services

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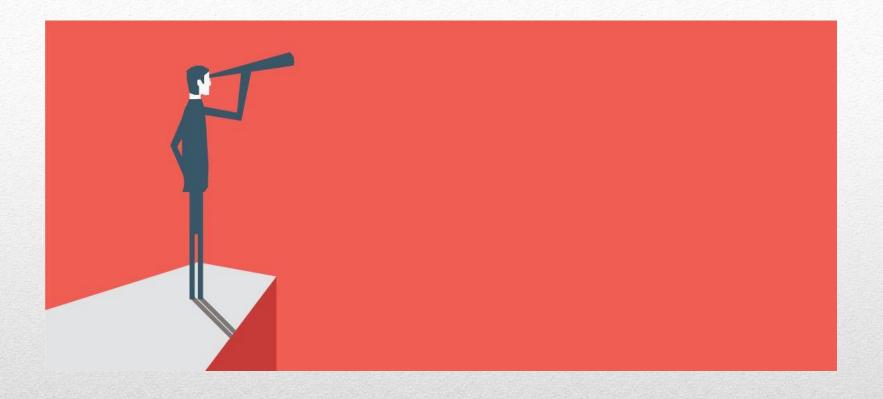
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Agency Overview





The mission of the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) is to develop, fund, and coordinate programs that improve public safety; enhance the administration of justice; and create systems of care for crime victims, youth, and their families in the District.

Mission



Making DC Safer

Reduce domestic and sexual violence, and improve outcomes for survivors

Make DC the safest big city in America

End homelessness



Promoting partnerships

Building capacity

Enhancing
Trauma
Informed
Responses

Goals



Grant awards will be consistent with the Mayor's priorities and federal funding purposes and requirements.

OVSJG prioritizes funding that falls within a continuum of services, i.e. each grant applicant has a responsibility to work with other funded programs to best serve the needs of the client.

Funded programs will have objective, concrete, measurable outcomes; include formal procedures for evaluating progress towards those outcomes; and exhibit a commitment to continuously improve the program.

Funding Principles



OVSJG will concentrate funding on agencies and organizations that are responsible administrators of awarded funds and comply fully with:

- OVSJG programmatic and financial requirements
- Local and federal laws and requirements

OVSJG will seek to ensure that every funded initiative achieves outcomes that improve the District's justice system, strengthen services for crime victims, reduce truancy and juvenile delinquency, and give returning citizens increased opportunities to lead successful lives.

Funding Principles



The District Anti-Deficiency Act of 2002, effective April 4, 2003 (D.C. Law 14-285; D.C. Official Code § 47-355.01 *et seq.*), is intended to prevent overspending by District agencies.

It sets forth reporting requirements to alert District officials to potential overspending so that remedial actions may be taken.

District Agencies may not make or authorize an expenditure or obligation exceeding an amount available in an appropriation for an agency or fund or obligate the District for the payment of money before an appropriation is made.



one-year grant awards

Anti-Deficiency Act



The Crime Victim Services RFA will give priority to maintaining services provided by existing OVSJG Victim Services grantees.

FY24 OVSJG Funding







Request For Applications



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES AND JUSTICE GRANTS



FY2024 Consolidated Request for Applications (RFA) Crime Victim Services

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Application Release: May 15, 2023 Application Deadline: 11:59pm ET June 15, 2023

Applications must be submitted via OVSJG's electronic Grants Management System

(eGMS)ZoomGrants™

*Hard copies of the application will not be accepted

To access ZoomGrants™ click on FY2024 Consolidated Victim Services RFA

A pre-bidder webinar will be held for the FY2023 Consolidated Victim Services RFA. Webinar details will be posted on the OVSJG website at https://ovsig.dc.gov/page/funding-opportunities-current.

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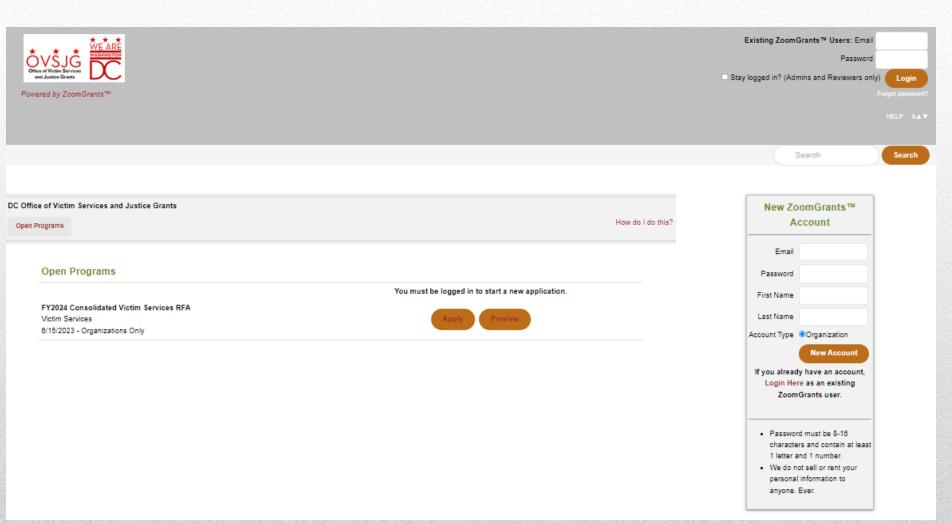




Electronic Application

Apply using ZoomGrants TM





Grants Management System



Applications are due by 11:59pm EDT on

June 15, 2023

- Applicant profile
 - Include ZIP+4
 - Signed by Applicant's legal authority
- Project Abstract
- Project Narrative
 - Project Description
 - Evidence Based
 - Trauma Informed
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 - Organization Experience and Qualifications
 - Date and Evaluation
- Theory of Change/Project Work Plan
- Budget
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- Letters of Support/Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)
- Financial Statements
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APPLICANT PROFILE			
Fiscal Year of Funding: 2024			
Organization Name:			
Address:			
ZIP + 4:			
Unique Entity Identifier # (EUI):			
Project Title:			
Project Period Dates (Begin/End Dates):			
Requested Amount: \$			
AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:			
Name:			
Title:			
Telephone:			
Email:			
PROJECT DIRECTOR:	FINANCIAL OFFICER:		
Name:	Name:		
Title:	Title:		
Phone:	Phone:		
Email:	Email:		
Application is made for a grant under the above-mentioned program to the District of Columbia in the amount of and for the purpose stated herein. Funds awarded pursuant to this application will not be used to supplant or replace funds or other resources that would otherwise have been made available for the same services. I certify that this application, if awarded, will conform to the conditions set forth by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants.			
Printed Name of Authorized Official			
Signature of Authorized Official	Date		

Proposal Instructions Highlights



Advocacy

Awareness and Outreach

Case Management

Community Education

Legal services (civil and criminal)

Crisis Counseling and Intervention

Financial or Material Assistance

Forensic Services

Hotline

Housing

Language Access

Medical Services

Professional Training

Safety Planning

Trauma-Informed Mental Health Services

Service Areas Funded



Applicant Profile

Project Abstract (2.5%)

Project Narrative (50%)

Proposal Scoring



Each applicant must include a brief description of the project including key activities; target population, and proposed number to be served.

Examples:

- Provide trauma-informed mental health services to 50 justice-involved individuals throughout the District.
- Conduct 24-30 trainings to criminal justice professionals on working with victims of domestic violence throughout DC.
- Engage at least 100 families and provide holistic services to address trauma in Wards 7 &8.

Project Abstract



This section of the application should contain a description of activities that justify and describe the program to be implemented.

- Description of the need for the project, including supporting data
- Target population and geographic area to be served
- Description of specific proposed activities
- Detailed description of service area to be addressed
- Goals, objectives, and timeline of startup and implementation activities
- Explanation of how activities will support the achievement of intended outputs/outcomes
- How program/project is consistent with applicant organization's mission
- Description of intended community impact
- Evidence of applicant's participation in the crime victims' continuum of services/supports

Project Description



Trauma Informed

Describe how the proposed services are traumainformed. Describe how the project will ensure and monitor that project staff are using trauma-informed strategies in service delivery.

Community Informed

Describe how your organization meaningfully involves internal and external community stakeholders in your program design and proposal development.

Trauma and Community Informed



Qualifications, Experience, Expertise

- Evidence that applicant can address the needs of target population
- Organization's capacity to achieve identified outcomes
- Past and present experience operating a similar project

Support and Partnerships

- MOUs/letters of support
- Evidence of collaboration with partners
- Connection to other service providers in continuum

Organization, Experience, and Qualifications



- Detailed plan of how applicant will collect and report data measures
- Describes how data will inform and enhance service delivery
- Must include plan for addressing short-term and longterm goals

Evaluation and Data Collection Plan





APPENDIX B: THEORY OF CHANGE-WORKPLAN

Instructions: Applicants *must* use this template to complete your work plan as instructed in the RFA. Add additional rows or pages as needed. Include at least one short-, mid- or long-term outcome for each objective. Applicants may delete or leave blank unneeded outcome columns. Do not add or make changes to section headings. Budget inputs must be grouped by funding category. DO NOT INCLUDE BUDGET INDIRECT ITEMS. DO NOT INCLUDE INPUTS THAT ARE NOT REQUESTED IN THIS APPLICATION.

EXAMPLE

Project Goal 1	Decrease 30-day alcoho	l use by youth age	d 12 to 20 in the	target communit	y.			
Project Objective 1	By June 30, 2023, 75%	of youth ages 12 t	o 20 will report p	erceiving undera	ige alcohol use to	be harmful.		
Inputs (Budget Items)	Activity	Outputs Q1	Outputs Q2	Outputs Q3	Outputs Q4	Short-Term Outcomes	Mid-Term Outcomes	Long-Term Outcomes
Personnel/Fringe: 2.5 FTE Peer Mentors 1 FTE Program Coordinator .75FTE Program Director	Convene a youth work group to design marketing campaign	9 social media campaigns	45 flyers distributed	7 school presentations	5 community presentations	By June 30, 2023, 75% of target youth ages 12 to 20 will have increased knowledge about the problems and consequences associated with underage drinking	30-day alcohol use among target youth ages 12 to 20 will decrease by 20%	30-day alcohol use among target youth ages 12 to 20 will decrease 40%
Personnel/Fringe: 2.5 FTE Peer Mentors 1 FTE Outreach worker .75FTE Program Director Operating: Rent, Utilities	2. Conduct face-to-face youth mobilizing	4 meetings with community stakeholders; recruit 5 youth participants	4 meetings with community stakeholders; recruit 5 youth participants	4 meetings with community stakeholders; recruit 5 youth participants	4 meetings with community stakeholders; recruit 5 youth participants	By June 30, 2023, 30 youth will participate in activities to increase knowledge about the problems and consequences associated with underage drinking		

Theory of Change/Project Work Plan



Goals and Objectives

- Standard data measures and performance outcomes
- Measurable and specific
- Clearly outlines project activities
- Outcomes clearly stated and process of measuring outcomes

Example of Goals, Objectives and Activities Format

Goal 1: Decrease 30-day alcohol use by youth aged 12 to 20 in the target community.

- **Objective 1:** By June 30, 2023, 75% of youth ages 12 to 20 will report perceiving underage alcohol use to be harmful.
 - Activity 1: Convene a youth work group to design marketing campaign



- Output Q1: 9 social media campaigns
- **Short-Term**: By June 30, 2023, 75% of target youth ages 12 to 20 will have increased knowledge about the problems and consequences associated with underage drinking
- Mid-Term: 30-day alcohol use among target youth ages 12 to 20 will decrease by 20%
- Long-Term: 30-day alcohol use among target youth ages 12 to 20 will decrease 40%
- Impact: Overall decrease in the number of alcohol related fatalities, violence, and crime for youth aged 12-20 in the target community.

Outcomes



Must include:

- Measurable Project Goals and Objectives
- Inputs correlate with program budget
- Activities with measurable Outputs per quarter
- Outcomes: short term, mid-term, and/or long term
- Impact statement
- Goal to notify clients about Crime Victim Compensation (VOCA required)
- Goal with an intent to use volunteers (VOCA required)

Theory of Change Work Plan



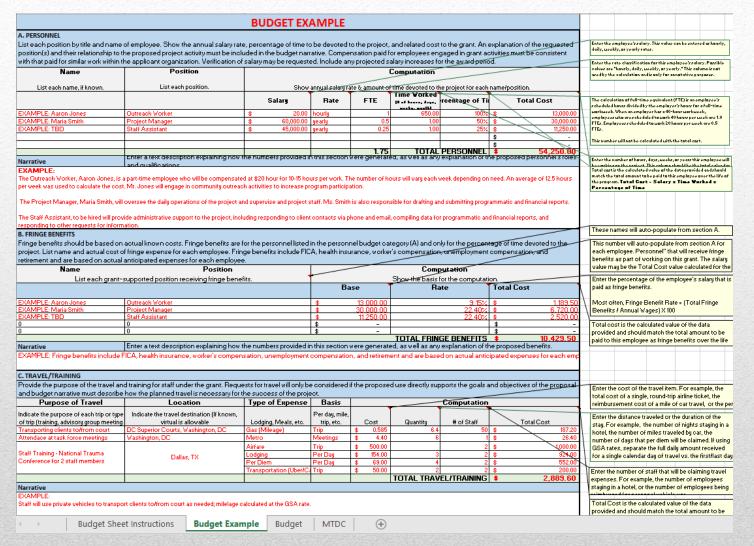
All applicants must use the Budget Template to prepare the budget

- Budgets must be submitted as attachments using the Excel template
- Budgets must include computations and justifications

Submit Budget amounts in the ZoomGrants Budget tab

Budget Submission





Budget Template



Building a Budget webinar available at

www.ovsjg.dc.gov>Grantsand Funding>Training andTechnical Assistance

https://ovsjg.dc.gov/page/ training-and-technicalassistance A. PERSONNEL: List each position by title and name of employee. Show the annual salary rate, percentage of time to be devoted to the project, and related cost to the grant. An explanation of the requested position(s) and their relationship to the proposed project activity must be included in the budget narrative. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization. Verification of salary may be requested. Include any projected salary increases for the award period.

EXAMPLE:

Name/Position	Computation	Cost
Project Manager, Maria Smith	\$60,000 x 50%	\$30,000

B. FRINGE BENEFITS:

Fringe benefits should be based on actual known costs. Fringe benefits are for the personnel listed in the personnel budget category (A) and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project. List name and actual cost of fringe expense for each employee.

EXAMPLE:

EVAMBLE.

Dallas, TX

Name/Position Project Manager, Maria Smith	<u>Computation</u> \$30,000 x 22.4%	<u>Cost</u> \$6,720
Staff Assistant, TBD	\$11,250 x 22.4%	\$2,520
Outreach Worker, AaronJones	\$13,000 x 9.15%	\$1,190

Fringe benefits include FICA, health insurance, worker's compensation, unemployment compensation, and retirement and are based on actual anticipated expenses for each employee.

C. TRAVEL/TRAINING: Provide the purpose of the travel under the grant. Requests for travel will only be considered if the proposed use directly supports the goals and objectives of the proposal and budget narrative must describe how the planned travel in necessary for the success of the project.

EXAMPLE:		
<u>Item</u>	Computation	<u>Cost</u>
Transporting clients to/from court	50 trips x 6.4 miles x \$0.535	\$ 171
Attendance at VAN meetings	6 meetings x \$4.30 Metro RT	\$ 26
Staff training	Airfare: \$500 x 2 staff	\$1,000
Conference on Crimes Against Women	Lodging: \$150 x 3 nights x 2 staff	\$ 900

Per diem: \$56 x 4 days x 2 staff

Ground: \$50 x 2 staff

Project Budget



\$ 448

\$ 100





A REVIEW OF FUNDING SOURCES



Locally Appropriated Funds (LOCAL)

Eligible Applicants

- Community-based organizations (CBOs)
- District agencies
- Established coalitions

Priority Programs and Activities

- Organizations and agencies that provide direct services to adult, teen, or child victims of crime
- Organizations and agencies that can demonstrate that they are an integrated part
 of the District's continuum of services

No Match requirement

Funding Restrictions

LOCAL funds are restricted to provision of direct services, training or education, outreach to the community, or community engagement and prevention activities.

LOS/MOU

All applicants must include two (2) letters of support. If the application proposes partnership(s) with other providers to meet the goals and objectives of the proposal, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required

Locally Appropriated Funds (LOCAL)

Eligible Programs and Activities

Priority consideration to:

- Organizations and agencies that provide direct services to adult, teen, or child victims of crime; and
- Organizations and agencies that can demonstrate that they are an integrated part of the District's continuum of services.

Consideration also to projects that provide:

- Training and education that seeks to enhance the skills, knowledge, and abilities of multidisciplinary professionals who work with crime victims;
- Outreach to communities for the purpose of increasing awareness in the community about your services, your organization or agency, or the crimes your agency or organization responds;
- Community engagement and prevention activities whose primary purpose is to build a collective vision or movement in a community designed to prevent violence or crime.



STOP Formula Grant Funding (VAWA)

Eligible Applicants

- Local government agencies
- Local courts
- Non-profit, non-governmental victim service organizations
- Domestic violence & sexual assault coalitions
- Faith-based and community-based victim service organizations

Eligible Program Areas

- Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, & prosecutors
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking
- Supporting multi-disciplinary efforts (not otherwise supported by state funds)
- Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel
- Providing assistance to victims in immigration matters
- Legal Services
- Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives

No Match requirement



STOP Formula Grant Funding (VAWA)

Restrictions on Funding

- Immigration fees for battered immigrant women
- Renovations or construction
- Standard issue law enforcement equipment
- Programming/serving children 10 or younger
- Voucher program for housing or counseling
- Moving household goods, acquiring furniture, or housing in a new location

Other Requirements

- Two (2) letters of support- preference given to applicants that submit MOUs
- Applicants must submit Victim Services Consultation Certification and/or Forensic Compliance Certification
- Annual Subgrantee Report



Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)

Eligible Applicants

Non-profit, non-governmental victim service organizations

AWARD LIMITS

Target Population	Percent
Sexual Assault	At least 10%
Domestic violence	At least 10%
Child Abuse	At least 10%
Underserved*	At least 10%

Eligible Program Areas

Direct services for victims of crime, including incarcerated victims of crimes

Match Waiver Requirement

Matching contributions of 20% (cash or in-kind)



Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)

VOCA Restrictions on Use of Funds

Non-Allowable Costs and Activities

The following services, activities, and costs, although not exhaustive, cannot be supported with VOCA victim assistance grant funds at the sub-grantee level:

- Lobbying and administrative advocacy
- Perpetrator rehabilitation and counseling
- Prosecution of criminal activities
- Fundraising activities
- Property loss
- Medical care (except as allowed by other provisions in the VOCA Rule)
- Activities exclusively related to crime prevention

Other Requirements

- Subgrantee Award Report (SAR) due no later than thirty (30) days after award start date
- OVC Performance Measures (PMT) due each quarter
- Annual Report due no later than thirty (30) days after the grant period ends



Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program(SASP)

Eligible Applicants

- Rape crisis centers
- Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that support programs and projects to assist individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault without regard to the age of the individual

Eligible Program Areas

- 24-hour hotline services
- Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems
- Crisis intervention, short term support services, direct payments, and comprehensive service coordination
- Programs that increase support for underserved communities

No Match requirement



Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP)

Funding Restrictions

- Research projects
- Sexual assault forensic examiner projects
- Prevention activities
- Criminal justice-related projects
- Domestic violence services not related to sexual violence

Other Requirements

- Annual Report (SAPR) submitted no later than thirty (30) days after grant period ends
- Two (2) letters of support- strong preference given to applicants that submit MOUs



Additional Funding-Source Specific Requirements

All **VAWA** applicants must include:

- Victim Services Consultation Certification Letter (applicable only to prosecution, law enforcement, and courts programs)
- Forensic Compliance Certification Letter (applicable only to prosecution and law enforcement agencies)

All **VOCA** applicants must include:

- VOCA Certification of Assurance
- Match Budget or Match waiver request





TIPS for Proposal Preparation

- ☐ Make sure Applicant Profile is complete and signed by authorized official
- ☐ Title project different from funding source
- Round budget figures to nearest dollar
- Follow format outlined in proposal instructions when developing proposal
- Use the applicant checklist to guide the completion of your grant application packet
- ASK questions early
- ZoomGrants Tech Support Contact Information (866-323-5404)

https://www.zoomgrants.com/about-us/request-technical-help/

- Submission Deadline is 11:59pm EDT June 15, 2023
 - Applicants are encouraged to submit 48 hours in advance
 - ZoomGrants office closes at 7pm ET
 - OVSJG office closes at 5pm ET



Applicant Checklist

General Requirements ☐ Applicant Profile ☐ Abstract ☐ Project Narrative ☐ Theory of Change/Project Work Plan ☐ Budget ☐ Match waiver request (VOCA) ☐ Letters of Support/Memoranda of ☐ Understanding (MOU) ☐ Financial Statements ☐ Disclosure of Legal Proceedings

Administrative Requirements

- ☐ Current DC Business license
- □ DC 'Clean Hands' (mytax.dc.gov)
- ☐ Key Resumes and Job Descriptions
- ☐ Applicable staff license or certification required to perform services
- Board of Directors roster
- ☐ Certification regarding lobbying, debarment, suspension and drug-free workplace
- Standard Assurances
- Statement of certification from DC Office of Tax & Revenue
- □ NICRA, if applicable

NOTE: All OVSJG grantees will be required to report performance measures, see OVSJG website.



A. All applications must be submitted electronically at ZoomGrants.com

Q. Will partial applications be accepted?

A. No. Only complete applications will be considered for funding.

Q. What is the maximum award request amount?

A. Applicants should prepare program budgets with reasonable expenses to operate a successful program.

Q. Does my organization need to translate all materials to comply with the District of Columbia Language Access Act?

A. According to the Language Access Act of 2004, not all materials need to be translated. However, there are threshold requirements. All applications should demonstrate a plan to ensure compliance with the District's Language Access Program.

Q. What is the best way to upload resumes, job descriptions, contracts?

A. Upload individually, labeled with specific document name.



- Q. When will award decisions be made?
- A. Notices of intent to fund will be sent to approved applicants mid to late August
- Q. How do I apply for the FY2024 Consolidated Victim Services RFA?
- A. You can apply via ZoomGrants within this specific RFA application at:

https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/FY2024 Consolidated Victim Services RFA



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Questions that cannot be answered by referring to sections of the RFA or that are specific to an applicant may be addressed by sending an email to ovsjg.rfaquestions@dc.gov by 5pm ET June 5, 2023, Attn: FY 2024 VS Consolidated RFA Inquiry. Questions that cannot be answered by referring to the RFA will be answered as they are received as posted at https://ovsjg.dc.gov/page/funding-opportunities-current

- Submit online applications at: https://www.zoomgrants.com
- OVSJG website: http://ovsjg.dc.gov

Information and Questions







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