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**FY2026 Consolidated Request for
Applications (RFA) Crime Victim Services**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Application Release: May 13, 2025
Application Deadline: 11:59pm ET June 17, 2025**

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Request for Application Title: FY2026 Consolidated Request for Applications (RFA) Crime Victim Services.

Solicitation Release Date: May 13, 2025

Due Date for Application: June 17, 2025

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. OVSJG provides federal and District funding to local initiatives that address the issues of violent crime, public safety, and criminal justice. OVSJG is also responsible for monitoring grantees for compliance with federal and District regulations and working to build a comprehensive network of crime victim services for the residents of the District of Columbia and its visitors.

Executive Summary

OVSJG is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding to maintain the comprehensive network of trauma-informed services available to victims of crime; to address the issues of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault in a manner that promotes victim safety and offender accountability; to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing them with the assistance and services necessary to aid their restoration after a criminal act, and to support and aid victims as they move through the criminal and civil justice processes. The activities funded through this RFA are intended to strengthen a coordinated network of services and referral systems for victims of crime in the District. This Crime Victim Service RFA is supported by the following funding sources:

- Locally Appropriated Funds (LOCAL)
- Stop Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (VAWA)
- Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)
- Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP)

FY26 OVSJG Victim Services funding will be prioritized for organizations that received FY25 grant awards.

Section 1. Application Overview

1.1 Submission Requirement

Each proposal submitted should indicate their funding preference, e.g., VAWA, VOCA, SASP, or LOCAL, as described in this RFA. However, OVSJG reserves the right to award funds under any of the funding sources, despite the applicant's preference. OVSJG may combine applications at the time of award.

1.2 Availability of Funds

The funding period is **October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026**. All grant expenditures must occur within this time frame. Any costs that are incurred either before the start of the project period or after the end of the project period are not allowable. OVSJG also reserves the right to, without prior notice, reduce or cancel one or more programs listed in this RFA, reject all applications, adjust total funds available, or cancel the RFA in part or whole. Funding levels in the respective program areas

and budget amount in the grant, grant agreement, or Memorandum of Understanding, if awarded, are contingent on the continued federal or District funding, subgrantee performance, and/or reduction, elimination, or reallocation of federal funds by the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Justice, and/or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and in accordance with applicable sections within the grant award and/or agreement.

1.3 Application Deadline

The electronic application properly executed by the Authorized Official must be submitted to OVSJG **no later than 11:59 pm ET, June 17, 2025. Applications submitted manually or via email will NOT be accepted.** Please be advised that it is the applicant’s responsibility to verify that the application is submitted electronically through GovGrants by the deadline. For technical assistance with GovGrants, Email ovsjgegms@dc.gov . Please note that requests for technical assistance should be made at least 24 hours prior to the closing of the RFA. Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the application submission process at least 48 hours in advance of the June 17, 2025, deadline for submission. **Any proposal received after the specified deadline will be considered INELIGIBLE and will NOT be reviewed during the review cycle.**

1.4 Timeline

For all important dates regarding this RFA, please visit the OVSJG website regularly for timeline updates including pre-bidders webinar, application review, decision dates, and additional important dates. **Dates are subject to change.**

Request for Applications (RFA) Released	May 13, 2025
Deadline to Submit Questions	June 6, 2025
Application Deadline	June 17, 2025
Planned Award Notification	August 7-16, 2025
Award Start Date	October 1, 2025

1.5 Eligibility Requirements

Any public or private, community-based non-profit agency, organization, or institution that has an active [System for Awards Management](#) (SAM) registration and Unique Entity ID, a District business license and provides services or goods within the District is eligible to apply. For-profit organizations are eligible for local funding but may not include profit in their grant application. For-profit organizations may also participate as subcontractors to eligible agencies. Please note an active SAM registration and Unique Entity ID are required in order to register to submit an application. Please check your SAM registration status and renew/apply if needed.

1.6 Inquires/Contact Information

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 . The email should contain the following details in the subject line: **FY 2026 VS Consolidated RFA Inquiry.**

To ensure fairness and consistency, all questions not addressed in this RFA must be submitted in writing by e- mail. **All questions must be received by 5pm ET, Friday, June 6, 2025.** Answers to questions that cannot be answered by referring to sections of the RFA will be posted at <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/page/funding-opportunities-current> and in the notes section of the opportunity on GovGrants. Any modifications to the RFA will also be posted on the OVSJG website and the [District Grants Clearinghouse](#). Oral explanations or instructions given prior to

the award of grants will not be binding.

Section 2. Funding Opportunity Descriptions

2.1 Service Definitions and Population of Focus Overview

Service Definitions

For purposes of this RFA, the following are the definitions of service areas considered for funding. Applicants are asked to identify the service area(s) to be addressed and will be required to report data on selected service categories, if selected for an award, applicants may identify more than one service in the application. Please refer to Appendix C for additional descriptions of service areas, including examples of eligible activities.

- **Advocacy/Case Management**- Case management and advocacy services are those that engage the client in a (usually) intermediate to long term relationship for the purpose of empowering that victim post-trauma, assisting that victim in engaging with the systems of care and justice that the victim chooses, and using the victim's experience to advance a larger mission of systemic change.
- **Awareness and Outreach** – Providing information to the community at large on crime victimization issues and promoting services available for victims. Activities may include using social media to raise awareness, tabling at a community event, or distributing materials.
- **Civil Legal Services** - Professional legal representation or brief advice to crime victims in the civil judicial process.
- **Community Education** – Providing presentations to a defined population (e.g., ANC, civic organization, public meeting, students, etc.) on crime victimization issues, activities aimed at stopping victimization, and increasing the knowledge of the participants.
- **Criminal Legal Services** - Professional legal representation or brief advice to crime victims with respect to their role in criminal proceedings.
- **Crisis Counseling and Intervention** – An individualized supportive service for persons impacted by crime who are experiencing intense difficulty or emergency, related to crime victimization.
- **Financial or Material Assistance** - Providing services to victims that result in a financial or material benefit.
- **Forensic Services** - Provides for the collection of evidence for a criminal investigation.
- **Hotline** - Operation of a 24-hour, 7-days a week communication system that is in constant operational readiness to facilitate immediate communication with victims in need of information and support.
- **Housing** - Emergency shelter or longer-term housing and support service provided to victims of crime and their families when housing is needed as a direct or indirect result of victimization.
- **Language Access** - Interpretation and translation services needed to assist victims of crime to be able to communicate effectively with staff, and to provide victims of crime with meaningful access to, and an equal opportunity to participate fully in services and activities.
- **Medical Services** - Intended to treat, identify, and improve the physical health of a victim.
- **Professional Training** - Develop and deliver training designed for individuals working in a professional capacity with crime victims. Training is designed to enhance professional

skills, develop strategies, or implement activities to address crime victimization.

- **Trauma-Informed Mental Health Services** -Treatment and care provided by mental health professionals for individuals impacted by crime. Services must be culturally appropriate, victim-centered, and provided in a manner that is welcoming and appropriate to the needs of trauma survivors.
- **Trauma Response and Community Engagement Program (TRCEP)** -
The TRCEP program is a place-based community program providing community healing to targeted areas in TRCEP prioritized neighborhoods in Ward 7 and Ward 8. Applicants proposing to provide services and programming under TRCEP as a program partner must detail which target site they are proposing to work in and provide services to. Applicants must be able to verify they are providing their programs in person to the intended community base.
- **Other** - A service area not listed. Please specify the service area(s).
- **Victim Data** - Please select this service category if you serve victims of crime. This service category reflects demographic data, crime and service categorization, and additional metrics that provide an overview of the client population your organization serves.

Population of Focus

In addition to identifying the service area(s) the applicant intends to address; the applicant will also identify the population of focus or the target population(s) to be served by the project. Categories of crime victims are listed in APPENDIX C: DATA AND OUTCOME MEASURES.

2.2 Locally Appropriated Funds (LOCAL)

Program Purpose

The purpose of Locally Appropriated Funds is to meet the needs of crime victims, to engage the community regarding the social problems related to crime, and to prevent crime. These services support victims through their recovery process, as well as assist them with all stages of the criminal justice process. Victim assistance includes services such as, but not limited to, crisis intervention, case management, counseling, emergency and transitional housing, criminal justice support, and advocacy. Prevention and outreach activities may include such programs as community engagement activities, media campaigns, use of technology, focus groups, or culturally and linguistically appropriate training and engagement.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are established coalitions, community-based organizations, and/or District agencies that provide direct services, training, or education to support and maintain the comprehensive network of services available to victims of violent crime. Eligible services are defined as those efforts that:

- Respond to the psychological and physical needs of crime victims;
- Assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after a victimization;
- Assist victims in understanding and participating in the criminal justice system;
- Provide training and technical assistance to allied service providers on the needs of crime victims;
- Provide education or outreach to the larger community regarding crime and victimization, how to reach the continuum of crime victim services, or how to participate in the criminal justice system; and
- Support the comprehensive network of services.

Eligible Programs and Activities

This RFA will give priority to maintaining services provided by existing OVSJG Victim Services grantees. Eligible program activities may include:

- Providing professional, victim advocacy and case management to primary and secondary victims of crime;
- Providing professional medical forensic services to victims of crime;
- Providing professional trauma-informed mental health services to primary and secondary victims of crime;
- Providing civil, criminal, and administrative victim-focused legal services;
- Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to crime and crime victims;
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs in government agencies or on District- based campuses;
- Providing specialized court advocates in courts where protection orders are granted;
- Increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crime;
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs that address stalking;
- Supporting formal and informal District-wide, multidisciplinary efforts to coordinate the response of District and federal law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other District agencies and departments, to crimes;
- Training of medical forensic personnel in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma-related to sexual assault;
- Providing assistance to victims of crime in immigration matters;
- Providing housing for victims of crime;
- Providing direct services to incarcerated victims of crime; and
- Providing outreach and education to communities or training and technical assistance to multidisciplinary professionals regarding crime and crime victim services. Applications in this area must detail the applicant's plan to provide the outreach, education, training, or technical activities. Applications will not be accepted for activities that promote the disempowerment of victims or that do not utilize standard best practices. Applications in this category will only be accepted for activities in the following areas:
 - Community engagement activities that seek to engage men and boys in violence prevention;
 - Outreach, engagement, and community education activities that work with children who have been exposed to or have witnessed violence;
 - Training and technical assistance of criminal justice personnel that also includes the enhancement of the work of the agency and that incorporates technology in the application of criminal justice;
 - Outreach directed at underserved communities.
 - Outreach activities that are conducted in tandem with direct services to crime victims.

Match Requirement

No match requirement for LOCAL Funds.

2.2.1 Dedicated LOCAL Funding Areas

SAVRAA Advocacy and Other Sexual Assault Services

The purpose of this funding is to support comprehensive services for victims/survivors of sexual assault, including advocates and youth advocates that are available 24/7, year-round to provide sexual assault services to all victims/survivors entitled to a confidential, community-based advocate as defined under DC Code §23-1907. Advocacy services under this purpose area are to be provided to youth and adult victims/survivors of sexual violence during medical forensic (SANE) examinations, at any point in a

hospital visit, and interviews conducted by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) or other District agencies.

To serve as a sexual assault counselor, advocate or youth advocate, an individual is required to complete training as defined under DC Code §23-1907. Training standards for each role are posted at <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/service/sexual-assault-victims-rights-act>.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are OVSJG award recipients who provided these same services in FY2025.

2.3 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (VAWA)

Please note: The following descriptions of program purpose, award allocation, eligible applicants, and eligible program areas are based on the past years' requirements and are subject to change following the release of the Office on Violence Against Women's FFY25 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Program Purpose

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Created in 1995, OVW implements the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation. The Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (VAWA) is designed to promote a coordinated, multidisciplinary community response to combating violence against women and to encourage collaborative efforts between members of law enforcement, prosecution, nonprofit victim service providers and the courts to address the issues of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault in a manner that promotes victim safety and offender accountability.

Award Allocation

The STOP Program, administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) under the authority of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, announces the availability of grant funds to encourage the development and strengthening of effective, victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and enhance victim services that address violence against women in the District of Columbia.

The program allocates at least 25 percent to law enforcement, at least 25 percent to facilitate prosecution, at least 30 percent to nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services, and at least five percent to courts. Additionally, ten percent of the victim services category will be disseminated to culturally linguistic and specific services. The remainder of up to 15 percent may be allocated at the District's discretion. Under VAWA 2022, not less than 20 percent of funds granted to a state shall be allocated for programs or projects in two or more allocations (victim services, courts, law enforcement, and prosecution) that meaningfully address sexual assault, including stranger rape, acquaintance rape, alcohol or drug-facilitated rape, and rape within the context of an intimate partner relationship.

Category	Percent
Law Enforcement	25%
Prosecution	25%

Category	Percent
Victim Services *Culturally Specific/Culturally Linguistic Programs	30% *10%
Discretionary	15%
Courts	5%

Eligible Applicants

The following entities in the District of Columbia are eligible to apply for STOP Formula Grant Funding:

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

Eligible Program Areas

The STOP Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system’s response to violent crimes against women. Grants supported through this RFA **must support at least one** of the following statutory program purpose areas:

- Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs, including sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence programs, developing or improving the delivery of victim services to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
- Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of State law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.
- Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault in immigration matters.
- Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families

Per OVSJG’s STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program FFY 2022 – 2025 Implementation Plan, OVSJG will prioritize programming that:

- Provides comprehensive and holistic services to underserved and marginalized communities in the District.

- Providing services to underserved and marginalized communities in the areas they live or are most accessible to them are located in, are a part of, and are a trusted source within underserved and marginalized communities they serve.
- Provide accessible services to the specific needs of victims of intersecting underserved or marginalized identities.
- Provide training on trauma-informed care for those who directly interact with victims (i.e., police officers, victim service providers, attorneys) as well as staff working within a system (i.e., court personnel) in the District.
- Focus on expanding outreach and education on resources, systems, and rights to underserved and marginalized communities in the District.
- Train law enforcement, court personnel, and victim service providers on the unique needs within the underserved and marginalized communities they serve as well as how to best provide services to those communities.
- Address the ongoing need to serve Temporary Protection Orders and Civil Protection Orders, as well as addressing backlogged Domestic Violence warrants by locating and arresting offenders.

Match Requirement

There is no sub-grantee match requirement for STOP Formula Grants.

STOP Specific Restrictions on Use of Funds

The following is a summary of highlighted restrictions on the use of STOP Formula funds. For more information on STOP restriction use of funds may visit the following links: [STOP Violence Against Women Grant Federal Program Guidelines](#) and [FAQs About STOP Formula Grants](#).

Children’s Intervention/Prevention Programs

STOP funds should be used for projects that serve or focus on adult and youth (age 11-24) women and girls who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. However, STOP funds may also support “complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families.” For example, STOP funds may support services for secondary victims such as children who witness domestic violence.

Abuser Intervention Programs

Discretionary funds may be used to support batterers’ intervention programming, if the program is part of a graduated system of sanctions that uses the coercive power of the criminal justice system to hold abusers accountable and for changing their behavior.

Annual Report

The sub-grantee shall also submit to OVSJG a completed Annual Federal Sub-Grant Award Performance Report (SAPR). This will be a comprehensive report that will document data collected on project activities during the calendar year from January 1st through December 31st. This report is due no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the grant period for inclusion in the Annual SAPR Administrators Report to the federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). From time to time, OVSJG may require the sub-grantee to submit other reports and materials during the project period in the form and manner as prescribed by OVSJG. Sub-grantees who do not comply with submission requirements will be denied requests for reimbursements for all grant awards received from OVSJG.

STOP Application Requirement

Applicants providing legal assistance with STOP funds will also need to submit a “Delivery of Legal

Assistance certification letter (see APPENDIX H) All applicants providing legal assistance with funds awarded under this program must certify in writing that:

1. any person providing legal assistance with funds through this program – (A)(i) is a licensed attorney or is working under the direct supervision of a licensed attorney; (ii) in immigration proceedings, is a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representative; (iii) in Veterans’ Administration claims, is an accredited representative; or (iv) is any person who functions as an attorney or lay advocate in Tribal court; and (B)(i) has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or (ii)(I) is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in clause (i); and (II) has completed, or will complete, training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide;
2. any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a tribal, state, territorial, local, or culturally specific domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, state, territorial, and local law enforcement officials;
3. any person or organization providing legal assistance with funds through this program has informed and will continue to inform state, local, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate state and local law enforcement officials of their work; and
4. the grantee’s organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or child sexual abuse is an issue.

Please see the sample Appendix H Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification letter provided in the attachments section of this RFA.

2.4 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)

Please note: The following descriptions of program purpose, award allocation, eligible applicants, eligible program areas are based on the past years’ requirements and are subject to change following the release of the Office on Victims of Crime’s (OVC) FFY25 Notice of Grant Opportunity (NOFO).

Program Purpose

The general purpose of VOCA is to assist public and private non-profit organizations in providing services to victims of crime. VOCA victim assistance funding is also utilized to develop new programs in underserved victim populations and geographic areas and to enhance successful programs. Victim assistance includes services such as crisis intervention, counseling, emergency transportation to court, temporary housing, and criminal justice support and advocacy. Funds for the VOCA Program are authorized by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 10601, et seq.

Award Allocation

The VOCA Program, administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) under the authority of the U. S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime announces the availability of VOCA grant funds. The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants will fund multiple awards under each of the four target populations of victims listed below:

Target Population	Percent
Sexual Assault	At least 10%
Domestic Violence	At least 10%

Child Abuse	At least 10%
Underserved ¹	At least 10%

Eligible Applicants

To be eligible to receive VOCA funds, organizations must be operated by public or nonprofit entities, or a combination of both, and provide services to crime victims. All applicants must be able to certify that they have read and are in compliance with the [VOCA Certification of Assurance and VOCA Program Guidelines](#). Additional eligibility requirements can be found in the VOCA sub-recipient Organization and Eligibility Requirements in Appendix H.

Eligible Program Areas

This RFA will only give consideration to direct services for victims of crime. This includes direct services to incarcerated victims of crime. For a detailed list of services please reference the VOCA Sub-recipient Organization and Eligibility Requirements document found in Appendix H.

Match Requirement

Matching contributions of 20% (cash or in-kind) of the total cost of each VOCA project (VOCA grant plus match) are required for each VOCA-funded project and must be derived from non-federal sources, except as provided in the [OJP Financial Guide](#). All funds designated as match are restricted to the same uses as the VOCA victim assistance funds and must be expended within the grant period. The match must be provided on a project-by-project basis. In-kind Match may include donations of expendable equipment, office supplies, workshop or classroom materials, workspace, or the monetary value of time contributed by professionals and technical personnel and other skilled and unskilled labor if the services they provide are an integral and necessary part of a funded project. The 20% match calculation is computed by dividing the amount of the award by .80 and subtracting the amount of the award from the figure obtained.

Example: A \$30,000 award divided by .80 equals \$37,500, less \$30,000 award equals \$7,500 match.

OVSJG will consider all written requests to waive the Match requirement from applicants that meet the extraordinary need requirement outlined in section IV.B.4.b.(3) of the *VOCA Victim Assistance Final Program Guidelines* <https://www.ovc.gov/voca/vaguide.htm> and section 94.118(b)(3) of the *VOCA Victim Assistance Program Final Rule*. Please read [OVSJG Grants Management Policies and Procedures](#),

VOCA Specific Restrictions on Use of Funds

For a detailed list of restrictions on the use of VOCA funds please reference the VOCA Sub-recipient Organization and Eligibility Requirements document found in Appendix H.

Annual Report

The subgrantee shall submit to OVSJG a completed Annual Performance Report. This will be a comprehensive report providing information on the activities supported and an assessment of the effects that the VOCA victim assistance funds have had on services to crime victims within the District for one year of October 1 through September 30. This report is due no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the grant period for inclusion in the Annual VOCA Administrators Report to the federal Office for Victims

¹ The Department of Justice identifies the underserved category of victims as being under-served based on gaps in services for this population. Applicants responding to this category of victims of crime must describe the victims to be served and provide adequate documentation that the victims are under served.

of Crime. From time to time, OVSJG may require the sub-grantee to submit other reports and materials during the project period in the form and manner as prescribed by OVSJG. Sub-grantees who do not comply with submission requirements will be denied requests for reimbursements for all grant awards received from OVSJG.

Quarterly Report

The subgrantee agrees to submit quarterly performance reports on the performance metrics identified by OVC (<https://ojpssso.ojp.gov>), and in the manner required by OVC. This information on the activities supported by the award funding will assist in assessing the effects that VOCA Victim Assistance funds have had on services to crime victims within the jurisdiction.

2.5 Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP)

Program Purpose

The Sexual Assault Service Program (SASP) was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 and is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault.

The Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP Formula Grant Program) directs grant dollars to states and Territories to assist them in supporting rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernment organizations that provide direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault, without regard to age. Rape crisis centers and other nonprofit organizations, such as dual programs providing both domestic violence and sexual violence intervention services, play a vital role in assisting sexual assault victims through the healing process, as well as assisting victims through the medical, criminal justice, and other support systems. Funds provided through the SASP Formula Grant Program are designed to **supplement** other funding sources directed at addressing sexual assault on the state and Territorial level.

Eligible Applicants

The following entities in the District of Columbia are eligible to apply for SASP Formula Grant Funding:

- Rape crisis centers.
- Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that provide direct intervention and related assistance to individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault, without regard to the age of the individual.

Purpose Areas

Funds under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

To provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance to:

- Adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault.
- Family and household members of such victims.
- Those collaterally effected by the victimization, except by the perpetrator of such victimization.

Eligible organizations must serve persons of all ages and genders, although a SASP funded program may be geared toward a specific group.

Eligible Program Areas

- 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral.

- Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, including medical facilities, police, and court proceedings.
- Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, direct payments, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members.
- Information and referral to assist the sexual assault victim and family or household members.
- Community-based, culturally specific services and support mechanisms, including outreach activities for underserved communities.
- Development and distribution of materials on issues related to the services described above.

Match Requirement

There is no subgrantee match requirement for SASP Grants.

SASP Specific Restrictions on Use of Funds

SASP funds may not be used for any of the following:

- Research projects.
- Activities focused on prevention efforts and public education (e.g., bystander intervention, social norms campaigns, presentations on healthy relationships, etc.).
- Criminal justice-related projects, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and forensic interviews.
- Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examiner programs.
- Sexual Assault Response Team coordination.
- Providing training to allied professionals and the community (e.g., law enforcement, child protection services, prosecution, other community-based organizations, etc.).
- Domestic violence services unrelated to sexual violence

For a full list of out of scope activities please refer to the [OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Sexual Assault Services Formula Program funding opportunity](#).

[For more information please refer to SASP Formula Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#).

Annual Report

The sub-grantee shall also submit to OVSJG a completed Annual Federal Sub-Grant Award Performance Report (SAPR) report. This will be a comprehensive report that will document data collected on project activities during the calendar year from January 1st through December 31st. This report is due no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the grant period for inclusion in the Annual SAPR Administrators Report to the federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). From time to time, OVSJG may require the sub-grantee to submit other reports and materials during the project period in the form and manner as prescribed by OVSJG. Sub-grantees who do not comply with submission requirements will be denied requests for reimbursements for all grant awards received from OVSJG.

Section 3. General Grantee Requirements

The following sections provide an overview of general requirements and expectations for all applicants funded under this RFA. Successful applicants must adhere to OVSJG's general grantee requirements for compliance and to maintain funding for the award period.

3.1 Monitoring

The Grant Program Manager will monitor program services and financial administration pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement and will make onsite visits to the grantee's service facilities. Monitoring efforts are designed to determine the grantee's level of compliance with District and federal requirements and identify specifically whether the grantee's operational, financial, and management systems and practices are adequate to account for program funds. Failure to maintain compliance with requirements may result in payment suspension, payment reduction, or termination of the grant. New grantees and grantees that have a high-risk classification must provide all financial back-up when submitting reimbursements and are also subject to more frequent onsite visits.

3.2 Risk Assessment Classification

If the application is awarded a grant, a risk assessment classification system will be used to assist in determining the level of grantee monitoring to be performed and the frequency thereof. After grants are awarded, each grantee will receive a risk classification based on past financial and programmatic reporting of the grantee, documentation submitted with the application, and other factors as detailed in the [*OVSJG Grants Management Policies and Procedures Manual*](#). If OVSJG determines that an award will be made to a high-risk organization, funding restrictions may be included. If OVSJG decides to impose any funding restrictions, then OVSJG will notify the organization in writing of the restriction, the reason(s), corrective actions, and the process for requesting reconsideration.

3.3 Corrective Action and Termination of Funding

In the event the programmatic, financial, or documentation conditions of the grant are not being met in a thorough and timely fashion, progressive actions will be taken, at the discretion of OVSJG, up to and including termination of funding. A project which is prematurely terminated will be subject to the same requirements regarding audit, recordkeeping, and submission of reports as a project which runs for the duration of the project period.

3.4 Privacy and Confidentiality

Except as otherwise provided by federal law, no recipient of OVSJG funds shall use or reveal any research or statistical information furnished under OVSJG by any person, and identifiable to any specific private person, for any purpose other than the purpose for which such information was obtained in accordance with the OVSJG program funded. Such information and any copy of such information shall be immune from legal process and shall not, with the consent of the person furnishing such information, be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any action, suit, or judicial, legislative, or administrative proceeding. Client records will be kept confidential and secure in accordance with the District and federal regulations. In accordance with standard practice, only aggregate data and/or individual data that are non-identifiable will be released.

3.5 Data Collection Requirements and Information

Evidence-based and Evidence-informed Program and Practices

Applicants are highly encouraged to refer to recent population data, crime data, evidence-based programs in other jurisdictions, and service utilization and outcome reports from internal program history records to support their program design and project narrative. Refer to the Appendix section of this RFA for references.

Performance Measurement Information

Performance measurement is a system of tracking progress for accomplishing goals, objectives, and

activities. Performance measurement provides direction as well as a basis for evaluating the progress of applicants who received funding under this RFA. Applicants are required to provide a set of common data points and service-specific outcome measures that capture the results of their work. Applicants who are awarded grants will report on their specific outcomes in GovGrants. Information on the Performance Measurement Initiative (PMI) including data measures and instructions on how to enter data can be found on the [OVSJG website](#).

Application-Specific Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Outcomes

Applicants should identify goals, objectives, and activities in their project narrative and work plan specific to the application that clearly illustrate how and when the identified services and needs of the target population(s) will be addressed. Grantees are required to report on progress towards goals and activities quarterly.

Proposed objectives must describe a measurable outcome, and activities should describe the specifics used to meet objectives. Applications should also include programmatic outcomes, e.g. the desired result of the goals, objectives, and activities, and a description of how the grantee will measure the desired results.

Please be sure in the application to (1) specify the type of services that will be provided; (2) indicate how the required data measures will be captured (see Appendix C); (3) how to indicate the outcome measures required for the type of service provided will be captured, and (4) detail how recordkeeping will be achieved.

Example of Goals, Objectives, and Activities Format:

Goal 1: To ensure immediate safety to victims of sexual assault.

Objective 1: In FY 2025, provide crisis housing for 75 victims of sexual assault.

Activity 1: Conduct lethality assessments with victims of sexual assault.

Activity 2: Develop safety plans with victims of sexual assault.

Outcome 1: Successfully ensure the safety of the women and children in care, as measured by the percentage of women and children who returned for additional crisis housing within the performance year.

Please note that OVSJG reserves the right to conduct a site visit at any point during the grant period and request backup documentation of all data measures and performance outcomes. All grantees are required to demonstrate the ability to collect data to support all services performed and all outcomes achieved. OVSJG also reserves the right to withhold reimbursement requests pending verification of all data provided. OVSJG also reserves the right to immediately disqualify any application that does not include performance and outcome measurements established in this section.

3.6 Reporting Requirements

All grantees are required to submit quarterly programmatic reports and financial requests for reimbursement in GovGrants. The programmatic reports must indicate the status of the goals and objectives as determined by the grantee in their application, as well as the data and outcome measures as detailed in the [Performance Measurement Initiative \(PMI\)](#). The grantee should also include any successes or challenges encountered during the reporting period. The financial reports indicate the status of program spending by category and are submitted along with all receipts, invoices, or other documentation of expenditures, as required based on risk status. **Both financial and programmatic reports are due no later than the 15th of the month following the end of the reporting period or the next business day should the due date be on a weekend**

or holiday. All financial and programmatic reports for the last quarter of the fiscal year must be submitted within ten (10) days after the end of the quarter, (January 15, April 15, July 15, October 10).

Failure to submit complete programmatic reports by the date due will result in withholding reimbursements, as well as a Notice of Programmatic Delinquency. More than one Notice of Programmatic Delinquency may result in the termination of funding for the fiscal year.

Recipients of federal funding may have additional reporting requirements.

Section 4. Application Preparation and Submission Information

4.1 Application Instructions

The purpose and content of each section are described below. Applicants should include all information needed to adequately describe their proposed projects. It is important that proposals reflect continuity among the program design and that the budget demonstrates the level of effort required for the proposed activities.

The electronic application properly executed by the Authorized Official must be submitted to the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants no later than 11:59 pm ET, June 17, 2025. Applications submitted manually will NOT be accepted. Please be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to confirm that the application is submitted electronically through GovGrants by the deadline via the following [OVSJG FY 2026 Victim Services RFA under Opportunities](#). For technical assistance with GovGrants, contact ovsjgegms@dc.gov. Please note that technical assistance emails will be answered in the order they are received and will only be answered from 9 am to 5 pm Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, and will not be answered on federal holidays.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the application submission process at least 48 hours in advance of the June 17, 2025 deadline for submission. Any proposal received after the specified deadline will be considered INELIGIBLE and will NOT be reviewed during the review cycle.

4.2 Description of Proposal Sections

The purpose and content of each section are described below. Applicants should include all information needed to adequately describe plans for services. It is important that proposals reflect continuity among the program design, work plan of activities, and that the budget demonstrates the level of effort required for the proposed services.

Project Abstract (2.5%) – 150 character limit

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 reduce student truancy in Wards 7 & 8.*

Project Narrative (50%)

Each applicant must clearly and succinctly describe and justify the proposed program. The project narrative must include the following sections within the character limits noted.

I. Project Description - 30,000 character limit

This section of the application should contain a description of activities that justify and describe the program to be implemented. The project narrative should include the following:

- A. A description of the need for the project, including supporting data. Local data is preferable.
- B. Target population and geographic area to be served.
- C. A description of the specific proposed activities, including details on how these activities will meet the needs of the target population.
- D. Provide a detailed description of the service area(s) to be addressed and how services will be provided in the project.
- E. Goals, objectives, and timeline of startup and implementation activities with associated project deliverables.
- F. A clear explanation of how activities will support the achievement of intended outputs/outcomes. Include a clear description of the process of measuring the outcomes indicated.
- G. How the program/project is consistent with and will further the applicant organization's mission.
- H. A description of the intended community impact with details on how the proposal will impact the outlined policy and priority areas outlined in this RFA.
- I. Provide evidence of applicant's participation (or describe proposed participation) in the crime victims' continuum of services and the applicant's detailed role in the continuum of services. Applicants must demonstrate an ability to work with other partners.

II. Evidence Based - 5,000-character limit

Describe how the project reflects identified promising and/or best practices in serving the target population. Is the program model/approach supported with empirical research? Has your program been evaluated?

III. Trauma Informed - 5,000-character limit

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

IV. Community Informed - 5,000-character limit

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

V. Organization, Experience, and Qualifications of Applicant - 3,000-character limit

This section should describe the capability of the applicant to fulfill the requirements of this RFA including:

- Information and evidence about the qualifications, experience, expertise, and capability of the applicant to address the needs of the targeted population and provide services proposed.
- Past and present specific experience in successfully operating a program similar to that proposed in the application, or
- Education, training, collaborations and/or supports identified to assist the applicant and ensure

- startup and successful operation of the program proposed.
- Description of the applicant’s financial and accounting systems to properly administer and track award funds. (New Applicants Only)
- Job descriptions, resumes, and any supporting reports, certifications, or references should be included as attachments.

VI. Data and Evaluation - 5,000-character limit

Evaluation section **must include** a detailed plan of how the applicant intends to collect, analyze, and report the data and outcome measures related to the proposed program or services and should include how the applicant intends to keep records of services provided and how the desired or intended changes and effects will be measured. The plan for addressing both short-term and long-term goals must be included in the application. If the applicant is continuing a current project, the application must provide an explanation of the effectiveness and impact of the project to date and whether modifications have been made to the current goals, objectives, and evaluation plan.

- Include the standard data measures and performance outcomes, as well as the application specific outcomes.
- Include a narrative explanation of any additional performance measures that will be collected.
- A clear explanation of how activities will support the achievement of intended outputs/outcomes.
- Include a description of the agency’s process of measuring the outcomes proposed.
- A description of the intended community impact with details on how the proposal will impact the outlined policy and priority areas outlined in this RFA.

Project Work Plan (15%) (submit an attachment in Supporting Documents Checklist in GovGrants)

Use the provided template to demonstrate the connections between inputs (budget requests) and goals, objectives, activities and intended outcomes. Applicants must use this template and follow all instructions. See Appendix C.

Budget (30%) (Fill in Budget tab in GovGrants, see appendix for instructions)

Costs included in the budget must be reasonable, allowable, and necessary to the completion of the specific project activities proposed.

The budget narrative must describe each line item requested in the budget and explain all costs included in the budget, including how the costs are determined and how they will fulfill the objectives of the project. Calculations must be mathematically correct.

The applicant must also note what percentage of their overall organization budget they are seeking to cover with this application and if the organization receives other funding or has applied for other funding for FY2026 to do similar work.

Applicants that are hosting trainings for professional staff as a part of their work plan are encouraged to include the costs of securing interpreter services in their budgets. *Applicants may not utilize the Interpreter Bank to provide interpreter services for training professional staff.*

For guidance on how to fill in the budget tab please visit budget section in the [User Guide-How to complete award record.pdf](#) training guide.

Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and Letters of Support (2.5%) (submit an attachment in Supporting Documents Checklist in GovGrants)

All applicants must include at least two (2) letters of support. These letters should be representative of a multi-disciplinary support base, demonstrate the need, the intended use and expected results from the use of grant funds.

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 outlining the relationship between the applicant and the identified partners, including the roles and responsibilities of each. This may be submitted as a single MOU between all partners or individual MOUs with each partner. Letters of Support and Memoranda of Understanding must be submitted in "Forms and Files" tab in the Supporting Documents Checklist.

4.3 Application Submission Checklist

What an Application Must Include

Applications that do not submit all General Requirements into GovGrants before the deadline **will not be reviewed**. Email submissions will not be accepted.

General Requirements:

- Abstract
- Active SAM Registration and Unique Entity ID (UEI)
- Project Narrative
 - Project Description
 - Evidence Based
 - Trauma Informed
 - Community Informed
 - Organization, Experience, and Qualification of Applicant
 - Data and Evaluation
- Project Work Plan
- Budget
 - Match Budget or Match Waiver Request (VOCA applicants)
- Letters of Support/Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)
- Audited Financial Statements of the organization's most recent fiscal year (dated within one year of this application)
 - *** Failure to submit current audited financial statements may lead to an automatic rejection of the application. Current OVSJG grantees must be in compliance with this requirement at the time of grant application. However, if the organization is deemed eligible and awarded grant funds under this or any RFA released by OVSJG, future grant funds will be withheld until fully compliant with this requirement.***
- Disclosure of Legal Proceedings (See section 6.8).

Administrative Requirements (All Applicants)

- IRS 501 (c) (3) Determination Letter (if applicable)
- Current DC Business License
- DC 'Clean Hands' Certificate
- Tax Affidavit
- Key resumes and job descriptions

- Applicable staff license or certification required to perform services
- Roster of Board of Directors
- Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Drug-Free Workplace
- Standard Assurances (fill out in Forms and Files tab in application)
- Statement of Certification
- NICRA, if applicable

In addition to the General and Administrative Requirements listed above, some **VAWA** applicants must include:

- Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification Letter (applicable only to applicants proposing the provision of legal services)

In addition to the General and Administrative Requirements listed above, all **VOCA** applicants must include:

- VOCA Certification of Assurance
- Match Budget or Match Waiver Request

4.4 Tips for Proposal Preparation

OVSJG recognizes the level of time and effort that applicants must put into developing proposals for submission. In order to tailor the application process to be as efficient and expeditious as possible we request that each applicant adhere to the following:

- The title of the project should be different than the name of the funding source
- Round all budget figures to the nearest dollar
- Follow the format outlined in Proposal Instructions when developing your proposal
- Use the What an Application Must Include checklist to guide the completion of your grant application packet.

*****Please save your edits to your application in GovGrants frequently*****

Section 5. Application Review Information

5.1 OVSJG Screening Process

This is a competitive solicitation. OVSJG does not guarantee funding, funding amounts, nor funding source based on previous awards. Applications will be reviewed and scored by external peer reviewers and/or internal reviewers to determine which projects will be funded. Peer reviewers and/or internal reviewers will assign scores based on the required elements listed in proposal instructions.

OVSJG will consider the eligibility of costs and project activities contained in the application based on District and federal grant requirements; past performance of the applicant (including compliance with provisions of grant agreements, if applicable); overall priorities of the District and amount of funds available to meet the requests and known community need.

5.2 Review Process and Decision on Awards

OVSJG may use either internal peer reviewers, external peer reviewers, or a combination of both to review the applications under this RFA. An external peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation who is NOT a current District of Columbia government employee. An internal reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation who is a current District of Columbia government employee. Applications will be screened initially to determine whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the RFA) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only.

In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include but are not limited to, underserved populations, strategic priorities, past performance, and available funding. The final decision on awards rests solely with the Director of the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants. After reviewing the recommendations of the review panel, information gathered during the internal review, and any other information considered relevant, the Director of OVSJG shall decide which applicants to fund, amounts to be funded, and funding source. Note: As there are generally far more requests for funds than funds available, applicants may not be chosen for funding or may receive only partial funding for the project.

5.3 Award Notification

OVSJG follows the competitive process for awarding grants in accordance with the [OVSJG Grant Management Policies and Procedures Manual](#) and the [District Grants Manual](#). All applications will be considered under the federal and District guidelines that determine allowable expenses and activities.

OVSJG will notify all applicants of the final award decisions within fifteen (15) working days of the determination. For those applicants receiving funding, this notice will include the amount of funds to be granted, identify any unallowable costs that the application contains, note any reduction in funding from the initial request, and outline the necessary steps the applicant must complete to establish the grant award.

5.4 Decision Review Process

An applicant has ninety (90) calendar days from the date the notification letter is sent to request in writing a more elaborate explanation of OVSJG's decision. The request should be sent to the following address:

Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants
ATTN: FY 2026 Victim Services Grant Application Inquiry
899 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

It may also be submitted via email to: ovsjg.victimservices@dc.gov.

Please refer [OVSJG Grant Management Policies and Procedures Manual](#) for the complete review policy.

5.5 Contingency Clauses

OVSJG reserves the right to require additional certifications and/or information in accordance with applicable federal or District requirements including the [OVSJG Grants Management Policies and Procedures Manual](#) and the [District Grants Manual](#). OVSJG will provide written notice of any additional requirements at the time of the award.

- OVSJG reserves the right to make changes to this RFA, based on any clarifications in the regulations, legislative changes, or funding level fluctuations from the federal and/or District government. Funding for grantees is contingent on continued funding from the grantor.
- This RFA does not commit OVSJG to award grants. OVSJG reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The agency will notify the applicant Authorized Official of the rejected proposals. OVSJG may suspend or terminate an outstanding RFA pursuant to its own grant-making rule(s) or any applicable federal or District regulation or requirement.
- OVSJG reserves the right to issue addenda and amendments subsequent to the RFA process or to rescind the RFA.
- OVSJG shall not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of applications in response to RFA. Applicants agree that all costs incurred in developing the application are the applicants' sole responsibility.
- OVSJG may conduct pre-award on-site visits to verify information submitted in the application and to determine if proposed facilities are appropriate for the proposed services.
- OVSJG may require applicants to enter negotiations and submit a price, technical or other revision of their proposal that may result from negotiations.
- If there are any conflicts between the terms and conditions of the RFA and any Federal or District law or regulation, or any ambiguity related thereby, then the provisions of the applicable law or regulation shall control and it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure compliance.

Section 6. Programmatic and Administrative Requirements

6.1 Oversight

Applicants are required to ensure that there is adequate oversight over their grant programs and partner(s). In designing and managing programs, applicants need to consider how they will ensure that grant activities and partner(s) will adhere to applicable federal, Local, and programmatic regulations.

6.2 Financial Management and Systems of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the [Part 200 Uniform Requirements](#) as set out at 2 C.F.R. [200.302](#) and [200.303](#), comply with standards for financial and program management. The "[Part 200 Uniform Requirements](#)" means the DOJ regulation at [2 C.F.R. Part 2800](#), which adopts (with certain modifications) the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. See [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

6.2.1 Financial Capability

The following are minimum requirements necessary to accept, manage, and spend funds awarded under this RFA.

- A. Organization's accounting system provides accurate and current financial reporting information.

- B. Organization's accounting system is integrated with an adequate system of internal controls to safeguard the funds awarded by OVSJG.
- C. Organization's accounting system provides for the recording of expenditures for each grant by the component project and budget cost categories.
- D. Organization's time distribution records are maintained for each employee, and effort can be specifically identified to a particular grant or cost objective.
- E. Organization is aware that funds specifically budgeted and/or received for one project may not be used to support another without prior written approval of the awarding agency.

6.3 Restrictions on Use of Funds

In addition to any specific funding restrictions described in this RFA, all grantees must expend grant funds in accordance with the cost principles delineated by the [District Grants Manual](#), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements \(2 CFR 200\)](#), and, if applicable based on funding source, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide, <https://www.ojp.gov/doj-financial-guide-2022>.

6.4 Non-Supplanting

Applicants who are current recipients of local or federal financial assistance are required to demonstrate how they will ensure that any award of local or federal funds under this RFA will not supplant other local or federal funds which otherwise have been made available.

6.5 Payment Provisions

The Government of the District of Columbia shall make payments on invoiced amounts in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement, which may result from submissions to this RFA. Grant funds will be awarded on a cost reimbursement basis. At any time before final payment and three (3) years thereafter, the government of the District of Columbia may conduct an audit of the grantee's expenditure statements

6.6 Applicant's Financial Statements

All applicants are required to provide a copy of their most recent and complete set of financial statements available for their organization. The most recent and complete set of audited financial statements must be dated within one calendar year from the date of the application. Applicants that received in the past fiscal year more than \$1,000,000.00 in funding from state and federal entities must also include their Single Audit Report. If audited financial statements have never been prepared due to the size or newness of an organization, the applicant must provide, at a minimum, an Organizational Budget, an Income Statement (or Profit and Loss Statement), and a Balance Sheet certified by an authorized representative of the organization, and any letters, filings, etc. submitted to the IRS within the three (3) years before the date of the grant application. Failure to include them may lead to an automatic rejection of the application. OVSJG also reserves the right to award funds under this RFA and withhold disbursement of funds pending a current audit report. ****** Failure to submit current audited financial statements may lead to an automatic rejection of the application. Current OVSJG grantees must be in compliance with this requirement at the time of grant application submission. However, if an organization is deemed eligible and awarded funds under this or any RFA released by OVSJG, future grant funds will be withheld until fully compliant with this requirement.***

6.7 Internal Revenue Service Requirement

All applicants must submit evidence of being a legally authorized entity (e.g., 501(c)(3) determination letter), a current business license, and any correspondence or other communication received from the IRS within three years before submission of the grant application that relates to the applicant's tax status. This requirement should not be construed to mean that all applicants are required to be a 501(c)(3) entity.

6.8 Disclosure of Legal Proceedings

All applicants are required to disclose in a signed written statement provided on organizational letterhead, the truth of which is sworn or attested to by the applicant's authorized official, whether the applicant, or where applicable, that its officers, partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, within the last three (3) years prior to the date of the application, has not:

1. Been indicted or had charges brought against them (if still pending) and/or been convicted of:
 - a. Any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the applicant's organization, or
 - b. Any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud; or
2. Been the subject of legal proceedings arising directly from the provision of services by the organization.

If the response is in the affirmative, the applicant shall fully describe any such indictments, charges, convictions, or legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and surrounding circumstances in writing and provide documentation of the circumstances.

6.9 Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) Requirement

All grantees must obtain and submit current year filing certification from the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) that the entity has complied with the filing requirements of District of Columbia tax laws, that they are current on all taxes including Unemployment Insurance and Workers' Compensation premiums and that the entity has paid taxes due to the District of Columbia, or is in compliance with any payment agreement with OTR.

6.10 Insurance Requirement

All grantees will be required to provide in writing the name of all of its insurance carriers and the type of insurance provided (e.g., general liability insurance carrier, automobile insurance carrier, workers' compensation insurance carrier, fidelity bond holder, etc). Applicants who have secured insurance at the time of application should upload the required documentation in the Forms and Files section in GovGrants. Applicants do not have insurance secured at the time of application who are awarded a grant are required to provide insurance documentation prior to award execution.

6.11 Funding to Faith-Based Organizations

Applicants from faith-based organizations (FBO's) are invited and encouraged to apply for eligible grant activities described in this RFA. Faith-based organizations will be considered for awards on the same basis as other eligible applicants and will be treated on an equal basis with other grantees should they receive an

award. No eligible applicant or grantee will be discriminated for or against on the basis of its religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors or persons working in the organization. However, grant funds may not be used to engage in inherently religious activities, such as proselytizing, scripture study, or worship. Funded FBOs may, of course, engage in religious activities; however, these activities must be separate in time or location from the OVSJG funded program. Moreover, funded FBOs must not compel program beneficiaries to participate in inherently religious activities. Funded faith-based organizations must also not discriminate on the basis of religion in the delivery of services or benefits.

6.12 Civil Rights Requirement

Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate compliance with District and federal civil rights requirements. If an applicant is selected for a grant award, grantee will be required to post and display the District of Columbia Equal Employment Opportunity poster in a conspicuous area accessible to employees; and appoint an Equal Opportunity (EO) Coordinator within the organization who will provide support and oversight to staff and service beneficiaries.

Applicants must agree to comply with the **District of Columbia Language Access Act**. The District's Language Access Program exists to ensure District residents who are limited or non-English proficient are afforded equal access to information and services provided by the District. Residents or visitors who speak little or no English must be offered interpretation services and/or translated documents when obtaining government services, as required by the Language Access Act of 2004. Language access includes access to certified interpreters and translated materials. All applications should demonstrate a plan to ensure compliance with the District's Language Access Program. For more information on the District of Columbia Language Access Act [visit this site](#).

Applicants must agree to comply with all applicable federal civil rights laws; make every effort to provide accessible programming to individuals with Limited English Proficiency; and comply with federal regulation 28 C.F.R. Part 38, governing "Equal Treatment for Faith based Organizations" (the Equal Treatment Regulation). The Equal Treatment Regulation provides that Department of Justice(DOJ) grant awards of direct funding may not be used to fund any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization. Recipients of direct grants may still engage in inherently religious activities, but such activities must be separate in time or place from the DOJ funded program, and participation in such activities must be voluntary. The Equal Treatment Regulation also makes clear that organizations participating in programs directly funded by the Department of Justice are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of the beneficiary's religion. Notwithstanding any other special condition of this award, faith-based organizations may in some circumstances consider religion as a basis for employment. See http://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/equal_fbo.htm.

6.13 Non-discrimination in Hiring and Delivery of Services and Discrimination Reporting

In accordance with the below listed applicable federal statutes, as well as District non-discrimination requirements, grantees agree to not discriminate in their hiring practices and/or provision of services against any and all protected populations. In addition, grantees agree to notify OVSJG within 48 hours of any and all employee or beneficiary formal complaints of discrimination against their organization, and to more

generally comply with all civil rights hiring and beneficiary service policies and procedures as identified in the below listed applicable statutes. Applicable statutes may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. §§ 10228(c) and 10221(a)); the Victims of Crime Act(34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)) ; the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b));the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101-07); the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994, as amended, 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13); and the Department of Justice’s regulations implementing these civil rights statutes at 28 C.F.R. pt. 35, 42, and 54; and Ex. Order13279 (Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations).

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APPENDIX A: Application Checklist

What an Application Must Include Checklist

A complete response to this RFA must include all of the following information and must be submitted before the deadline:

General Requirements:

- Active SAM Registration and Unique Entity ID #
- Abstract
- Project Narrative
 - Project Description
 - Evidence Based
 - Trauma Informed
 - Community Informed
 - Organization, Experience, and Qualification of Applicant
 - Data and Evaluation
- Project Work Plan
- Budget
 - Match Budget or Match Waiver Request (VOCA applicants)
- Letters of Support/Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)
- Audited Financial Statements of the organization's most recent fiscal year
- Disclosure of Legal Proceedings

Administrative Requirements (All Applicants)

- Current DC Business License
- DC 'Clean Hands'
- Tax Affidavit
- Key resumes and job descriptions
- Applicable staff license or certification required to perform services
- Roster of Board of Directors
- Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Drug-Free Workplace
- Standard Assurances (fill out in the Forms and Files tab in the application)
- Statement of Certification
- NICRA, if applicable
- Other

In addition to the General and Administrative Requirements listed above, all **VAWA** applicants must include:

- Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification Letter

In addition to the General and Administrative Requirements listed above, all **VOCA** applicants must include:

- VOCA Certification of Assurance
- Match Budget or Match Budget Waiver Request

APPENDIX B: Project Work Plan

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 rows. Do not add or make changes to section headings.

[Insert Agency Name]

Project Workplan

Project Goal:				
Objective:				
Activities:	1 st Qtr.	2 nd Qtr.	3 rd Qtr.	4 th Qtr.
Outcomes:				

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APPENDIX C: OVSJG Budget Instructions

For each category of expenditures, please provide the computation for arriving at these expenditures as well as a brief narrative explaining how these expenditures relate to the project/program outputs and outcomes. The budget narrative should itemize all costs and provide a detailed narrative explaining and justifying each budget item. All funds listed in the budget may be subject to an audit. Project allocations are required for OVSJG funding. Applicants must provide the percentage or number of hours proposed to fulfill the applicant's proposed goals and objectives.

The following examples are intended to assist you in preparing your application budget. **Applicants must enter budget information in the appropriate section in GovGrants. GovGrants auto calculates total costs for each line item. Formula manipulation is not allowable.**

Do not include these instructions or examples in the budget you submit with your application.

For guidance on how to fill in the budget tab please visit budget section in the [User Guide-How to complete award record.pdf](#) training guide

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.

The personnel line-item formula in GovGrants calculates as follow:

Salary x Time Worked x Percentage of time = Total Cost.

*FTE is not included in the calculation but a required data point for OVSJG grants.

The numbers inputted in the time worked category should match the rate calculations:

Yearly Salary/wages = enter 1 in time worked to signify 1 year's salary.

Monthly Salary/wages = enter number of months projected to work on the grant out of 12 months.

Weekly Salary/wages = enter number of weeks projected to work on the grant out of 52 weeks.

Hourly Salary/wages = enter in total hours projected to work on the grant.

Example Budget Scenarios:

Shannon makes \$100,000 a year. She spends all her time working on grant funded projects and works the full year.

Steph makes \$70,000 a year and is a full-time employee. She spends the majority of the time working on grant funded projects but spends a small bit of time doing other tasks for the agency (outside the grant). Steph is due for cost-of-living increase in April (halfway through the grant). In this scenario you would add Steph to the personnel calculations twice to show her projected change

in role and salary for the projected time in each role during year.

There is a vacancy for an advocate (marked TBD). They will make \$1,200 a week and will be a full-time employee. The start date for this role is the first business day of the new year. All of their time will be spent on grant activities.

Mary makes \$25.00 an hour and is a part-time hotline advocate. She on average works 900 hours a year but this number varies based on the hotline demands. This fiscal year you project 960 hours for the year to keep up with the hotlines increased call trends. All of her part-time hours will be spent on grant activities.

Name	Position	Salary	Rate	FTE	Time Worked	% of Time	Total Cost
Shannon Smith	Program Director	\$100,000	Yearly	1	1 (year)	100%	\$100,000
Steph Jones	Program Manager	\$70,000	Yearly	1	.5 (year)	75%	\$26,250
Steph Jones	Program Manager	\$75,000	Yearly	1	.5 (year)	75%	\$28,125
TBD	Legal Advocate	\$1,200	Weekly	1	39 (weeks)	100%	\$46,800
Mary	Hotline Advocate	\$25.00	Hourly	.5	950 (hours)	100%	\$23,750
Total Cost							\$224,925

Narrative:
The Program Director, Shannon, will oversee the daily operations of the project and supervise project staff. Ms. Smith is also responsible for drafting and submitting programmatic and financial reports.
The Program Manager, Steph Jones, is a full-time employee and oversees program evaluation and development. Starting in April her salary will increase by \$5,000 as she is due for a cost-of-living increase.
The advocate role is currently vacant. This role will meet with clients and help them navigate the court and legal system. We anticipate hiring for this role at the top of the new year.
Mary is a part-time Hotline Advocate. The number of hours worked will vary each week depending on the need. She has averaged 900 – 950 hours worked in previous fiscal years. We anticipate an increased need for support on the hotline this year.

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.

The fringe line-item formula in GovGrants calculates as follow:
Base (total cost from personnel) x (fringe) Rate = Total Cost.

Name	Position	Base	Rate	Total Cost
Shannon Smith	Program Director	\$100,000	15%	\$15,000
Steph Jones	Program Manager	\$26,250	15%	\$3,937.50
Steph Jones	Program Manager	\$33,750	15%	\$5,062.15
TBD	Legal Advocate	\$46,800	15%	\$7,020
Mary	Hotline Advocate	\$23,750	6%	\$1,425
Total Cost				\$32,444.65

Narrative:

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. [GSA](#) rates may be used to calculate travel cost or rates established by agency policy.

The travel/training line-item formula in GovGrants calculates as follow:
Cost x Quantity x # of Staff = Total Cost.

Purpose of Travel	Location	Type of Expense	Basis	Cost	Quantity	# of Staff	Total Cost
Transporting clients to/from court	DC Superior Court	Driving	Per mile	\$3.744	50	1	\$187.20
Attendance at task force meetings	ABC Drive, Washington DC	Metro Round Trip	Per RT	\$4.40	6	2	\$52.80
Staff Training - National Trauma Conference	Dallas, TX	Airplane	Per ticket	\$500	1	2	\$1,000
Staff Training – National Trauma Conference	Dallas, TX	Lodging	Per night	\$154	3	2	\$924
Staff Training – National Trauma Conference	Dallas, TX	Ubers	Per trip	\$20	4	1	\$80
Total Cost							\$2,244

Narrative:

Staff will use private vehicles to transport clients to/from court as needed. Please note that only 1 staff is listed as the drive may be interchangeable, but it will be one driver per trip.

Two staff will attend the DC Anti-Violence task force meetings six times a fiscal year.

Two staff will attend the National Trauma Conference to enhance their professional knowledge and skills. Please note that they will share Ubers so the cost only reflects one staff person for Uber transportation.

D. CONSULTANTS/CONTRACTS:

Contract and consulting services, including contracts such as rent, IT contracts, technical assistance, training, outsourcing of program services, maintenance/service agreements, accounting, etc. that can be directly attributed to grant-funded activities. Provide a description of the project or services to be procured by consultant/contractor and an estimate of the costs. Applicants are encouraged to promote free and open competition in awarding contracts. A copy of executed contract/written agreement between the sub-grantee and service provider prior to any reimbursement payment.

The consultant/contract line-item formula in GovGrants calculates as follow:

$$\text{Unit Cost/Rate} \times \text{Number of Units} = \text{Total Cost.}$$

Consultant/Contract Item	Service Provided	Unit Cost/Rate	Basis	Number of Units	Total Cost
Dr. Leslie Smith	Staff wide trauma training	\$500	Per day	2	\$1,000
John Jacob	Finance consultant	\$55	Per hour	400	\$22,000
Pet Partners	Pet therapy services for clients	\$500	Per session	12	\$6,000
Total Cost					\$29,000

Narrative:

Dr. Smith will prepare and provide a one-day training on the neurobiology of trauma and providing trauma-informed services for staff and project partners. Dr. Smith will provide the training remotely.

John Jacob will provide accounting services for 400 hours on this grant supporting the financial management staff on this grant. This includes payroll, recording expenses, and submitting financial reports.

Pet Partners will provide pet therapy services for survivors of trauma once a month in a group therapy format for clients served by this grant.

Consultant Fees: For each consultant enter the name, if known, service to be provided, hourly or daily fee (8-hour day), and estimated time on the project. List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultants in addition to their fees (i.e., travel, meals, lodging, etc.). **Consultant rate cannot exceed \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour. Prior approval must be received from OVSJG for consultant rates in excess of \$650 per day.**

Contracts: Provide a description of the product or service to be procured by contract and an estimate of the cost. Applicants are encouraged to promote free and open competition in awarding contracts. Rent expenses should be based on project allocation. For example, provide the square footage and the cost per square foot for rent, or provide a monthly rental cost and how many months to rent.

E. SUPPLIES:

List the supplies that will be purchased under the grant and provide a description in the budget narrative explaining how the supplies are necessary for the success of the project. Include all known vendors. These costs cover such items as office supplies, computer hardware/software, and other items that must be used directly for project activities; all proposed costs must be based on project allocation. List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copying paper, and expendable equipment items costing less than \$5,000) and show the basis for computation. (Note: Organization’s own capitalization policy may be used for items costing less than \$5,000). Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.

Please list all supplies that will be purchase under the grant and provide a brief description in the budget narrative whether any specialty supplies (other than general office supplies) will be purchased to fulfill the applicants proposed goals and objectives.

The supplies line-item formula in GovGrants calculates as follow:

$$\text{Unit Cost/Rate} \times \text{Number of Units} \times \text{Percentage} = \text{Total Cost.}$$

Item	Unit Cost/Rate	Basis	Number	Percent	Total Cost
Office Supplies	\$4,000	Per year	1	25%	\$1,000
Case Management System	\$800	Per license	3	100%	\$2,400
Palm Cards	.10	Per card	5,000	100%	\$500
Laptop	\$550	Per computer	1	100%	\$550
Total Cost					\$4,450

Narrative:

Office supplies are based on the program's percentage of the annual organization supply budget.

Palm cards with agency contact information will be distributed during outreach activities.

The laptop will be purchased for the Legal Advocate to use during client meetings.

The Care Case Management System is used is used to track clients served, data, and case notes; budgeted amount is based licenses for staff covered by the grant.

F. EQUIPMENT:

These funds are to be used for the purchase of equipment that is essential and used directly by the project. List non-expendable items that are to be purchased.(Note: Organization's own capitalization policy may be used for items costing less than \$5,000; if the item cost is above \$5,000, then the organization must seek no less than three price bids and award based off the best price). Please list the equipment that will be purchased under the grant and provide a description in the budget narrative whether the proposed equipment augments current equipment used by the applicant. Documentation must be maintained per the record retention policy. Provide a description in the budget narrative explaining how the equipment is necessary for the success of the project and include all known vendors.

The equipment line-item formula in GovGrants calculates as follow:

$$\text{Unit Cost/Rate} \times \text{Number of Units} \times \text{Percentage} = \text{Total Cost.}$$

Item	Unit Cost/Rate	Basis	Number	Percent	Total Cost
EMDR Light Equipment	\$11,000	Per unit	2	60%	\$13,200
Total Cost					\$13,200

Narrative:

Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy, commonly known as EMDR, is a mental health therapy method. EMDR treats mental health conditions that happen because of memories from traumatic events in your past. This equipment will be used by therapists providing EMDR therapy to clients served by this grant at 60% of their time utilizing this equipment. The known vendors of this equipment include Etsy, Ebay, and EMDR Light Company.

G. DIRECT CLIENT SUPPORT (FLEX FUNDS):

These costs are to be used for direct client support. While the funds are intentionally flexible, eligible uses are restricted to goods and services that are directly related to **assessed individual needs**. For example, food, housing (access and retention or critical supplies), vital documents (birth certificates, IDs, immigration documents, etc.), access to health care services (co pays, required immunizations, prescriptions), transportation needs, connectivity, education needs, and other temporary or immediate expenses.

The direct client support/flex funds formula in GovGrants calculates as follow:

$$\text{Unit Cost/Rate} \times \text{Number of Units} \times \text{Percentage} = \text{Total Cost.}$$

Item	Unit Cost/Rate	Basis	Number	Percent	Total Cost
Metro Cards	\$30	Per card	100	100%	\$3,000
Court Fees	\$100	Per client	100	100%	\$10,000
Utilities support	\$150	Per client	20	100%	\$3,000
Total Cost					\$16,000

Narrative:

Metro Smart Trip Cards will be provided to 100 clients to facilitate transportation to court dates.

Initial court fees will be paid for each client engaging in the court system.

Utility payments to support financially be provided for at maximum 20 clients. This support will be provided based on intake needs assessment.

H. OPERATING COSTS

List items by type that will be charged to the grant and provide a description in the budget narrative explaining how the requested item(s) are necessary for the success of the project. Include all known vendors.

The operating costs formula in GovGrants calculates as follow:

$$\text{Unit Cost/Rate} \times \text{Number of Units} \times \text{Percentage} = \text{Total Cost.}$$

Item	Unit Cost/Rate	Basis	Number	Percent	Total Cost
Insurance (Traveler's)	\$10,000	Per year	1	15%	\$1,500
Audit Services (Cooper & Fine)	\$8,000	Per audit	1	15%	\$1,200
Office Rent	\$4,500	Per month	12	60%	\$32,400
Total Cost					\$35,100

Narrative:

Insurance includes general liability, D&O, and professional insurance for the share spent on this grant.

Audit services are based on last fiscal years expenses and amount of time spent on this grant.

Office rent for space rented for management and project staff.

All amounts are prorated based on project budget in relation or overall organization budget.

I. INDIRECT COSTS

If the applicant possesses a negotiated indirect cost rate (NICRA), they can submit it in this section and request reimbursement for expenses at said rate. **Any costs included in the calculation of the NICRA cannot also be requested as direct costs.** NICRA documentation must be submitted with the application.

Alternatively, applicants can request reimbursement of the "de minimis" rate which is 10% of the Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). When using this method, cost must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs, but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. Also, if this method is chosen then it must be used consistently for all awards.

What is the Modified Total Direct Cost, or MTDC?

- This base includes all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and subawards up to the first \$50,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award).
- MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, and the portion of each subaward

in excess of \$50,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with approval.

Templates for calculating this cost can be found in the supporting document check list. You must fill in the template to calculate your indirect cost, upload it to the supporting document checklist and then enter in the total indirect cost in GovGrants. GovGrants will NOT calculate this formula for applicants.

Method of Indirect Cost Calculation	Total Cost
De minimis – 10%	\$31,176.36

Narrative:
Pursuant to the DC Nonprofit Fair Compensation Act of 2020 (DC Law 23-185), this grant adjustment notice is being submitted with the updated indirect rate to calculate all indirect costs on grant awards with the District. A copy of the approved indirect cost agreement is enclosed.

APPENDIX D: Standard Assurances

(Please note this form is available to fill out in Forms and Files tab in application)

The applicant hereby assures and certifies compliance with all federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements, including OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-110, A-122, A-133; Executive Order 12372 (intergovernmental review of federal programs); and 28 C.F.R. pts. 66 or 70 (administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements). The applicant also specifically assures and certifies that:

1. It has the legal authority to apply for the grant and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
3. It will give the sponsoring agency of the Comptroller General, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.
4. It will comply with all applicable federal civil rights laws; and comply with federal regulation 28 C.F.R. pt. 38, governing “Equal Treatment for Faith-based Organizations” (the Equal Treatment Regulation). The Equal Treatment Regulation provides that Department of Justice grant awards of direct funding may not be used to fund any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction or proselytization. Recipients of direct grants may still engage in inherently religious activities, but such activities must be separate in time or place from the DOJ funded program, and participation in such activities must be voluntary. The Equal Treatment Regulation also makes clear that organizations participating in programs directly funded by the Department of Justice are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of the beneficiary’s religion. Notwithstanding any other special condition of this award, faith- based organizations may in some circumstances consider religion as a basis for employment. See http://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/equal_fbo.htm
5. It will assist the federal grantor agency in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (16 USC §470), Executive Order 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (16 USC §469a-1 *et. seq.*) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. § 4321). By (a) consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer on the conduct of investigations, as necessary, to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that are subject to adverse effects (see 36 CFR Pt 800.8) by the activity, and notifying the federal grantor agency of the existence of any such properties, and by (b) complying with all requirements established by the federal grantor agency to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.
6. It will comply (and will require any sub-grantees or contractors to comply) with any applicable statutorily- imposed nondiscrimination requirements of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, (34U.S.C. §§ 10228(c) and 10221(a)); the Victims of Crime Act (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)) ; the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-34); the Education Amendments

of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 1685- 86); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101-07); the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994, as amended, 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13); and the Department of Justice’s regulations implementing these civil rights statutes at 28 C.F.R. pt. 35, 42, and 54; and Ex. Order 13279 (Partnerships with Faith- Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations). . It will provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) pursuant to the DC Language Access Act of 2004 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

7. If a governmental entity,
 - a. it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and
 - b. it will comply with 5 U.S.C. §§ 501-08 and §§ 7324-28, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.

Authorized Official

Date

APPENDIX E: Statement of Certification

The applicant specifically assures and certifies that the below is sworn or attested to by the applicant:

1. The individuals, by name, title, address, and phone number who are authorized to negotiate with the Agency on behalf of the organization;
2. That the applicant is able to maintain adequate files and records and can and will meet all reporting requirements;
3. That all fiscal records are kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue, and expenditures whatsoever; that all fiscal records are accurate, complete and current at all times; and that these records will be made available for audit and inspection as required;
4. That the applicant is current on payment of all federal and District taxes, including Unemployment Insurance taxes and Workers' Compensation premiums. This statement of certification shall be accompanied by a certificate from the District of Columbia OTR stating that the entity has complied with the filing requirements of District of Columbia tax laws and has paid taxes due to the District of Columbia, or is in compliance with any payment agreement with OTR;
5. That the applicant has the demonstrated administrative and financial capability to provide and manage the proposed services and ensure an adequate administrative, performance and audit trail;
6. That, if required by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, the applicant is able to secure a bond, in an amount not less than the total amount of the funds awarded, against losses of money and other property caused by fraudulent or dishonest act committed by any employee, board member, officer, partner, shareholder, or trainee;
7. That the applicant is not proposed for debarment or presently debarred, suspended, or declared ineligible, as required by Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension," and implemented by 2 CFR 180, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions and is not proposed for debarment or presently debarred as a result of any actions by the District of Columbia Contract Appeals Board, the Office of Contracting and Procurement, or any other District contract regulating Agency;
8. That the applicant has the financial resources and technical expertise necessary for the production, construction, equipment and facilities adequate to perform the grant or sub grant, or the ability to obtain them;
9. That the applicant has the ability to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing and reasonably expected commercial and governmental business commitments;
10. That the applicant has satisfactory record performing similar activities as detailed in the award or, if the grant award is intended to encourage the development and support of organizations without significant previous experience, that the applicant has otherwise established that it has the skills and resources necessary to perform the grant. In this connection, Agencies may report their experience with an applicant's performance to OPGS which shall collect such reports and make the same available on its intranet website.
11. That the applicant has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
12. That the applicant has the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills to implement the grant, or the ability to obtain them;
13. That the applicant is in compliance with the applicable District licensing and tax laws and regulations;
14. That the applicant complies with provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Act;
15. That the applicant meets all other qualifications and eligibility criteria necessary to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations;
16. That the applicant is current on all taxes, including Unemployment Insurance and Workers' Compensation premiums;

17. That the applicant organization has complied with the filing requirements of District of Columbia tax laws and that the entity has paid taxes due to the District of Columbia, or is in compliance with any payment agreement with OTR; and
18. That the grantee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Government of the District of Columbia and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this grant or sub grant from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the District on account of any claim therefore, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant organization, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

Applicant Name

Address

Application Number and/or Project Name

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative Signature

Date

APPENDIX F: Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, “New Restrictions on Lobbying” and 28 CFR Part 67, “Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants).” The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants determines to sub award the covered transaction or grant.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies that:

- A. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influence or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- B. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (attached), in accordance with its instructions;
- C. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-grants, Contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DIRECT RECIPIENT)

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510—Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies that:

- A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:
 1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency; Excluded Parties List can be found at <http://epls.arnet.gov>.
 2. Have not within a three year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 4. Have not within a three year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default; and
- B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

3. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F. for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67 Sections 67.615 and 67.620—

- A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug free workplace by:
1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 2. Establishing an on-going drug free awareness program to inform employees about—
 - i. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - ii. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - iii. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - iv. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
 4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
 - i. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - ii. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
 5. Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title to: the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, 441 4th St. NW, Suite 727N, Washington, DC 20001. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
 6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is convicted –
 - i. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - ii. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

The grantee must insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance:

Street address and zip code

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67; Sections 67.615 and 67.620:

- A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and
- B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 727N, Washington, DC. 20001.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

Applicant Name

Address

Application Number and/or Project Name

Applicant IRS/Vendor Number

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative Signature

Date

APPENDIX G: SAMPLE DELIVERY OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE

CERTIFICATION LETTER

Date

Jennifer Porter
Director
Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants
899 North Capitol Street, NE
Suite 4100
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification

Dear Ms. Porter:

I submit this letter to certify that **[Your Agency Name Here]** is in compliance with
The following statutory requirements:

- 1) Any person providing legal assistance through a program funded under the **[insert program name] Program**
 - (A) (i) is a licensed attorney or is working under the direct supervision of a licensed attorney; (ii) in immigration proceedings, is a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representative; (iii) in Veterans' Administration claims, is an accredited representative; or (iv) is any person who functions as an attorney or lay advocate in Tribal court; and
 - (B) (i) has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or (ii) (I) is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in clause (i); and (II) has completed, or will complete, training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide.
- 2) Any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a tribal, state, territorial, local, or culturally specific domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, state, territorial, and local law enforcement officials.
- 3) Any person or organization providing legal assistance through a program funded under the **[insert program name] Program** has informed and will continue to inform state, local, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate state and local law enforcement officials of their work.
- 4) The applicant's organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling

involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or child sexual abuse is an issue.

Sincerely,

[Authorized Representative]

APPENDIX H: Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)

Sub-recipient Organization and Eligibility Requirements

Certification of Assurance

VOCA establishes eligibility criteria that *must* be met by all organizations that receive VOCA funds. These funds are to be awarded to sub-recipients only for providing services to victims of crime through their staff. This certified assurance document outlines the criteria used to determine an organization's eligibility for receiving VOCA funds, what type of organizations are eligible to become sub-recipients and details the allowable and unallowable costs at the sub-recipient level. In addition, *all* sub-recipients must certify that they have read and will comply with *VOCA*, the *Program Guidelines*, and the *OJP Financial Guide*. This assurance form does not replace the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions (Sub-recipient), OJP Form 4061/1, currently signed by all VOCA sub-recipients.

Organization Eligibility Requirements

Each sub-recipient organization *must* meet the following requirements to be considered for funding:

- **Public or Nonprofit Organization** – To be eligible to receive VOCA funds, organizations must be operated by public or nonprofit organizations, or a combination of such organizations, and provide services to crime victims.
- **Record of Effective Services** – Demonstrate a record of providing effective services to crime victims. This includes having the support and approval of its services by the community.
- **Program Match Required** – Matching contributions of 20% (cash or in-kind) of the total cost of each VOCA project (VOCA grant plus match) are required for each VOCA-funded project and must be derived from non-federal sources, except as provided in the [OJP Financial Guide](#). All funds designated as match are restricted to the same uses as the VOCA victim assistance funds and must be expended within the grant period. Match must be provided on a project-by-project basis. In-kind match may include (donations of expendable equipment, office supplies, workshop or classroom materials, work space, or the monetary value of time contributed by professionals and technical personnel and other skilled and unskilled labor, if the services they provide are an integral and necessary part of a funded project). Sub-grantee will report Match quarterly.
- **Record Keeping** – VOCA sub-recipients must maintain records that clearly show the source, the amount, and the period during which the match was allocated. The basis for determining the value of personal services, materials, equipment, and space must be documented. Volunteer services must be documented, and to the extent feasible, supported by the same methods used by the sub-recipient for its own paid employees.
- **Volunteers** – Sub-recipient organizations must use volunteers unless the state grantee determines there is a compelling reason to waive this requirement. Sub-grantee will collect time records for Volunteer hours worked.

- **Promote Community Efforts to Aid Crime Victims** – Promote, within the community, coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims. Coordination may include, but is not limited to, serving on state, federal, local task forces, commissions, working groups, coalitions, and/or multi-disciplinary teams. Coordination efforts also include developing written agreements that contribute to better and more comprehensive services to crime victims. *Coordination efforts qualify an organization to receive VOCA victim assistance funds, but are not activities that can be supported with VOCA funds.*
- **Help Victims Apply for Compensation Benefits** – Such assistance may include identifying and notifying crime victims of the availability of compensation, assisting them with application forms and procedures, obtaining necessary documentation, and/or checking claim status.
- **Comply with Federal Rules Regulating Grants** – Sub-recipients must comply with the applicable provisions of *VOCA*, the *Program Guidelines*, and the requirements of the *OJP Financial Guide*. The OJP Financial Guide is available online at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/finguide06/index.htm>
- **Maintain Civil Rights Information** – Maintain statutorily required civil rights statistics on victims served by race, national origin, sex, age, and disability, within the timetable established by the state grantee; and permit reasonable access to its books, documents, papers and records to determine whether the sub-recipient is complying with the applicable civil rights laws. This requirement is waived when providing a service, such as telephone counseling, where soliciting the information may be inappropriate or offensive to the crime victim.
- **Comply with State Criteria** – Sub-recipients must abide by any additional eligibility service criteria as established by the state grantee including submitting statistical and programmatic information on the use and impact of VOCA funds, as requested by the grantee.
- **Services to Victims of Federal Crimes** – Sub-recipients must provide services to victims of federal crimes on the same basis as victims of state/local crimes.
- **No Charge to Victims for VOCA –Funded Services** – Sub-recipients must provide services to crime victims, at no charge, through the VOCA-funded project.
- **Client Counselor and Research Information Confidentiality** – Maintain confidentiality of client- counselor information, as required by state and federal law.
- **Confidentiality of Research Information** – Except as otherwise provided by federal law, no recipient shall use or reveal any research or statistical information furnished under this program by any person and identifiable to any specific private person for any purpose other than the purpose for which such information was obtained in accordance with VOCA.
- **Compliance with applicable rules regarding approval, planning and reporting of conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events**
The recipient, and any subrecipient (“subgrantee”) at any tier, must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related

to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (currently, as section 3, 10 of “Post Award Requirements” in the 2015 DOJ Grants Financial Guide”)

- **OJP Training Guiding Principles**

Any training or training materials that the recipient –or any subrecipient (“subgrantee”) at any tier— develops or delivers with OJP award funds must adhere to the OJ Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedo/overview>

- **Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination – 28 C.F.R. Part 28**

The recipient, and any subrecipient (“subgrantee”) at any tier, must comply with all application requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

- The recipient understands that all OJP awards are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. section 4321 et seq.) and other related Federal laws (including the National Historic Preservation Act), if applicable. The recipient agrees to assist OJP in carrying out its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws, if the recipient plans to use VOCA funds (directly or through subaward or contract) to undertake any activity that triggers these requirements, such as renovation or construction. (See 28 C.F.R. Part 61, App D.) The recipient also agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this award.
- The recipient understands and agrees that award funds may not be used to discriminate against or designate the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs for which financial assistance is provided from those funds, or of the parents or legal guardians of such students.

New Programs that have not yet demonstrated a record of providing services may be eligible to receive VOCA funding if they can demonstrate that 25-50 percent of their financial support comes from non-federal sources. It is important that organizations have a variety of funding sources besides federal funding in order to ensure their financial stability.

Eligible Sub-recipient Organizations

VOCA specifies that an organization must provide services to crime victims and be operated by a public agency or nonprofit organization, or a combination of such agencies or organizations in order to be eligible to receive VOCA funding. Eligible organizations include victim services organizations whose sole mission is to provide services to crime victims. These organizations include but are not limited to:

- Sexual Assault and Rape Treatment Centers
- Domestic Violence Programs and Shelters
- Child Abuse Programs
- Centers for Missing Children
- Mental Health Services
- Community-Based Victim Coalitions; and
- Support Organizations including those who serve survivors of homicide victims.

In addition to victim services organizations, whose sole purpose is to serve crime victims, there are many other public and nonprofit organizations that have components which offer services to crime victims. These organizations are eligible to receive VOCA funds, if the funds are used to expand or enhance the delivery of crime victims' services. These organizations include, but are not limited to the following:

- **Criminal Justice Agencies** – Such agencies as law enforcement organizations, prosecutors' offices, courts, corrections departments, and probation and paroling authorities are eligible to receive VOCA funds to help pay for victims' services. For example, prosecutor-based victim services may include victim-witness programs, victim notification, and victim impact statements, including statements of pecuniary damages for restitution. Corrections-based victim services may include victim notification, restitution advocacy, victim-offender mediation programs, and victim impact panels. Police-based victim services may include victim crisis units or victim advocates, victim registration and notification, and cellular phone and alarm services for domestic abuse victims. In general, VOCA funds may be used to provide crime victim services that **exceed** a law enforcement official's normal duties. Regular law enforcement duties such as crime scene intervention, questioning of victims and witnesses, investigation of the crime, and follow-up activities may **not** be paid for with VOCA funds.
- **Religiously-Affiliated Organizations** – Such organizations receiving VOCA funds must ensure that services are offered to all crime victims without regard to religious affiliation and that the receipt of services is not contingent upon participation in a religious activity or event.
- **State Crime Victim Compensation Agencies** – Compensation programs, including both centralized and decentralized programs, may receive VOCA assistance funds if they offer direct services to crime victims that extend beyond the essential duties of compensation staff such as claims investigations, distribution of information about compensation and referral to other sources of public and private assistance. Such services would include assisting victims in identifying and accessing needed services and resources.
- **Hospitals and Emergency Medical Facilities** – Such organizations must offer crisis counseling, support groups, and/or other types of victim services. In addition, state grantees *may only award VOCA funds to a medical facility for the purpose of performing forensic examinations on sexual assault victims* if (1) the examination meets the standards established by the state, local prosecutor's office, or state-wide sexual assault coalition; **and** (2) appropriate crisis counseling and/or other types of victim services are offered to the victim in conjunction with the examination.
- **Others** – State and local public agencies such as mental health service organizations, state/local public child and adult protective services, state grantees, legal services agencies and programs with

a demonstrated history of advocacy on behalf of domestic violence victims, and public housing authorities that have components specifically trained to serve crime victims.

Allowable Costs for Direct Services

The following is a listing of services, activities, and costs that are eligible for support with VOCA victim Assistance grant funds within a sub-recipient's organization:

- Immediate Health and Safety
- Mental Health Assistance
- Assistance with Participation in Criminal Justice Proceedings
- Forensic Examinations
- Costs Necessary and Essential to Providing Direct Services
- Special Services
- Personnel Costs
- Restorative Justice

Other Allowable Costs and Services

The services, activities and costs listed below are not generally considered direct crime victim services, but are often a necessary and essential activity to ensure that quality direct services are provided. Before these costs can be supported with VOCA funds, the state grantee and sub-recipient must agree that direct services to crime victims cannot be offered without the support for these expenses; that the sub-recipient has no other source of support for them; and that only limited amounts of VOCA funds will be used for these purposes. The following list provides examples of such items:

- Skills Training for Staff
- Training Materials
- Training Related Travel
- Equipment and Furniture
- Purchasing or Leasing Vehicles
- Advanced Technologies
- Contracts for Professional Services
- Operating Costs
- Indirect Organizational Costs
- Supervision of Direct Service Providers
- Repair and/or Replacement of Essential Items
- Public Presentations

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
- Needs Assessments, Surveys, Evaluations, Studies

- Prosecution Activities
- Fundraising Activities
- Property Loss
- Most Medical Costs
- Relocation Expenses
- Development of Protocols, Interagency Agreements, and Other Working Agreements
- Costs of Sending Individual Crime Victims to Conferences
- Activities Exclusively Related to Crime Prevention

AUTHORIZATION OF GRANT CERTIFIED ASSURANCES

I understand and agree to comply with all of the guidelines stated above.

Organization Name

Printed Name Authorized Official

Signature of Authorized Official

Date