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## OCVS Advisory Committee Updates

The OCVS Advisory Committee has new leadership! We are thrilled to welcome our new Co-Chairs:

**Kabzuag Vaj, Co-Executive Director, Freedom Inc.**  
**Tania Bonnett, Adams County District Attorney**

The OCVS Advisory Committee is committed to:

- inclusive representation on the Committee that mirrors the communities and demographics of Wisconsin
- providing recommendations to the Executive Director of OCVS regarding systemic responses to gender-based violence and victim needs
- establishing workgroups in response to emerging needs to help guide and inform the recommendations of the Committee informing OCVS funding and programmatic priorities by integrating economic and social justice to promote access, equity, respect, and dignity for victims in Wisconsin

## OVC PMT Reports Due 7/30/2020

**The VOCA Third Quarter OVC PMT Report is Due on 7/30/20.** (The timeframe for the Third Quarter OVC PMT report is April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.)

Please add information into to the REMARKS section of the report to explain why numbers are low, or why you are unable to report OVC PMT data. For example:

- ✓ Numbers for this quarter were reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ Tribal Government closed all departments due to the COVID -19 pandemic.
- ✓ Due to COVID-19 pandemic, staff were working remotely and did not have access to OVC PMT reporting tool. Demographic numbers are not complete.

If you have any questions, or need more help, please contact your OCVS Grant Specialist.

- You will need to enter your OVCPMT report, or Performance Measures data directly into the OVC PMT website at: <https://ojpsso.ojp.gov/>
- **BUT**, If you are having trouble signing onto the OVCPMT website, please go to the OVCPMT website, at: [https://ojpsso.ojp.gov/support/OJP\\_PMP\\_SSO\\_Login\\_Instructions.pdf](https://ojpsso.ojp.gov/support/OJP_PMP_SSO_Login_Instructions.pdf)
- You can also find this information on the VOCA website: [VOCA website https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/not-crime-victim/victims-crime-act-voca](https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/not-crime-victim/victims-crime-act-voca)

## FINAL VOCA Modifications Due 8/31/2020!

# MMIW Task Force



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Wisconsin Attorney General

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## NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 2, 2020

### AG Kaul Announces Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force

MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Josh Kaul today announces the launch of a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force to help fight the abduction, homicide, violence and trafficking of Indigenous women in Wisconsin.

"Effectively addressing the problem of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Wisconsin will require law enforcement, tribal leaders, victim advocates, and others to work collaboratively to collect data and identify solutions," said Attorney General Kaul. "The creation of this task force is an important step in the effort to combat this complex and serious problem."

In partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Indigenous communities, the task force plans to examine the factors that contribute to missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW), focusing on understanding the roles federal, state and tribal jurisdictions play, and how to improve and implement robust data collection and reporting methods.

"While there is so much that needs to be done to stop the violence perpetrated on Native women and girls, I applaud the Wisconsin Department of Justice for taking an important first step in establishing this task force," notes Shannon Holsey, president of both the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.

"Addressing the MMIW crisis requires acknowledging that the crisis exists, understanding the deep and intricate roots underlying the crisis, providing justice to the missing and murdered and to protecting Native women and girls. As a tribal

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Click the image above to see the [entire document](#) on the [WI DOJ website](#).

# *VAWA STOP EMERGENCY FUND APPLICATIONS*

Due to the low number of applications received, the VAWA STOP program is reopening the one-time funding opportunity to provide additional emergency resources for survivors. Please read the updated eligibility and requirements below.

## Eligibility and Requirements:

- Any Wisconsin victim service program that works with survivors of gender-based violence may apply. *You do not need to be a current OCVS grant recipient.*
- VAWA funds must be used for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.
- VAWA STOP funds may **NOT** be used for services or survivors 11 years and younger.
- NO staff, operational, or indirect costs can be covered by this one-time funding. Funds are only available for emergency client resources.
- If you applied for STOP Emergency Funds in Round One and were awarded, you are not eligible to apply in Round Two.

Each eligible program can apply for up to \$5,000 to be spent by the end of 2020. Application details are attached and open in Egrants.

Applications must be submitted in Egrants by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications will be accepted and awarded on a rolling basis until July 31<sup>st</sup> or until the allocated funds run out. The application is very brief and is non-competitive. Please feel free to reach out to [Shira Phelps](#) or your OCVS Grant Manager with any questions.

## *SAVS/VAWA Continuation Grants*

### *April 2020 Update – Continuation – Will be Competitive in 2021*

Due to COVID-19, OCVS grants team is postponing the competitive funding announcements for SAVS and VAWA STOP until Summer 2021. All current SAVS and VAWA STOP subrecipients will be able to submit a continuation application for the 2021 grant cycle. More information to come in the next couple weeks.

## *New Federal Special Conditions*

For the next VOCA and VAWA grants starting on or after 10/1, there will be three new conditions added in the Terms and Assurances. These new conditions were discussed at the VOCA Orientations last fall. To help subgrantees come into compliance with the new requirements, OCVS is providing additional guidance. The specific special condition language and OCVS' guidance on the [Suitability to Work with Minors](#) and [Employee Employment Eligibility Verification](#) can be found on the VOCA webpage.

# *OCVS Executive Director's Statement on Anti-Racism*

Good afternoon,

As a follow up to previous communications, particularly related to discrimination and civil rights violations, OCVS is committed to addressing racism and oppression in the work that we do. We expect that our grant recipients will also make efforts to address racism and discrimination, both within their organizations, and for the survivors they serve. Please understand that OCVS has a responsibility to review concerns and complaints as they relate to our grant recipients. Discrimination and violations of civil rights laws will not be tolerated. As outlined in your grant subaward contract, violations of civil rights laws may affect grant funding negatively.

OCVS continues to be dedicated to supporting all survivors in Wisconsin. We are equally dedicated to supporting advocates and staff who work on the front lines with survivors every day. During these uncertain times, we have all found ways to come together and continue our important work throughout Wisconsin.

OCVS also continues to support our grant recipients. We understand these are challenging times, and will therefore be as flexible as possible with budgets, modifications, services and activities, and other due dates. Please reach out to your OCVS Grant Specialist if you have any questions. Concerns or complaints can also be sent to: [ocvs@DOJ.STATE.WI.US](mailto:ocvs@DOJ.STATE.WI.US)

Thank you for all the work you do to support survivors every day.

Michelle Viste, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Department of Justice  
Office of Crime Victim Services



# *CVC Online Application*

The Online [Crime Victim Compensation Application](#) is back!

## **Apply for Crime Victim Compensation**

If you need emergency assistance with food, clothing or shelter **call the United Way at 2-1-1**. Send your application as soon as possible. Do not wait until court is over or until treatment is completed.

**APPLY ONLINE**

[\*\*Wisconsin Crime Victim Compensation Online Application\*\*](#) 

- ✓ **When completing the online application**, please have your information about the crime ready, including the date of the crime, location of the crime, and law enforcement agency to which the crime was reported.
- ✓ Please be prepared to complete the full application when you start it, as you will not be able to save and return to it at a later time.
- ✓ Please make sure at the very end of the application to scroll down to the bottom of the last page for final completion and submission of your CVC application.

[Crime Victim Compensation](#) is still accepting applications via Email, Fax, and Mail. Due to limited access to our office building, mail is being picked up three times per week, while faxes and emails are checked throughout the day. Please continue to send in applications and/or encourage victims/survivors to do so as well.

After downloading and filling out the [Crime Victim Compensation Application](#), you can mail, fax, or email to the following:

- **EMAIL:** [ocvs@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:ocvs@doj.state.wi.us)
- **FAX:** 608-264-6368
- **MAIL** (slowest method):  
Crime Victim Compensation  
PO Box 7951, Madison, WI 53707-7951

Please be sure the last page of the application is signed and dated. Electronic signatures are acceptable. Copies of bills and other information can also be submitted with the application, but are not required.

**Office of Crime Victim Services Toll-Free Line**

OCVS continues to be available via our toll-free line to answer questions from victims of crime from 7:45am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday. Victims and survivors may reach us at (800) 446-6564.



# OCVS Training Information

SAFE AT HOME

## Application Assistant Training



**Safe at Home is offering four advanced training opportunities for current application assistants to deepen their knowledge of the Safe at Home program.**

These training sessions will focus on in-depth safety planning as it relates to participation in Safe at Home. The intended audience is currently designated Application Assistants or those who were previously designated and wish to renew their designation.

Each training session will last approximately 2.5 hours and will be conducted virtually. Advocates will work with Safe at Home staff and their peers to develop knowledge and responses to safety planning scenarios based on real-life examples from participants. There will be large group discussion, as well as small group work. Interested Application Assistants do not need to register for more than one event - content will be repeated.

**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 22, 2020**

**9:00 - 11:30  
A.M.**



**Click to register**

**THURSDAY  
JULY 23, 2020**

**9:00 - 11:30  
A.M.**



**Click to register**

**WEDNESDAY  
AUG. 26, 2020**

**9:00 - 11:30  
A.M.**



**Click to register**

**THURSDAY  
AUG 27, 2020**

**9:00 - 11:30  
A.M.**



**Click to register**

Click on the date below to register:

Wednesday

Thursday

Wednesday

Thursday

[July 22](#)

[July 23](#)

[August 26](#)

[August 27](#)

### [OCVS Online Training](#)

OCVS Online Curriculum for advocates, can be viewed [here](#).

For those wishing to receive participation credit for VOCA, SAVS, and VAWA grant requirements, please complete this post-test after watching all segments of the curriculum:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCVSwebinarposttest>

A completion certificate will be emailed to you.

### [End Domestic Abuse WI Training Calendar](#)

<https://www.endabusewi.org/events/>

### [WCASA's Training Calendar](#)

<https://www.wcasa.org/trainings/>

Please see the OCVS [TRAINING CALENDAR](#) for updates and additional training opportunities!

# *SANE Curriculum Advisory Committee*

The OCVS SANE Program is looking for multidisciplinary professionals to be a part of the SANE Curriculum Advisory Committee. This volunteer group will be responsible for reviewing and providing subject matter expertise for the DOJ forensic nurse curriculum (SANE-A/SANE-P), to assure that the content is evidence-based, meets IAFN educational standards, is clinically sound, and accurately reflects Wisconsin statutes pertinent to forensic nursing. The curriculum covers not only clinical aspects of forensic nursing, but also best practice concepts on advocacy, crisis intervention, trauma responses and working with special populations such as GLBTQIA, inmates, men, and trafficked individuals, among others. Requirements include being available for meetings (e-mail/videoconference), responding to e-mails in a timely fashion, and providing direct input into educational materials based on experience and clinical evidence. Committee members must also be comfortable with their name and credentials being published on both internal and external Wisconsin Department of Justice materials.

If interested, please email Susan Kanack at [kanacksm@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:kanacksm@doj.state.wi.us) by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Susan Kanack, BSN, RN, SANE-A  
State SANE/Forensic Nursing Coordinator  
[kanacksm@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:kanacksm@doj.state.wi.us) or (608) 264-6214

Please see the [SANE webpage](#) for updates and information.



# Egrants

## Login:

<https://egrants.doj.state.wi.us/egmis/login.aspx>

## Instructional Guides:

[How to Enter Fiscal Reports](#)

[How to Certify Fiscal Reports](#)

[How to add Personnel and Employee Benefits using Contacts](#)

[How to create a Modification](#)

[How to submit a Program Report](#)

Additional instructional guides can be found on the OCVS Grants Website:

<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/vawa/ocvs-grant-programs>

## Helpdesk

Email: [Egrants@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:Egrants@doj.state.wi.us)

Phone: (608) 267-9068

Toll-free: (888) 894-6607

Hours: 8am-4:30pm CST, M – F

## NEW Egrants Instructional Videos

Follow along with Justin as he explains how to do the following in Egrants:

- [How to Create a Fiscal Report](#)
- [How to Change the Project Director, Financial Officer, Alternate Contact, and Signing Official](#)
- [Egrants Modifications 101](#)
- [Navigating Egrants](#)

## Quarterly Fiscal Report Due Dates

Federal Fiscal Year <i>Oct-Sept</i>	Calendar Year <i>Jan-Dec</i>
<del>1/30/2020</del>	<del>6/30/2020</del>
6/30/2020	7/30/2020
7/30/2020	10/30/2020
10/30/2020	01/30/2021



# New OCVS Staff

## Heather Alston-Shannon CJA Support Specialist

Hi, I'm Heather Shannon. My husband, Tom, and I moved here from San Diego in 2016 because we wanted a more authentic way of life. Although Tom was born and raised in California, I was returning to my home state which I dearly love.

Most of my career has been working in senior healthcare and child protective services. We have 2 boys and were also foster parents for special needs kids.

Protecting the vulnerable has always been a passion for me so working for the DOJ OCVS is a real privilege. I look forward to meeting everyone and being part of a wonderful team!

Heather can be reached at [Alston-ShannonHR@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:Alston-ShannonHR@doj.state.wi.us).

## OCVS Grants Team Members

### [Heather Alston-Shannon](#)

CJA Support Specialist  
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### [Mary Colletti](#)

OCVS Grants Specialist  
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### [Cindy Grady](#)

Director of Grant Programs &  
Operations  
608/264-6209

### [Jake Griffith](#)

OCVS Grants Specialist  
608/267-7924

### [Tanya Herranz](#)

OCVS Financial Grants  
Specialist  
608/264-7657

### [Jason Kuhn](#)

OCVS Financial Grants  
Specialist  
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### [Teresa Nienow](#)

Justice Program  
Supervisor/Children's Justice  
Act Coordinator  
608/264-9452

### [Shira Phelps](#)

Violence Against Women  
Program & Policy Analyst  
608/267-5250

### [Amanda Powers](#)

Lead OCVS Grants Specialist  
608/267-2251

### [Leah Varnadoe](#)

OCVS Grants Support  
Specialist  
608/266-0936

### [Justin Wartzenuft](#)

OCVS Financial Grants  
Specialist  
608/267-4584

### [Courtney Watson](#)

OCVS Grants Specialist/SAFE  
Fund Administrator  
608/267-9340

[OCVS Grants Subgrantees  
by Grant Specialist List](#)