

Crime Victims' Services Committee

2018 VOCA Funding Priorities

Mission Statement

The mission of the Crime Victims' Services Committee is to advocate for victims by promoting the development of effective programs that improve the response of human service professionals and the criminal justice system to victims of crime across North Carolina.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM PRIORITIES ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORDER.

All proposals submitted under these priorities must include written agreement(s) demonstrating community partnerships. Training plans should also be attached to indicate how staff will be trained by one or more of the following agencies: NC CADV, NC CASA, NC VAN, CAC NC, NC HTC, NC DHHS, NC Council For Women and Youth Involvement Office, NC Conference of District Attorneys, NC Justice Academy, NCDPS Office of Victims Services, Legal Aid, Office on Violence Against Women, Office for Victims of Crime. If staff members have received training previously, please upload a copy of the certificate or other verification of training.

EVERY GRANT PROPOSAL MUST:

1. Include written agreement(s) demonstrating community partnerships and
2. Submit certification status regarding the Fundamental Service Elements & Fundamental Elements of Accessibility.

Information on these certifications can be obtained through the following web sites:

- Fundamental Service Elements and Their Descriptions
<https://www.ncdps.gov/document/fundamental-service-elements>
- Fundamental Elements of Accessibility and Their Descriptions
<http://fpg.unc.edu/sites/fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/curricula/NCODH-FEA-guide.pdf>

A. SEXUAL ASSAULT/SPOUSAL ABUSE VICTIMS' SERVICES

Proposals should include a plan of action to provide core crisis intervention services to sexual assault and/or spousal abuse (domestic violence) victims to include:

- Evidence-based Mental Health Services
- Crisis Line Operation
- Client Outreach Services
- Shelter Services
- Information and Referral Services
- Language Crisis Line
- Legal Assistance
- Transitional Housing
- Relocation Expenses

NOTE: Special conditions contracts will be attached to grant documentation to ensure each agency's compliance with programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements.

B. CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS

Proposals should describe services provided by an accredited Child Advocacy Center (CAC) or by a provisional CAC who is in good standing with the Child Advocacy Centers of North Carolina and has a letter of support from CACNC. All applicants must have a signed interagency agreement with the District Attorney's office, the local Department of Social Services, & Law Enforcement (at a minimum).

Proposals may include costs to cover direct services personnel for the following services:

- Advocacy
- Evidence-based Mental Health Services
- Child Medical Evaluation
- Forensic Interviews
- Forensic Medical Evidence Collection Exams

For proposals addressing child abuse and neglect that do not provide direct services but seek to address system improvement, please refer to funding priorities with the Juvenile Justice Committee.

C. LEGAL SERVICES

Proposals will be accepted for state, regional or local legal non-profit agencies to provide assistance to victims of crime to include, but not limited to: domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, human trafficking, child abuse, and/or underserved victim groups. ***All proposals must comply with NCGC 84-5.1. (Rendering of legal services by certain nonprofit corporations) and must also include a written interagency agreement to include local victim service providers.***

Proposals will be considered for the following:

- Statewide legal agencies/organizations that provide assistance for legal services to crime victims. Examples include but are not limited to agencies such as Legal Aid of North Carolina.
- Local and/or Regional Non-Profits that provide assistance for legal services to crime victims. Note: Criminal defense and tort lawsuits are not allowable with this funding; however, organizations that assist victims with filing certain motions and/or immigration filings (based on victim status) are allowable.

D. FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS

Funding awarded under this priority will assist local communities in providing services to victims through the establishment and operation of Family Justice Centers (FJC). Proposals will be accepted from community collaborations, as evidenced through a Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement, for the creation, operation and expansion of Centers in North Carolina. Family Justice Centers are victim-centered and designed to provide one-stop services for victims of family violence, which may include domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, and elder abuse. FJC partnerships must include victim service providers, law enforcement agencies and the area prosecutor, and may also include other services, such as civil legal aid and forensic medical exams, deemed necessary by the community through a needs assessment process. Survivor input must be included in the planning and operation of the Family Justice Center. Each collaborative should establish or provide a single location for victims to receive multiple services and assistance from different co-located organizations as outlined by the Family Justice Center Alliance (www.familyjusticecenter.org). Community victim services providers may seek guidance through their state coalitions (CACNC, NCCASA, NCCADV, NCHTC, Legal Aid of NC).

Proposals should include a plan of action and a statement of collaboration to organize, provide or contract with partner agencies (as evidenced by Memoranda of Understanding with partner agencies) to provide core victim-centered services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, and/or elder abuse, which may include, but are not limited, to:

- Coordinated intake and navigation of service referrals
- Counseling services
- Client outreach services
- Case Management and follow up
- Advocacy and Court Accompaniment
- Information and referral services
- Legal Assistance
- Emergency Services
- Medical Services

E. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is defined as the forced exploitation, enslavement or servitude of a person for profit or benefit.

Proposals will be accepted from agencies working to improve the level of service provided to victims of human trafficking (including child victims of trafficking) by increasing the number of agencies and service providers qualified to work with trafficking victims and/or by increasing the level of awareness of human trafficking.

Proposals should include a plan of action and a statement of collaboration to provide core crisis intervention services to victims of sexual, labor, or domestic trafficking, including:

- Evidence Informed Mental Health Services
- Case Management
- Client Outreach Services
- Court Advocacy Services
- Information and Referral Services
- Medical Services
- Shelter Services
- Transitional Housing
- Relocation Expenses

All human trafficking project proposals must include improving and/or developing multi-system, interagency, multi-disciplinary responses to the needs of human trafficking victims, including one or more of the following:

- Improving and/or developing interagency protocols on effective response.
- Improving and/or developing an advocacy council, task force and/or multi-disciplinary team to, among other tasks, meet regularly to review current services/cases.

At a minimum, collaborative partners should include the NC Human Trafficking Commission and victim service providers (such as sexual assault centers, domestic violence centers, child advocacy centers, or agencies involved in the direct provision of services to victims of human trafficking).

F. ENHANCED VICTIM SERVICES

Proposals will be considered for the development of enhanced services to victims of crime that are now allowable under Victims of Crime Act regulations. Proposals should include a plan of action and a statement of collaboration to provide enhanced services to victims, including:

- Transitional housing (Not to exceed 120 days per victim.)
- Relocation services
- Forensic medication examinations for evidence
- Forensic interviews
- Sexual assault nurse examiners
- Emergency legal assistance

- Emergency medical assistance
- Client outreach services
- Court advocacy services, including civil legal services and/or e-filing services
- Specialized evidence-based mental health services
- Program needs assessments

G. UNDERSERVED CRIME VICTIMS SERVICES

Underserved populations may be distinguished by the crime type or by demographic characterizations. These populations may have been overlooked in the past, may not have adequate services readily available and/or may require special consideration/services.

This proposal looks to fund programs that address underserved crime victim groups by providing services and/or developing programs that provide culturally sensitive services.

Proposals should describe services to a population that is defined by your community to be underserved. Examples of underserved victim populations include, but are not limited to:

- Rural populations
- Culturally specific services
- Native American Tribes
- Victims with disabilities
- Immigrant victims
- Support to children/adolescents (safe schools, child abuse, outreach, teen dating, bullying, and/or cyberbullying)
- Male victims
- Elderly victims
- LGBTQ victims
- Gang victims
- Secondary victims and/or survivors of homicide
- Children who witness violence family/domestic

Proposals may include costs to cover direct services personnel in the form of advocacy and/or licensed therapists. Proposals may also include things needed to support direct services personnel; such as, but not limited to: training, travel, equipment and outreach materials.

H. CVS PROVIDER STATEWIDE TRAINING AND PLANNING

Proposals will be considered for the development or expansion of programs to provide services to victims of crime through the services provided or supported through any of following:

- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training

- Statewide training and technical assistance for crime victim services providers
- Strategic planning

Service proposals should focus on providing training, technical assistance or planning (at the statewide and/or regional level) directly related to providing services to victims of crime in North Carolina.

I. AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICES

Proposals should focus on statewide automated victim notification systems and technology services to include staff for the service provision of alerting victims and providing services to victims as needed. Proposals should also provide both incoming and outgoing call service 24/7 with multiple language capability and operator assistance available.

2018 GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- *No application or proposal is guaranteed award at any time during the time of grant review or the recommendation process. Funding is subject entirely to the availability of federal funds.*
- All applications to the Crime Victims' Services Committee must meet all 2018 Grant Eligibility Requirements, Restrictions and Limitations. Please review them carefully before submitting the pre-application.
- All organizations receiving financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice are bound by the Equal Treatment Regulations codified at 28 C.F.R. pt. 38. With limited exceptions, these regulations prohibit the inclusion of inherently religious activities (such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization) in the specific programs or services that are being funded.
- A religious organization that participates in the funded programs or services will retain its independence from federal, state, and local governments and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, though it must not use funding to support any inherently religious activity. In providing services, funded organizations shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.

Non-profit Grant Recipients – The following documents must be attached to the grant application prior to it being submitted.

- Brief grantee description – NO MORE than 500 characters, including spaces and punctuation.
- All non-profit agencies applying must verify their Non-Profit Status at the time of submitting their application. One acceptable method of verification is to provide a copy of the organization's current 501(c)(3) certification and a valid federal tax identification number, as well as a copy of the most recent IRS 990 submitted.
- Each agency must also include:
 - Agency description and URL
 - Detailed budget narrative
 - Agency whistleblower policy
 - Memoranda of Understanding with other/partner agencies
 - Letter to the area U.S. Federal Attorney indicating the availability of services to federal victims of crime

- Staff roster, including name, position and contact information
- Board of Directors, indicating their expertise related to the agency

A *Preliminary Site Visit* assessment by GCC staff is mandatory for all new applicants before the application can be considered for funding approval. Previous applicants may be subject to a site assessment visit at the discretion of the GCC/CVS management team.

ALL GRANTEES MUST ALSO MEET THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION!!

1. **DUNS Number:** Each grantee **MUST** have a DUNS Number, prior to any funds being released! DUNS Numbers may be obtained from either of the following web links: www.dnb.com or <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>
2. **SAM Registration:** SAM (System for Award Management) registration is required for all applicants and has taken the place of registration in CCR (Central Contractor Registration). If an applicant had an active record in CCR, that applicant has an active record in SAM. Applicants not previously registered in CCR should register in SAM prior to applying for a grant through the Governor's Crime Commission. SAM information may be found at <https://www.sam.gov/>.
3. **NCID:** The Governor's Crime Commission's grants management system (GEMS) requires that applicants register with the North Carolina Identity Management Service (NCID) at <http://gems.nccrimecontrol.org/Pages/Default.aspx> ***Applicants will be unable to access the online application without a valid NCID user ID and password.***

NOTE

The following information applies to all funding priorities listed in this document:

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP(S): *To provide the most effective services to victims, a written agreement demonstrating community partners is required for all program priorities (i.e. MOU, MOA, etc.). Click here for sample MOU:*

<https://www.ncdps.gov/document/memorandum-understanding>

Proposals should utilize a collaborative approach in ways that are meaningful and purposeful to the goals and objectives of the project. A collaborative design can be either complex or modest. What is most important is that the design be in proportion to the scope of the project, the make-up of the organization and its geographic location.

Additionally, be sure to give thought to other groups who want to accomplish similar goals and how you may work with such agencies/individuals in an effort to meet a need. For example, you may rely on another person for certain information or for help to coordinate your plan. Each

individual or agency has a task to perform, and with coordination and collaboration, tasks become more manageable.

TRAINING: Training is imperative for all listed funding priorities. Applications within each priority must include a training plan to be conducted by one or more of the agencies listed previously on the first page of this document. Cross training is strongly encouraged.