

# Crime Victims' Services Committee

## 2017 VOCA Funding Priorities

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### Mission Statement

*The mission of the Crime Victims' Services Committee is to advocate for victims by promoting the development of effective programs that improve the response of human service professionals and the criminal justice system to victims or crime across North Carolina.*

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM PRIORITIES ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORDER.**

*All proposals submitted under these priorities must include a written agreement demonstrating community partnerships. Training plans should also be attached to indicate how staff will be trained by one or more of the following agencies: NC CADV, NC CASA, NC VAN, CAC NC, NC HTC, NC DHHS, NC Council For Women and Youth Involvement Office, NC Conference of District Attorneys, NC Justice Academy, NCDPS Office of Victims Services, Legal Aid, Office on Violence Against Women, Office for Victims of Crime. If staff members have received training previously, please upload a copy of the certificate or other verification of training.*

### **EVERY GRANT PROPOSAL MUST:**

1. Include a written agreement demonstrating community partnerships *and*
2. Submit certification status regarding the Fundamental Service Elements & Fundamental Elements of Accessibility.

Information on these certifications can be obtained through the following web sites:

- Fundamental Service Elements and Their Descriptions  
<https://www.ncdps.gov/document/fundamental-service-elements>
- Fundamental Elements of Accessibility and Their Descriptions  
<http://fpg.unc.edu/sites/fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/curricula/NCODH-FEA-guide.pdf>

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### **A. SEXUAL ASSAULT/SPOUSAL ABUSE VICTIMS' SERVICES**

#### **TWO YEAR FUNDING ONLY**

Proposals should include a plan of action to provide core crisis intervention services to sexual assault and/or spousal abuse (domestic violence) victims to include:

- Evidence-based Mental Health Services
- Crisis Line Operation
- Client Outreach Services
- Shelter Services
- Information and Referral Services
- Language Crisis Line
- Legal Assistance
- Transitional Housing
- Relocation Expenses

NOTE: Special conditions contracts will be attached to grant documentation to ensure each agency's compliance with programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements.

### **B. CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS**

#### **TWO YEAR FUNDING ONLY**

Proposals should describe services provided by an accredited Child Advocacy Center (CAC) or by a provisional CAC who is developing child advocacy services and has a letter of support from CACNC. All applicants must have a signed interagency agreement with the District Attorney's office, Department of Social Services & Law Enforcement (at a minimum).

Proposals may include costs to cover direct services personnel for the following services:

- Advocacy
- Evidence-based Mental Health Services
- Child Medical Evaluation
- Forensic Interviews
- Forensic Medical Evidence Collection Exams

*For proposals addressing child abuse and neglect that do not provide direct services but seek to address system improvement, please refer to funding priorities with the Juvenile Justice Committee.*

### **C. LEGAL SERVICES**

Proposals will be accepted for state, regional or local legal non-profit agencies to provide assistance to victims of crime to include, but not limited to: domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, human trafficking and/or child abuse. ***All proposals must comply with NCGC 84-5.1. (Rendering of legal services by certain nonprofit corporations) and must also include a written interagency agreement to include local victim service providers.***

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Proposals will be considered for the following:

- Statewide legal agencies/organizations that provide assistance for legal services to crime victims. Examples include but are not limited to agencies such as Legal Aid of North Carolina.
- Local and/or Regional Non-Profits that provide assistance for legal services to crime victims. Examples include but are not limited to agencies such as local SA/DV/CAC.

### **D. FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS**

The Governor's Crime Commission continues to encourage a coordinated community response between victim service agencies, local law enforcement, social services, faith-based organizations and other agencies to improve the level of service to domestic violence, spousal abuse, and sexual assault victims. To promote the collaborative effort of these groups in making services more readily available to victims and to promote the collaborative efforts of agencies within a local/regional area, proposals will be accepted for the development of Family Justice Centers across North Carolina. Funding awarded under this priority will assist local communities in providing services to victims through the establishment of family justice centers. Each center should establish a single location for victims to receive services and obtain referrals for support and assistance as outlined by the Family Justice Center Alliance ([www.familyjusticecenter.org](http://www.familyjusticecenter.org)) and under the guidance of state coalitions (CACNC, NCCASA, NCCADV, NCHTC, Legal Aid of NC).

Proposals should include a plan of action and a statement of collaboration to provide core crisis intervention services to sexual assault, spousal abuse, and/or domestic violence victims, including:

- Counseling services
- Client outreach services
- Case Management
- Information and referral services
- Legal Assistance
- Shelter services

### **E. HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

A proposal will be accepted from agencies to address human trafficking, including child victims of trafficking by increasing the level of awareness of human trafficking and to improve the level of service provided to victims by increasing the number of agencies and service providers who are qualified to work with trafficking victims.

Proposals should include a plan of action and a statement of collaboration to provide core crisis intervention services to victims of sexual or labor trafficking, including:

- Evidence Informed Mental Health Services
- Case Management
- Client Outreach Services
- Court Advocacy Services
- Information and Referral Services
- Medical Services
- Shelter Services
- Transitional Housing
- Relocation Expenses
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All human trafficking project proposals **must** include improving and/or developing multi-system, interagency, multi-disciplinary responses to the needs of human trafficking victims, including one or more of the following:

- Improving and/or developing interagency protocols on effective response.
- Improving and/or developing an advocacy council, task force and/or multi-disciplinary team to, among other tasks, meet regularly to review current services/cases.

At a minimum, collaborative partners must include the NC Human Trafficking Commission and victim service providers (such as sexual assault centers, domestic violence centers, child advocacy centers, or agencies involved in the direct provision of services to victims of human trafficking).

### **F. ENHANCED VICTIM SERVICES**

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

- Transitional housing (Not to exceed 120 days per victim.)
- Relocation services
- Forensic medication examinations for evidence
- Forensic interviews
- Emergency legal assistance
- Emergency medical assistance
- Client outreach services
- Court advocacy services
- Evidence-based mental health services

### **G. UNDERSERVED CRIME VICTIMS SERVICES**

Underserved populations may be distinguished by the crime type or by demographic characterizations. These populations may have been overlooked in the past, may not have adequate services readily available and/or may require special consideration/services.

This proposal looks to fund programs to develop large scale programs to address underserved crime victim groups by providing a broad array of services and/or developing a program that provides these services in a manner that can be replicated in other areas of the state.

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Proposals should describe services to a population that is defined by your community to be underserved. Examples of underserved victim populations are not limited to: rural populations, culturally specific services, support to children/adolescents (safe schools, child abuse, outreach, teen dating, bullying, and/or cyberbullying), American Indian/Tribes, children who witness violence family/domestic, victims with disabilities, male victims, elderly victims, gang victims, immigrant victims, LGBTQ, secondary victims and/or survivors of homicide.

Proposals may include costs to cover direct services personnel in the form of advocacy and/or licensed therapist. Proposals may also include things needed to support direct services personnel; such as, but not limited to: training, travel, equipment and outreach materials.

### **H. OTHER VICTIM SERVICES**

Proposals will be considered for the development or expansion of programs to provide services to victims of crime through the services provided or supported through any of following:

- Specialized Mental Health Services
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Services/Training
- Statewide Training and Technical Assistance
- Strategic Planning

Service proposals should focus on the direct delivery of services to victims at the regional, statewide, or local level. Training, technical assistance or planning proposals should focus on collaborative statewide and regional training directly related to providing services to victims of crime in North Carolina.

### **I. AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICES**

Proposals should focus on statewide automated victim notification systems and technology services to include staff for the service provision of alerting victims and providing services to victims as needed. Proposals should also provide both incoming and outgoing call service 24/7 with multiple language capability and operator assistance available.

### **J. SEXUAL ASSAULT PROVIDER SERVICES (SASP)**

Proposals will be considered to provide specialized services to sexual assault victims. This program service is administered through the N.C. Coalition against Sexual Assault. For additional information, contact NC CASA ([www.nccasa.org](http://www.nccasa.org)).

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### 2016 GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- *No application or proposal is guaranteed award at any time during the time of grant review or the recommendation process. Funding is subject entirely to the availability of federal funds.*
- All Applications to the Crime Victims' Services Committee must meet all 2017 Grant Eligibility Requirements, Restrictions and Limitations. Please review them carefully before submitting the pre-application.
- All organizations receiving financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice are bound by the Equal Treatment Regulations codified at 28 C.F.R. pt. 38. With limited exceptions, these regulations prohibit the inclusion of inherently religious activities (such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization) in the specific programs or services that are being funded.
- A religious organization that participates in the funded programs or services will retain its independence from federal, state, and local governments and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, though it must not use funding to support any inherently religious activity. In providing services, funded organizations shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.

### **Non-profit Grant Recipients – The following documents must be attached to the grant application prior to it being submitted.**

- Brief grantee description – NO MORE than 500 characters, including spaces and punctuation.
- All non-profit agencies applying must verify their Non-Profit Status at the time of submitting their application. One way of verification is to have a current 501 (C) (3) certification and a valid federal tax identification number, as well as the most recent IRS 990 submitted.
- Each agency must also include:
  - Agency description and URL
  - Detailed budget narrative
  - Agency whistleblower policy
  - Memoranda of Understanding with other/partner agencies
  - Letter to the area U.S. Federal Attorney indicating the availability of services to federal victims of crime
  - Staff roster, including name, position and contact information
  - Board of Directors, indicating their expertise related to the agency

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A *Preliminary Site Visit* assessment by GCC staff is mandatory for all new applicants before the application can be considered for funding approval. Previous applicants may be subject to a site assessment visit at the discretion of the GCC/CVS management team.

### **ALL GRANTEES MUST ALSO MEET THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION!!**

1. **DUNS Number:** Each grantee **MUST** have a DUNS Number, prior to any funds being released! DUNS Numbers may be obtained from either of the following web links: [www.dnb.com](http://www.dnb.com) or <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>
2. **SAM Registration:** SAM (System for Award Management) registration is required for all applicants and has taken the place of registration in CCR (Central Contractor Registration). If an applicant had an active record in CCR, that applicant has an active record in SAM. Applicants not previously registered in CCR should register in SAM prior to applying for a grant through the Governor's Crime Commission. SAM information may be found at <https://www.sam.gov/>.
3. **NCID:** The Governor's Crime Commission's grants management system (GEMS) requires that applicants register with the North Carolina Identity Management Service (NCID) at <http://gems.nccrimecontrol.org/Pages/Default.aspx> **Applicants will be unable to access the online application without a valid NCID user ID and password.**

### **NOTE**

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*The following information applies to all funding priorities listed in this document:*

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP(S):** *To provide the most effective services to victims, a written agreement demonstrating community partners is required for all program priorities (i.e. MOU, MOA, etc.). Click here for sample MOU: <https://www.ncdps.gov/document/memorandum-understanding>*

Proposals should utilize a collaborative approach in ways that are meaningful and purposeful to the goals and objectives of the project. A collaborative design can be either complex or modest. What is most important is that the design be in proportion to the scope of the project, the make-up of the organization and its geographic location.

Additionally, be sure to give thought to other groups who want to accomplish similar goals and how you may work with such agencies/individuals in an effort to meet a need. For example, you may rely on another person for certain information or for help to coordinate your plan. Each individual or agency has a task to perform, and with coordination and collaboration, tasks become more manageable.

**TRAINING:** Training is imperative for all listed funding priorities. Applications within each priority should consider including a training plan conducted by one or more of the agencies listed previously on the first page of this document.