

Crime Victims' Services Committee

2017 VAWA Funding Priorities

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 of crime across North Carolina.

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.

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

A. Law Enforcement (\$100,000 Federal Share maximum per year)

Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking and/or Stalking

Proposals should include Law Enforcement positions as described below:

- Up to two Designated Sworn Law Enforcement Officers

**If Law Enforcement unit already has an in-house Victim Advocate, this position will not be required. Position can be used as in-kind match. Agency will be required to provide verification regarding Advocate's roles and responsibilities.*

B. Prosecutors' Offices (\$110,000 Federal Share maximum per year)

Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking and/or Stalking

Proposals may include up to two personnel positions of:

- Victim Witness Legal Assistant
- Prosecutor
- Investigator

C. Court Officials

Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking and/or Stalking

The following will be considered under this priority:

- Abuser Treatment Programs (\$50,000 Federal Share maximum per year)
- Training (\$100,000 Federal Share maximum per year)

Proposals for the above (A, B & C) should describe services provided by criminal justice professionals in Law Enforcement, Prosecution and/or Court for any of the following priority areas. In addition, proposals should also focus on the delivery of services to victims with priority to programs that focus on regional or statewide level.

- Developing, training, and/or expanding specialized units or victim assistant programs which target violent crimes against women, such as domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Specialized units must include one dedicated criminal justice professional and can be based in any one or more of the following: Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Courts.
- Victim Assistants who are placed in law enforcement agencies who serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking and personnel in law enforcement agencies to improve the enforcement of protection orders. These special victim assistants are also known as “Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants.” (A)
- Training to criminal justice system professionals (Judges, Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Probation Officers, Magistrates, Clerks of Court) on issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, which may include professional development of responding officers, strengthening internal policy and procedure and/or strengthening interagency policy and procedure for responding to violence against women and special victim populations to include but not limited to racial minorities. (A, B or C)
- Court sanctioned Abuser Treatment Programs in accordance with North Carolina Administrative Code Title One-Administration Chapter 17-Council on the Status of Women Section .0700-Abuser treatment Programs. (C)

All proposals under these priorities must include a written agreement demonstrating community partnerships, including:

- Improving and/or developing interagency protocols on effective response. At minimum, collaborative partners must include victim service providers.
- Improving and/or developing an advocacy council or task force to meet regularly to review current services/cases.
- Providing opportunity for professional development and/or Coordinated Community Response (CCR) through training conducted by one of the agencies listed above.

D. Local Area Supervised Visitation Programs

Proposals will be accepted for the development or provision of supervised visitation services. Proposals should focus on the delivery of services to victims at the local area level.

Each 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>

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 any 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.

All Grant Applicants are required to submit the following items. These items are required and must be attached at the time the application is submitted:

- Agency Whistleblower Policy
- Memoranda of Understanding with other/partner agencies
- Detailed budget narrative

Governmental agencies should also submit:

- Letter to the area U.S. Federal Attorney indicating the availability of services to federal victims of crime

Law enforcement agencies must include:

- Polygraph certification

Prosecutors must include:

- Judicial Notice Certification
- Polygraph Certification

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 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.***

NOTES

The following information applies to all funding priorities listed above:

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: [Sample MOU](#).

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 essential for all listed funding priorities. Applications within each priority should consider including training conducted by one or more of the agencies listed on Page 1 of this document.