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# WELCOME NEW VOCA SUBGRANTEES!

As you are all aware, the VOCA competitive process is complete. This was the first time in OCVS Grants history we have had such a large request of funds, **\$94 million dollars!** We appreciate everyone's patience during the process. A total of \$40 million dollars in grant funding was awarded. We would like to thank everyone for the hard work and time spent on the VOCA Competitive applications, on top of all the amazing work you do with victims and survivors across the state of WI.

You can see the entire list of VOCA subrecipients here: OCVS Grants Subgrantees by Grant Specialist List

#### Here is a list of all our brand new VOCA subrecipients:

**Benedict Center** 

Brown County District Attorney

Caring House, Inc.

Cia Siab, Inc

Community Advocates, Inc.

Community Justice Inc.

**CORE El Centro** 

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin – Intensive Permanency Recruitment

Diverse and Resilient, Inc.

Hmong American Friendship Association, Inc

HIR Wellness Center

Ho-Chunk Nation

Jewish Family Services, Inc.

LOTUS Legal Clinic, Inc.

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Sokaogon Chippewa Community Tribe

Stepping Stones, Inc.

The Convergence Resource Center

The Rainbow Project, Inc.

The Youth and Family Project, Inc.

We All Rise: African American Resource Center Inc. WI DOJ – Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

# Egrants

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

#### **Instructional Videos and 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

Phone: (608) 267-9068

Toll-free: (888) 894-6607

Hours: 8am-4:30pm CST, M - F

### **Scholarship Applications**

OCVS is pleased to announce the return of VOCA training scholarship funds. Individuals providing direct victim services are eligible to apply for scholarships to off-set the cost of training opportunities.

\*You do not need to be a VOCA funded agency to apply for training scholarship funds.\*

Applications for scholarships will be evaluated based on need, geographic diversity, type of opportunity, and availability of existing agency training funds. Other agency training funds should be used first, if available.

Reimbursement may be provided for:

- registration fees
- travel (including state rate mileage)
- lodging (at the allowable state rates)

\*\*Scholarships <u>cannot</u> cover meal and per diem expenses\*\*

Scholarships will NOT be available for events that are already being funded through our office through training grants. A list of ineligible events, more information, and the application for funds can be found here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCVSScholarships2019

## Quarterly Fiscal Report Due Dates

Federal Fiscal Year	Calendar Year
Oct-Sept	Jan-Dec
10/30/2019 Final	01/30/2020
	Final

# upcoming trainings

# OCVS 2020 Training Opportunities

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) is offering training on the enforcement of crime victims' rights in Wisconsin, Crime Victim Compensation (CVC), the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Fund, and Safe at Home. Professionals assisting victims of crime are encouraged to attend, including: advocates, Victim/Witness, SANEs and law enforcement. Those who attend the Safe at Home portion of the training will be qualified to register as Application Assistants upon completion of the day. This training meets the requirements for those grant funded by SAVS, VOCA, and VAWA.

#### Register here!

Feb. 7th*	June 26th*		Dec. 4th*	
Madison		Weston		Madison
	May 29th		Sept. 25th*	
	Appleton		Eau Claire	

\*In collaboration with WCASA's SAVAS events.

For more information, or to also register for SAVAS, please see WCASA's training calendar (linked here).

## Also still available 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:

<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCVSwebinarposttest">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCVSwebinarposttest</a>

## End Domestic Abuse WI Training Calendar

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

## WCASA's Training Calendar

https://www.wcasa.org/events

# VOCA reminders

#### 2019-2020 VOCA Grant Recipients Special Conditions are due!

Please refer to your award documents to complete your Special Condition requirements. **Special Conditions** can include:

#### **EEOP Certification Form:**

EEOP CERTIFICATION FORM The Office of Justice Programs requires all subgrantees complete the EEOP Certification form and submit it to the Office for Civil Rights. A copy of the certification completed online must be submitted to OCVS. The Office of Justice Programs, Office for Civil Rights has an online Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program Reporting Tool which allows for a streamlined submission process. Subgrantees can create an account, then prepare and submit your EEO certification form and, if required, create and submit an EEO Utilization Report. Please complete your EEO certification form or, if required, submit an EEO Utilization Report through the EEO Program Reporting Tool: <a href="https://ocr-eeop.ncjrs.gov">https://ocr-eeop.ncjrs.gov</a>.

#### **RENT CERTIFICATION**

The Subgrantee shall certify in writing that the rental rate funded under this Subgrant is consistent with the prevailing rate in the local area and shall maintain documentation on file to support such a determination.

#### **SUBCONTRACTS**

The subgrantee shall submit to the Office of Crime Victim Services a copy of all subcontractual agreements funded under this sub-grant. All such subcontracts are subject to approval by the Office of Crime Victim Services and shall comply with applicable VOCA Program Guidelines. The subgrantee shall provide this agreement to the Office of Crime Victim Services within 30 days of the award date.

#### **EMERGENCY FUND**

The subgrantee shall establish and submit to OCVS within 30 days of the award date written policies specifying the criteria and operation of its emergency financial assistance fund. These policies shall include:

- A. The types of expenses for which emergency funds may be used;
- B. Costs covered by this fund shall not supplant funds or services otherwise generally available from other community resources or for which a charge is not normally imposed;
- C. Fiscal and program procedures, controls and reports. It must be verified that the expenses are a direct result of the crime. The subgrantee shall retain all source documents relating to fund disbursements.
- D. Specific information regarding individual recipients, the type of crime, the need for and use of such emergency financial assistance.

#### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES due 12/31/19!**

Don't forget to submit Goals and Objectives to your grant manager by December 31, 2019! Each agency is required to choose one goal from the list provided at Orientation and then create two to four objectives that are specific to your VOCA funded project. This information should be formatted in a way that is best for you and your agency. Please reach out to your grant manager with questions.

# VOCA news

## \*\*One -Time Funding\*\*

OCVS will be announcing a One-Time Expenses Modification opportunity for current VOCA subrecipients in early January. The purpose of this opportunity will be to support one-time non-recurring expenses that are not currently in a VOCA subrecipient's approved budget. Examples of one-time non-recurring expenses may include staff development, technology, equipment, emergency services or assistance to victims, and supplies and operating expenses that are essential to the provision of direct victim services. All expenses must be VOCA-allowable, reasonable and allocable. The timeline for this opportunity will be relatively quick, so please check your email for updates. Funding for this opportunity is made available from the prior grant year's turn-back, or unspent funds.











#### \*Needs Assessment\*

OCVS is pleased to share that ICF Incorporated (ICF)—an independent research and consulting firm—will be conducting a needs assessment of victim services across the state. As part of this needs assessment, ICF will first conduct a survey to assess the experiences and perspectives of service providers related to the needs of and services provided to crime victims.

The survey will be disseminated by ICF via email in January and can be completed by multiple individuals within each organization. We encourage each of you to participate and forward it to anyone else within your organization that has interacted with crime victims in any capacity. The survey is a great opportunity to share the work that you do, as well as your feedback on victim services. We look forward to learning more about your perspective in the coming months.







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