

Recovery Act – OVC FY 09 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Crime Victim Assistance Grants

Applications may only be submitted online through the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), [Grants Management System \(GMS\)](#). For step-by-step instructions on submitting your application in GMS please visit OJP's online [GMS Computer Based Training Module](#).

Helpful Hints for GMS Registration

When registering for this grant program in GMS, please note the following information as you complete the required data fields:

- This is a “Non-construction” application.
- This is a “New” application.
- The Descriptive Title of your project should read “Recovery Act – OVC FY 09 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program.”
- The “Areas Affected” should read “State.”
- The “Proposed Project Period is “10/1/08” (for the start date) and “09/30/12 ” (for the end date)
- Only include the federal grant award amount under “Estimated Funding.” Please see the “Recovery Act – OVC FY 09 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program” allocation chart for your grant award amount.

Required Application Files

You must attach **five (5) separate** files to your application in GMS which address the following:

File 1. Administrative and Training Funds usage: State grantees choosing to use a portion of the award for administrative and training purposes must report the percentage/amount of the total grant that will be used for these purposes. The Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. No. 109-162) amended the Victims of Crime Act by expanding the purposes of the 5 percent administrative set aside for State Victim Compensation and Victim Assistance programs. Under 42 U.S.C. 10602(a)(3) and 10603(b)(3) respectively, eligible State Victim Compensation and State Victim Assistance programs may set aside up to a total of 5 percent of the respective grant funds for administrative and training purposes. [In other words, the combination of a grantee's administrative budget and training budget may not be more than 5 percent of the grant award for that fiscal year.]

File 2. Certification of State Grantee Eligibility Requirements statement:

Each state grantee must provide certification that it complies with and will comply with the requirements of Part II, “State Grantee Eligibility Requirements”, and will require subgrantee compliance with Part IV. “Subgrantee Eligibility Requirements” which includes (you may copy and paste from this list):

- Victim assistance grant funds will be used only to provide services to victims of crime, except for a maximum of 5 percent that may be used for administration and training.
- Victim assistance grants and administrative funds will not be used to supplant state and local public funds that would otherwise be available for crime victim services.
- A minimum of 40 percent of the total grant will be awarded by giving 10 percent to each of 4 categories of crime victims: sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and underserved. Underserved victims are designated by type of crime and are determined by the state grantee. This requirement may be waived if the state grantee can document to OVC the following:
 - A category of crime victims is currently receiving a significant amount of financial assistance from the state or other funding sources.
 - A smaller amount of financial assistance, or no assistance, is needed in the VOCA victim assistance grant program.
 - Crime rates have diminished for the particular type of crime.
- Fund accounting, auditing, and other records as necessary will be maintained to assure fiscal control, proper fund management, and efficient disbursement of funds received under the VOCA victim assistance program.
- OVC will be provided the name of a civil rights contact person who is responsible for ensuring that all applicable civil rights requirements are met and who will act as liaison in civil rights matters with the Office of Justice Programs, Office of Civil Rights.
- No person on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, or sex shall be excluded from participating in, or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, or be denied employment in any undertaking funded in whole or in part with VOCA victim assistance grant funds.
- Required programmatic and financial reports will be submitted on the use of VOCA victim assistance funds by OVC deadlines.
- OVC and the cognizant agency will promptly be notified of any illegal acts or irregularities, and of proposed and actual actions, if any. Illegal acts and irregularities include conflicts of interest, falsification of records or reports, and misappropriation of funds or other assets.
- State grantee and its subgrantees will comply with the applicable provisions of the VOCA *Final Program Guidelines VOCA FFY 1997 Victim Assistance Program*.
- State grantees are required to assist OVC in implementing its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Specifically, the grantee will

establish and maintain records when reviewing and considering any request for use of grant funds that involve proposed renovation work. Renovation work includes altering or otherwise improving the exterior or interior of a structure. This applies to proposed renovation work that is not only specifically funded with OVC victim assistance grant funds, but this requirement also applies if funded by the grantee or any third party as a prerequisite to accommodate the proposed use of the grant funds. The grantee must certify to OVC that the grantee has established and maintains records of any proposed renovation work on a structure that is less than 50 years old or 50 years and older. If the structure is determined to be less than 50 years old and this fact is documented in the grant file, no further action is required. If any portion of the structure is 50 years or older, the grantee is required to contact the State Compensation and Assistance Division Director at 202-307-5983 to provide information needed for the NHPA consultation process. This may include assisting OVC to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and amending the proposed renovation work to avoid any potential adverse impact to the historic structure. The grantee assures not to fund any proposed renovation of a structure 50 years or older until the grantee has received written approval from OVC.

File 3. Description of the Applicant's Plan for the Collection of the Data Required for Performance Measures

Please see the "Performance Measures" section in the solicitation and describe how your agency plans to collect this data.

File 4. Certification as to Recovery Act Reporting Requirements

Please see the Appendix of the solicitation for a template of this required certification. Your agency must scan the signed certification and submit it electronically as part of your application package.

File 5. General Certification as to Requirements for Receipt of Funds for Infrastructure Investments

Please see the Appendix of the solicitation for a template of this required certification. Your agency must scan the signed certification and submit it electronically as part of your application package.

Need Additional Help?

Please contact your assigned OVC Victim Justice Program Specialist at 202-307-5983 should you require assistance during the application process.