



Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) 2026- 2027 Continuation Grant

Funding Announcement

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Funding Announcement Description

Non-competitive continuation funding under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to support the provision of direct services to victims of crime. Federal VOCA funding is awarded annually to victim service providers by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (WI DOJ) Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS).

Important Dates

Application Due Date: August 31, 2026

Project Start Date: October 1, 2026

Project End Date: September 30, 2027

Anticipated Funding Amount and Project Period

Current VOCA subrecipients may apply for continuation funding at their current level of funding for one year. OCVS will award a total of \$13 million in VOCA funding for the October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027, project period.

Eligibility

This funding opportunity is **non-competitive**. Only agencies that [currently receive VOCA funds](#) are eligible to apply **for the same amount awarded in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026**.

Match/Cost Sharing Requirement

Matching or cost sharing means the portion of project costs not paid by Federal funds (unless otherwise authorized by Federal statute). See [2 C.F.R. § 200.1](#) (definition of “cost sharing or matching”).

If awarded, agencies are required to provide 20% match of the **total VOCA project cost or may apply for a match waiver**. Native American tribes on Indian Reservations are not required to provide match.



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There are two kinds of match:

Cash Match – includes cash spent for project-related costs. An allowable cash match must include costs which are allowable with Federal funds.

In-Kind – includes volunteers providing direct services or donations of expendable equipment, office supplies, workshop or classroom materials, workspace, or the monetary value of time contributed by professionals and technical personnel and other skilled and unskilled labor.

The applicant must use volunteers unless OCVS determines there is a compelling reason to waive this requirement. Volunteer time used as match must be for direct victim services and may not include activities ineligible to be directly funded by VOCA.

For more information about match, visit this link from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ) [Grants Financial Management Guide](#).

Non-supplantation

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing state and local government funds for program activities and must [not supplant](#) those funds that have been appropriated for the same purposes. Violations may result in penalties, such as suspension of current and future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, repayment of monies provided under a grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

VOCA 2026-2027 Continuation Grant Description

The VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant is awarded annually to WI DOJ from the US DOJ Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Eligible services include crisis intervention, hotline counseling, individual and/or group therapy, legal advocacy, medical and/or personal advocacy, and emergency legal services essential to meeting immediate threats to health or safety (in conjunction with other services). A more complete description of program purpose areas and activities may be found on the [VOCA Grant Program webpage](#), including the VOCA State Guidelines.



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Application Components

General Instructions: To simplify the application process, we ask that agencies follow the guidelines below.

- When identifying individuals involved in this grant, the project director, financial officer, and signing official must be three separate individuals.
- Use a **footer or a header** with the **agency's name and grant ID number** on all attachment pages.
- Only include information and attachments specifically requested in this funding announcement.
- All documents are subject to public open records requests.

Submission Instructions

All applications must be submitted through WI DOJ's web-based grants management system called WebGrants.

Personnel

This section in Webgrants asks for information about your agency and the individuals responsible for the application and grant award. There are many required fields on this page, so if you encounter problems, please check online help by clicking the Online Help button.

The **Project Director** will be the main point of contact for all grant-related communications. The **Financial Officer** is the individual responsible for financial activities in your organization while the project director will be overseeing project operations. The **Signatory** should be the highest elected official, or a designated proxy by the highest elected official, for the agency. All three should be separate individuals with three separate emails. This will be important for certifying Claims Reimbursements and other communication.

Project Summary

In the Brief Project Description text box, please describe your project in 150 words or less.

A suggested format is included for your convenience:



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“[Name of Agency] [identify component, if more than one] will provide [enumerate major categories or types of services] to [description of clients in terms of types of crime(s) and other relevant demographics] in [county(ies)].”

Responses to this section will be used on the WI DOJ website, cited in WI DOJ reports, and could be mentioned in press releases. Plain language that clearly describes the intent of the project is most effective.

Federal Funding Questions

Please respond to each of the questions.

Project Narrative

In general, OCVS is familiar with the larger operations of your program, so please limit your responses to only the following prompt. There is a character limit of 6500 or a limit of about 1200 words.

Have there been any changes to your project since last year's (2025-2026) proposed project? If so, please explain these changes and how they have changed your implementation plan for the project.

Goals and Objectives

Please complete the VOCA Goals and Objectives form for this project period. Choose at least one goal from the VOCA program goals listed below and provide at least 2 objectives within each goal. The primary purpose of VOCA victim assistance grants is to support the direct services to victims of crime throughout Wisconsin. Direct services are efforts that:

1. Respond to the emotional, psychological, or physical needs of crime victims';
2. Assist victims to stabilize their lives after a victimization;
3. Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; or
4. Restore a measure of safety and security for the victim.



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Budget

This section in Webgrants asks for information about your project budget. Complete a budget using the categories listed below. For each category used, enter a justification that describes how the items in that category will be used during the grant period. It is important that you include specific details for each budget line item, including cost calculations.

***Please use the most recently approved budget as your guide.** Complete a project budget that covers costs from October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027, using the categories listed below.

Personnel: Provide salary information for non-contractual employees that will be funded through this grant, including overtime. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization. Position descriptions for any position created and/or listed in the project must be made available upon request.

Employee Benefits: Employee benefits for grant-funded personnel include FICA, Unemployment Compensation, Health Insurance, etc. and amounts budgeted should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Employee benefits are for the personnel listed in the budget and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project. Employee benefits on overtime hours are limited to FICA, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment Compensation. List items included in benefits.

Travel/Training: Indicate any travel and/or training costs associated with the funded project. Only actual expenses will be reimbursed. All reimbursements will be at [current state rates](#) that are subject to change. (Please note: Travel and training for **contracted employees** does **not** go in this section. These expenses should be itemized under "Contractual".)

Staff Development: To be used for all agency staff. This section should also include the travel associated with training. Each training may have its own budget line-item, to include all aspects of the training (i.e. mileage, lodging, registration) or expenses can be pooled into



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a general training line item. However, you must provide details of the calculations. State travel rates are the maximum allowed.

*Agency membership dues to organizations related to victim services (CACs of WI, NCA Accreditation Dues, APSAC Membership) should be included in this section.

Equipment: Tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.

Supplies and Operating Expenses: Includes consumables such as paper, stationery, postage, software and equipment with an acquisition cost of less than \$5,000 per unit.

Also includes operating expenses such as rent and utilities. Show computations for all items. For example, Rent: \$150/mo. x 12 months = \$1,800.

Consultants/Contractual: Provide costs associated with individuals or entities providing services through a contractual arrangement. With the exception of a few justified sole source situations, contracts should be awarded via competitive processes. Attach detailed information to support the total cost of each contract. For each consultant enter the name, if known; service to be provided; hourly rate; and estimated time on the project. The [consultant](#) and [contractual](#) checklists can be used as a resource for this type of expense.

Indirect: Applicants may include any indirect cost rate in this section of the budget. A subrecipient who has never had a federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, may elect to use the de minimis indirect cost rate of up to 15% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). MTDC includes all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the first \$50,000 of each subcontract. MTDC excludes rental costs, equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs and the portion of each subcontract in excess of \$50,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with the approval of the cognizant agency for indirect costs.



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Other: This category should be used for eligible expenses not included in any other category; every expense item must be described and justified. Examples: emergency victim assistance.

Required Attachments

This section in Webgrants asks for required attachments. Multiple attachments can be uploaded, and it is preferred that each attachment's name clearly identify what it is. Please note that the Subgrant Award Report (also referred to as "VOCA SAR") will be completed by the applicant around the time of award.

Proof of Non-Profit Status: Upload current proof of non-profit status. See US DOJ OJP [Organizational Requirements](#).

Proof of Certification in SAM.gov: Upload current proof of certification from [SAM.gov](#). All subrecipients must have an active account with [SAM.gov](#). This includes having a unique entity identifier (UEI). [SAM.gov](#) registration can take several weeks. To register, go to <https://sam.gov/entity-registration>.

Indirect Rate (if Applicable): Upload either a copy of the most current Federally Approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA), or a signed [Certification to Apply 15% de Minimis](#) Indirect Cost Rate.

Volunteer Waiver (if Applicable): Upload a signed copy of the [Volunteer Waiver Request Form](#). This is only applicable to subrecipients that do not have volunteers as a part of the VOCA funded project.

Program Income Certification (if Applicable): Upload a signed copy of the [VOCA Program Income Certification Form](#). This is only applicable to subrecipients that propose imposing fees on clients or generating revenue through VOCA project or staff.



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Application Registration Requirements

SAM Entity Registration

All subrecipients must have an active account with [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). This includes having a unique entity identifier (UEI). [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) registration can take several weeks. To register, go to <https://sam.gov/entity-registration>.

Please note that **SAM registration is FREE**. You should never pay for creating a new SAM registration or updating or renewing an existing SAM registration.

Submit Applications Using Webgrants

Applications must be submitted through the WI DOJ [Webgrants](#) grants management system. Authorization to access Webgrants can take several days depending on registration activity. Once your Webgrants access is approved, you may begin your online grant application. If you have any problems using Webgrants, please contact [Leah Varnadoe](#) during business hours.

Application Review and Award Criteria

All applications must be submitted on or before the deadline and will be screened for completeness and compliance with the instructions provided in this announcement. OCVS will review each application to determine compliance with the instructions provided in this announcement.

Post-Award Special Conditions/Reporting Requirements

Agencies awarded funds under this announcement are required to provide regular progress reports. The schedule for reports will be included in the grant award materials. When received, please review all grant award special conditions and Webgrants reporting requirements.

VOCA Claims Reimbursements: Subrecipients will submit claims reimbursements (formerly known as “fiscal reports”) on either a monthly or quarterly basis in Webgrants. Funding is solely on a reimbursement basis. Unless otherwise approved by OCVS,



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reimbursement requests shall only report actual, approved, and paid expenses during the reporting period. Subrecipients may not, without advanced approval by OCVS, request reimbursement on a prorated basis.

Program reports: Subrecipients will report on their progress on a semi-annual basis in Webgrants. Subrecipients will also complete a final report at the end of each grant year.

OVC PMT: Subrecipients are required by the federal awarding agency, US DOJ, to report performance measurement data (referred to as OVC PMT) on a quarterly basis.

Subrecipient Monitoring: OCVS must assess subrecipient risk posed by applicants before they receive federal funds. Assessment of subrecipient risk determines the level of monitoring performed by OCVS. Further, the levels of risk assigned by OCVS do not preclude a subrecipient from receiving federal funds. In addition to reviewing program complexity and prior adherence to VOCA award terms and conditions (if applicable), OCVS will also review financial complexity and the financial capacity of the agency.