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REQUEST FOR FUNDING PROPOSAL 2023 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The District Attorneys Council announces the opening of the 2023 Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) request for proposal process. The Department of Justice has not released the VOCA allocations for 2023 due to pending budget negotiations in Congress. The DAC is accepting grant proposals in advance of this announcement, in anticipation of continued VOCA grant funding.

WHAT IS VOCA?

The purpose of the VOCA grant is to provide **direct services** to victims of crime. Services are defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; (3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for funding from the VOCA grant, an applicant must be one of the following:

- A state agency
- A unit of local government (i.e., city, county)
- A tribal government
- A non-profit agency

PROGRAM PURPOSES

The nine-member VOCA Board has the authority to award funds to various programs in order to meet the needs of crime victims in Oklahoma. The state must use a minimum of 40% of the VOCA grant in the following purpose areas:

Minimum % of awarded funds	Description
10%	Programs that support Child Abuse victims
10%	Programs that support Domestic Violence victims
10%	Programs that support Sexual Assault victims
10%	Programs that support Under Served victims

Under served victimization includes, but is not limited to: DUI, assault, adults molested as children, elder abuse, robbery, survivors of homicide victims, other violent crimes and economic exploitation/fraud.

ALLOWABLE COSTS

The link below will provide guidance on eligible grant activities and costs. This document should be reviewed thoroughly before writing a VOCA grant proposal:

[https://www.ok.gov/dac/documents/VOCA%20FINAL%20RULE%20%20\(Eff.%20Aug%208%202016\).pdf](https://www.ok.gov/dac/documents/VOCA%20FINAL%20RULE%20%20(Eff.%20Aug%208%202016).pdf)

BASIC FINANCIAL AND PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS

VOCA recipients are required:

- To utilize volunteers;
- To comply with all reporting requirements, both financial and programmatic; and
- Collect and report statistics on services provided and persons served.

MATCH REQUIREMENT CHANGE

Pursuant to the VOCA Fix Act, National Emergency Waiver, under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to a pandemic, the District Attorneys Council has waived the Match requirement for the Grant Period of 10/01/2022 – 09/30/2023.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

VOCA grant funding requests can only be made online https://grants.ok.gov/login2.aspx?APPTHEME=OKOSF_DAC.

Applicants must first register the agency as a User in OK Grants and wait for approval (through an e-mailed response) before access into the system is allowed. Once approved, applicants can apply for the VOCA grant. For detailed instructions on how to use the OK Grants system, you may download a DAC Subgrantee User Manual for OKGrants from the District Attorneys Council's website: <https://www.ok.gov/dac/documents/DAC%20Subgrantee%20User%20Manual%20DEC2015.pdf>

SAMPLE GRANT APPLICATION

A sample VOCA grant application can be found at:

<https://www.ok.gov/dac/documents/Sample%20Grant.pdf>

UEI

All applicants are **required** to include a UEI (unique entity identifier) in their application. Organizations can create a UEI in www.SAM.gov. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>. **Applications without a DUNS number or UEI will not be reviewed.**

TIMELINE

Solicitation Date: **Open from December 16, 2022 – March 4, 2023**

Deadline for submission: **11:59 p.m., March 4, 2023**

Grant Project period: **October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information, contact the District Attorneys Council Federal Grants Division, (405) 264-5008 or via email at VOCAHelp@dac.state.ok.us.