

# Successful Initiatives



## HELPING OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO EXPAND

Since November 2002, funds have supported a range of outreach and victim service expansion efforts, including the following:

- Production of a public service announcement featuring the service organization's contact information to be displayed in local movie theaters.
- Translation of domestic violence brochures from English to Spanish, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, and Farsi.
- Establishment of a 24-hour crisis hotline.



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# What Is Helping Outreach Programs to Expand?

Through its Helping Outreach Programs to Expand grant awards, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help them improve their outreach and services to crime victims. Funds may be used to develop programs, aid networking, build coalitions, and deliver services. More specifically, this work may include developing program literature, training advocates, producing a newsletter and other publications, supporting victim outreach efforts, and recruiting volunteers.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

*Through a series of roundtable meetings with crime victims and victim advocates, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has become aware of a growing body of grassroots, non-profit, community- and faith-based victim organizations and coalitions that are not linked to mainstream victim service programs. As such, they do not have access to traditional funding sources for services, outreach, and networking. Often, only a small amount of money and access to resources are needed to expand and enhance their crime victim services and outreach efforts. For this reason, OVC developed the **Helping Outreach Programs to Expand** grant program.*

## WHO CAN APPLY?

*Organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an  annual operating budget of \$75,000 or less are eligible to apply. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.*

## HOW TO APPLY

*Interested organizations should submit a letter of request on the agency's letterhead to the OVC Director. The letter should include the following:*

- Organization or coalition's mission statement.
- Background information about the organization or coalition (e.g., how long in existence, names and titles of principal staff).

- Breakdown of funding sources (past 12 months).
- Description of activities and crime victim services.
- Statement of need.
- Breakdown of intended uses of funds.

*With this letter, applicants must include three original letters of support (e.g., from law enforcement, social services, victim services) on the recommending agency's letterhead specifically attesting to support of the Helping Outreach Programs to Expand grant request and dated within the past 12 months.*

*Please send requests to:*

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