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**OVC Fiscal Year 2018
Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis:
Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims**

June 6, 2018

The webinar will begin shortly.

Presenter

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Outline of Webinar Presentation

1. Mission of DOJ and OVC

2. Scope of this program

3. Walkthrough of the solicitation

   Helpful hint: Have a copy with you to follow along and reference!!!

4. Questions and Answers

U.S. Department of Justice

This program furthers the Department's mission by providing resources to support state, local, and tribal efforts to assist <u>crime victims</u>. (p. 1)

OVC Mission

OVC's mission is to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist <u>crime victims</u> and provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all <u>victims of crime</u>. (p. 4)

Scope of this program

Opioid epidemic/crisis — defined on p. 1, footnote 1

Children and youth — defined on p. 4, footnote 3

Crime victims — defined on p. 4, footnote 4

Two Purpose Areas (p. 1)

Purpose Area 1: Direct Services

Purpose Area 2: Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Provider

Deadline to Apply (p. 2)

- All applications are due by **11:59 p.m. eastern time on July 10, 2018**.

- OJP urges applicants to submit applications **at least 72 hours prior** to the application due date.

Important Contact Information

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The purpose of this solicitation is:

- to address an urgent gap in crime victim services related to the opioid epidemic and to expand upon existing or establish new programs to provide services to children and youth who are victimized as a result of the opioid crisis.

- OVC anticipates that this solicitation will support service providers in expanding their current scope and expertise to ensure that children and youth—the most vulnerable victims impacted by the opioid crisis—are supported as they heal from the impact of crime and substance abuse.

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- Note: Funding for this program is authorized by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), which limits allowable expenses to those associated with <u>serving crime victims</u>. Examples include programs and services that provide awareness about victimization and the resources available to victims, direct services that provide for the needs of crime victims, and support to navigate the complex systems often associated with victimization (e.g., criminal justice, child welfare). Primary prevention programs are <u>not</u> permissible under VOCA and are not an allowable cost under this solicitation.

Program Description - Program-Specific Information (p. 4-5)

- Across the Nation, communities are struggling to respond to drug abuse and addiction—particularly from opioids—and the associated social and economic consequences, including crime victimization.

- A strong link between crime victimization and substance abuse has been evidenced for some time, and these issues cannot be successfully addressed in "silos" or by one discipline or agency.

- OVC and the crime victims field can play a critical role in supporting young victims affected by the opioid crisis.

- OVC is committed to supporting the expansion of crime victim services and community partnerships to ensure these young crime victims are supported—no matter when or where they may access services.

Overarching Goal (p. 5-6)

- Support children and youth who are crime victims as a result of the opioid crisis.
  - Purpose Area 1 (Direct Services) applicants will achieve this goal by providing direct services and support to these young victims at a community or jurisdictional level.
  - Purpose Area 2 (TTA) applicants will achieve this goal by supporting Purpose Area 1 grantees as they develop new initiatives and enhance existing efforts.

Objectives, Activities, and Deliverables (p. 6-9)

- Framework for applicants to be able to successfully achieve the overarching program goal of serving young victims of this crisis.

- Language is broad to reflect a range of programs at various stages of development.

- Applicants will use this general framework and provide detailed plans to describe specifically how they will successfully undertake, track, communicate about, and complete their proposed project(s).

Objectives, Activities, and Deliverables (p. 6-9)

- 3-year timeframe beginning October 1, 2018, and ending on September 30, 2021 (<u>no time extensions</u> will be granted due to the time restrictions outlined in VOCA).

- A <u>performance measurement tool</u> will be provided to successful applicants to ensure consistent data collection and reporting (no personally identifiable information will be requested).

- This data will be rolled into OVC-wide program reports and shared publicly for accountability and transparency purposes, and to grow the field's knowledge and expertise in this area.

Objectives, Activities, and Deliverables (p. 6-9)

- Find your Purpose Area.

- Each purpose area has 3 <u>Objectives</u>:
  - <u>Activities</u> outlined to support each objective.
  - Corresponding <u>deliverables</u> provide examples of what is expected to be "delivered" as a result of each activity.
  - Everything is directly related to the <u>performance measures</u> that demonstrate the results of the work completed.

Federal Award Information (p.10-11)

- Total—up to $26 million for all awards
- **Purpose Area 1 (Direct Services)**
  - <u>Grants</u>
  - Approximately 32 awards
  - Amounts ranging from $300,000 to $750,000
  - 36-month period of performance to begin on October 1, 2018, and end on September 30, 2021 (no extensions)
- Applicants are <u>strongly encouraged</u> to <u>carefully budget for critical needs</u>, to ensure the project can be successfully carried out according to this timeline, and to ensure that the amount requested can be fully expended during the 36-month time period.

Federal Award Information (p.10-11)

- Total—up to $26 million for all awards (both purpose areas)
- **Purpose Area 2 (TTA Provider)**
  - Cooperative Agreement
  - 1 award expected
  - Up to $2.5 million
  - 36-month period of performance to begin on October 1, 2018, and end on September 30, 2021 (no extensions)

Eligibility Information (p.14)

Purpose Area 1 (Direct Services)

- Limited to nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit and for-profit organizations), faith- and community-based organizations, colleges and universities (including tribal institutions of higher education), public agencies, state agencies, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).

- Must be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the affects on children and youth who are crime victims as a result of the opioid crisis.

- Should have proven experience in serving this unique niche of crime victims; and knowledge and understanding of the best practices to support these crime victims.

- Must have the staff, resources, and capacity to develop new initiatives or enhance existing programs proposed to address the areas of victimization described in the solicitation (see pages 5–9 for additional details).

- Must be willing to work cooperatively with OVC and a TTA provider specified by OVC.

- Grantees will be required to participate in a program assessment if OVC elects to conduct an evaluation of this program.

Purpose Area 2 (TTA)

- Limited to nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit and for-profit organizations), faith- and community-based organizations, colleges and universities (including tribal institutions of higher education), public agencies, state agencies, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).

- Must have: **(1)** the demonstrated ability to provide in-depth and targeted TTA on a national scale; **(2)** demonstrated experience and expertise providing TTA in the areas of crime victimization, particularly with children and youth, and the types of services described in this solicitation; **(3)** experience developing high-quality online publications and TTA resources for broad dissemination to the victim services field; and **(4)** the demonstrated ability to forge partnerships with other groups and organizations to fulfill specialized TTA needs such as sharing best practices in providing services to children and youth, and to understand the complexities of addiction.

Eligibility Information (p.14)

- **Both Purpose Area 1 and Purpose Area 2:** A nonprofit organization does not have to have 501(c)(3) status to apply for grant funding under this solicitation.

- Applications in either purpose area that involve two or more entities are welcome; however, one eligible entity must be the lead applicant and the others proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). The lead applicant must be the entity with the primary responsibility for administering the funding and managing the project, including subrecipient monitoring. Under this solicitation, only one application by any particular applicant entity will be considered. An entity may, however, be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application.

- All recipients and subrecipients, of both purpose areas (including any for-profit organization), must forgo any profit or management fee.

Application and Submission Information (p. 15-28)

Critical elements—will not proceed to further review without these (p. 15):

- Program Narrative,

- Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative, and

- Letters of Support from project partners outlined on page 18 of this program solicitation.

Project Narrative

- Statement of the Problem (15% of scoring criteria)
- Project Design and Implementation (25% of scoring criteria)
- Capabilities and Competencies (25% of scoring criteria)
- Letters of Support (10% of scoring criteria)
- Plan for Collecting Performance Measurement Data (10% of scoring criteria)

Budget and Associated Documentation (15% of scoring criteria)

More that __must be included __in the application submission:

- SF-424

- Project Abstract

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

- 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)

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How to Apply for Funding (p. 28-32)

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

2. Registration and Submission Steps outlined beginning on p. 30

3. Lots of steps! START EARLY!!!!!

4. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!!!!

Application Review Information (p. 32-34)

1) Statement of the Problem (15%)

2) Project Design and Implementation Plan (25%)

3) Capabilities and Competencies (25%)

4) Letters of Support from project partners (10%)

5) Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (10%)

6) Budget (15%): complete, cost effective, and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

Federal Award Administration Information (p. 34-36)

- Award notifications made by September 30, 2018 via email through GMS to the individuals listed in the application as the point of contact and the authorizing official.

- Detailed instructions on how to access and view the award documents, and steps to take in GMS to start the award acceptance process.

- Lots of legal requirements! Read carefully!

Remember...............

- This application is only the FIRST step of a very involved relationship with the federal government.
- There are lots of federal regulations associated with execution and management of a federal grant.
- You must be willing and able to abide by all these.
  - Serious consequences associated with not following regs.
- Ask for help! Read everything and ask others to read and discuss with you.

Question Time

To submit a question, use the Q&A Box and select all panelists.

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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