

## **OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

In the 2009 Legislative session LB 63 was passed establishing the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP). Statutes for OVP can be found at 81-1447 through 81-1451.

Priority of funding will be given to projects that appear to have the greatest benefit to the state and have goals to reduce street and gang violence, homicides and injuries caused by firearms. The Legislature found that to effectively address these issues, communities must develop a multi-faceted approach that includes violence prevention activities, intervention and enforcement, punishment when necessary and rehabilitation.

## **COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT**

Applicable to all counties within the State of Nebraska operating an adult detention facility requesting and receiving funds distributed by the Commission with the intent to offset jail costs as set out in Neb. Rev. Stat 81-1426.01

## **Crime Victim Reparations Program (CVR)**

The Nebraska Crime Victim Reparations (CVR) program is funded through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), state general fund appropriations and cash funds. The Act provides compensation to innocent victims of a crime for certain expenses related to the criminal act. Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-1801 to 81-1842 and Crime Commission Rules and Regulations Title 80, Chapters 1 - 7 govern the operation of the CVR Program with Crime Commission staff providing administrative support.

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## GRANT PROGRAMS



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## **JUVENILE STATE GRANTS**

### **Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program (CBA)**

The Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program (CBA) is formula-based aid to counties, multiple counties, federally recognized or state-recognized Indian tribe or tribes, or any combination of the three, for purposes consistent with the Juvenile Services Act and the federal act, and shall be used to aid in the establishment and provision of community-based services for juveniles who come in contact with the juvenile justice system. (Statutory Reference §43-2404.02)

### **Community-Based Juvenile Services Enhancement Aid Program (EB)**

Any Community-based Juvenile Services aid not distributed to counties or tribes is retained by the commission to be distributed on a competitive basis under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program for a county, multiple counties, federally recognized or state-recognized Indian tribe or tribes, or any combination of the three demonstrating additional need in the funding areas. (Statutory reference §43-2404.02(3)(e)).

### **Juveniles Services Commission Grant Program (JS)**

The Juvenile Services Commission Grant Program (JS) is a competitive grant available to community-based agencies or organizations, political subdivisions, school districts, and federally recognized or state-recognized Indian tribes to aid in the establishment of programs or services for juveniles consistent with the Juvenile Services Act and the federal act. (Statutory reference §§ 43-2401 to 43-2412).

## **FEDERAL GRANTS AND PROGRAMS**

### **Justice Assistance Grant - JAG**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation, data collection, training, personnel, and criminal justice information systems.

### **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - Federal Grant Program**

Established in 1988 through an amendment to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Congress charged the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) with administering the Crime Victims Fund (the Fund). The Fund supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of crime and continuing to support them as they rebuild their lives. All services funded through VOCA are provided to individual crime victims at no cost to the victim.

### **Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)**

The Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP) is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. This program also receives funds for the Violence Against Women's Act administered by the Federal Office on Violence Against Women. The SASP Formula Grant Program directs grant dollars to states and territories to assist in supporting rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault.

### **STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant Program**

STOP (Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors) grant funds are awarded to states to create and enhance comprehensive, positive changes in the criminal justice system's response to the violent crimes of domestic and intimate partner violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking. These grants are utilized to promote and coordinate community and statewide responses among and across the criminal justice system and victim advocacy organizations including medical services, mental health providers and other entities responding to the needs of victims. For victims and survivors, these partnerships ensure that communities are leveraging resources in ways that effectively support the multitude of issues associated with violent crimes against women and other marginalized populations.

### **Nebraska Victim Advocacy Program**

The Nebraska Victim Advocacy Program (NVAP) is a statewide program available to ensure that all victims of crime, regardless of location and victimization type, have access to services. NVAP provides advocacy services and direct client assistance such as information and referrals, personal advocacy and accompaniment, criminal justice advocacy, emotional support and safety services, assistance with filing CVR claims, and assistance with registering for offender notifications.

NVAP also addresses safety and well-being needs through the NVAP Direct Victim Assistance Fund, which assists victims of crime with costs not considered by CVR or other community resources. Areas of need considered for reimbursement include – but are not limited to – relocation, window / door / lock replacement or other safety repairs, and emergency transportation / shelter / food / clothing.