

**NC Department of Public Safety
Governor’s Crime Commission**

PROPOSED

2022 CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE PROGRAM PRIORITIES

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The Crime Victim Services Committee funds projects through two Federal grant programs:

1. Office on Violence Against Women – Violence Against Women Act STOP Formula Grant Program
2. Office for Victims of Crime – Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN STOP FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM (VAWA STOP)

STOP Application Limitations and Funding Caps

1. Agencies may only submit ONE application under each GCC Funding Priority Service Area for the STOP program. NOTE: A prosecutorial district is a single subrecipient. Additional applications will not be considered for funding.
2. As funding is limited, agencies requesting funding for continuation projects in the Victim Services and Discretionary priorities are limited to level funding, the federal share of the project cannot increase from the previous year.

NOTE: Projects must take into consideration the Growth Limitation (above) when reviewing the Funding Caps outlined below.

Priority	Maximum Federal Share
State and Local Courts	Non-Competitive
Victim Services	Up to \$200,000
Law Enforcement	<p>Direct Services Up to \$100,000 for projects with less than 2 FTE equivalent staff member(s) Up to \$150,000 for projects with 2 or more FTE equivalent staff members.</p> <p>Training of Frontline Staff - UPDATED Up to \$55,000 for regional training grants of Sworn Officers. Up to \$200,000 for statewide training grants of Sworn Officers.</p>
Prosecutors	<p>Direct Services Up to \$100,000 for projects with less than 2 FTE equivalent staff member(s)</p>

	<p>Up to \$150,000 for projects with 2 or more FTE equivalent staff members.</p> <p>Training of Frontline Staff - UPDATED</p> <p>Up to \$55,000 for regional training grants of Prosecutors. Up to \$200,000 for statewide training grants of Prosecutors.</p>
Discretionary	<p>Batterer’s Intervention Programs</p> <p>Up to \$55,000 for <u>individual regions</u> and Up to \$100,000* for programs that propose to <u>expand and serve multiple regions</u>.</p> <p>Prevention Programs</p> <p>Up to \$55,000</p>

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) VICTIM ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

VOCA Application Limitations and Funding Caps

1. All funding priorities are of **equal importance**, regardless of their listed order.
2. VOCA priorities are divided into two categories: Basic (noncompetitive and based on a formula) and Competitive
 - a. Basic Services Applications:
 - i. The following projects are federally mandated priorities and are for designated agencies only, based on a GCC formula, and agencies will be contacted by GCC with their funding amounts by 11/1/2021:
 - ii. Sexual assault/domestic violence, and
 - iii. Child advocacy center for accredited / provisionally accredited CACs
 - b. Competitive Applications:
 - i. All competitive priorities do not have established caps; however, they are limited to 0% growth for any project that is submitting a continuation application.
3. All grant applications are reviewed and assessed for allowable and reasonable costs. Upon GCC staff review, applicants may be required to revise proposed application budgets.
4. Proposals may include costs for direct service personnel, volunteers and services and goods needed to support direct services prorated to the portion of the project.

5. Allowable direct services include:
 - a. Client outreach services
 - b. Crisis line operations
 - c. Evidence-based mental health services
 - d. Counseling and support services
 - e. Information and referral services
 - f. Language crisis line services
 - g. Legal assistance
 - h. Relocation expenses
 - i. Shelter and transitional housing Services
 - j. Hospital accompaniment
 - k. Child medical evaluations
 - l. Forensic interviews
 - m. Forensic medical evidence collection exams
 - n. Training for project and agency personnel and volunteers

Basic Services Applications:

1. Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Providers

Eligible agencies will be notified prior to the grant application period with information about applying for funding and must meet the GCC Fundamental Service Elements

Dual service agencies should provide the percentage of domestic violence victims and sexual assault victims that have been served by the agencies in the previous fiscal year.

Proposals should include a plan of action to provide core services to victims.

2. Child Advocacy Centers (accredited)

Eligible agencies will be notified prior to the grant application period with information on applying for funding.

Proposals should describe services provided by a fully accredited Child Advocacy Center (CAC) or by a provisionally accredited CAC who is developing child advocacy services. Each organization must upload a verification letter from Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina (CACNC) that states their accreditation status. At a minimum, all applicants must have a signed interagency agreement with the District Attorney's office, Department of Social Services, and Law Enforcement.

Proposals should include a plan of action to provide core services to victims.

Competitive Applications:

3. Underserved Crime Victims - UPDATED

VOCA requires funding be allocated to projects serving “previously underserved populations of victims of violent crime”. Underserved populations may be distinguished by crime type or by demographic characterizations. These populations may require special consideration/services due to possibly being overlooked in the past or not having access to adequate services. Under this funding priority, programs should look to develop and/or continue implementing programs that address underserved crime victim groups by providing an array of direct services. Programs that can be replicated are of special interest. Proposals should describe services to a population that is defined by your community to be underserved.

- Examples of underserved victim populations include, but are not limited to: Culturally Specific Populations, African/African American, American Indian/Tribal Communities, Latinx Communities, Asian/Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, LGBTQ+ Victims, Immigrant Victims.
- Male Victims
- Rural Populations
- Services for Victims of Financial Fraud and/or Identity Theft
- Elderly Victims of Crime
- Disabled Victims of Crime
- Veterans/Military Personnel
- Adult Survivors of Child Abuse
- Victims of Gang-related Crimes
- Survivors of Homicide Victims
- Human Trafficking Victims
- Nonaccredited Child Advocacy Centers (startup)

4. Legal Services

Proposals will be accepted for state, regional or local legal services non-profit agencies to provide legal services to victims of crime to including domestic or intimate partner violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, human trafficking and/or child abuse. This includes emergency legal assistance by an attorney, and allowable civil legal assistance provided to victims of crime.

All proposals must comply with NCGS 84-5.1 and must also include a written interagency agreement to include local victim service providers.

5. Specialized Services and Models - UPDATED

Proposals will be considered for the development of enhanced services for victims of crime that are allowable under Victims of Crime Assistance regulations. Proposals should include a plan of action and a statement of collaboration to provide enhanced services to victims, which may include:

1. Hospital-based services
 - i. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Services
 - ii. Forensic medical examinations (not associated with sexual assault basic services)
 - iii. Forensic interviews
 - iv. Emergency medical assistance not covered by victim compensation funds
2. Mental health and substance use disorder services
3. Collaborative / Multi-Agency Models (Family Justice Centers)

6. Victim Focused Violence Intervention - NEW

- a. Community violence intervention programs
- b. Hospital-based violence intervention programs
- c. Restorative justice programs

All projects in this category must be victim-focused and follow a victim-centered approach. A victim-centered approach is defined as placing the crime victim's priorities, needs, and interests at the center of the work with the victim; providing nonjudgmental assistance, with an emphasis on client self-determination, where appropriate, and assisting victims in making informed choices; ensuring that restoring victims' feelings of safety and security are a priority and safeguarding against policies and practices that may inadvertently re-traumatize victims; ensuring that victims' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated when developing and implementing system- and community-based efforts that impact crime victims.