



South Dakota Victims' Services Grant Application Instructions for SFY 2020-21:

Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP)/
Violence Against Women (VAWA)

Community Response Team (CRT) Grant

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SOUTH DAKOTA VICTIMS' SERVICES – STOP (VAWA) Grant Overview

Federal funding from the Office of Violence Against Women, in the Department of Justice, supports the **Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors (STOP)/Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** grants for law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. South Dakota Victims' Services awards STOP (VAWA) grants to two types of groups: law enforcement agencies, prosecution agencies, and courts; and agencies that provide victims' services. There are two separate application processes for these groups.

The application covered in this document must be used by law enforcement/prosecution agencies and courts for Community Response Teams (CRT).

STOP (VAWA) Primary Purposes

- Develop and implement effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- **Develop and enhance victims' services in cases involving domestic and/or family violence, sexual assault, and stalking.**
- Increase the number of prosecutors designated toward domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases.
- Serve primary victims ages 11 and older.
- Promote partnerships between victims' service providers, law enforcement, and prosecutors that ensure a seamless response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases.

STOP (VAWA) funds are allocated based on federal guidelines:

- 25 percent allocated to law enforcement
- 25 percent allocated to prosecution
- 5 percent allocated to courts
- 15 percent allocated for State discretionary funding
- 30 percent allocated to Victims' Services

Community Response Team (CRT) Applications

A Community Response Team (CRT) is comprised of a State's Attorney, a local law enforcement representative, a Victim Witness Assistant (if applicable), a Victim Advocate, and other appropriate community professionals. A CRT works together to enhance the community's response to domestic violence and sexual assault victims by improving policies and procedures, providing training, and increasing the number of successful domestic violence and sexual assault prosecutions. CRTs must meet at least quarterly, or more often if needed.

Counties may apply for STOP (VAWA) funding specifically to implement/administer a CRT. Applications for CRTs should be submitted through the State's Attorney's office. Counties have the flexibility to use STOP (VAWA) grant funds for additional

compensation for part-time State's Attorneys, full- or part-time Deputy States' Attorneys, and/or a Victim Witness Assistant. Counties that intend to apply for STOP (VAWA) funding for CRTs must be able to adhere to, at minimum, the following CRT activities.

1. Work with other participating agencies of the CRT to improve the comprehensive and coordinated approach of the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, including meeting together for this purpose on a regular basis (at least quarterly).
2. As needed, change or add policies and protocols on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking within the agency that receives the grant funds, with the goal of keeping victims safe and holding offenders accountable. The agency that receives the grant funds also must agree to share these written policies and protocols with other participating agencies of the CRT.
3. Actively participate in the sharing of information about domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases, which is not prohibited by State or federal statutes or other agency policy, for the purpose of improving victims' safety and holding offenders accountable.
4. Be actively involved in the establishment of goals, objectives, and specific outcomes/results of the CRT effort.
5. Assure training on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking is provided to all personnel in the agency that receives the grant funds.
6. Cooperate in providing information and statistics required by South Dakota Victims' Services and federal STOP (VAWA) grant partners.
7. Understand all provisions of STOP (VAWA) relevant civil and criminal statutes in South Dakota pertaining to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, including any limitations of action prescribed by law or agency policies.
8. Enhance and supplement initial arrest reports by further investigation to corroborate the testimony of victims.
9. Track each domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking case prosecuted, and analyze sentences given to defendants.

Establish and maintain documentation to demonstrate that investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women has been enhanced.

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Key Application Dates and Information

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING!

Applicants should read all of the guidelines included in these instructions and reference the Victims' Services Grantee Guidelines **BEFORE** they prepare their applications.

Applicants are expected to understand and abide by all of the requirements included in these instructions. **Failure to follow all of the instructions may result in applicants not being awarded grants.**

Important Information Webinars

Pre-Solicitation webinars are held for any agencies interested in applying for grants for this State fiscal year. If you were unable to participate, please contact Victims' Services for more information that was discussed.

Additionally, there will be an **Application Process and Instructions webinar** during which Victims' Services staff will cover the information contained in this instruction guide and answer questions about this year's application and award process. The webinar will also cover the completing a sample application within the MAVIS grant management system.

Awards

South Dakota Victims' Services will review applications and make award decisions based on established criteria (see **REVIEW PROCESS** Error! Reference source not found. section). Grant awards will be announced in May/June 2020. Contracts will be established with each awarded agency and must be fully executed prior to the beginning of the grant cycle on July 1, 2020.

MAVIS SYSTEM REGISTRATION AND ACCESS

All Victims' Services grant applications must be submitted through the Managing Assistance for Victims' Services (MAVIS) site. All documents needed to support the application must be uploaded through MAVIS as part of the application. Please reference the MAVIS Grantee Manual located at <https://mavis.intelligrants.com> for more information on this process. **Late applications will be ineligible for funding.**

Application Requirements

Before an application may be initiated in MAVIS, applicants must complete the following:

A. Acquire a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) Number

All applicants are required to include a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number in their application. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and tracking entities receiving federal funds. Obtaining a DUNS number is free. To obtain a DUNS number or see if your agency already has a DUNS number, call 1-866-705-5711 or go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.

B. Acquire or renew registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) Database

All grant recipients must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database (formerly Central Contracting Registry, or CCR). The SAM database is a repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. All applicants need to maintain an active SAM registration throughout the application process and, should a grant be made, throughout the life of the grant award. Registration must be updated annually and can be done online at www.sam.gov/SAM There is no fee to register.

An applicant **MUST** have an active SAM registration to be eligible for receiving federal funding. If the applicant does not have an active registration, SDVS does not have the ability to grant award funds.

C. Register as a user of MAVIS

Beginning in 2019, Victims' Service began utilizing an entirely online, paperless application. Agencies must ensure they have registration and users set up in MAVIS prior to being able to access the application.

New agencies interested in applying for funds or those that need additional assistance should contact:

Cora Olson, Program Manager
Cora.Olson@state.sd.us
605.773.3109

Laura Quasney, Program Specialist
Laura.Quasney@state.sd.us
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D. Log into MAVIS and available applications will be posted under **View Available Opportunities**. The MAVIS Grantee Training Manual should be referenced for additional step-by-step for completing the application in the MAVIS system.

E. Documents Needed for Upload in MAVIS

1. Funding Source Document

- a) Using the form provided, list all of the funding sources the agency anticipates receiving specifically to support its victims' services programs and activities during the project period applying for.
- b) If there are additional administrative personnel expenses, this is the point to account for those. It will also be asked if the organization/program has a federally approved Indirect Cost Rate. If not, the default 10% de minimis rate will be applied. If the organization/program does have a federally approved rate, proof of approval documentation should be uploaded.

2. Required Uploads

The following items are going to be required to be uploaded within the application of the MAVIS system:

- a) Board Approved Fiscal Year Budget;
- b) Summary of all income and expenses for recently ended fiscal year;
- c) All Policies applicable to the organization's victims' services program (Personnel, Financial, Volunteer, Shelter House Rules, Client Policies, etc.)
- d) Proof of active SAM registration;
- e) Three (3) current letters of support;
- f) List of current Board of Directors members/commissioners including names and email addresses with term dates;
- g) Affirmative Action Plan (Optional upload)
- h) Job Descriptions for each position that will be requesting funds for payroll or salary of that position. Only one Job Description per position is needed and not for each individual if there are multiple individuals in the same position.

CERTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION: As the application will be digitally signed by the Authorized Official within MAVIS, an Approval Document

from the Governing Body will need to be uploaded with the submission certifying the Authorized Official has approval to submit the application for funding.

Application Completion

The following information is being provided in hopes to create a smooth application process for organizations. The following are brief descriptions of questions that will be asked of your organization/program in regards to the victims' services provided and the necessity of funding to provide those services.

Grant Use Information

1. Define your service area in approximate square miles.
 - a) List all of the counties included in your services area.
 - b) Describe the portions of counties included.
 - c) Please indicate how your services area was determined.
2. Indicate the purpose of this award and the percentage of funding associated.
3. What will the funds be used for?
4. What is your policy for determining whether an individual is eligible for the services or programs you provide?
5. Why is this funding crucial to the operations of your organization?
6. Briefly describe the training your agency plans to provide during the project period. Please include the number of trainings, training topics and audience you anticipate providing training to.
7. How long has the agency/program been operating?
8. List the activities that Victims' Services funding will pay for help to pay for in your program.
9. For all the clients you intend to serve with Victims' Services funding indicate the percentage you anticipate to be served during this grant period.
10. Please describe how the funding will be important to reach the above individuals and the ways your organization intends to ensure that.
11. What types of crime does your agency intend to use funding to assist with?
12. How many unduplicated victims have you served during the current grant program period with funding from a South Dakota Victims' Services grant?
13. How many unduplicated victims do you anticipate serving during the grant period for this application with funding received from a South Dakota Victims' Services grant?
14. How many volunteers did your program use during the current grant period?
15. Describe the types of services or activities volunteers will be utilized for and if they will be utilized for direct or indirect services.
16. How many volunteers does your organization anticipate using during the grant period of this application?
17. Number of requests for services that were unmet because of organizational capacity issues and explain.
18. Please discuss some of the challenges your victim assistance program faced during the course of the previous year. This would include some of the services that victims needed but you could not provide. What were the challenges that prevented you from providing those services?

Paid Staff Information

This section will be where you will need to detail out the individuals in your organization/program that will have their wages/salaries paid with Victims' Services funding. This will include:

- Name of employee
- Name of position
- Is this a new or existing position?
- Hours per week the employee works
- Total annual salary amount
- Total annual benefits amount

The Job Description must be uploaded for each position requesting Victims' Services funding to support. If more than one individual with the same position is being requested for funding, only one Job Description is required to be uploaded if they are identical positions.

A brief description of each position's duties and why they are needed to implement the project will be required. You should also identify the benefits that are being requested for the position(s) and the formula for calculating each.

Detailed Budget Narrative and Worksheet(s)

There are multiple categories for which agencies can request funding from the various grants managed by South Dakota Victims' Services. These include Rent & Operating Expenses, Emergency Services, Furniture & Equipment, Travel & Mileage, Development & Training, Telephone, and Prevention & Community Education

For each category requested/selected, an explanation will need to be provided for why the expenses are needed to implement the project. The narrative should serve as an explanation of the figures being requested.

Match

South Dakota Victims' Services requires a "match" of resources for STOP (VAWA) CRT funding for law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and CRT agencies. Allowable match can include cash, or in-kind services and goods, or a combination of both. As agencies develop their funding requests, it is important for them to consider the ability to meet any specific STOP (VAWA) match requirements.

The STOP (VAWA) program funding allocated for law enforcement, prosecution and courts and CRT agencies **requires a 25 percent match.** Additional information regarding match, please reference the Victims' Services Grantee Guidelines.

Submission/Certification

The application can only be submitted by the organization's Authorized Official. The application will contain an electronic signature. This will be accompanied by an uploaded official letter/document that certifies the organization has received approval from the governing body to submit said application.

Once your application has been successfully submitted, you will receive an email from the MAVIS system confirming the submission.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

To be eligible for this STOP/VAWA CRT funding, an agency must:

1. Be a **public or non-profit** organization that provides direct services to victims of crime.
2. Be able to meet program match requirements, using non-federal funds committed for direct victims' services.
3. Promote, within the communities served, a coordinated approach to serving victims of crime that minimizes duplication of effort and contributes to better and more comprehensive services to crime victims. Coordination may include, but is not limited to serving on State, federal, local, or Native American task forces, commissions and/or working groups and developing written interagency agreements.
4. Assist eligible victims of crime with information about and access to Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) Program benefits. This assistance includes referring identifying crime victims and advising them of the availability of CVC benefits, assisting eligible victims with CVC application forms and procedures, obtaining necessary documentation, monitoring claim status, and intervening on behalf of victims who have applied for assistance from the CVC program.
5. Comply with applicable provisions of the Victims' Services Guidelines, the Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide, and the Office of Violence Against Women Financial Grant Management Guide. This includes maintaining appropriate programmatic and financial records that fully disclose the amount and disposition of funds received. For example, financial documentation for disbursements, daily time and attendance records specifying time devoted to allowable victims' services, client files other sources of revenue that support any portion of victims' services, job descriptions, contracts for services, other records which facilitate an effective audit, records retention, and compliance with monitoring and/or audit activities and requirements.
6. Maintain statutorily-required civil rights information on victims served by race, national origin, sex, age, color, religion, and disability. Permit reasonable access to organization books, documents, papers, and records to determine whether the recipient is complying with applicable civil rights laws.
7. Prohibit any activities that may compromise victim safety.
8. Provide a variety of services and assistance to victims of crime.
9. Provide services through the funded program at no charge to victims of crime.
10. Maintain confidentiality of client information.
11. Prohibit policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator.

Agencies and activities are NOT ELIGIBLE for funds if they:

1. Focus primarily on lobbying or raising public awareness.
2. Are primarily crime prevention agencies, organizations, or programs.
3. Are programs in which victims of crime 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 designed to provide treatment to individuals with drug, alcohol, and/or mental health-related conditions.

Applicants that provide both victim and witness programs are eligible for funding, but only for that portion of their activities that directly serves victims of crime.

REVIEW PROCESS

All grant applications will be screened by the Victims' Services Program Manager and Program Specialist for eligibility and completeness. A group of staff from Victims' Services and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) also will review the applications and make decisions about final award amounts for each agency, which may be equal to or less than the amount requested. Each year, DPS and Victims' Services set specific priorities, in addition to the review criteria, to guide funding decisions. **Generally, Victims' Services funding priorities include:**

- Continued support for agencies that maintain eligibility and have proven their effectiveness in assisting victims of crime.
- Attention to the federal requirements for each grant.
- Geographic balance, including programs that make services available to rural and frontier areas of the State.
- A diverse base of funding and other support, particularly local community support, shown either by local funding or volunteer support (or both), that indicates an agency does not rely solely on government funding.
 - The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) notes that at least 25 percent of an organization/program's funding in the year of, or the year preceding an award should come from other sources, which may include other federal funding programs.

All applications will be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Eligibility of the organization as previously addressed in this instruction for application.
- A thorough, thoughtful, and succinct description of the proposed use of funds that matches the description of needs and includes goals and expected or desired outcomes. This should include specifics of what the organization wants to accomplish with the funding being requested, and whether the goals are to maintain current services, expand or enhance services, develop new services, or serve new areas or populations. Organizations should include how they will measure their desired outcomes to determine if they have met their stated goals.
- The number of individuals served compared to the amount of funding requested.
- The organization's history of grant funding management and financial management.
- A compelling description of need supported by evidence, e.g., crime statistics data that show a need for specific types of services, identify areas that have high rates of certain types of crimes, or reveal gaps between the number of victims served and the total number of victims that needed services, etc.
- The organization's past performance, particularly in terms of financial management, monthly reporting, and compliance with prior year grant

requirements, also will be considered in the review process for organizations that have previously received funds from the South Dakota Victims' Services Program.

- Each grant award also will be calculated based on a funding formula or other pre-established method, depending on the grant fund requirements.

South Dakota Victims' Services makes an effort to continue funding organizations that remain both eligible and effective in providing victims' services from year to year. However, organizations must show evidence of their eligibility and effectiveness each year in the application process. **South Dakota Victims' Services does not guarantee any agency will continue to receive funding from one year to the next.** All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by federal or State law.

FUNDING MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Some of the grant programs offered by South Dakota Victims' Services require that organizations contribute a "match" of resources to the grant-funded activities and services. Allowable match can include cash, or in-kind services and goods, or a combination of both. More detailed information about required match can be found in the Victims' Services Grantee Guidelines.

As organizations develop their funding requests, it is important for them to consider the ability to meet any specific match requirements a grant program may have. South Dakota Victims' Services recognizes that not all organizations may be able to meet the match requirements that may apply to a particular grant program. During the application review process, the Victims' Services staff will try to identify options for agencies to maximize their grant funding requests and meet all the appropriate grant program requirements. This may include additional outreach to organizations to discuss ways their funding requests may be modified. In this way, SDVS can help ensure that all organizations in the state have opportunity to benefit from the various grant programs to best meet the needs of victims and their families.

Specific Match Requirements for STOP (VAWA) Grant

STOP (VAWA) Match Requirements

- A 25 percent match is required for grants made to law enforcement, prosecution, and courts (these organizations must use a different application process to request STOP (VAWA) funding).

NON-SUPPLANTING

South Dakota Victims' Services (SDVS) grant funds are to be used to enhance or expand services to victims, not to substitute (supplant) other funding sources. In other words, State and local funds presently appropriated for programs or activities may not be decreased due to additional federal funds being made available through SDVS. VOCA, FVPSA, STOP (VAWA), SASP, and DASA funds must be used to add to and not replace programs and services that already exist. If questions of supplanting arise,

SDVS may require an organization to substantiate that any reductions in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

SDVS pays awarded grant funds on a reimbursement basis. Requests for payment must be submitted through MAVIS and must include a breakdown of expenses incurred and funds requested. Under no circumstances will funds be advanced. **Please note that South Dakota Victims' Services requires organizations to submit receipts and other evidence that shows the complete breakdown of what the funds will be used to pay for and verify that these are allowable expenses for reimbursement.**

Drawdowns should be submitted monthly. Organizations must submit drawdown requests for the previous month's allowable expenses no later than the 20th day of the following month. Organizations must expend all awarded funds by the end of the contract period on June 30, 2021.

Organizations may use indirect cost rates if they have a federally-approved indirect cost rate. A copy of the rate approval must be uploaded within MAVIS during completion of the application. If the applicant does not have an approved rate, one can be requested by contacting any relevant federal agency; or an agency may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10 percent of modified total direct costs, as indicated in 2 CFR Part 200.414f. For more information please refer to the South Dakota Victims' Services Grantee Guidelines.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

As noted above, organizations must report their matching funds on a monthly basis. Organizations also are required to track demographic and service information on the clients they serve with funding from South Dakota Victims' Services, and must complete quarterly progress reports in the format specified by each applicable federal grant. Reports are due on July 15, October 15, January 15, and April 15.

Recipients of STOP (VAWA) and SASP funding also must complete an Annual Progress Report(s) using a reporting form from the Muskie Institute. Organizations can review the STOP (VAWA) reporting requirements by going to the Muskie Institute website at <http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/vawamei/>. STOP (VAWA) and SASP Annual Progress Report(s) are due February 15.

All organizations that receive funding from South Dakota Victims' Services are required to submit a Year-end Final Financial Report by July 15th.

MONITORING

SDVS, or their designated contractors, will conduct an on-site review at least one time every 24 months. These on-site assessments will include reviews of the organization's mission, program policies, documents related to employees and volunteers, program victim procedures, administrative practices, and fiscal management. Similarly, SDVS will conduct a desk review at least one time every 24 months. These desk assessments will include reviews of project goals and objectives, services provided to victims, and fiscal management. In this way, all organizations that receive funding from SDVS will be assessed at least one time each year – either through an on-site review or a desk review.

South Dakota Victims' Services may adjust review schedules on a case-by-case basis. Reasons that a review schedule change may occur include, but are not limited to:

- Organization/program hires a new director;
- Reporting or documentation issues or concerns; or
- Client complaints.

SOUTH DAKOTA VICTIMS' SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

STOP (VAWA) GRANT OVERVIEW

The Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors/Violence Against Women Act (STOP (VAWA)) grant is funded through the DOJ and encourages strategies to combat violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. South Dakota Victims' Services awards STOP (VAWA) grants to two types of groups: agencies that provide victims' services; and law enforcement agencies, prosecution agencies, and courts. There are two separate application processes for these groups. This application covered in this document is the one that must be used by organizations providing victims' services.

STOP funds should be used for projects that serve or focus on adults and youth (ages 11-24) women and girls who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. STOP funds may be used to support services for secondary victims such as children who witness domestic abuse.

Law enforcement/ prosecution agencies and courts must use a different application, which can be found at <https://mavis.intelligrants.com>.

Primary Purpose

- The development and implementation of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- The development and enhancement of victims' services in cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Priority

The South Dakota Victims' Services STOP (VAWA) State Implementation Plan supports funding for two priority areas:

1. Enhanced Court Advocacy and other core services for victims provided through local domestic violence and sexual assault programs.
2. Specialized Service Programs for the following underserved populations:
 - a. Victims in rural areas
 - b. Native American victims
 - c. Adults sexually abused/assaulted as children
 - d. Survivors of homicide
 - e. Victims of intoxicated drivers
 - f. Victims of robbery
 - g. Victims of elder abuse/neglect

Organizations may apply for only Enhanced Court Advocacy funds, only Specialized Services Program funds, or both.

Additional Requirements

Federal guidelines require the State to distribute its STOP (VAWA) funds according to the following allocations:

- 25 percent to law enforcement
- 25 percent to prosecution
- 30 percent to victim services (of which at least 10 percent must be distributed to culturally specific community-based organizations)
- 5 percent to courts
- 15 percent may be used for discretionary funding to serve victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Match Requirements

- No match is required for STOP (VAWA) victims' services activities and services.
- All other allocation areas (law enforcement, prosecution, and courts) still require match (25%).

STOP (VAWA) Allowable Costs

STOP funds must be expended only for providing **direct services** to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

STOP (VAWA) Non-Allowable Costs

STOP (VAWA) funds may not be used to cover any costs not directly related to service delivery for the victims noted above. Additionally, agencies may not use STOP (VAWA) funds for any of the following:

- Direct payments to victims or any dependents
- Activities that directly benefit the offender
- Construction costs
- Food for staff and/or board meetings and trainings
- Immigration fees
- Late fees
- Mortgage payments
- Purchase or lease of vehicles
- Services to incarcerated individuals
- Stipends for volunteers or crisis line advocates
- Victim property loss
- Victim relocation expenses
- Visitation Center Services

Appendix I

PRORATING GUIDELINES

Agencies that applied for South Dakota Victims' Services grant funding last year must create new prorating spreadsheets for this SFY 2021 grant cycle. Prorating sheets from previous years will not be considered accurate or appropriate for this year.

Definition of Prorate

Prorate: To divide, distribute or assess proportionately; a proportional distribution.

Organizations must prorate items and services based on the value of the portion of the item/service that will be funded by a grant in relation to the item or service's total value.

For example, if it costs the organization \$10 to provide a service, and the organization requests that \$8 of that cost be funded by a VOCA grant, then the agency will pay the remaining \$2 of that service using another funding source. The agency must show that 80 percent of the total cost of that service is prorated to VOCA funding, while 20 percent is prorated to another funding source(s).

South Dakota Victims' Services funds can be charged only for a prorated share of certain Rent and Operating costs (see below). These costs must be prorated among all sources of an agency's income, not just among funding from Victims' Services grants. When completing the grant application, organizations should estimate their total budget for the grant award period and show how they would prorate costs for the items and services for which they request Victims' Services grant funding.

Organizations may need to recalculate their prorating estimates based on the actual amounts of grant funding awarded by South Dakota Victims' Services. Organizations are responsible for documenting how they prorate items and services for which they request Victims' Services grant funding.

Rent and Operating costs which must be prorated to all funding sources include:

- Insurance
- Benefits and Workman's Compensation Insurance costs, based on the amount of payroll expenses charged to each grant
- Utilities such as electric, security, heat, propane, water, sewer, and waste (note: internet and cable television expenses for the shelter are the only utility expenses which do not need to be prorated)
- Office supplies including stamps and copier fees
- Facility rent
- Shelter supplies such as cleaning supplies and toiletries
- Minor repairs and minor maintenance
- Telephone costs
- Audit costs

Note: Organizations may not use any Victims' Services grant funds to pay for items or services not included in the grant application. If an organization needs or would like to use grant funds for items and/or services that were not originally included in the application for funding, they should contact the South Dakota Victims' Services Program Manager, Cora Olson Cora.Olson@state.sd.us or Program Specialist, Laura Quasney Laura.Quasney@state.sd.us

For additional information and examples on prorating expenses, please refer to the Victims' Services Grantee Guidelines.

Appendix II

GENERAL MATCH GUIDELINES

Most of South Dakota Victims' Services grant programs require agencies that receive funding to "match" that funding with additional dollars or in-kind resources. Matches must be a contribution of non-federal dollars, in-kind services, or a combination of both. Additional information about match requirements can be found in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/pdfs/DOJ_FinancialGuide.pdf).

Matching funds requirements as outlined in Federal 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Uniform Guidance and Cost Principles:

- Verifiable from the recipient's records;
- Necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient accomplishment of the project or program objectives;
- Not paid for by the federal/state government under another award (except where authorized by federal/state statute to be used for cost sharing or matching); and
- Allowable and provided for in the approved budget.

For volunteer or on-call hours being reported, most organizations send a calendar showing the number of hours each day and the individual volunteering. This makes it so a clear number of hours volunteered can be determined. For other direct service activities, the same activity logs that employees complete or something similar will need to be provided. This is due to the fact the hours donated have to be allowable under federal funding as if they were being requested for reimbursement.

Victims' Services has set a \$25.43/hour match rate for individuals who provide volunteer crisis line coverage during non-office hours. This match rate has also been set for those individuals who provide unskilled labor. Administrative duties, as well as time donated for fundraisers **CANNOT** be reported as match. Professional services that are donated free of charge can be reported as match at the rate they would have normally been charged at.

Discounted or reduction in costs provided shall be valued as the difference between what the organization paid and what the provider's nominal or fair market value is for the good or service (counseling).

Appendix III

KEY TERMS

Direct Service Time

Direct services or services to victims of crime means those services described in in 42 U.S.C. 10603 (d)(2), and efforts that:

- (1) Respond to the emotional, psychological, or physical needs of crime victims;
- (2) Assist victims to stabilize their lives after victimization;
- (3) Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; or

(4) Restore a measure of security and safety for the victim.

Below are additional activities also considered direct service time:

- Sorting donations of shelter supplies, food, and clothing
- Support group preparation time
- Direct services-related staff and volunteer training
- Maintaining victim records, including entering required performance data into the MAVIS system
- Shelter upkeep such as cleaning, yard work, etc.

Non-direct service time but allowable to be billed to grant(s):

- Staff meetings or trainings to better assist clients;
- Financial management required for grant administration (i.e. reporting or drawdowns)

Staff time which does not directly benefit victims. Non-direct service time includes, but is not limited to:

- Staff meetings or interagency meetings not specific to assisting clients or training;
- Grant writing, bookkeeping or other misc. financial management not necessary or required for grant administration;
- Development of protocols, interagency agreements, and other working agreements;
- Development of agency policies;
- Lobbying and administrative advocacy;
- Needs assessments, surveys, evaluations, and studies;
- Fundraising, including preparing for and participating in activities to raise funds for the agency;
- Attending and preparing for board meetings;
- Administrative-related training;
- Supervising or coordinating a Visitation Center visit and exchange;
- Maintaining victim records for National CASA ;
- Perpetrator rehabilitation and counseling;

Community Education Activities/Staff Time

Activities which are designed to educate victims and the general public about services, as well as activities which are designed to prevent victimization. This includes writing articles for newsletters, as well as preparing for and giving presentations.

- DASA supports community education/prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- FVPSA supports community education/prevention for family violence, domestic violence and dating violence.
- VOCA, STOP (VAWA) support some community education/prevention/awareness.

Match

A contribution of non-federal dollars used to increase the amount of resources available to the services and activities supported by South Dakota Victims' Services grant funds. Match contributions may be cash, in-kind services, or a combination of both. See the Match Section above or refer to South Dakota Grantee Guidelines for more details about how to determine required match rates.

Court Advocacy for STOP (VAWA) Grant

Assisting victims with transportation to court, filing protection orders, explaining court proceedings (no divorces), referring victims to local services, accompanying victims to court and/or protection order hearings, working with local law enforcement and prosecutors in the role of advocating for victims, and participating in the community response team (CRT).

Furniture and Equipment

- The furniture and equipment use period must extend beyond the length of the grant period (e.g., computers). This does not include office supplies (e.g., staplers, paper clips, etc.).
- All equipment purchases are subject to policies and procedures established in the OJP Financial Guide <http://ojp.gov/financialguide/index.htm>. Agencies are expected to review and understand this guidance.
- Property records must be maintained with the following:
 - A description of the property and a serial number or other identifying number
 - Identification of title holder
 - The acquisition date
 - The cost and the percentage of South Dakota Victims' Services funds supporting the purchase
 - The location, use, and condition of the property
- Agencies must request and receive prior approval from the South Dakota Victims' Services Program Manager before making equipment purchases and/or the disposal of equipment purchased with Victims' Services grant funds.
- Agencies are required to complete and submit a Furniture and Equipment Form for all furniture and equipment purchased with Victims' Services funds. This form should be sent at the same time as the corresponding drawdown.
- It is suggested that furniture or equipment purchased with Victims' Services funds be identified as such.

Appendix IV

ALLOWABLE COST GUIDE

Below is a table that includes a guide of allowable costs for each of the various grant programs offered through South Dakota Victims' Services. Additional information can be located within the Victims' Services Grantee Guidelines.

Category	Federally-Funded Victims' Services Grant Programs				State-Funded Program
	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
Personnel/Fringe Benefits					
Volunteer trainings <i>**Activities in support of training volunteers on how to provide direct services when such services will be provided primarily by volunteers</i>	X	X	X	NO	X
Salaries of prosecutors, law enforcement officers or judges <i>**If paid to be handling cases involving violence against women. If they are not working full-time on VAWA cases, their time must be prorated</i>	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
Salaries, benefits, taxes and expenses for individuals assisting with DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	X	X	X	NO	X
Salaries, benefits, taxes and expenses for individuals assisting with SEXUAL ASSAULT	X	NO	X	X	X
Benefits prorated at the same rate as payroll <i>**Payroll taxes, health insurance, retirement, workman's compensation, unemployment insurance</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Coordination of activities that facilitate the provision of direct services <i>**Include but not limited to: crisis response teams, multi-disciplinary teams, coalitions to support and assist victims and other such programs, and salaries and expenses of such coordinators as long as it is for providing direct services</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Payment of salaries & expenses of supervisory staff on a project <i>***When SDVS has determined that such staff are necessary and effectively facilitate the provision of direct services.</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Payment of salaries & expenses of direct service staff serving on child and adult abuse multi-disciplinary investigation and treatment teams, coordination with federal agencies to provide services to victims of federal crimes and/or participation on Statewide or other task forces, work groups, and committees to develop protocols, interagency and other working agreements	X	X	X	X	X
Contract for professional services not available within organization at a rate not to exceed reasonable market rate <i>**e.g., psychological/psychiatric consultation, legal services, interpreters</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Prorated share of liability insurance	X	X	X	X	X
Completing grant-required time and attendance sheets and programmatic documentation, reports and statistics	X	X	X	X	X
Collecting and maintaining crime victims' records	X	X	X	X	X
Conducting victim satisfaction surveys and needs assessments to improve victim services delivery in the project	X	X	X	X	X
Lobbying or advocacy activities with respect to legislation or to administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy, whether conducted directly or indirectly	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Research and studies, except for project evaluation under § 94.121(j)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Active investigation and prosecution of criminal activities <i>***The active investigation and prosecution of criminal activities, except for the provision of victim assistance services (e.g., emotional support, advocacy, and legal services) to crime victims during such investigation and prosecution</i>	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
Any activities related to fundraising	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Salaries and expenses of management <i>**Salaries, benefits, fees, furniture, equipment and other expenses of executive directors, board members and other administrative (except as specifically allowed elsewhere)</i>	NO	NO	NO	NO	X
Provide victim assistance services to victims who are incarcerated <i>**In certain circumstances</i>	X	NO	X	X	X
Crisis intervention services	X	X	X	X	X
Accompanying victims to hospitals for medical examinations	X	X	X	X	X
Hotline counseling	X	NO SA	X	NO DV	X
Safety planning	X	X	X	X	X
Working with a victim to assess the impact of the crime	X	X	X	X	X
Identification of victim needs	X	X	X	X	X

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	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
Personnel/Fringe Benefits					
Case management	X	X	X	X	X
Management of practical problems created by the victimization	X	X	X	X	X
Identification of resources available to the victim	X	X	X	X	X
Provision of information referrals, advocacy, and follow-up contact for continued services as needed	X	X	X	X	X
Peer support <i>**Activities that provide opportunities for victims to meet other victims, share experiences, and provide self-help, information and emotional support</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Sexual Assault Nurse/Forensic Examine (SANE/SAFE) Programs	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Advocacy on behalf of the victim in legal proceedings	X	X	X	X	X
Interpreting for a non-witness victim who is deaf or hard of hearing with LEP	X	X	X	X	X
Providing child care and respite care to enable a victim who is a caregiver to attend activities related to hearings/proceedings/medical appointments regarding victimization	X	X	X	X	X
Notification to victims regarding key proceeding dates <i>**Trial dates, case disposition, incarceration, parole hearings, etc.</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Assistance with Victim Impact Statements	X	X	X	X	X
Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) <i>**SASP will allow if advocate position is funded by SASP and the advocate's time for attending meetings may be covered as part of the advocacy they provide</i>	X	NO	X	DEPENDING	X
Assistance with restitution advocacy on behalf of crime victim	X	X	X	X	X
Rent & Operating Expenses <i>**Must be prorated when an item is not used exclusively for victim-related services or activities</i>					
Organizational expenses that are necessary and essential to providing direct services and other allowable victim services**	X	X	X	X	X
Funding the prorated share of audit costs	X	X	X	X	X
Cost of rent**	X	X	X	X	X
Cost of utilities**	X	X	X	X	X
Shelter supplies**	X	X	X	X	X
Office supplies**	X	X	X	X	X
Required minor building adaptations to meet the DOJ standards implementing ADA modifications**	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Operating supplies**	X	X	X	X	X
Equipment use fees**	X	X	X	X	X
Bookkeeping expenses**	X	X	X	X	X
Minor repairs and maintenance of facilities for operation**	X	NO	NO	NO	X
Advertising of services**	X	Not SA	X	Not DV	X
Insurance (Dishonesty/Fidelity bond; Directors and Officers; Professional; Liability; Property)**	X	X	X	X	X
Automobile insurance**	X	X	X	X	X
Printing, photocopying and postage**	X	X	X	X	X
Courier service (PO Box renewal)**	X	X	X	X	X
Brochures that describe available services**	X	X	X	X	X
Books and other victim-related materials**	X	X	X	X	X
Computer backup files/tapes and storage**	X	X	X	X	X
Security systems**	X	X	X	X	X
Design and maintenance of websites and social media**	X	X	X	X	X
Indirect organization costs** <i>**Association membership fees (SDNAPVSA), costs that are not readily assignable to a particular project</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Essential communication services such as web hosts and mobile device services**	X	X	X	X	X
Capital Expenses <i>**Capital improvements; property losses and expenses; real estate purchases; mortgage payments; and construction</i>	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
Emergency Services Expenses <i>**Must be prorated when an item is not used exclusively for victim-related services or activities</i>					
Emergency food, shelter, clothing and transportation <i>**Emergency food is only for those clients that are being transported or are in shelter - this should not be used to buy foods for clients' personal homes and other resources such as food pantries or DSS should be utilized</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Window, door or lock replacement or repair; and other repairs necessary to ensure a victim's safety	X	X	X	X	X
Gift cards, gas cards or grocery cards/vouchers <i>**Programs MUST have a policy in place and adequate fiscal controls regarding the use including tracking and safeguarding of cards to ensure all items purchased with those cards are allowable under federal, state and program regulations</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Individual counseling for victims	X	X	X	X	X
Relocation Expenses <i>**Subject to any restrictions on amount, length of time and eligible crimes as set by State. (No deposits; can be for rent or utilities and has a \$1,000/client/year cap)</i>	X	X	Yes, for reasonable transportation costs to enhance women's safety. Not for moving household goods.	X	X
Child care	X	X	X	X	X
Pay to move household goods to a new location	X	X	Yes, for reasonable transportation costs to enhance women's safety. Not for moving household goods.	X	X
Mortgage expenses	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Rental assistance for victims** <i>**\$1,000 maximum per client per year</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Rental expenses for victims** <i>**\$1,000 maximum per client per year</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Rent for victims** <i>**\$1,000 maximum per client per year **DEPOSITS ARE NOT ALLOWED</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Travel expenses for victims	X	X	X	X	X
Victim car repairs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Utility startup costs for victims** <i>**\$1,000 maximum per client per year **DEPOSITS ARE NOT ALLOWED</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Utility expenses for victims** <i>**\$1,000 maximum per client per year</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Compensation for victims of crime or reimbursement of crime victims for expenses incurred as a result of a crime	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Support services to children aged 0-10	X	X	NO	X	X
Medical Services Expenses	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
Capacity evaluations <i>**particularly relevant for older victims of crime</i>	X	NO	X	X	X
Emergency medical equipment <i>**Such as wheelchairs, crutches, hearing aids, eyeglasses when other health care funding source is not reasonably expected to be available quickly enough to meet the victim's needs (typically 48 hours)</i>	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
HIV/preventative medicines <i>**Allowable on an emergency basis when the CVC program, victim's health insurance plan, Medicaid or another healthcare funding source is not reasonable expected to be available quickly enough to meet the emergency needs of the victim (typically within 48 hours of the crime) for non-prescription medicine, prophylactics or other treatment to prevent HIV/AIDS infection or other infectious diseases</i>	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Outpatient therapy/counseling <i>**Individual and/or group counseling, peer support groups</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Substance abuse treatment as long as the abuse is directly related to the victimization <i>**Provided by a person who meets the professional standards to provide these services in the jurisdiction in which are administered</i>	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Medical supplies for forensic interviews <i>**table paper, otoscope covers, urine cups, gloves, etc.</i>	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Medical care where otherwise allowed by provisions listed above	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
Legal Services Expenses <i>**Reasonably necessary as a direct result of the victimization</i>					
Assistance in divorce	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Campus administrative protect/stay-away orders	X	X	X	X	X
Child custody and support proceedings	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Civil crimes where are reasonably necessary as a direct result of the victimization	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Criminal defense	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Family, custody, contract, housing and dependency matters <i>(particularly for victims of intimate partner violence, child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, and human trafficking)</i>	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Immigration assistance for victims of human trafficking, sexual assault or domestic violence		NO	NO	NO	NO
Intervention with administrative agencies, schools/colleges, tribal entities, and other circumstances where legal advice or intervention would assist in addressing the consequences of a person's victimization	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Proceedings for protective/restraining orders	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Tort lawsuits	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Emergency visitation rights	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Batterer's intervention programs <i>**Provided that programs are part of a graduated range of sanctions that use the coercive power of the criminal justice system to hold abusers accountable for their criminal actions and for changing their behavior</i>	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
Victim-centered forensic interviews	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Traditional, cultural and alternative therapy/healing methods such as art therapy and/or yoga <i>**must be victim-centered</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Furniture/Equipment Expenses <i>**Grants may be charged only for a prorated share of an item that is not used exclusively for victim-related activities</i>					
Automated systems and technology** <i>**Subject to provisions of DOJ Grants Financial Guide (e.g., automated information and referral systems, email systems that allow communications among victim service providers, automated case-tracking and management systems, smartphones, computer equipment and victim notification systems as determined necessary by Victims' Services</i>	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Lease or purchase of vehicle	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Organization owned vehicle repairs, insurance and licensing	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Mobile communication devices**	X	NO	X	X	NO
Telephones**	X	NO	X	X	NO
Braille and TTY/TDD equipment**	X	NO	X	X	NO
Computers, printers and other office equipment**	X	NO	X	X	NO
Beepers**	X	NO	X	X	NO
Video cameras with recorders for documenting and reviewing interviews with children**	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Two-way mirrors**	X	NO	X	X	NO
Colposcopes**	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Digital cameras**	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Equipment and furniture for shelters, work spaces, victim waiting rooms, and children's play areas**	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Travel/Mileage Expenses					
Accompanying victims to offices and court	X	X	X	X	NO
Transportation, meals and lodging to allow a victim who is not a witness to participate in a proceeding	X	X	X	X	NO
Transportation of victims to receive services and participate in criminal justice proceedings	X	X	X	X	NO
Local travel expenses for service providers	X	X	X	X	NO

Category	Federally-Funded Victims' Services Grant Programs				State-Funded Program
	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
Development/Training Expenses for Staff					
Skills training for staff ***Training exclusively for developing the skills of direct services providers, including paid staff and volunteers (For VOCA- both that are VOCA-funded and not)	X	X	X	X	X
Training materials **Including but not limited to: manuals, books, videoconferencing, electronic training resources and other materials and resources related to such training	X	X	X	X	X
Victim attendance at conferences	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Training related travel ***Training related costs for In-State, region and national: meals, lodging, and registration fees for paid direct-services staff (For VOCA- both that are VOCA-funded and not)	X	X	X	X	X
Training program that has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a tribal, state, territorial or local domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking victim service provider or coalition as well as appropriate tribal, state, territorial and local law enforcement officials	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
Repair, Replacement & Renovation Expenses **Grants may be charged only for a prorated share of an item that is not used exclusively for victim-related activities					
Costs of maintenance, repair or replacement of items that contribute to maintenance of a health or safe environment for crime victims** **Furnace in a shelter, routine maintenance, repair costs and automobile insurance for lease vehicles (as determined by Victims' Services after considering at a minimum, if other sources of funding are available)	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Minor renovations such as painting or replacing carpet	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Community Education/ Public Awareness					
Development of presentation materials, brochures, newspaper notices and public service announcements	X	X	NO	NO	X
Outreach services **Increase awareness about the services, so that victims know where to go to receive services	X	X	X	X	X
Prevention/education services **Including outreach to underserved victims	X	X	X	X	X
Other Expenses					
Background/criminal screening for potential employees and/or direct service volunteers or Board members	X	X	X	X	X
Background/criminal screening on victims/clients	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

DV = domestic violence
SA = sexual assault

*Staff Training Events Where Food is Brought In

There may be instances where South Dakota Victims' Services grant funds can be used to help cover the costs of staff trainings. Organizations interested in doing so must contact the Victims' Services Program Manager, Cora Olson, Cora.Olson@state.sd.us or Program Specialist, Laura Quasney Laura.Quasney@state.sd.us

If you or your organization has additional questions about whether an item or event would be an allowable expense, please contact Victims' Services Program.