

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) FACT SHEET

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR VOCA FUNDS, AN ORGANIZATION MUST:

- Be a **public or nonprofit organization** that provides direct services to crime victims
- Have a record of providing **effective direct services to crime victims** for a minimum of one year, have the support and approval of its services by the community, and have a history of providing services in a cost-effective manner
- Contribute a minimum **match** (cash or in-kind) of 20% of total project cost (federal plus match)
- Use **volunteers**
- Promote a collaborative, **coordinated** approach for serving crime victims within the community served
- Assist crime victims in applying for **crime victim compensation** benefits
- Offer services to **victims of federal crimes** on the same basis as victims of state crimes

EXAMPLES: ELIGIBLE SUB-GRANT ORGANIZATIONS

victim/witness assistance programs, rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters, community mental health or social service agencies, child abuse treatment facilities, county social service agencies, courts, probation and parole authorities, hospitals, law enforcement agencies, prosecutor offices, public housing authorities, and religious-affiliated organizations. (Note: in-patient treatment facilities are not eligible.)

EXAMPLES: DIRECT VICTIM SERVICES

responding to the immediate emotional and physical needs (excluding medical care) of crime victims such as crisis intervention; accompaniment to hospitals for medical examinations; hotline counseling; emergency services that are intended to restore the victim's sense of security; mental health assistance such as counseling, group treatment and therapy; and assisting victims participating in criminal justice proceedings.

EXAMPLES: ALLOWABLE COSTS

salaries and fringe benefits of positions that provide direct victim services; operating expenses which are necessary and essential to direct victim services (e.g. pro-rated costs of supplies, rent, copying, postage, printing, brochures, travel, equipment, telephone, pagers); emergency transportation; skills training for agency service providers.

EXAMPLES: UNALLOWABLE SERVICES, ACTIVITIES, AND COSTS

crime prevention activities; lobbying and administrative advocacy for legislation or reform; fundraising activities; perpetrator rehabilitation or counseling; activities directed at prosecuting offenders; activities directed at improving the effectiveness of the criminal justice system; and regular law enforcement duties (crime scene intervention, questioning victims and witnesses, investigation of a crime, and follow-up activities).

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT: OCVS, P.O. BOX 7951, MADISON, WI 53707 (608) 264-9497

OR VISIT : [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-voxa)