

Victims' Services

Pre-Solicitation Webinar for FY2021



Purpose of Funding

To allocate State and Federal funds to local and statewide organizations that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes.



Sources of Funding & Approximate Amounts Available*

Federal Sources:

- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – \$8,753,037.80
- Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) – \$357,322.55
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) – \$757,478.70
- Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors (STOP)/ Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) \$874,234.65

State Sources:

- Domestic and Sexual Abuse Program (DASA) – \$225,000**

**Dependent on Legislative Budget Approved

**Awards are subject to the continued availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed*



Victims' Assistance Funding

- Total Federal & State funds available for FY2021
 - \$10,967,073.70
- Total awarded in FY2020
 - \$9,817,385.87
 - 52 subrecipients



Access & Visitation Funding

- \$100,000 available annually to visitation programs
- Currently 6 subrecipients receiving funding
- 10% Total Project Cost match requirement



Eligible Organizations

Public and non-profit, non-governmental organizations that provide direct services to crime victims and are able to comply with applicable State and Federal guidelines.

Some of the additional eligibility criteria established by State and federal guidelines include:

- Utilization of volunteers
 - *A waiver may be requested if necessary
- Ability to meet match requirements (which will be further explained in a moment)
- Provision of services at no charge to victims through the funded project
- Coordination with State, federal, local, or Native American task forces, commissions and/or working groups to deliver and/or improve services



Ineligible Organizations

Programs are *not* eligible for funds if they:

- 1) Focus primarily on lobbying or raising public awareness
- 2) Are crime prevention programs
- 3) Are programs in which crime victims are not the sole or primary beneficiaries (e.g., witness management or witness notification programs)
- 4) Are federal agencies, including U.S. Attorney's Offices
- 5) Are in-patient treatment facilities that are designed to provide treatment to individuals with drug, alcohol, and/or mental health-related conditions



Project Period

Awards will be made for a one-year grant cycle that will run from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021



Solicitation & Application Timeline

February 1, 2020 – Solicitations released

March 15, 2020 – Solicitation period closes and applications due

May/June 2020 – Funding awards announced

June 2020 – Pre-award documents completed & Agreements executed

July 1, 2020 – New funding cycle for FY21 begins



Changes within SDVS Grant Office

Short-term Changes

Expanded funding availability

Streamlined grant application process within MAVIS system

Longer-term Changes

Changed FY grant cycle operation

MAVIS online grant management system



Allowable vs. **Non-Allowable** Costs

Examples of Allowable Costs

Shelter Services

Personal advocacy & emotional support

Information and referral

Emergency financial assistance

Community education

Legal Services

Examples of Non-Allowable Costs

Perpetrator rehab and counseling

Medical bills for victims

Witness management or notification

Lobbying

Fundraising

Research

A full list of Allowable and Non-Allowable Costs will be provided in the 2021 solicitation/application instructions.



Things to keep in mind when applying...

Review eligible activities and expenses and consider how they fit into your organization's operations – be strategic!

***Example:** Shelters may apply for “Emergency Services” funding to cover relocation/housing funds provided to clients. ***

***Emergency Services guidelines for relocation will change in FY21.*



Relocation/Housing Changes Explained

- Relocation/housing and utility expenses for FY21 will change slightly. Previously this covered deposits, and first or delinquent rent or utility payments with a cap of \$500/client per year. For FY21, deposits will no longer be allowable expenses but the cap per client for assistance will be raised to \$1,000/client per year.
- Deposits are being removed due to having to monitor and track the expense. If a client leaves the location that a deposit was used with SDVS funding, it is the organization's responsibility to recover that deposit, and return that payment to DPS. Many of our grant years close and so the difficulty of assessing this back to the correct grant year it was originally awarded would be difficult.



Other things to keep in mind when applying....

Assess your organization's performance data from prior years and structure your funding request around program activities that have been shown to work.

Example: Expand or enhance program activities that are having the greatest measurable impacts on outcomes in the communities that you serve.



Other things to keep in mind when applying....

Expand funding request and include additional budget categories, if appropriate

***Example:** Apply for additional funding to acquire new technology and equipment that will streamline case management and improve service delivery.*



Other things to keep in mind when applying....

Assess your organization's short and long-term funding needs, considering changes in the community need and demand for victims' services.

Example: *Apply for additional funding to expand programs that serve victims of human trafficking.*



New Imposed Special Conditions for FY21

- **Employment eligibility verification for hiring under this award**
 - The award requirement for verification of employment and eligibility and the associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2) that generally speaking, make it unlawful in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.
 - This condition to verify employment eligibility for grant-funded staff mirrors general federal requirements. The Special Condition does not require the use of the E-Verify system if the I-9 forms are completed and on file.
- **Requirement to report actual or imminent breach of personally identifiable information**
 - This Special Condition requires subrecipients to have procedures in place to respond to a data breach. The procedure should require subrecipients to notify SDVS of any breaches, who, in turn will need to notify Office for Victims of Crime.



New Imposed Special Conditions for FY21

- **Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors**

- The details of this requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm>

In addition to information resulting from checks or screening required by applicable federal, state, tribal, or local law, and/or by the recipient's (or subrecipient's) written policies and procedures, current and appropriate information includes the results of all required searches listed below, each of which must be completed no earlier than six months before the determination regarding suitability.



Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors

- Commonly known as the “background check” Special Condition, OIG discovered wide variation in approaches conducting background checks on individuals working with minors.
- An FBI background check is the gold standard, but this is not required.
- The back ground check must include a 5-year look back to states where the person has lived, worked or attended school. Fingerprints are not required but they are preferred.



Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors

- **Criminal history registries and similar repositories of criminal history records**
 - For each individual at least 18 years of age who is a covered individual under this award, a fingerprint search – encompassing at least the time period beginning five calendar years preceding the date of the search request of pertinent state (and, if applicable, local and tribal) criminal history registries or similar repositories including:
 - the criminal history registry for each state in which the individual lives, works, or goes to school, or has lived, worked, or gone to school at any time during the past five years; and
 - the criminal history registry for each state in which he or she is expected to, or reasonably likely to, interact with a participating minor in the course of activities under the award.



Additional Information

- The recipient is to contact the DOJ awarding agency with any questions regarding the requirements of this condition and must not allow a covered individual to interact with a participating minor until such questions are answered.
- Award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions designed to ensure compliance with this condition, provided that such funds would not supplant non-federal funds that would otherwise be available for such costs.



Share Solicitation Information

If you know of other local agencies, organizations and stakeholders that may be eligible to apply, please share this solicitation information with them or encourage them to contact our office.



Quarterly Reporting

- Quarterly Progress Reports are now available in MAVIS
- Submission is due January 15th

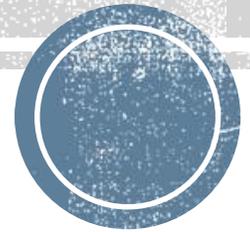


Application Updates for FY21

- SDVS has updated the issue with providing the % requested from Personnel/Benefits errors on application
 - Applicants will now be able to simply enter the dollar amount requested
- SDVS is working on program updates for how payments are coded to the system



QUESTIONS?



Thank you for your participation

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