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## **Narrative Information**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this program is to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime to speed their recovery and aid them through the criminal justice process. Services may include the following:

- responding to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims;
- assisting victims in stabilizing their lives after a victimization;
- assisting victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and
- providing victims with safety and security.

### **Culturally Specific and Underserved Populations**

Does your program have a primary focus on serving a culturally specific population? (The organization must do more than merely provide services to an underserved population as defined by 34 USC § 12291 (a)(46) or culturally specific group; rather, the organization's primary focus must be on providing culturally competent services as defined by 34 USC § 12291(a)(9) designed to meet the specific needs of the target population in order to justify a YES response in the section below.)

Yes

No

### **Certifications**

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

### **Resolution from Governing Body**

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must submit a fully executed resolution with the application to be considered eligible for funding. The resolution must contain the following elements (see [Sample Resolution](#)):

- Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
- A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
- A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant;
- A designation of the name and/or title of a financial officer who is given the authority to submit financial and/or performance reports or alter a grant; and
- A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

### **Constitutional Compliance**

Applicant assures that it will not engage in any activity that violates Constitutional law including profiling based upon race.

### **Forensic Medical Examination Payments**

Health care facilities shall conduct a forensic medical examination of a victim of an alleged sexual assault if the victim arrived at the facility within 120 hours after the assault occurred and the victim consents to the examination. The victim is not required to participate in the investigation or prosecution of an offense as a condition of receiving a forensic medical examination, nor pay for the forensic examination or the evidence collection kit. Crime Victim Compensation funds may be used to pay for the medical portion of the exam unless the victim of sexual assault is required to seek reimbursement for the examination from their insurance carrier. If a health care facility does not provide diagnosis or treatment services for sexual assault victims, the facility is required to refer the victim to a facility that provides those services.

### **Confidentiality and Privacy**

Applicant agrees to maintain the confidentiality of client-counselor information and research data, as required by state and federal law. Personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied may not be disclosed; or, reveal individual client information without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person about whom information is sought. If release of information is compelled by statutory or court mandate, reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information will be made and steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of information will be taken.

### **Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery**

Applicant agrees to not engage in activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions.

### **Polygraph Testing Prohibition**

A peace officer or attorney representing the state may not require an adult or child victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an offense. In addition, the refusal of a victim to submit to a polygraph or other truth telling examination will not prevent the investigation, charging, or prosecution of an alleged sex offense or on the basis of the results of a polygraph examination.

### **Protection Orders**

Victims applying for a protective order or their attorney may not bear the costs associated with the filing of an order of protections.

### **Offender Firearm Prohibition**

The applicant certifies that its judicial administrative policies and practices include notification to domestic violence offenders of the requirements delineated in section 18 USC § 992(g)(8) and (g)(9).

### **Criminal Charges**

In connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, the victim may

not bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against a domestic violence offender, issuance or service of a warrant, or witness subpoena.

### **Cybersecurity Training Requirement**

Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Government](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources [Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) page.

### **Criminal History Reporting**

Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66*. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

### **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)**

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.

### **Entities That Collect Sexual Assault/Sex Offense Evidence or Investigate/Prosecute Sexual Assault or Other Sex Offenses**

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 420.034, any facility or entity that collects evidence for sexual assault or other sex offenses or investigates or prosecutes a sexual assault or other sex offense for which evidence has been collected, must participate in the statewide electronic tracking system developed and implemented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Visit DPS's [Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program](#) website for more information or to set up an account to begin participating. Additionally, per Section 420.042 "A law enforcement agency that receives evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense...shall submit that evidence to a public accredited crime laboratory for analysis no later than the 30th day after the date on which that evidence was received." A law enforcement agency in possession of a significant number of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) where the 30-day window has passed may be considered noncompliant.

### **Immigration Legal Services**

PSO prioritizes funding of projects that provide a full spectrum of counseling, crisis services, and other direct victim services. PSO will not fund projects that focus primarily on immigration legal services and do not provide a significant level of other types of victim services.

### **Legal Representation in Divorce and Custody Cases**

PSO limits eligibility for legal representation in divorce and custody cases to circumstances where the survivor has been directly victimized by intimate partner violence (IPV) within the last six (6) months. This may include physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, and psychological aggression (including coercive tactics) by a current or former intimate partner against the survivor or survivor's kin sharing the residence. Additionally, legal services in divorce and custody cases funded under this award are limited to emergency order assistance, safety planning, client representation in divorce or guardianship proceedings, and other family law matters directly resulting from the victimization. Through acceptance of this award, grantee agrees that reimbursement for divorce and custody-related legal services will be limited to circumstances listed above.

### **Discrimination**

Applicant agrees not to discriminate against victims because they disagree with the State's prosecution of the criminal case.

**Records**

Applicant agrees to maintain daily time and attendance records specifying the time devoted to allowable victim services.

**Volunteers**

If awarded VOCA funds, applicant agrees to use volunteers to support either the project or other agency-wide services/activities, unless PSO determines that a compelling reason exists to waive this requirement.

**Crime Victims' Compensation**

Applicant agrees to assist crime victims in applying for crime victims' compensation benefits.

**Community Efforts**

Applicant agrees to promote community efforts to aid crime victims. Applicants should promote, within the community, coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims. Coordination efforts qualify an organization to receive these funds, but are not activities that can be supported with these funds.

**Civil Rights Information**

Applicant agrees to maintain statutorily required civil rights statistics on victims served by race, national origin, sex, age, and disability of victims served, within the timeframe established by PSO. This requirement is waived when providing services, such as telephone counseling, where soliciting the information may be inappropriate or offensive to the crime victim.

**Victims of Federal Crime**

Applicant agrees to provide equal services to victims of federal crime. (Note: Victim of federal crime is a victim of an offense that violates a federal criminal statute or regulation; federal crimes also include crimes that occur in an area where the federal government has jurisdiction, such as Indian reservations, some national parks, some federal buildings, and military installations.)

**No Charge**

Applicant agrees to provide grant-funded services at no charge to victims of crime. Applicants are also prohibited from billing Crime Victims Compensation, private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare for services provided using VOCA funds.

**Effective Services**

Applicants applying for funds to provide victim services must demonstrate a record of providing effective services to crime victims. (See "Eligible Organizations" in the Funding Announcement.)

**College Campus Confidential Direct Services Providers**

All personnel compensated through OOG or match funds are Confidential Direct Service Providers that maintain victim's confidentiality for all case information (written or oral) and share information only at the victim's request and with the victim's informed consent, except when release of information is required by law. Confidential Direct Service Providers compensated with grant funds shall not be required to disclose client or case information to any entity, including a campus Title IX officer or coordinator, except when release of information is required by law. A victim may not be coerced or required to file a report or disclose information regarding their victimization with any entity as a condition of receiving services from a Confidential Direct Service Provider.

Failure to comply with this certification may result in PSO, at its sole discretion, withholding reimbursement on personnel line items contained in the program budget until satisfactory evidence of compliance is provided.

### **Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures**

**Local Units of Government:** Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii); (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3); (3) encourage or induce an alien to come to, enter, or reside in the United States in violation of law, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv); (4) result in the illegal transport or movement of aliens within the United States, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to PSO and is active until August 31, 2027 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

**Non-profit Organizations:** Each non-profit 501(c)(3) organization must certify that it does not have, and will continue not to have any policy, procedure, or agreement (written or unwritten) that in any way encourages, induces, entices, or aids any violations of immigration laws. Additionally, the organization certifies that it does not have in effect, purport to have in effect, and is not subject to or bound by any rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) encourage the concealment, harboring, or shielding from detection of fugitives from justice or aliens who illegally came to, entered, or remained in the United States, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii); (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3); (3) encourage or induce an alien to come to, enter, or reside in the United States in violation of law, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv); (4) result in the illegal transport or movement of aliens within the United States, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii). Lastly, the organization certifies that it will not adopt, enforce, or endorse a policy which prohibits or materially limits the enforcement of immigration laws, and will not, as demonstrated by pattern or practice, prohibit or materially limit the enforcement of immigration laws.

Each non-profit organization must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/NGO Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements.

### **Employment of Advocates for Sexual Assault**

Will this project use grant funds to support the employment of Advocates for Survivors of Sexual Assault as defined by Chapter 420, section 420.051 of the Texas Government Code?

- Yes
- No

If yes, will those advocates provide in-room hospital accompaniment during sexual assault forensic exams as defined by Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 56A.351?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

If yes, have those advocates completed a sexual assault training program certified by the Attorney General as defined by Texas Government Code 420.011?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

### **Civil Rights Liaison**

A civil rights liaison who will serve as the grantee's civil rights point of contact and who will be responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements must be designated. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with PSO and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999 x9999]:

### **Overall Certification**

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

**I certify to all of the application content & requirements.**

### **Project Abstract :**

With a rapidly growing population of approximately 944,637, Fort Bend County ranks among the fastest-growing counties in the United States. This growth has led to a rise in abuse cases, underscoring the urgent need for services for domestic violence victims. The Victim Case Coordinator Program is dedicated to addressing these needs. The victim case coordinator plays a vital role in working with multidisciplinary teams to coordinate and provide services. They support victims in restoring their quality of life by offering guidance, case information, and referrals for essential wraparound services. This grant will bolster investigation resources, expand assistance to victims, and provide specialized support for domestic violence victims.

### **Problem Statement :**

In recent years, the Fort Bend Sheriff's Office has seen a worrying rise in domestic and intimate partner violence cases within the community. The victims, often women, children, and other vulnerable individuals, face complex challenges that extend far beyond the initial crisis. The growing number of cases and the resulting backlog make it difficult for the Criminal Investigations Division and the Victim Services team to meet all the victims' needs effectively. Before the establishment of a victim case coordinator role, investigating detectives spent a significant portion of their time providing victim coordination services, leaving them with little time to investigate the cases thoroughly. The high demand for dedicated support only exacerbates the challenges victims face, making it imperative for the FBCSO to maintain the Victim Case Coordinator position within our law enforcement framework. Key issues surrounding domestic violence include insufficient support services, underreporting, offender accountability, and victim safety. Victims of domestic and intimate partner violence suffer not only physical harm but also severe emotional trauma. Currently, our law enforcement lacks sufficient dedicated support to address these victims' holistic needs. The victim case coordinator helps bridge this gap by offering comprehensive assistance, addressing immediate safety concerns, responding to the emotional aftermath of incidents, and meeting the victims' needs. This grant will support the continuation and expansion of the Victim Case Coordinator role, providing additional investigative resources, support services, and specialized assistance to domestic violence victims, ensuring they receive the help they need to restore their quality of life.

## **Supporting Data :**

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office has witnessed a significant rise in domestic violence cases, impacting women, children, and vulnerable adults. Recognizing this alarming trend, the 2022-2023 Fort Bend County Community Plan has identified domestic violence as a high priority, revealing a critical lack of support from multi-disciplinary services. The plan also highlights insufficient resources for prosecuting and following up on protective orders and criminal cases involving family violence. Between 2022 and 2023, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office experienced a 58% increase in assigned cases and a 110% rise in the number of victims seeking services. In 2024 alone, the family violence unit received 2882 cases of domestic abuse, with detective caseloads ranging from 25 to 40 new cases a month. Data from October to December 2023 show the following breakdown by ethnicity: 45 Asian, 243 Black/African American, 335 Hispanic or Latino, 351 White/Caucasian, and 30 of unknown race. The gender breakdown indicated 444 women, with 15 cases where the gender was not reported by the victim. Additionally, Child Advocates of Fort Bend served 2,420 child victims of abuse with 62% being girls & 385 being boys, while the Fort Bend County Women's Center provided service to 2,297 survivors of domestic violence. These figures underscore the growing need for support services for victims of domestic and intimate partner violence in Fort Bend County, as provided by our victim case coordinator. Our victim case coordinator plays a pivotal role in addressing these needs, collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to coordinate and provide comprehensive services. They work tirelessly to help victims restore their quality of life, offering guidance, case information, and referrals for essential wraparound services. This grant will enhance our capacity to provide additional investigative resources and specialized support for domestic violence victims, ensuring they receive the assistance they need.

## **Project Approach & Activities:**

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Victim Case Coordinator plays a crucial role in providing comprehensive support to victims of crimes, particularly women and children. By collaborating with various stakeholders, including Child Protective Services (CPS), Adult Protective Services (APS), law enforcement, Child Advocates of Fort Bend, medical professionals, counselors, and forensic experts, the project aims to streamline coordination, enhance communication, and ensure victims receive timely and sensitive care throughout their recovery process. The Victim Case Coordinator conducts initial needs assessments to identify the specific needs and vulnerabilities of victims. By establishing protocols for timely case identification and referrals from relevant agencies, the coordinator ensures a safer and more secure service line for victims and their families. The project also develops a collaborative framework to facilitate communication and information sharing among community agencies and partners like APS, CPS, law enforcement, Child Advocates of Fort Bend, Fort Bend County Women's Center, medical professionals, counselors, and forensic experts. Participation in regular case review meetings helps ensure a coordinated approach to individual cases. Informational materials are prepared and distributed to enhance stakeholders' understanding of their roles and responsibilities. A victim-centered approach to case management is implemented, prioritizing the physical, emotional, and psychological needs of victims. The coordinator maintains a system for regular check-ins with victims to assess their well-being and address any emerging needs. A streamlined process for scheduling and coordinating forensic testing ensures timely and accurate results. Communication between medical professionals and law enforcement is facilitated to ensure seamless integration of medical care into the investigative process. The coordinator continues to provide a secure and confidential case management system for victims and increases collaboration with local organizations to expand the network of support services. Partnerships with forensic laboratories are established for expedited testing, and reports on project outcomes and impact are produced. This comprehensive approach ensures that victims receive the support they need from multiple angles, fostering a coordinated and compassionate response from the Victim Case Coordinator and the Sheriff's Office.

## **Capacity & Capabilities:**

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, under the leadership of Sheriff Eric Fagan, elected to office in 2021, is a robust organization with over 750 employees. These dedicated professionals operate across ten specialized divisions, organized into three bureaus and a training academy. Captain Scott Heinemeyer leads the Criminal Investigations Division (CID), which consists of experienced detectives, investigative specialists, and victim case coordinators. The CID excels in solving complex crimes, ensuring justice for victims and families, while upholding the highest standards of investigative excellence. The victim case coordinator plays a pivotal role in facilitating seamless collaboration among law enforcement, Child Protective Services (CPS), medical professionals, counselors, community stakeholders and forensic experts. This ensures that crime victims receive timely and sensitive care throughout the investigative process. The coordinator also arranges forensic testing, medical care, and counseling services to address the physical, emotional, and psychological needs of victims to help them navigate their recovery journey.

## **Performance Management :**

To enhance the effectiveness of our Domestic Violence program at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, it is crucial for the domestic violence coordinator to maintain a collaborative relationship with the Fort Bend County District Attorney's office. This strategic partnership aims to strengthen legal processes surrounding domestic violence cases, ultimately increasing conviction rates. By working closely with the DA's office, the coordinator can facilitate seamless information sharing, coordinated efforts, and joint initiatives that create a more robust legal framework for addressing domestic violence comprehensively. This collaborative approach not only focuses on securing more convictions but also emphasizes improving services for victims. Through effective communication and cooperation with the District Attorney's office, the domestic violence coordinator can ensure that victims receive comprehensive support and assistance throughout the legal proceedings. This includes streamlining victim services, coordinating with law enforcement, and implementing measures to enhance the overall well-being of those affected by domestic violence. The success of this program will be measured by the number of cases investigated by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's office, the number of cases resulting in charges being filed, the number of arrests made, the number of referrals to the DA's office for conviction, the number of restraining orders filed, and the number of services provided to victims/survivors.

## **Target Group :**

The Family Violence Unit of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office is committed to addressing and investigating domestic violence offenses with a targeted focus on ensuring the safety and well-being of victims. Our primary target group includes women and children who have been victims of domestic violence. Fort Bend County has an estimated population of approximately 944,637, with 355,937 of these residents being adult females. The demographic breakdown of the county is 51.4% White, 24.7% Hispanic or Latino, 22.7% Asian, and 30% other ethnicities. Data indicates that 1 in 4 women will become victims of domestic abuse by an intimate partner. In 2023 Fort Bend County experienced a significant rise in domestic violence calls to 8,918. Our efforts aim to provide support and justice for individuals who have experienced domestic violence, ensuring their safety and empowerment throughout the investigative process. This approach emphasizes the comprehensive work of the Family Violence Unit, focusing on both supporting victims and prosecuting offenders, with the overarching goal of fostering a community free from the devastating effects of domestic violence. The unit is dedicated to diligently investigating cases, providing support services to victims, and holding offenders accountable to create a safer and more secure living environment for all residents within Fort Bend County.

## **Evidence-Based Practices:**

According to a comprehensive review conducted by the Texas Council on Family Violence (2022), over 300 homicide cases were analyzed, revealing that 216 Texans tragically lost their lives to intimate partner or stalking homicides. This underscores the critical need for targeted interventions and evidence-based policies to address the alarming prevalence of domestic violence in Texas and Fort Bend County. The findings from this extensive review emphasize the urgency of providing ongoing support and implementing effective strategies to prevent and respond to intimate partner abuse and stalking violence. This serves as a stark reminder of the profound impact domestic violence can have on individuals and communities, highlighting the imperative for evidence-based practices to enhance victim protection, offender accountability, and overall public safety. The Texas Council on Family Violence's research offers crucial insights that guide the development and refinement of policies aimed at addressing and curbing the tragic consequences of intimate partner abuse and stalking homicides in Texas. It is suggested that implementing laws prohibiting offenders from possessing firearms helps protect victims from potential escalation of violence. Additionally, in the Houston Area Domestic Violence Providers Study Initial Local DV Data Aggregation (Gregory, E., Hough, Z., & Martinez, I., 2023), it shows that two Houston area shelters (HAWC & Fort Bend Women's Center) are currently building new facilities to expand capacity by 309 beds over the next two years. The study highlights that with the increase in domestic violence cases, the centers are often forced to use options like hotels and expanded alternative housing when funding is available, to augment their offerings to those in need. In 2024, the Fort Bend Women's Center provided emergency shelter to 409 women in need, 100 more victims than in 2023. At the FBCSO, we are recognizing the pressing need to address the growing demand for support to domestic violence victims and reducing barriers that victims face. We are committed to providing victim with emotional support to assist them while dealing feelings of shame, guilt and embarrassment. Assisting in building trust and helping survivors deal with fear of retaliation from their abusers. This support is a proactive response to the escalating challenges faced by survivors seeking safety and healing from abusive situations. This includes reducing barriers to reporting family violence and assault, taking a trauma-informed approach to understanding and responding to the impact of trauma on survivors, by assisting with ensuring victim safety, recognizing and respecting the diverse

backgrounds and experiences of survivors. As well as, ensuring that comprehensive support services such as emergency shelters, financial assistance and community support are accessible to all survivors.

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**Measures Information**

Objective Output Measures

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Objective Outcome Measures

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Custom Output Measures

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### Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

### Debarment

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Select the appropriate response:

- I Certify
- Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

General Information and Instructions

Agency Type

Implementing Agency Type - Government

Which designation best describes your agency (select only one):

- Corrections
- Courts
- Juvenile justice
- Law enforcement
- Prosecutor
- Other – describe below

If Other is selected describe below:

Purpose of Award

Check all that apply:

- Continue an OOG-funded victim project funded in a previous year
- Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by OOG in the previous year
- Start up a new victim services project
- Start up a new Native American victim services project
- Expand or enhance an existing Native American project

Type of Crime Funding Distribution

Identify the percent of funding dedicated to each type of victimization. The percentages provided below should not include matching funds. Cumulative total for all types of victimization must equal 100%.

Type of Crime	Percent of Funds Dedicated to Crime <i>Enter whole percentages only</i>	Funds Dedicated to Crime <i>Current Award x Percent Entered</i>
Child Physical Abuse	0	\$0.00
Child Sexual Abuse	0	\$0.00
Domestic and Family Violence	0	\$0.00
Child Sexual Assault	0	\$0.00
Adult Sexual Assault	0	\$0.00
DUI/DWI Crashes	0	\$0.00
Assault	0	\$0.00

Adults Molested As Children	0	\$0.00
Elder Abuse	0	\$0.00
Robbery	0	\$0.00
Survivors of Homicide	0	\$0.00
Adult Human Trafficking	0	\$0.00
Child Human Trafficking	0	\$0.00
Other Violent Crimes	0	\$0.00

Description:

Other Non-Violent Crimes	0	\$0.00
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Description:

**SUM of %'s**  
*Sum of % MUST = 100%* <sup>0</sup>

**SUM of Funds**  
*Sum of Funds MUST = OOG Current Budget* \$0.00

**Use of Funds**

Does this project provide **DIRECT SERVICES** to victims:

- Yes
- No

**Types of Victimization**

Check the types of victimization that best describe the victims the grant-funded project will serve. "Other" refers to a type that is not associated with any of the types provided in the list. Check all that apply:

**Type of Victimization**

- Adult physical assault (includes aggravated and simple assault)
- Adult sexual assault
- Adults sexually abused/assaulted as children
- Arson
- Bullying (verbal, cyber, or physical)
- Burglary
- Child physical abuse or neglect
- Child pornography

- Child sexual abuse/assault
- Domestic and/or family violence
- DUI/DWI incidents
- Elder abuse or neglect
- Hate crime: racial/religious/gender/sexual orientation/other

If Hate Crime is TRUE provide explanation:

- Human trafficking: labor
- Human trafficking: sex
- Identity theft/fraud/financial crime
- Kidnapping (noncustodial)
- Kidnapping (custodial)
- Mass violence (domestic/international)
- Other vehicular victimization (e.g., hit and run)
- Robbery
- Stalking/harassment
- Survivors of homicide victims
- Teen dating victimization
- Terrorism (domestic/international)
- Other

If Other is TRUE provide explanation:

### Budget and Staffing

Answer the questions below based on your current fiscal year. Report the total budget available to the victim services program by source of funding. Do not report the entire agency budget, unless the entire budget is devoted to victim services program.

#### **Annual funding amounts allocated to all victimization programs and/or services for the current fiscal year:**

Identify by source the amount of funds allocated to the victimization program/services budget for your agency. DO NOT

COUNT FUNDS IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY. OTHER FEDERAL includes all federal funding except the award amount for this grant.

<b>OOG Current Budget:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Other State Funds:	\$0.00
Other Local Funds:	\$0.00
Other Federal Funds:	\$0.00
Other Non-Federal Funds:	\$0.00
<b>Total Victimization Program Budget:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Total number of paid staff for all grantee victimization program and/or services:**

COUNT each staff member once. Both full and part time staff should be counted as one staff member. DO NOT prorate based on FTE.

Total number of staff: 0

**Number of staff hours funded through THIS grant award (plus match) for grantee's victimization programs and/or services:**

Total COUNT of hours to work by all staff supporting the work of this award, including match.

Total number of hours: 0

**Number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this award (plus match) for grantee's victimization programs and/or services:**

COUNT each volunteer staff once. DO NOT prorate based on FTE.

Total number of volunteer staff: 0

**Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this award (plus match) for grantee's victimization programs:**

Total COUNT of hours to work by all volunteers supporting the work of the award, including match.

Total hours to work by all volunteers: 0

Explain how your organization uses volunteers to support its victimization programs or if your organization does not use volunteers explain any circumstances that prohibit the use of volunteers.

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