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Outline of Webinar Presentation

1. Overview of the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

2. Breakdown of the **Building State Technology Capacity** solicitation

   - Purpose and Goal

   - Program Focus Areas

   - Eligibility

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Department of Justice

This program furthers the Department's mission by awarding funds to **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Formula State Administrating Agencies** to enhance states' access to technology for the purpose of providing innovative service to crime victims.

OVC Mission Statement

OVC is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

VOCA-Authorized Activities

Crime Victim Compensation (formula)

- Direct payments for crime victims
- Reimbursement for crime-related expenses (e.g., medical, mental health counseling, funeral and burial, lost wages, loss of support)

Victim Assistance Services (formula)

- Community-based victim service programs
- Supports the delivery of direct services (e.g., counseling, shelter, advocacy, legal services)

OVC Discretionary Activities

- National-scope training and technical assistance
- Demonstration and services programs
- Victim legal assistance
- Program evaluations
- Fellowships
- Services for victims of federal crimes (e.g., tribal victim assistance)

History of Program Solicitation

- This discretionary grant program has been funded three times in the past. It was originally funded in FY 2014 with multiple purpose areas.

- It was also offered again in FY 2015 and FY 2017 with its primary focus being the improvement of compensation programs performance measurement compliance.

Building State Technology Capacity: Program Goal

The goal of this initiative is to provide a competitive funding opportunity for VOCA formula state administrating agencies, that have identified technological improvements that will:

1. **enhance** their current system or build new systems to increase **access to technology;**

2. **increase access to resources**; and/or

3. **increase** administrative **reporting accuracy**.

Building State Technology Capacity: Program Focus Areas

The applicant can select **one or more** of the 9 focus areas in their application:

1. Develop or implement innovative technology to <u>enhance outreach to victims</u> of crime.
2. Use technology to effectively communicate about, report on, and monitor VOCA program activities.
3. Enhance the collection of performance measures related to elder abuse and other types of victimization.
4. Promote and implement new crime victim outreach methods through the use of technology.
5. Increase the online presence of State Administrating Agencies (SAA) and other victim service providers with social media.

Building State Technology Capacity: Focus Areas (continued)

6. Enhance victim compensation database technology to increase efficiency and reduce claim-processing time.

7. Build or enhance access to technology by the state and its subgrantees for administrative reporting.

8. Developing or improving statewide grants management system(s).

9. Improve the security, confidentiality, and effective use of victims' data stored within technology systems.

*This is not an exhaustive list of Focus Areas.

Applicants are encouraged to develop additional Focus Areas to advance the purpose of this project.

Eligibility to Apply

- **State Victim Assistance And Compensation Programs** that are eligible to administer Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance or Compensation Formula Grants, authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 20102(b) and 20103(b) .

- Other organizations when such an application **is in partnership** with the VOCA Victim Assistance and/or Compensation Administrator <u>of the applicant's state.</u>

For additional information on Eligibility, please review the title page of the solicitation.

Eligibility (continued)

- OVC welcomes applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, **only one entity**, the SAA, may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). The applicant must be the entity that would have primary responsibility for carrying out the award, including administering the funding and managing the entire project.

Application Timeline

Solicitation Opened: **May 29, 2018**

Solicitation Closes: **July 2, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. et**

Award Amount and Project Period

- **Award Amount:** up to <u>$750,000</u> per award
- **Project Period: 12 to 36 months**
  - Period of performance: begins on October 1, 2018
  - Applicant chooses the length of the project based on its scope.

Applications MUST Include

The following information **must be included** in the application submission:

- **Project Narrative** *

  - **Statement of the Problem** (10% of the application score)

  - **Project Design and Implementation** (40% of the application score)

  - **Capabilities and Competencies** (20% of the application score)

  - **Plan for Collecting Performance Measurement Data** (5% of the application score)

- **Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative** (15% of the application score) *

- **Time-Task Plan** (5% of the application score) *

- **Logic Model** (5% of the application score)*

If you do not submit documents noted with an asterisk (*) the application will not be considered for funding.

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Applications also MUST Include

The following information must be included in the application submission:

- Project Abstract

- Information on Proposed Subawards or Procurement Contracts (if applicable)

- SF-424

- Application Disclosure of High Risk Status

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)

- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire

- Other Attachments (as needed)

Requirements for 'Large' Proposed Programs

Larger-scope project proposals must include these three elements:

- Strategic Planning
- Implementation
- Evaluation

For additional information, please review:

Section A. Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables of the solicitation.

How to Apply for Funding

1. Must register in and submit applications through Grants.Gov.

2. Acquire a SAM and unique entity identifier (currently, a DUNS number).

3. Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password.

4. Acquire confirmation for the AOR from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC).

5. Search and access the funding opportunity on Grants.gov.

6. Submit a valid application consistent with this solicitation by following the directions in Grants.gov.

Go to https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html for further details on DUNS numbers, SAM, and Grants.gov registration steps and timeframes.

Important Contact Information

Application Submission Technical Assistance:

Contact the **Grants.Gov Customer Support Hotline:**

- – Phone: 800–518–4726 or 606–545–5035
- – Email: support@grants.gov

Solicitation Requirements, Programmatic, and General Assistance:

Contact the **National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center:**

- – Phone: 800–851–3420; TTY at 301–240–6310
- – Email: grants@ncjrs.gov; web chat: https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp
- – Operation Hours: 10:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday, and from 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., eastern time on the solicitation closing date.

Important Websites

- Office for Victims of Crime: www.ovc.gov

- DOJ Grants Financial Guide: https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm

- OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center: www.ovcttac.gov

- Grants Management System: https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/

- Grants Payment Request System: https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/gprs

- Grant Performance Measurement Reporting: https://ojp.gov/performance/

- National Criminal Justice Reference Service: www.ncjrs.gov

Question Time

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