

OCVS Grants Updates

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[OCVS Grants Regional Meetings](#)

The **OCVS** grants team is excited to announce summer **Regional Meetings**. The Regional Meetings will be an opportunity for us to connect with current OCVS grant recipients, meet with programs not currently receiving OCVS funding, hear from victim service providers on needs and priorities, and develop and build our partnerships.

We have scheduled six meetings in different regions throughout the state:

6/19: Madison
 6/21: Waukesha
 7/10: Hayward
 7/16: La Crosse
 7/19: Green Bay
 7/24: Wausau

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCVSRMSUMMER2018>



Visionary Services for Wisconsin

September 20-21, 2018
Rothschild, WI

Sponsored by the Department of Justice - Office of Crime Victim Services

The Visionary Services for Wisconsin Conference highlights innovative practices for direct victim service programs, both in Wisconsin and across the country. Day One of the conference features inspiring and exciting programs developed to address the unique needs of crime victims. Day Two is divided into two tracks: one for decision-makers, to provide tangible and concrete steps for building organizational capacity, planning for upcoming competitive grant cycles, and more; and another for advocates, focusing on special topics that will grow your advocacy.

For more information and to register:
<http://www.cvent.com/d/7gq069>

EGRANTS Login

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

EGRANTS HELPDESK**Email:**

Egrants@doj.state.wi.us

Phone:

(608) 267-9068

Toll-free:

(888) 894-6607

Hours of Operation:

Weekdays, 8am-4:30pm CST

Egrants Instructional Guides

Can be found on the Wisconsin-DOJ OCVS Grants webpage

*[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](#)

Egrants News

Selecting Grant Personnel:

The **Project Director** should be the primary person responsible for the grant. If the Project Director does not want to be involved with writing or entering the grant data then an **Alternate Contact** can be designated (see below). The Project Director will need an Egrants login and will be responsible for electronically signing (certify) fiscal reports. The project director is also responsible for the content of the program reports.

The **Financial Officer** will also be responsible for electronically signing (certify) fiscal reports and will need an Egrants login. They can also create/edit the fiscal reports or designate this to the Project Director or Alternate Contact.

The **Signing Official** is the highest elected official associated with the public agency or private organization. They do not need an Egrants login.

The Alternate Contact is optional and can be another individual with a login to work on the grant.

The **Project Director, Financial Officer, and Signing Official** all need to be **different people**.

The fiscal reports can be completed by the Project Director, Financial Officer, or Alternate Contact. Both Project Director and Financial Officer will need to login to Egrants to electronically sign (certify) each fiscal report.

Requesting modifications to your grant:

Prior to submitting a modification, please notify your grant specialist.

If the Project Director or Financial Officer has changed, submit a **modification** in Egrants to update OCVS of any changes on who is the subgrant contact.

If a staff member has been hired in a vacant position or staff members have changed positions, please submit a **modification** request in Egrants to update OCVS of personnel changes as well as update your subgrant's budget in Egrants.

If an employee/s that had access to Egrants has left the agency, your agency should contact the [Egrants Helpdesk](#) to have the staff member's Egrants Login deactivated.

WI DOJ/OCVS Trainings List 2018

- **Responding to Stalking Cases: July 26th in Eau Claire**
www.cvent.com/d/zgqp76

This one-day training will delve into the investigation and prosecution of stalking cases. Instruction will explore how to conduct thorough investigations, including evidence preservation and collection as well as investigative strategies for interviewing victims and suspects. We will also look at evidentiary issues, particularly around technology, prosecutors may face when trying stalking cases. It is imperative that each person working in the criminal justice field work together to hold offenders accountable and keep victims safe. As a result of this training, law enforcement and prosecutors will have a better understanding of the unique challenges for handling a stalking case or a case that involves stalking behavior, whether or not stalking is charged. Training is open to multidisciplinary responders to stalking cases including law enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutors, etc.

We are excited to welcome stalking investigations expert Captain Randy McAlister from the Cottage Grove (MN) Police Department to present during this training.

- **Homicide Prevention Through Domestic Violence Intervention: July 30th – August 1st in Janesville** www.cvent.com/d/mgqq6m

This three-day training will cover:

- Dynamics of victimization
- Trauma-informed investigations that recognize pattern behavior by the offender
- Identifying the predominant aggressor
- Evidence identification and preservation
- Gaining offender accountability
- Stalking
- Witness intimidation
- Lethality assessment
- Working on a coordinated community response team
- Effective report writing
- Survivor testimonials

- **The Law Enforcement Response to Elder Abuse: August 17th in Appleton**
www.cvent.com/d/6gqaz8

Shared from the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life...As the aging population increases, law enforcement officers are responding to an increased number of cases of elder abuse. Too often, elder abuse cases are not recognized or appropriately identified as crimes, which results in inaccurate arrest decisions. Further, inaccurate perceptions about aging, victims, perpetrators, and dynamics/causes of elder abuse can lead to inappropriate or ineffective responses, putting victims at a higher risk of harm. As first responders, law enforcement officers can play a key role in providing an effective response to abuse in later life at the local level. In many cases, law enforcement can use tools already used in domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, and sexual abuse cases to interview victims and gather evidence. Officers can also benefit from learning about abuse in later life and abuse dynamics; appropriate referral resources for intervention and support for older victims; and working collaboratively with other organizations.

This training is open to a multidisciplinary audience including law enforcement professionals, victim advocates, medical providers, prosecutors, and adult protection workers. Topics covered will include elder abuse investigations, dynamics of elder abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault in later life, neglect, financial exploitation, and challenges older victims face when seeking safety.

We look forward to welcoming nationally renowned presenters Prosecutor Tara Patet, Officer Mike LaRiviere, and Shelly Carlson from the Minnesota Elder Justice Center to provide this training.

Click [HERE](#) for Flyer and Registration Links to DV Prosecution Strategies

**Domestic Violence Prosecution Strategies:
Building a Stronger Community by
Building a Stronger Case**

**Hosted by: WI-DOJ Regional Violence Against
Women Resource Prosecutors**

**Focused on Overcoming Challenges of
DV Prosecutions Including:**

- Recanting Victim/Use of Prior Inconsistent Statements
- Forfeiture by Wrongdoing/Evidence-Based Prosecution
- Other Acts Evidence
- Ethics of Working With Victims
- Survivor Dynamics
- Words of a Survivor

**NO REGISTRATION
FEE!**


*Mileage reimbursement for everyone and lodging reimbursement for those traveling 2 or more hours

Choose from the following dates/locations:

Madison: July 20, 2018 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Rieser Justice Center, Rm 150 120 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Madison, WI 53703 http://www.cvent.com/d/5gqpxz	Wausau: August 3, 2018 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Wausau Police Department 515 Grand Ave, Wausau, WI 54403 http://www.cvent.com/d/6gqgmx
Eau Claire: July 25, 2018 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Eau Claire Co Courthouse 721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703 http://www.cvent.com/d/5gqpxz	Milwaukee: August 9, 2018 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Sojourner Family Peace Center 619 W Walnut St, Milwaukee, WI 53212 http://www.cvent.com/d/6gqgmx

Questions? Contact [Lesh Vamadze](mailto:Lesh.Vamadze@doj.wisconsin.gov) (608) 266-0936

Registration open via Cvent
*Please bring your own coffee, snacks, and other beverages as we are unable to provide these items.



OCVS Training

The [online OCVS curriculum](#) is now available! We hope this option provides flexibility to those who faced obstacles with attending our in-person events. Please see our website to view modules and complete the post-test:

<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/content/ocvs-online-curriculum>

These dates have been added to the [OCVS training calendar](#) and registration is available at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCVS2018>

There's still time to register for the upcoming dates:

Madison

(In collaboration with WCASA's SAVAS training)
August 17th, 2018

Eau Claire

November 8th, 2018

Quarterly Program and Fiscal Report Due Dates

Federal Fiscal Year: October-September	Calendar Year: January-December
01/30/2018	04/30/2018
04/30/2018	07/30/2018
07/30/2018	10/30/2018
<u>10/30/2018 Final</u>	<u>01/30/2019 Final</u>

ALL SUBGRANTEES REMINDER:

Have you checked your budget lately?
Are you spending down the way you projected you would?

If you have questions or concerns please contact your Grant Manager for assistance.

And remember you can submit a modification any time (up to 30 days before the end of the grant period).

Training scholarships!

Direct victim service providers can still apply for small training scholarships to attend events that improve victim services. **Events and billing must be completed by September 30, 2018.** One need not be a VOCA recipient to qualify. Please contact [Morgan Young](#) with questions and click [here](#) to apply.

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What is...Safe at Home?

Safe at Home Trainings for Victim Advocates

Safe at Home, Wisconsin's address confidentiality program, started just over one year ago and provides victims of actual or threatened abuse, stalking, trafficking, or those who simply fear for their physical safety with a legal substitute address to be used for both public and private purposes. The intent of Safe at Home is for those who live in fear for their safety to be able to keep their actual address confidential and prevent future harm.

At the start of the program, 185 victim advocates were designated statewide as Application Assistants to provide safety planning services to individuals seeking to enroll in Safe at Home. Today, there are 357 designated Safe at Home Application Assistants representing over 100 different advocacy agencies throughout the state. As a result of the designated Application Assistants' hard work and commitment to victims, Safe at Home has served 422 total participants throughout Wisconsin since the start of the program.

Safe at Home hopes to continue to grow their roster of designated Application Assistants throughout the state and ensure that current Application Assistants are provided with the most up-to-date information about the program and services offered to participants. As such, Safe at Home is offering several in-person training opportunities for existing Application Assistants. The following half-day trainings will offer more in-depth information about how Safe at Home works, safety planning specific to Safe at Home participants, and enrollment scenarios.

Training Locations and Dates

Milwaukee

Sojourner Family Peace Center
June 7, 2018

Registration link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAHMKE>

Eau Claire

University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
July 17, 2018

Registration link: Coming soon!

Appleton

Fox Valley Technical College
July 20, 2018

Registration link: Coming soon!

Madison

Promega Corporation
July 27, 2018

Registration link: Coming soon!



If you, or someone from your agency, are interested in becoming an Application Assistant or would like to learn more about Safe at Home, please feel free to reach out to Safe at Home directly at safeathome@doj.state.wi.us or (608) 266-6613 for more information.