



2024 - 2025 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Competitive Grant Appeal Process *October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025*

Appeal Process

An applicant may appeal OCVS's decision of grant funding. OCVS will consider VOCA fund availability when reviewing and making final appeal decisions. The review process, funding cap amount of \$250,000 per award, competitive funding criteria, and priority areas may not be appealed.

Appeals must be requested in writing no later than 10 business days after the date on the denial/intent to award letter.

A request must be signed by an authorized official in your agency and include facts or developments that were not known to the applicant at the time of your original application to OCVS. The request must address how these facts or developments significantly impact the evaluation of your application.

Requests to appeal will not be granted if the information received:

- Merely reiterates or restates information submitted as part of an application.
- Seeks to revise or amend the original application.
- Makes comparisons with other applicants or applications.
- Disputes policy judgments or discretionary decisions made by the review team in formulating its recommendations.

OCVS will notify the applicant that the appeal has been received and will respond to the applicant within 30 days of the receipt of the appeal request. OCVS reserves the right to review and reconsider all elements of the grant application during an appeal. If the denial decision is rescinded, OCVS will discuss the specific scope, activities, goals, and budgetary terms of individual projects to be offered grant funding. Such discussions will likely require revision and resubmission of pertinent administrative, programmatic, and financial information.

The written request should be emailed to:

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