



## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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The Honorable Richard Devlin, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Peter Buckley, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of the Request**

The Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victims' Services Division (CVSD) is eligible to apply for a new one-time non-competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). This grant opportunity is designated specifically for CVSD as Oregon's administering agency for the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant.

This new training grant opportunity totals \$323,629. OVC allows for grants to be spent in the year of issuance plus three additional years. The deadline to submit a letter of intent is March 6, 2015. OVC operates on a federal fiscal year and if Oregon receives an award, it is anticipated the grant period would begin on October 1, 2015.

No state match is required.

### **Action Requested**

The Oregon Department of Justice requests approval to apply for the federal funds available through the Office for Victims of Crime.

### **Purpose of the Grant**

The purpose of this new VOCA funding is to increase access to training for victim service providers across the state. CVSD proposes to use this funding in the following manner:

- Development of new state trainings to bring victim-centered, trauma informed practices to first responders and victim services providers on specific topics including the commercial sexual exploitation of children, campus sexual assault response and domestic violence.
- Increase funding for the State Victim Assistance Academy (SVAA). The increase will be used to provide scholarships for SVAA attendees, allow SVAA to hire FTE to assist their program coordinator and develop additional trainings and curriculum.
- Scholarships for victim service program directors and victim advocates to attend national training events. Many training events occur throughout the year and due to limited funding and caps on out of state travel, we have been unable to support such opportunities. Victim service professionals would be well-served from national training opportunities.

CVSD is a regular sponsor and provider of victim service training in Oregon and will be able to use this additional money to significantly increase the knowledge base of the state's victim service providers.

#### **Legislation Affected**

None.

Sincerely,



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**From:** Hawkins, Melony [<mailto:Melony.Hawkins@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2015 12:25 PM  
**Subject:** Discretionary Grant Program

*Sent on behalf of Joye E. Frost, OVC Director*

Dear VOCA Administrators,

I know you are aware that there was a substantial increase in the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Crime Victims Fund appropriation level to \$2.361 billion. This increase will result in a quadrupling of VOCA assistance formula grants. We believe the increased funding will drive a greatly increased need for training and technical assistance. OVC intends to post a \$25 million non-competitive discretionary grant solicitation for state VOCA assistance administrators to apply for funding to support training and technical assistance for all victim related training needs. This discretionary funding is more flexible in the range of training and technical assistance activities that it may support, when compared with the annual VOCA assistance formula grants. For example, State Victim Assistance Academies (SVAAs) have struggled because of insufficient funds. We encourage the use of these additional funds to enhance existing SVAAs or to establish new ones. These funds also could support statewide training initiatives, crime victim related conferences, basic training for new programs for underserved victims, and training scholarships to service providers and others who work with crime victims. As with all VOCA awards, states would have the year of award plus three years to expend these funds.

Under this solicitation, OVC anticipates that it will award a non-competitive discretionary grant to each State and territory that is eligible to receive a VOCA victim assistance formula grant. OVC expects to award each state, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico a base amount of \$50,000; and the territories of Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and American Samoa a base amount of \$20,000; plus an additional amount based on population. OVC anticipates requiring applicants to submit proposals that use the entire expected award amount. I have attached a copy of the proposed allocation table.

In order to allocate the funding, OVC needs to know whether you intend to apply for and (if approved for funding) accept this training discretionary grant. Please email your response to Toni Thomas, Associate Director, at [toni.thomas@usdoj.gov](mailto:toni.thomas@usdoj.gov) <<mailto:toni.thomas@usdoj.gov>> on or before (2 weeks from date of send). If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Roberts, Deputy Director, at [Marilyn.Roberts@usdoj.gov](mailto:Marilyn.Roberts@usdoj.gov) <<mailto:Marilyn.Roberts@usdoj.gov>> , or Toni Thomas.

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## OVC State Discretionary Grant Allocation Chart

\$50,000/\*\$20,000 Base

### VICTIM ASSISTANCE

STATE/TERRITORIES	POPULATION		ALLOCATION
	2013 Estimate Number		
	NUMBER	PERCENT	
Alabama	4,833,722	0.01510	386,546
Alaska	735,132	0.00230	101,183
Arizona	6,626,624	0.02070	511,376
Arkansas	2,959,373	0.00924	256,045
California	38,332,521	0.11973	2,718,886
Colorado	5,268,367	0.01646	416,808
Connecticut	3,596,080	0.01123	300,376
Delaware	925,749	0.00289	114,455
District of Columbia	646,449	0.00202	95,009
Florida	19,552,860	0.06107	1,411,360
Georgia	9,992,167	0.03121	745,701
Hawaii	1,404,054	0.00439	147,757
Idaho	1,612,136	0.00504	162,244
Illinois	12,882,135	0.04024	946,913
Indiana	6,570,902	0.02052	507,496
Iowa	3,090,416	0.00965	265,169
Kansas	2,893,957	0.00904	251,491
Kentucky	4,395,295	0.01373	356,021
Louisiana	4,625,470	0.01445	372,046
Maine	1,328,302	0.00415	142,482
Maryland	5,928,814	0.01852	462,791
Massachusetts	6,692,824	0.02091	515,985
Michigan	9,895,622	0.03091	738,979
Minnesota	5,420,380	0.01693	427,392
Mississippi	2,991,207	0.00934	258,262
Missouri	6,044,171	0.01888	470,823
Montana	1,015,165	0.00317	120,680
Nebraska	1,868,516	0.00584	180,095
Nevada	2,790,136	0.00872	244,262
New Hampshire	1,323,459	0.00413	142,145
New Jersey	8,899,339	0.02780	669,613
New Mexico	2,085,287	0.00651	195,187
New York	19,651,127	0.06138	1,418,202
North Carolina	9,848,060	0.03076	735,667
North Dakota	723,393	0.00226	100,366
Ohio	11,570,808	0.03614	855,613
Oklahoma	3,850,568	0.01203	318,094
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>3,930,065</b>	<b>0.01228</b>	<b>323,629</b>
Pennsylvania	12,773,801	0.03990	939,371
Rhode Island	1,051,511	0.00328	123,211
South Carolina	4,774,839	0.01491	382,446
South Dakota	844,877	0.00264	108,824
Tennessee	6,495,978	0.02029	502,280
Texas	26,448,193	0.08261	1,891,445
Utah	2,900,872	0.00906	251,972
Vermont	626,630	0.00196	93,629
Virginia	8,260,405	0.02580	625,127
Washington	6,971,406	0.02178	535,381
West Virginia	1,854,304	0.00579	179,105
Wisconsin	5,742,713	0.01794	449,834
Wyoming	582,658	0.00182	90,567
American Samoa *	54,719	0.00017	23,810
Guam *	160,378	0.00050	31,166
N. Mariana Is. *	51,170	0.00016	23,563
Puerto Rico	3,645,648	0.01139	303,827
Virgin Islands	104,737	0.00033	57,292
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>320,145,491</b>	<b>1.00000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>