

South Dakota Victims' Services Program

Combined Grant Application **Instructions for SFY 2026**

- **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)**
- **Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA)**
- **Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP)/**
- **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**
- **Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)**
- **Domestic and Sexual Abuse Program (DASA)**

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SOUTH DAKOTA VICTIMS' SERVICES - APPLICABLE GRANTS

The South Dakota Victims' Services (SDVS) Program administers several federal and state grants that provide funding to organizations that offer shelter, advocacy, crisis counseling, and other victims' services to sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, and other violent crime victims. These grant programs include:

- **Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Victims' Services** – funding from the federal Office of Victims of Crime in the Department of Justice to assist victims of crime as soon as possible after a crime occurs.
 - See [VOCA Final Rule](#) for additional information about this funding.
- **Family Violence Prevention & Services Act (FVPSA)** – federal funding from the Office of Community Services Administration for Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent incidents of family violence and support programs that serve families and children affected by violence.
 - See [FVPSA Final Rule](#) for additional information about this funding.
- **Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP)/Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** – federal funding from the Office of Violence Against Women in the Department of Justice for law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violence against women. SDVS 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. These application instructions must be utilized by organizations applying for STOP specifically to provide victims' services.
 - See [STOP Final Rule](#) for additional information about this funding.
- **Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)** – federal funding from the Office of Violence Against Women in the Department of Justice to support establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs for victims of sexual assault.
 - See [Conforming STOP VAWA Formula Regulations to Statutory Change; Definitions and Confidentiality Requirements Applicable to All OVW Grant Programs](#)
- **Domestic & Sexual Abuse Program (DASA)** – State funding to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and education.
 - See [Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA VICTIMS' SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

VOCA Grant Overview

The Victims of Crime Act was passed by Congress in 1984. The Act established a Crime Victims Fund in the U.S. Treasury to collect fines from convicted federal criminals and use those monies to assist people who have been victimized by crime. A portion of the Fund is awarded annually in grants to states, which then sub-grant funding to organizations that provide direct services to crime victims. This annual allotment varies, depending on the amount of money collected by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

Primary Purpose

- To provide direct assistance to innocent victims of violent crime throughout the nation.

- To assist victims of crime as soon as possible after the crime occurs to reduce the severity of the psychological consequences of the victimization.
- To demonstrate ongoing support for victims in coping with the impact of victimization.

Priority

- A minimum of 10% of the State’s VOCA funding for each federal fiscal year’s grant must be allocated to each of the following categories of crime victims: sexual assault, spousal abuse, and child abuse - for a total of 30%.
- A minimum of 10% of the State’s VOCA funding for each federal fiscal year’s grant must be allocated to a previously underserved category. Each state must determine categories of victims that are underserved. South Dakota has identified the following categories of underserved crime victims:
 - Victims of Sexual Abuse/ Assault;
 - At-risk or homeless youth;
 - Victims of Elder Abuse/ Neglect.

Match Requirements

- 20% of the Total Project Budget
 - The exception is 5% of the Total Project Budget for programs located on a reservation.
 - Ability to request a match waiver (see [SDVS Match Waiver Policy](#))

Additional Requirements

Organizations receiving VOCA funds also must:

- Use volunteers to support services paid for with VOCA funds; or request a waiver from SDVS of this requirement.
- Maintain substantial financial support from sources other than VOCA.
 - At least 25% of the agency’s funding in the year of, or the year preceding an award must come from other sources, which can include other federal funding programs.
- Provide effective services to victims of crime and support from sources other than VOCA.
- Provide information about the Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) Program and where to get assistance in applying. Federal VOCA funding includes monies specifically to provide compensation to victims of crime and secondary victims of crime through the CVC Program. Individuals who receive support from agencies through any SDVS grant-funded programs also may be eligible for assistance through the CVC Program, which can help to cover longer-term costs such as medical and mental health expenses and lost wages.

VOCA Allowable Direct Service Costs

VOCA funds must be expended for providing **direct services** to victims of violent crime. The table below provides a quick guide for how VOCA funds may be used. A more comprehensive table of allowable and non-allowable costs is included in **Quick Funding Guide** in **APPENDIX VI**.

VOCA Non-Allowable Costs

VOCA funds may not be used to cover any costs not directly related to service delivery for victims of crimes noted above. Additionally, agencies may not use VOCA 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
- Stipends for volunteers or crisis line advocates
- Victim property loss
- Visitation Center services - Visitation Center staff expenses can only include direct service time spent with clients outside of the visit

FVPSA Grant Overview

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (ACF).

Primary Purpose

- To prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- To provide immediate shelter, supportive services, and access to community-based programs for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and their dependents.
- To provide specialized services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, underserved populations, and victims who are members of racial and ethnic minority populations.

Priority

- Not less than 70 percent of the State's total FVPSA funds must be distributed for immediate shelter and related assistance to victims of family violence and their dependents, dating violence, and domestic violence.
- Not less than 25 percent of the State's total FVPSA funds must be distributed for the primary purpose of providing supportive and prevention services.

Match requirements (cash or in-kind, or a combination of both)

- 20% of the Total Project Budget.
 - Exception is Tribes and any other Tribal organization such as a 501(c)3, that have a current and signed Tribal Resolution, will not have a match requirement.

FVPSA Allowable Costs

FVPSA funds must be expended only for providing **direct services** to victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and their dependents. FVPSA also may be used to cover some expenses related to increasing public awareness about and prevention of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence. **FVPSA funds**

cannot be used to assist victims of sexual crimes. A more comprehensive table of allowable and non-allowable costs is included in **Quick Funding Guide** in **APPENDIX VI**.

FVPSA Non-Allowable Costs

FVPSA funds may not be used to cover any costs not directly related to service delivery or public awareness/prevention for these victims. Additionally, agencies may not use FVPSA 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
- Stipends for volunteers or crisis line advocates
- Victim property loss
- Victim relocation expenses
- Visitation Center services - Visitation Center staff expenses can only include direct service time spent with clients outside of the visit

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. SDVS awards STOP/VAWA grants to two types of groups:

- agencies that provide victims' services; and
- law enforcement agencies, prosecution agencies, and courts.

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.

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 SDVS STOP/VAWA State Implementation Plan supports funding for two priority areas:

1. Enhanced Court Advocacy and other core services for victims are provided through local domestic violence and sexual assault programs.
2. Specialized Service Programs for the following underserved populations:
 - a. Victims in rural areas

- b. Adults sexually abused/assaulted as children
- c. Survivors of homicide
- d. Victims of intoxicated drivers
- e. Victims of robbery
- f. 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% to law enforcement
- 25% to prosecution
- 30% to victim services (of which at least 10% must be distributed to culturally specific community-based organizations)
- 5% to courts
- 15% 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. A more comprehensive table of allowable and non-allowable costs is included in **Quick Funding Guide** in **APPENDIX VI**.

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 training
- 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

STOP-VAWA & STOP-Prosecution Grant Overview

The application covered in this section must be used by law enforcement, prosecution agencies and courts for the Community Response Teams (CRT) Grant.

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. SDVS awards STOP (VAWA) grants to two types of groups:

- law enforcement agencies, prosecution agencies, and courts; and
- agencies that provide victims' services.

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 for 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.

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 must also 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, to improve victims' safety and hold offenders accountable.
4. Be actively involved in the establishment of goals, objectives, and specific outcomes/results of the CRT effort.
5. Ensure 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 SDVS 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.
10. Establish and maintain documentation to demonstrate that investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women have been enhanced.

A new requirement of any subgrantee that is a prosecutor's office is to meet the certification requirements within three (3) years. The Certification will be made by the head of the prosecuting office and certifies to SDVS that the prosecuting office is compliant.

A requirement of supporting STOP-funded prosecutors to meet the STOP prosecution certification includes identifying effective training programs and other strategies to ensure implementation of practices that are victim-centered and trauma-informed and engaging in meaningful monitoring of prosecution programs using appropriate practice guidelines.

The Office on Violence Against Women, in consultation with more than 120 prosecutors, advocates, academics, and other subject matter experts, has developed a resource published by the U.S. Department of Justice, the "Framework for Prosecutors to Strengthen Our National Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Involving Adult Victims". This resource describes a set of principles that is intended to lead to "better outcomes for victims, safer communities, and great accountability for perpetrators" and can be found [here](#).

SASP Grant Overview

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) was created by the Violence Against Women and DOJ Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005) and is the first federal funding stream dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance solely for victims of sexual assault.

Primary Purpose

- Provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompany victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and

household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

- Support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of sexual assault services by non-governmental victims' services programs to assist those victimized by sexual assault.

Program Priorities

- Support rape crisis centers in providing direct intervention and related assistance services.
- Support dual programs that provide sexual assault and domestic violence services to enhance the provision of sexual assault related direct intervention and related assistance services.

Match Requirements

A contribution of non-federal dollars ("match") is not required for SASP grant awards.

Additional Requirements

In distributing SASP funds, SDVS must:

- Give priority to areas of varying geographic size, which show the greatest need. This includes consideration of the range and availability of existing sexual assault programs and the geographic areas they can serve.
- Take into consideration the population of the geographic areas to be served.
- Equitably distribute monies on a geographic basis, including non-urban and rural areas of various geographic sizes.
- Ensure that the needs of previously underserved populations are identified and addressed.

SASP funds are awarded through a competitive review process.

SASP Allowable Costs

SASP funds must be expended only for providing **direct services** to adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those who are collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

SASP Non-Allowable Costs

Any costs not directly related to delivery of services to sexual assault victims may not be charged to SASP. Programs serving both domestic violence and sexual assault victims must ensure SASP funds are used only for services to sexual assault victims.

Additionally, agencies may not use SASP 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

A more comprehensive table of allowable and non-allowable costs is included in **Quick Funding Guide** in **APPENDIX VI**.

DASA Grant Overview

The DASA (Domestic and Sexual Abuse Program) grant is funded through the State of South Dakota general funds, with monies appropriated annually by the South Dakota State Legislature.

Primary purpose

- To assist with shelter programs that serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- To provide training programs for the staff and volunteers of shelter service programs.
- To provide domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and education programs.

Priority

- Priority is given to funding victims' assistance programs that serve victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Match Requirements

- DASA grants do not require a match.

DASA Allowable Costs

DASA funds can be used to cover costs related to direct services provided to domestic violence and sexual assault victims. DASA also can be used to cover some administrative expenses associated with serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

DASA Non-Allowable Costs

Just as with all grant programs administered by South Dakota Victims' Services, agencies may not use DASA 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

GRANT APPLICATION OVERVIEW

This document provides information and guidance for the application process for SDVS grants, which are for a one-year grant cycle and are not eligible for extension. Organizations will use a combined application to apply for funding from any one or more of the following grant programs administered by SDVS:

- VOCA
- FVPSA
- STOP/VAWA
- SASP
- DASA

Eligible Applicants

Eligible programs should be in South Dakota and/or have primary emphasis on serving victims and survivors located in South Dakota. Types of eligible applicants include but are not limited to:

- City or township governments
- County governments
- State/ local governmental victim services programs
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Faith-based and neighborhood programs

See also **GRANT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES** section of these application instructions.

Applying for the Right Funding

Before applying, organizations are strongly encouraged to determine which grant(s) most appropriately fit their goals and needs. It is encouraged to strategically look at the funding available and how it may fit organizational needs and not only apply for all needs from one funding source if it may fit into others. Each of the grant programs noted previously will provide funding to support specific purposes and desired outcomes. They may be used for many of the same types of services but also have unique focus areas and restrictions on how the funding may be used. Each program also has specific documentation and reporting requirements, many of which are the same but not all.

Finally, each grant program has different requirements for organizations to provide matching resources, whether cash or in-kind services and goods. Organizations should carefully consider each of these factors when deciding which grants would best meet their specific program and service needs, their administrative capabilities, and their capacity for meeting match requirements. SDVS will also consider these factors when reviewing funding applications and may make suggestions for how to restructure requests to maximize the effectiveness of available funds.

For example, organizations should think strategically about how they can apply funding from the various programs to support their operation's needs most effectively and efficiently. This may mean requesting more funding from one program and less or no funding from another. Organizations also should be certain that the funding for which

they are applying can be used for the services and supports specified in their request. Information about each grant and what it will and will not cover can be found in the SDVS Grantee Guidelines posted on the Dept. of Public Safety’s website located [here](#). Requesting grant funds for activities and services for which they cannot be used may result in an organization’s application being denied.

Key Application Dates and Information

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING!

Applicants should read all the guidelines included in these instructions and reference the SDVS Grantee Guidelines before they prepare their applications. Applicants are expected to understand and abide by all the requirements included in these instructions. Failure to follow all the instructions may result in applicants not being awarded grants.

Grant applications must be submitted with all required components via email to Anette.Beasley@state.sd.us and Laura.Quasney@state.sd.us by 5:00 pm CDT on April 25, 2025.

Grant awards are anticipated to be announced in June 2025. The grant cycle begins July 1, 2025. Also see **SFY2026 SCHEDULE & DUE DATES** for all the important dates and information regarding this grant cycle.

Important Information Webinars

Solicitation webinars are held for any agencies interested in applying for grants for this application. If you are unable to participate, please contact SDVS for more information that was discussed.

Additionally, there will be a Solicitation webinar during which SDVS 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 how to access the application and answer questions asked during the solicitation period.

Funding Available

This is a competitive solicitation, and funding will be made to provide services to victims of crime. The availability of funding depends on the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure from the South Dakota Legislature for this purpose. If, for any reason, the Legislature fails to appropriate funds or grant expenditure authority, or funds become unavailable by operation of the law or federal funds reduction, the amount available for award may be lower than stated in this solicitation.

Anticipated Total to be Awarded Under This Solicitation	
VOCA	\$ 2,807,225.01
FVPSA	\$ 854,269.70
STOP/VAWA	\$ 643,897.08
SASP	\$ 488,032.88
DASA	\$ 225,000.00
Total	\$ 5,018,424.67

Awards

SDVS will review applications and make award decisions based on established criteria (see **REVIEW PROCESS** section). Grant awards are anticipated to be announced in June 2025. Agreements/contracts will be established with each awarded agency and must be fully executed before the ability to draw down funds for reimbursement. The beginning of the grant cycle is July 1, 2025.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Complete PDF Application Form**
The SFY 2026 application process will require completion of a PDF application form found on the DPS website [here](#).
- **Required Supporting Documentation/Attachments**
The application package requires various attachments provided with the PDF upon submission via email to SDVS.

APPLICATION COMPLETION

The following information is being provided in hopes of creating a smooth application process for organizations. This section can be utilized side-by-side with completing the application detailing what is being requested in each section of the application. This includes descriptions of questions that will be asked of your organization/program and the necessity of funding to provide those services. This section also includes the required documents. This will be outlined by each gray header within the application.

Application Information

- **Application Type**
Select if you are currently a subrecipient of SDVS funding or if you are a new program requesting funding/ have never previously been funded. If the program has previously received SDVS funding but is not currently receiving funding, please select “Not Currently Funded.” If the program has applied for SDVS funding previously but has not been awarded, please select “New/ Not Previously Funded”.
- **Applicant Organization Name**
Provide the name of the organization that legally appears. If the program is part of a larger umbrella program and only a portion or specific programming is requesting funding, please list the overall/umbrella program name and then also list the specific programming/program name.
- **Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code**
Provide the address where services will be provided.
- **Applicant Unique Entity Identifier (UEI #)**
All applicants are required to include a UEI Number in their application. The UEI Number is a 12-character number unique to the entity authorized to receive federal funding. On April 4, 2022, the unique entity identifier used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID

(generated by SAM.gov). Existing registered entities can find their UEI by following the steps [here](#). New entities can get their UEI at [SAM.gov](#) and, if required, complete an entity registration.

- **Organization Type**
Please select the type of organization that best describes your program. If “Governmental” is selected, this applies to State and local governmental programs. If the applicant is a Tribal government, “Tribal” should be selected. If the program is a tribal entity, does the program have a current and signed Tribal Resolution? If requesting FVPSA funding and a Tribal entity, this is required for SDVS to waive the match requirement.
- **Primary Contact Name, Phone number # and Email**
Provide the contact information for the individual responsible for this application completion and who should be contacted should SDVS need to communicate with the organization regarding this application.

Grant Use Information

- **Service Area**
Describe the service area and the counties served by the program applying. If the defined service area includes all counties/ statewide, please answer “Statewide.” If not, select “Other,” and then in the text box provided, list the counties within the service area.
- **Indicate how the defined service area was determined.**
Select all that apply. Advise if it is due to Marriage/Divorce Fees received from counties listed previously, actual victims/ survivors served from counties listed previously, both, or “Other”. If “Other” is selected, use the text box provided to explain.
- **Purpose of Funding**
Explain why funding is crucial to the operations of the organization to support services to victims and survivors. Detail what the funds are proposed to be used for. If this is for specific programming, please detail what type of programming that is and why the funding is necessary. If there are additional service areas, types of services that will be provided, explain that here. This should be very detailed in the proposed use of the funding and specific victimization areas served, as well as service areas and demographics or priorities.
- **Underserved Populations**
Select all types of underserved populations intending to be served under the proposed funding from the list below. If more than one area will be served, all that apply should be checked: victims of sexual abuse/ assault, at-risk or homeless youth, and/or victims of elder abuse/ neglect.

In the textbox provided, detail the services and programming that will be utilized to reach the underserved populations stated above and which populations will be reached with that programming if more than one type is selected from the question above.

- **Types of Crime Victims/ Survivors Served**

Select the type of crime victims/survivors proposed to be served/supported under this application for funding. If that crime time is anticipated to be served/supported, check the box to the left of the crime type listed, and in the box on the right, enter the percentage anticipating being served. **Enter the percentage below in decimal format. (e.g., 0.1 is 10%).** The dark gray box in the bottom right of the page will auto-calculate the percentages entered. This will need to total 100% before proceeding with the application.

- **Challenges**

Please discuss some of the challenges your victim assistance program faced during the previous year. This would include some of the services that victims/survivors requested but the organization was unable to provide. Please detail what challenges prevented the organization from providing those services or any other information to describe challenges. Some examples of challenges may be difficulties with staffing levels, changes in positions, changes in funding levels/ fundraising abilities, etc.

Detailed Budget & Narrative

- **Fiscal Year Budget**

This section is similar to the prior application process completed directly within MAVIS. In this section, enter the board-approved budget. If the budget for the grant period covered by this application, please provide that information, if it is not available, provide the most recent/current budget to be referenced with this application for funding. The amount listed for SDVS Funding Sources (VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, and DASA) should have the amount listed that you are anticipating requesting within this application. If you are not requesting a funding source or it does not apply, enter \$0. **The SDVS Total Budget and Total will auto-calculate as you input amounts.**

- **If the applicant is a non-federal entity, did your program expend more than \$1,000,000 or more in federal funds?**

If the program is a non-federal entity, this should be answered “Yes” or “No”. Did the program EXPEND more than \$1,000,000 in federal funds from all funding sources, including pass-through subawards and direct funding received in the program’s prior fiscal year?

Grant Programs Requested

Complete the following sections of the application for the funding sources applied for/ requested as part of this application. If you are not applying for that specific funding, you should enter “N/A” or leave it blank.

SDVS has tried to streamline this process for SFY2026 and is requesting all information that would be requested from SDVS from VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, and DASA to be provided within one section. This change is from previously completing a category for each of the funding sources. If selected for awarded funds, SDVS will provide a document detailing which categories and funding sources were awarded.

VOCA Specific Information

- **Will you need to request a waiver of the VOCA Volunteer Requirement?**
VOCA requires subrecipient organizations to use volunteers unless the state grantee determines there is a compelling reason to waive this requirement. A "compelling reason" may be a statutory or contractual provision concerning liability or confidentiality of counselors/victims' information, which bars using volunteers for certain positions, or the inability to recruit and maintain volunteers after a sustained effort.

Select from the dropdown if a waiver will need to be requested. If a waiver is requested, use the textbox provided to explain the reasons a waiver is necessary. This should detail why volunteers are not utilized and should detail challenges in obtaining volunteers and outreach efforts to solicit volunteers.

- **Will you need to request a waiver of the VOCA Match Requirement?**
The policy of SDVS is to require VOCA subrecipients to meet their match requirements. If a subrecipient anticipates difficulty meeting the match requirement on a VOCA award, a request for a match waiver may be submitted to SDVS. Generally, match waiver requests will be considered at the start of an award period. A partial or full match waiver may be requested for consideration. Match waivers are considered by SDVS and DPS staff on a case-by-case basis, and approval will be determined based on a well-justified hardship. Select from the dropdown if a VOCA match waiver will be requested.
 - **To request a match waiver, subrecipients should provide a match waiver justification request with this application. The justification must be on agency letterhead containing the following:**
 - The legal name of the agency requesting a match waiver.
 - A **brief** description of the agency, project, and services to be provided.
 - A justification explaining the hardship reason for the match waiver request.
 - Total amount of match that would be required based on the amount requested within the application.
 - The total amount of match the agency can provide that is broken out by in-kind and cash match.
 - The amount of match the agency is requesting to be waived.
 - The amount of match provided in the prior grant year for the same project (if applicable).
 - Period for which the match waiver request is being made.
 - Signatures from both the agency's Executive Director and Board Chairperson.
- **Optional: Additional Information**
Provide any additional information you would like us to know about how you would utilize VOCA funding if awarded or any additional information about this project that was not previously explained in other areas. Examples could be to list your goals, objectives, and activities for the project.
 - Goals are broad, general statements of a desired result or outcome of the project.

- Objectives are specific results or effects of a program’s activities that must be achieved to reach the goals. Objectives are specific, attainable, measurable, and time bound.
- Activities are the specific steps taken to meet the objectives.

Example:

- Goal: The goal of this project is to increase counseling services to sexual assault victims.
- Objectives and performance measures: to provide individual and group counseling to 50 victims of sexual assault.
- Activities: Employ a part-time counselor for 15 hours each week who will provide counseling services to sexual assault victims.

FVPSA Specific Information

- **Explain how you would ensure that SDVS meets the priorities of FVPSA funding.**

FVPSA requires that not less than 70% of total FVPSA funds awarded must be distributed for immediate shelter and related assistance to victims of family violence and their dependents, dating violence, and domestic violence. Not less than 25% of total FVPSA funds awarded must be distributed for the primary purpose of providing supportive and prevention services.

FVPSA does not cover sexual assault crimes/victimizations, and information about the project/program in this section should only pertain to assisting victims/survivors of family violence, dating violence, and domestic violence.

Please use the textbox provided to detail how FVPSA specific requirements would be fulfilled.

- **Optional: Additional Information**

Provide any additional information you would like us to know about how you would utilize FVPSA funding if awarded or any additional information about this project that was not previously explained in other areas. Examples could be to list your goals, objectives, and activities for the project.

- Goals are broad, general statements of a desired result or outcome of the project.
- Objectives are specific results or effects of a program’s activities that must be achieved to reach the goals. Objectives are specific, attainable, measurable, and time bound.
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Example:

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STOP Specific Information

- **STOP Allocation Category**

Select the STOP allocation category that is most appropriate from the list provided that describes either your program or the services that would be provided by STOP. Please note that there is a possibility you may fit into two categories.

- **STOP-LET Training**

Only if the program is applying for STOP-Law Enforcement (LET) does this question need to be answered. Briefly describe the training your agency plans to provide using STOP funds during the project period. Include the number of trainings, training topics, and the audience you anticipate providing the training to. If you plan to work on any innovative or new projects, ensure you are detailing all those activities here.

- **Results of prosecutions of violent crimes against individuals in the previous calendar year.**

Only if the program is applying for STOP-Prosecution (P) does this question need to be answered. Please provide the number of arrests, convictions, and cases pending for the previous calendar year.

- **Estimate the number of successful prosecutions of violent crimes**

Only if the program is applying for STOP-P does this question need to be answered. Please estimate the increased number of successful prosecutions of violent crime that the STOP-P would assist with if funding were received.

- **STOP Prosecution Certification Requirement**

Only if the program is applying for STOP-P does this section need to be completed/ answered. A requirement of supporting STOP-funded prosecutors to meet the STOP prosecution certification includes identifying effective training programs and other strategies to ensure implementation of practices that are victim-centered and trauma-informed and engaging in meaningful monitoring of prosecution programs using appropriate practice guidelines.

The Office on Violence Against Women, in consultation with more than 120 prosecutors, advocates, academics, and other subject matter experts, has developed a resource published by the U.S. Department of Justice, the "Framework for Prosecutors to Strengthen Our National Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Involving Adult Victims". This resource describes a set of principles that is intended to lead to "better outcomes for victims, safer communities, and great accountability for perpetrators" and can be found [here](#).

- It is a requirement of any subgrantee that is a prosecutor's office to meet the certification requirements within three (3) years of receiving a subgrant. The Certification will be made by the head of the prosecutor's office and certifies to SDVS that the prosecuting office is compliant with this requirement. Use the textbox available to explain the intent to ensure compliance with this requirement and how this certification will be determined and made.

- **Additional Information**

Provide any additional information you would like us to know about how you would utilize STOP funding if awarded or any additional information about this project that was not previously explained in other areas. This pertains to all applicants of STOP whether STOP-VS, STOP-P, STOP-LET, or STOP-Courts. Examples could be to list your goals, objectives, and activities for the project.

- Goals are broad, general statements of a desired result or outcome of the project.
- Objectives are specific results or effects of a program's activities that must be achieved to reach the goals. Objectives are specific, attainable, measurable, and time bound.
- Activities are the specific steps taken to meet the objectives.

Example:

- Goal: The goal of this project is to increase counseling services to sexual assault victims.
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- Activities: Employ a part-time counselor for 15 hours each week who will provide counseling services to sexual assault victims.

SASP Specific Information

- **Explain how you would ensure that SDVS meets the priorities of SASP funding.**

SASP is intended to support rape crisis centers in providing direct intervention and related assistance services as well as support dual programs. Dual programs provide sexual assault and domestic violence services to enhance the provision of sexual assault-related direct intervention and related assistance services. Please use the textbox provided to detail how SASP specific requirements would be fulfilled.

SASP does not cover domestic violence crimes/victimizations, and information about the project/program in this section should only pertain to assisting victims/survivors of sexual assault.

- **Optional: Additional Information**

Provide any additional information you would like us to know about how you would utilize SASP funding if awarded or any additional information about this project that was not previously explained in other areas. Examples could be to list your goals, objectives, and activities for the project.

- Goals are broad, general statements of a desired result or outcome of the project.
- Objectives are specific results or effects of a program's activities that must be achieved to reach the goals. Objectives are specific, attainable, measurable, and time bound.
- Activities are the specific steps taken to meet the objectives.

Example:

- Goal: The goal of this project is to increase counseling services to sexual assault victims.

- Objectives and performance measures: to provide individual and group counseling to 50 victims of sexual assault.
- Activities: Employ a part-time counselor for 15 hours each week who will provide counseling services to sexual assault victims.

DASA Specific Information

- **Explain how you would ensure that SDVS meets the primary purpose of DASA funding.**

DASA’s primary purposes are to provide assistance to shelter programs that serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, provide training programs for the staff and volunteers of these programs, and provide prevention and education programming by these programs. Use the textbox provided to detail the use and activities that would be supported.

- **Optional: Additional Information**

Provide any additional information you would like us to know about how you would utilize DASA funding if awarded or any additional information about this project that was not previously explained in other areas. Examples could be to list your goals, objectives, and activities for the project.

- Goals are broad, general statements of a desired result or outcome of the project.
- Objectives are specific results or effects of a program’s activities that must be achieved to reach the goals. Objectives are specific, attainable, measurable, and time bound.
- Activities are the specific steps taken to meet the objectives.

Example:

- Goal: The goal of this project is to increase counseling services to sexual assault victims.
- Objectives and performance measures: to provide individual and group counseling to 50 victims of sexual assault.
- Activities: Employ a part-time counselor for 15 hours each week who will provide counseling services to sexual assault victims.

Funding Categories Requested

The dropdowns in this section contain categories supported by SDVS funding and categories to which funds can be allocated. However, not all categories are eligible under all funding sources. For categories that funding will be requested from, please select them from the dropdowns provided, ranking in order from highest priority at the top to least priority at the bottom.

Personnel/ Fringe Benefits

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Personnel/Benefits.**
In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS, whether it is VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, or DASA, that is necessary to support Personnel/ Fringe Benefit expenses. If this category is not being requested, enter “\$0”.
- **Please provide the below information for the Personnel/ Fringe Benefits requested from SDVS.**

In this section, only include the count for positions that will either be partially or fully requested to be supported by VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, and/or DASA.

- Number of full-time positions (2,080 hours per year). If a portion of the SDVS funding is requested to support a full-time position, count that position here.
 - Number of part-time positions. If a portion of the SDVS funding is requested to support a part-time position, count that position here.
 - **The total positions will auto-calculate based on the numbers provided above.**
 - Total annual salaries and wages only. This is the total budget amount for only salaries and wages, not including benefits for the positions identified above. SDVS will review the percentage of wages requested to be funded.
- **Fringe Benefits**
Explain the benefits that would be included in this request for funding and the formula for calculating that request, and how it was determined. Be specific in exactly which benefits and/or taxes might be included in this request and how those will be determined/ calculated/ allocated.
 - **Job Descriptions**
Please provide an abbreviated explanation of the necessity of the positions listed and how they are integral to the success of the project. This includes activities detailed to demonstrate the need to implement/ continue this project. If the position will be direct service or support staff, ensure that is thoroughly explained.

Rent & Operating Expenses

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Rent & Operating Expenses.**
In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS, whether it is VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, or DASA. If this category is not being requested, enter \$0.

Rent & Operating Expenses are organizational expenses that are essential to providing direct services and allowable other victim services. These must be prorated when an item is not used exclusively for victim-related services or activities.

- **Rent & Operating Narrative**
Provide an explanation for the expenses to be paid and provide the annual budget amount and why they are necessary. Provide a description and the amount that is being requested (e.g., Office Supplies \$250.00).

Community Education Expenses

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Community Education Expenses.**
In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS, whether it is VOCA, FVPSA, or DASA. If this category is not being requested, enter \$0.

Community Education is the promotion of community efforts to aid crime victims and survivors. This may be through awareness presentations or other activities.

- **Community Education Expenses Narrative**
Provide an explanation for the expenses to be paid and provide the annual budget amount and why they are necessary. Provide a description and the amount that is being requested (e.g., Outreach & Education Supplies \$250.00).

Emergency Services

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Emergency Services.**
In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS, whether it is VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, or DASA. If this category is not being requested, enter \$0.

Emergency Services are expenses that may be used for but are not limited to responding to immediate emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety.

- **Emergency Services Narrative**
Provide an explanation for the expenses to be paid and provide the annual budget amount and why they are necessary. Provide a description and the amount that is being requested (e.g., Hotels/Motels for Victims/ Survivors \$2,500.00).

Furniture & Equipment

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Furniture & Equipment.**
In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS, whether it is VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, or SASP. If this category is not being requested, enter \$0.
- **Furniture & Equipment Narrative**
Provide an explanation for the expenses to be paid and provide the annual budget amount and why they are necessary. Provide a description and the amount that is being requested (e.g., Replacement beds for victim/survivor rooms \$2,500.00).

Travel/ Mileage

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Travel/ Mileage.**
In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS, whether it is VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, or DASA. If this category is not being requested, enter \$0.

Travel/Mileage is for transporting victims and survivors to office appointments, court, participating in a court proceeding where they are not a witness, and local travel expenses.

- **Travel/Mileage Narrative**
Provide an explanation for the expenses to be paid and provide the annual budget amount and why they are necessary. Provide a description and the amount that is being requested (e.g., Transportation/ mileage for victims/ survivors \$2,500.00).

Development/ Training

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Development/ Training.**

In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS, whether it is VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, or DASA. If this category is not being requested, enter \$0.

Development/Training expenses are for skills training for staff/volunteers, training materials, and training-related travel expenses.

- **Development/ Training Narrative**

Provide an explanation for the expenses to be paid and provide the annual budget amount and why they are necessary. Provide a description and the amount that is being requested (e.g., Conference Registrations \$2,500.00).

Repair/ Replace/ Renovate

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Repair/ Replace/ Renovate.**

In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS. This category is only allowable under VOCA. If this category is not being requested, enter \$0.

- **Repair/ Replace/ Renovate Narrative**

Provide an explanation for the expenses to be paid and provide the annual budget amount and why they are necessary. Provide a description and the amount that is being requested (e.g., Replace flooring in shelter \$5,000).

Telephone Expenses

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Telephone Expenses.**

In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS, whether it is VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, or DASA. If this category is not being requested, enter \$0.

- **Telephone Expenses Narrative**

Provide an explanation for the expenses to be paid and provide the annual budget amount and why they are necessary. Provide a description and the amount that is being requested (e.g., Crisis Phone Line \$500).

Other Expenses

- **Provide the dollar amount requested for Other Expenses.**

In the box provided, enter the dollar amount requested from SDVS, whether it is VOCA, FVPSA, STOP, SASP, or DASA. If this category is not being requested, enter \$0.

This category is to be utilized for expenses/requests that do not fit into the other categories provided.

- **Other Expenses Narrative**

Provide an explanation for the expenses to be paid and provide the annual budget amount and why they are necessary. Provide a description and the

amount that is being requested (e.g., Licensed Counseling Sessions performed by counselor \$5,000).

- **Contractors/ Subcontractors**

Will the SDVS funding be used to pay contractors/ subcontractors? Select “Yes” or “No” as applicable from the drop-down box provided.

- If “Yes” is selected, answer the following question: Have all contractors and vendors been screened for suspension and debarment from receiving federal funds? Please review the 2 CFR Part 200 Requirements for complying with an excluded party review as established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) which details the process for how programs can use the Governmentwide System for Award Management Exclusions (SAM.gov) to determine if specific entities or individuals have been either suspended or debarred.

- **Review of Funding Request**

The information within this section will be calculated based on the values and amounts previously input into the PDF application. Please review the totals to ensure they are correct for the amounts requested from SDVS.

Required Documentation Provided Separately

The following items are required to be attached to the email submission in addition to the PDF application form.

- Applicable programmatic/ shelter policies**

This would include but is not limited to those that apply to the victim service program funding such as Personnel, Volunteer, Client, House Rules/Shelter, Intake, etc.

- Financial policies**

This is to ensure the program has the financial capabilities and ability to comply with the requirements of [2 CFR 200](#).

- Proof of active SAM.gov registration**

This should be in the form of either a letter, email, or screen capture showing the registration status is “active”.

- Three (3) current letters of support**

Please ensure you are providing current letters supporting the work of the program that is applying and the services being provided. These can be from other programs/individuals within the victim services field that you refer clients to or interact with and are familiar with your program. These letters should not be from staff, board members, or prior clients.

- List of current board of directors’ members/ governing body**

Provide the names, phone numbers, and email addresses for members/ everyone.

ACORD/ applicable insurance coverage documentation

The following will be reviewed to determine if the coverage is current and appropriate based on the required coverage under the funding agreements:

- Commercial General Liability Insurance: occurrence-based or an equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence.
- Business Automobile Liability Insurance: limit of not less than \$500,000 for each accident and shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles.
- Worker's Compensation Insurance: as required by South Dakota law.
- Professional Liability Insurance: limit not less than \$1,000,000.

Approval document from the Governing Body

The application package must contain an official letter/document that certifies the organization has received approval from the governing body to submit this application. This application should be on the organization's letterhead.

Required uploads for new applicants

If the program is a new applicant, you will be required to provide the following:

- Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws and/or Constitution
- Documentation of 501(c)(3) status

Submission/Certification

The application package can only be submitted via email. The last section of the PDF application form will contain an electronic signature. This will be accompanied by an official letter/document that certifies the organization has received approval from the governing body to submit said application.

You should attach all of the required supporting documentation within one email if possible and submit to Anette.Beasley@state.sd.us and Laura.Quasney@state.sd.us.

Once received, SDVS will email to confirm that submission has been received.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

To be eligible for funding, an agency must:

1. Be a **public or non-profit** organization that provides direct services to victims of crime.
 - SASP: Agencies must be **non-profit, non-governmental** organizations that provide direct services to victims of sexual assault crimes.
2. Have a record of providing effective direct services to victims of crime.
3. Have the support and approval of its services by the community, as evidenced through letters of support.
4. Have a history of providing direct services in a cost-effective manner.
5. Be able to meet program match requirements using non-federal funds committed for direct victims' services.

6. Utilize volunteers in the provision of services. The State may determine if there is a compelling reason to waive this requirement. However, this is a requirement if the agency is applying for VOCA funding unless a waiver is granted.
7. 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.
8. Assist eligible victims of crime with information about and access to Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) Program benefits. This assistance includes referring and 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.
9. Comply with applicable provisions of the SDVS Guidelines, the Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide, the Office of Violence Against Women Financial Grant Management Guide, and the Department of Justice Financial 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.
10. Maintain statutorily required information on victims served as required by law for performance reporting.
11. Provide services to victims of federal crimes on the same basis as victims of state crimes.
12. Provide a variety of services and assistance to victims of crime.
13. Provide services through the funded program at no charge to victims of crime.
14. Maintain confidentiality of client information.
15. Prohibit policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator.
16. Prohibit policies and practices that impose restrictive conditions to be met by the victim before she/he can receive services. This includes eligibility standards that cannot mandate participation in services nor charge a fee for any core services. None of the organization's policies can mandate participation in any program services; this includes but is not limited to attending support groups and participating in benefit programs.

Agencies and activities are NOT ELIGIBLE for funds if they:

1. Focus primarily on lobbying or raising public awareness.
2. Primarily crime prevention agencies, organizations, or programs.
3. 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. 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.

See also **Eligible Applicants** section of these application instructions.

REVIEW PROCESS

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

Generally, SDVS 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% 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 based on the following criteria:

- Eligibility of the organization as previously addressed in this instruction for application.
- 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, will also be considered in the review process for organizations that have previously received funds from the SDVS.
- The applicant will be reviewed on the following financial items:
 - Does the SDVS funding request account for more than 50% of the applicant's budget?
 - Does the applicant request funding for allowable expenses with the grant programs for which they are applying?
 - Has the applicant appropriate prorated expenses if required?
- Each grant award may be based on a funding formula or other pre-established method, depending on the grant fund requirements to meet grant-required allocation priorities and availability of funding.

SDVS tries 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.

SDVS 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 SDVS require that organizations contribute a "match" of resources to the grant-funded activities and services. Allowable match can include cash, in-kind services and goods, or a combination of both. More detailed information about the required match can be found in the SDVS Grantee Guidelines.

As organizations develop their funding requests, they need to consider the ability to meet any specific match requirements a grant program may have. SDVS 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, SDVS 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 could benefit from the various grant programs to best meet the needs of victims and their families.

Match

Grant Program	SFY 2025 Match Requirement
VOCA	20% of the Total Project Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The exception is 5% of the Total Project Budget for programs located on a reservation. Ability to request a match waiver (see SDVS Match Waiver Policy below).
FVPSA	20% of the Total Project Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tribes are exempt from the match requirement and any other Tribal organization, such as a 501(c), that have a current and signed Tribal Resolution
STOP (VAWA)	25% of the Total Project Budget is required to grants made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Enforcement Prosecution Courts

SASP Match Requirements

- SASP grants do not require a match; however, as a reminder, SASP funds may be used only to support activities and services specifically for victims of sexual crimes.

DASA Match Requirements

- DASA grants do not require a match.

Calculating the Match

To calculate the minimum amount of matching funds needed from grants that require a match, use the following formula.

1. Determine if the grant requires a match (VOCA and FVPSA require match for victims' services funding).
2. The amount of funding you request from the grant program.
3. Divide the request amount by 100 percent, minus the percent of match required.
 - a. Non-Tribal programs that require a 20 percent match: divide the request amount by 80 percent.
 - b. Tribal programs that require a 5 percent match: divide the request amount by 95 percent.
4. The result will be the Total Project Cost.
5. Multiply the Total Project Cost by the percentage of match required (e.g., 20%). This will result in the amount of matching funds needed.

Example: Calculating Grant Match

An agency wants to apply for \$7,000 in funding. (The match for the grant being applied for has a 20% match requirement.)

- Step 1: $100\% - 20\%$ (match requirement) = 80%
- Step 2: $\$7,000$ (requested amount) / 80% = \$8,750 (Total Project Cost)
- Step 3: $\$8,750$ (Total Project Cost) x 20% (required match) = \$1,750

\$1,750 is the Match Amount Required for a \$7,000 grant funding request.

SDVS Match Waiver Policy

Effective: 09/27/2023

The policy of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety (DPS), Victims' Services Program (SDVS) is to require VOCA subrecipients to meet their match requirements. If a subrecipient anticipates difficulty meeting the match requirement on a VOCA award, a request for a match waiver may be submitted to SDVS. Generally, match waiver requests will be considered at the start of an award period. A partial or full match waiver may be requested for consideration. Match waivers are considered by SDVS and DPS staff on a case-by-case basis, and approval will be determined based on a well-justified hardship. Approval considerations include, but are not limited to:

1. Who is being served by the project?
2. Practical and/or logistical obstacles to providing a match (e.g., public agencies that do not engage in private fundraising and may have limitations on soliciting contributions).
3. Local resource constraints (e.g., recent loss of local fund sources or a rural or impoverished community with limited funding availability).
4. Increases to VOCA funding levels, whereas local funding availability has not increased to the same degree.
5. Past ability to provide match (SDVS generally expects subrecipients to provide a similar amount of match as provided the previous grant year unless the subrecipient can document a significant change in circumstances).
6. Length of time the subrecipient has been providing services (e.g., Is this a new project/service?).

SDVS reserves the right to issue partial or full match waivers to some or all SDVS subrecipients when unique circumstances justify such action. Examples of unique circumstances include, but are not limited to, a natural disaster, a pandemic, or a mass violence incident regarding the “OVC September 2021 Updated Match Waiver Approval Process”.

If SDVS chooses to take action, a notification will be sent to all subrecipients providing additional guidance. Depending on the eligible circumstances for waiving match as described above, SDVS may provide a streamlined process for requesting match, different from that outlined below, to expedite match waiver requests from subrecipients.

To request a match waiver, subrecipients must send a match waiver justification request on their agency letterhead to SDVS via email to the Program Specialist (Laura.Quasney@state.sd.us) containing the following:

1. Legal name of the agency requesting match
2. A brief description of the agency, project, and services to be provided
3. A justification explaining the hardship reason for the match waiver request
4. Amounts:
 - a. Total amount of match required based on VOCA fund award.
 - b. Total amount of match the agency can provide, broken out by in-kind and cash match.
 - c. Amount of match the agency is requesting to be waived.
 - d. Amount of match provided in the prior grant year for the same project (if applicable).
5. The period for which the match waiver request is being made
6. Signatures from both the agency’s Executive Director and Board Chairperson

Notification will be made electronically via email and the decision of SDVS shall constitute final agency action.

If a subrecipient with an approved match waiver wishes to renegotiate the terms of the waiver during the project period, an electronic request must be made to SDVS, outlining the justification for an amended match waiver (e.g., additional unanticipated hardship during the project period). This request will be considered by the Program Specialist and/or SDVS Director, and a decision will be rendered electronically within 30 days of receipt of the request.

Once a match waiver is approved, a match waiver determination notice will be sent to the subrecipient and uploaded to the subrecipient’s grant file. The subrecipient’s approved budget will be updated to reflect the reduced match required, and the subrecipient’s contract will be amended accordingly. The match waiver determination notice will contain the following:

1. A brief description of the project/services provided by the subrecipient.
2. The scope of the waiver and amount waived for each federal award for which the match is waived.
3. The approval of the waiver request for the reasons set out in the determination.

NON-SUPPLANTING

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 the SDVS grant management system utilized and must include a breakdown of expenses incurred and funds requested. Under no circumstances will funds be advanced.

- **Please note that SDVS 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 should 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, 2026.

Drawdowns that fail to be submitted and processed prior to 90 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance will be forfeited and will not be eligible for reimbursement.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

As noted above, organizations must report their matching funds monthly. The best practice is to report to SDVS the match in the month it was received or reported to the organization. Organizations also are required to track demographic and service information on the clients they serve with funding from SDVS and must complete quarterly progress reports in the format specified by each applicable federal grant. Reports are due to SDVS on July 15, October 15, January 15, and April 15.

Organizations that receive STOP/VAWA and SASP funding also must complete the 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 around March 1st to SDVS. This is dependent on when the forms become available to SDVS and will be conveyed to awarded agencies.

All organizations that receive funding from SDVS are required to submit a Year-end Final Financial Report by 09/28/2026 to complete the closeout process.

MONITORING

SDVS will monitor all subrecipients with a site visit no less than once every four years. High-risk subrecipients will be monitored, at a minimum, once every other year. Other types of monitoring, desk reviews, or other types of spot checks may be conducted more frequently. The type and frequency of site visit and desk review monitoring is based on the results of each subrecipient's most recent risk assessment.

Subrecipients that have received repeat audit findings will be subject to additional monitoring conducted by DPS Finance Office as well as ongoing monitoring by SDVS to ensure findings are being appropriately addressed and remedied. SDVS will follow the guidance issued by the South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management in the [Subrecipient Audit – Repeat Finding Guidance](#) document if applicable.

The monitoring schedule for the funding cycle includes SDVS staff and/or contracted employees conducting on-site reviews with programs that received a desk review the previous year. The programs that received a desk review the previous year will receive an on-site review. Some of the programs designated for a desk review may have an on-site review if they deem high-risk as determined by the risk assessment. Monitoring schedules may be adjusted on a case-by-case basis. Possible reasons to alter the monitoring schedule may include, but are not limited to:

- A new director.
- Issues or concerns.
- Complaints.

Irregularities or concerns may require increased program monitoring. Any identified irregularities or concerns regarding the program, whether the concerns are generated internally through desk monitoring or reviews of quarterly performance reports and annual reports, through on-site reviews or by external reports concerning the program.

All subrecipients to grants administered by SDVS face a minimum level of continuous and ongoing general monitoring to include the following:

- Review match documentation to ensure its allowable and applicable.
- Ensure all grant certifications, assurances, and special conditions are completed and submitted.
- Track completion, review, and monitor quarterly performance reports to ensure information is timely, accurate, and appropriate.
- General technical assistance is provided to all subrecipients throughout the grant year on the following topics
 - SDVS expectations of subrecipients.
 - SDVS grant management system training when applicable.
 - Quarterly performance reporting.
 - Federal grant guidance.
 - Drawdown for reimbursement training.
- SDVS will conduct various types of technology contacts throughout the performance period with subrecipients and designated coalitions to address new or emerging issues and training and technical assistance needs.

- Compare the closeout Final Financial Report to the project application to determine if the subrecipient was able to achieve or complete project goals or plans and the ability to efficiently expend awarded funds.

Appendix I

PRORATING GUIDELINES

Agencies that applied for SDVS grant funding last year must create new prorating spreadsheets for this SFY2025 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 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).

SDVS 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 SDVS 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 SDVS. Organizations are responsible for documenting how they prorate items and services for which they request SDVS 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 that 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 SDVS 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.

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

Appendix II

GENERAL MATCH GUIDELINES

Most SDVS 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](#).

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 hours donated must be allowable under federal funding as if they were being requested for reimbursement.

SDVS has set a \$25.52/hour rate for individuals who provide volunteer crisis line coverage during non-office hours.

- This rate may also be used for those individuals who provide unskilled labor that is unpaid and being reported as a match.
- Administrative duties, as well as time donated for fundraisers, **CANNOT** be reported as a match.
- Professional services that are donated free of charge can be reported as match at the rate they would have normally been charged at.
- No payroll taxes or benefits calculated off this rate may be claimed as match.

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).

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 of 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 client record tracking system
- Shelter upkeep such as cleaning, yard work, etc.

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

- Staff meetings or training 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 miscellaneous 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 are designed to educate victims and the 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 and STOP/VAWA support some community education/ prevention/ awareness.

Match

A contribution of non-federal dollars used to increase the number of resources available to the services and activities supported by SDVS grant funds. Match contributions may be cash, in-kind services, or a combination of both. See the Match Section above or refer to SDVS 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 the policies and procedures established in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). 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 percentage of SDVS funds supporting the purchase
 - The location, use, and condition of the property
- Agencies must request and receive prior approval from the SDVS Program Director before making equipment purchases and/or the disposal of equipment purchased with SDVS grant funds.
- Agencies are required to complete and submit a Furniture and Equipment Form for all furniture and equipment purchased with SDVS funds. This form should be sent at the same time as the corresponding drawdown.
- It is suggested that furniture or equipment purchased with SDVS funds be identified as such.

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

APPENDIX IV

SFY2026 SCHEDULE & DUE DATES

The below calendar is for the SFY2026 grant cycle and all-important dates applicable to this cycle.

****Please note that SFY2025 dates are not included for reporting due dates or when drawdowns should be submitted.***

Due Date	Description
March 14	Solicitation for State Fiscal Year funding released
April 25	<i>The solicitation period closes, and applications for funding are due</i>
June	Funding awards are announced & pre-award documents are to be completed & Agreements (contracts) are to be executed
July 1	New funding cycle begins
July 15	Quarterly Performance Reports are due
August 20	July drawdown for reimbursement is due
September 20	August drawdown for reimbursement is due
October 15	Quarterly Performance Reports are due
October 20	September drawdown for reimbursement is due
November 20	October drawdown for reimbursement is due
December 20	November drawdown for reimbursement is due
January 15	Quarterly Performance Reports are due
January 20	December drawdown for reimbursement is due
February 1	<i>(ESTIMATE) Solicitation for next grant year funding to be released</i>
February 20	January drawdown for reimbursement is due
March 1	<i>{ESTIMATE} STOP and SASP Annual Progress Reports due to SDVS</i>
March 20	February drawdown for reimbursement is due
April 15	Quarterly Performance Reports are due
April 20	March drawdown for reimbursement is due
May 20	April drawdown for reimbursement is due
June 20	May drawdown for reimbursement is due
June 30	SFY 2026 project period ends
July 20	June drawdown for reimbursement is due
September 28	<i>All drawdowns for the grant cycle must be submitted and processed. The Final Financial Report for SFY2026 is due to SDVS.</i>

APPENDIX V

Other Resources

[2 CFR Part 200](#) – Office of Management and Budget Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance

[Grantee Guidelines](#) can be found on the DPS website

[SDVS Website](#)

[DOJ Grants Financial Guide Updated October 2024](#)

[VOCA Final Rule](#)

[FVPSA Final Rule](#)

[STOP Final Rule](#)

[South Dakota Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Programs \(DASA\)](#)

[Conforming STOP VAWA Formula Regulations to Statutory Change; Definitions and Confidentiality Requirements Applicable to All OVW Grant Programs](#)

[U.S. Dept. of Justice Framework for Prosecutors to Strengthen Our National Response to Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Involving Adult Victims - May 2024](#)

APPENDIX VI

Quick Funding Guide

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
<i>Lobbying or advocacy activities with respect to legislation or to administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy, whether conducted directly or indirectly</i>	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Personnel/Fringe Benefits	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
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
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 childcare 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

Category	Federally-Funded Victims' Services Grant Programs				State-Funded Program
	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
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 another 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
Advertising of services**	X	NO SA	X	NO 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 system**	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 and 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
Organization owned vehicle repairs, insurance and licensing	X	NO	NO	NO	NO

Category	Federally Funded Victims' Services Grant Programs				State-Funded Program
	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 those clients that are being transported or are in shelter - this should not be used to buy food 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	NO	Yes, for reasonable transport costs to enhance woman's safety. Not for moving household goods.	X	X
Childcare	X	X	X	X	X
Pay to move to a new household goods to a new location	X	X	NO	X	X
Mortgage expenses	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Rental assistance for victims** **\$1,000 maximum per client per year - DEPOSITS NOT ALLOWED	X	X	X	X	X
Rental expenses for victims** **\$1,000 maximum per client per year	X	X	X	X	X
Travel expenses for victims	X	X	X	X	X
Victim car repairs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Organization Car Repairs**	X	X	NO	NO	NO
Utility startup costs for victims** **\$1,000 maximum per client per year - DEPOSITS NOT ALLOWED	X	X	X	X	X
Utility expenses for victims** **\$1,000 maximum per client per year	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

Category	Federally-Funded Victims' Services Grant Programs				State-Funded Program
	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
Medical Services Expenses					
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 reasonable expected to be available quickly enough to meet the victim's needs (typically within 48 hours)</i>	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
HIV/Preventative medicines <i>**Allowable on an emergency basis with the CVC program, victim's health insurance plan, Medicaid, or other healthcare funding source is not reasonably 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 and/or 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 it is 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
<i>Medical care where otherwise allowed by provisions listed above</i>	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Category	Federally-Funded Victims' Services Grant Programs				State-Funded Program
	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 IPV, child abuse, SA, elder abuse, and human trafficking)</i>	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
Immigration assistance for victims of human trafficking, SA or DV	X	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 protection/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 - must be victim-centered	X	X	X	X	X

Category	Federally-Funded Victims' Services Grant Programs				State-Funded Program
	VOCA	FVPSA	STOP	SASP	DASA
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 SDVS</i>	X	NO	X	NO	NO
Lease or purchase of vehicle	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Mobile communication devices**	X	X	X	X	NO
Telephones**	X	X	X	X	NO
Braille and TTY/TDD equipment**	X	X	X	X	NO
Computers, printers and other office equipment**	X	X	X	X	NO
Beepers**	X	X	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, workspaces, victim waiting rooms, and children's play areas**	X	X	NO	NO	NO

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

***Staff Training Events Where Food is Brought In**

There may be instances where SDVS grant funds can be used to help cover the costs of staff training. Organizations interested in doing so must contact the SDVS Program.

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