

OVC Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Discretionary Training and Technical Assistance Program for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grantees

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Agenda

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- Eligibility
- Goals and Objectives
- Critical Application Elements
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Purpose/Background

- This project continues the Department's mission by providing resources to VOCA Victim Assistance grantees who will be able to support the training and technical assistance needs of victim service providers in their states.
- Similar funds were awarded in FY 2015 on a noncompetitive formula basis to VOCA Victim Assistance recipients.
- For FY 2018, grant funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to ensure obligated grant dollars are used effectively.



Eligibility

- Eligible applicants are limited to state¹ administering agencies for the VOCA Victim Assistance Program Formula Grants, authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 20103(a) and (b).
- Outside organizations are also eligible to apply when such an application is made in partnership with the applicant's VOCA Victim Assistance Program State Administering Agency.

¹ The term "state" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States. 34 U.S.C. § 20103(d)(1)



Goal

- To provide funding to VOCA Victim Assistance formula grant recipients to facilitate training and technical assistance of victim service providers.



Objectives

- Conduct a comprehensive statewide training needs assessment, or review and update a recently completed comprehensive statewide training needs assessment in consultation with key stakeholders;
- Develop a strategic plan for training state victim assistance service providers and others who work with crime victims;
- Implement a system for receiving, tracking, and responding to requests for training and technical assistance, including an evaluation process that allows OVC to assess user satisfaction of services; and
- Provide training and technical assistance, either directly or via subawards, to victim assistance service providers and other organizations that work with crime victims.



Critical Application Elements

- Program Narrative, including
 - Description of the Issue;
 - Project Design and Implementation;
 - Capabilities and Competencies; and
 - Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures.
- Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative
- The review criteria scoring breakdown can be found on **page 24**



How to Apply

- Refer to section “How to Apply” on **page 20**
- Applicants **must** register in, and submit applications through, **Grants.gov**
- Submit the application **at least 72 hours prior** to the application due date
- Call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035 (24/7) for technical difficulties



How to Apply (continued)

- The following conditions generally are insufficient to justify late submissions:
 - Failure to register in SAM or Grants.gov in sufficient time. (SAM registration and renewal can take as long as **10 business days** to complete. The information transfer from SAM to Grants.gov can take up to 48 hours.)
 - Failure to follow Grants.gov instructions on how to register and apply as posted on its website.
 - Failure to follow each instruction in the OJP solicitation.
 - Technical issues with the applicant's computer or information technology environment, such as issues with firewalls or browser incompatibility.



Award Information - Grant Agreement

- Up to 30 awards.
- Award amounts may range from \$25,000 to \$1.5 million, with awards at the top of that range being a rare exception for geographically large states with high population.
- Estimated total amount awarded of up to \$12 million.
- The anticipated period of performance for these grants will be October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2021.
- All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.



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Important Contact Information



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

Solicitation Requirements, Programmatic and General Assistance:

For programmatic and general assistance with the solicitation requirements, contact the **National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center:**

- Phone: 800–851–3420
- Email: at grants@ncjrs.gov



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