

NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION

SFY 2027 Victim of Crimes Act & State Victim Assistance Grant Programs

Request for Applications

RELEASE DATE

Monday, March 9, 2026

AWARD PERIOD

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

AMOUNT TO BE AWARDED

approximately \$6,000,000

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday, April 13, 2026 by 5:00 PM (CDT)

APPLICATION PORTAL

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/55655ebc-432d-4a81-8fab-6c849eef693f>

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Program Overview | VOCA & Victim Assistance

The Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC), Youth and Justice Programs Division, is accepting applications for funding in response to this Request for Applications.

Executive Summary

This Request for Applications (RFA) for the federal Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) and state Victim Assistance Grant Programs for Nebraska’s State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027. Under this program, Nebraska provides grants to local community-based public, non-profit, and other organizations that provide services directly to crime victims.

The VOCA and Victim Assistance Grant Program support 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 the VOCA and Victim Assistance Grant Program are provided to individual crime victims at no cost to the victim.

Key Dates and Times

Dates/times are subject to change. Updates will be posted on the NCC Website.

NCC releases Request for Applications	Monday, March 9, 2026
NCC Application Office Hours	TBA
Applications due to NCC by 5:00 PM CT	Monday, April 13, 2026
NCC Conducts Staff Review	April 2026
Commission Funding Panel Review	Friday, May 15, 2026
NCC sends funding determination letters	May 29, 2026
Award contingencies due to NCC	June 12, 2026
NCC sends grant awards for signature	June 2026
Signed Award due to NCC	June 2026
Grant projects begin	Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Availability of Funds

This Request for Applications (RFA) and Awards issued under this grant program are subject to the availability of funding and any changes or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or law. In addition, nothing in this RFA creates a right or benefit – substantive or procedural – enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States of America, the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska Crime Commission, or any departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, agencies, or any other person working in good faith to carry out this program. All awards must support the purpose of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA). All awards depend on availability of funds, VOCA requirements, and any changes required by law.

Statutory Authority

The Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) is the State Administering Agency for Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Formula Grant Program (Statutory Authority 34 U.S.C. § 20103(a)). Information about NCC and its various grants and other resources can be found at <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/>.

The VOCA Formula Grant Program is funded through the Crime Victims Fund, which is made up primarily of federal criminal fines and penalties, not taxpayer dollars. Grants under this program are subject to the VOCA rule, which can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/07/08/2016-16085/victims-of-crime-act-victim-assistance-program>.

The Nebraska State Victim Assistance Grant Program is funded by appropriation of the Nebraska Legislature. State Victim Assistance funds are designated for victim and witness assistance centers. Victim and witness assistance centers enable the rights set forth in Article I, section 28, of the Constitution of Nebraska, as outlined in [Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-1843 through 81-1851](#).

Eligibility | VOCA & Victim Assistance

To be eligible to receive funding, applicants must:

- Operate as a public agency or nonprofit organization in the state of Nebraska
 - Public Agencies (state, local, or tribal) must be engaged in criminal justice work. This includes, but is not limited to law enforcement agencies, prosecution offices, or community-based supervision program (diversion, probation, parole, etc.).
 - Non-Profit Organizations must be engaged in victim services work. This includes, but is not limited to, domestic & sexual violence victim services programs, child advocacy centers, or community-based victim coalitions and support organizations.

AND

- Provide direct services to crime victims

Additional Eligibility Information

- **Faith-Based Organizations** – As outlined in [28 CFR 38](#), faith-based organizations that applies for, or participates in, a social service program supported with Federal financial assistance may retain its independence and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, development, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, provided that it does not use federal funds to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities, including activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization.
 - Faith-based organizations may apply for this award on the same basis as any other organization. NCC will not discriminate for or against an organization in the selection of recipients, on the basis of the organization's religious character, motives, or affiliation, or lack thereof, or on the basis of conduct that would not be considered grounds to favor or disfavor a similarly situated secular organization.
 - Faith-based organizations may be award no more than \$10,000 for any single grant project, per [34 U.S.C. 20103 \(c\)\(2\)\(c\)](#).
- **Organizational Capacity** – As outlined in [28 CFR 94.112](#), programs must have a record of effective services to victims of crime and support from sources other than the Crime Victims Fund (CVF).
 - A record of effective services to victims of crime is demonstrated by:
 - support and approval of its direct services by the community AND
 - a history of providing direct services in a cost-effective manner
 - Support from sources other than the CVF is demonstrated by:
 - at least 25% of the program's annual funding comes from non-CVF sources¹AND

¹ Non-CVF sources may include other federal funding programs.

- the breadth or depth of financial support from sources other than the CVF²
- **NIBRS Reporting** – Applicants from governmental agencies (at any level), must be in compliance with the mandatory Nebraska Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) requirements as stated in 78 Neb. Admin. Code, Ch. 5, § 006. Agencies that have not been in compliance in the most recent 6 reporting months, must provide a plan to come into compliance before the start of the grant project. Agencies that are not in compliance with NCC reporting requirements for NIBRS, may be deemed ineligible for grant funding.
- **NEVCAP & PO VNS Participation** – Applicants from governmental agencies (at any level), must be in compliance with any applicable data entry requirements of Nebraska Victims of Crime Alert Portal (NEVCAP) & Protection Order Victim Notification System (PO VNS) victim alert systems. Agencies that are not participating with NCC victim alert practices via NEVCAP & PO VNS, may be deemed ineligible for grant funding.
- **Victim and Witness Assistance (VWA) Programs** – Applicants who identify has a Victim/Witness Assistance program are expected to be in alignment with the agency design requirements and services provided as set forth in [Neb Rev Stat §§81-1843 to 81-1851](#).

Ineligible Applicants

The following applicants are not eligible for funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission for this grant program:

- Federal Agencies, including the U.S. Attorneys' Office and FBI field offices.
- For-profit businesses.
- Programs Operating Outside of Nebraska – Victim service organizations that operate outside of the state of Nebraska, even if they are serving Nebraska crime victims. This does NOT apply to programs that have a parent organization or campus in another state, so long as some program component is physically located in the state of Nebraska.

Applicant Eligibility Screening Form

In addition to the application as a whole, the NCC *Applicant Eligibility Screening Form* will be used to assist NCC in evaluating applicant eligibility to receive funding. All applicants must complete this form and attach the signed form to their application.

² Non-federal sources of financial support may be used toward VOCA match requirements.

Program Description | VOCA & Victim Assistance

Purpose

The purpose of the VOCA and Victim Assistance Grant Programs is to provide direct services to individual crime victims at no cost to the victim and to improve outreach and services to victims of crime. VOCA guidelines define a crime victim as a person who has suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime. State Statute defines a crime victim in [Neb. Rev. Stat. §§29-119\(2\)](#).

Victim services, as outlined by federal VOCA Program Guidelines, are efforts that:

- Respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims.
- Assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization.
- Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system.
- Provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security.

As defined in [Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-1846](#) victim and witness assistance centers are designed to:

- (1) Assist criminal justice agencies in giving more consideration and personal attention to victims and witnesses through the delivery of services to victims and witnesses of crimes;
- (2) Provide a model for other community-based efforts to aid victims and witnesses;
- (3) Sensitize law enforcement officials, communications technicians, and supervisors to the needs of victims of crime and encourage a concerned approach to such victims;
- (4) Attempt to decrease the incidence of unreported crimes; and
- (5) Assure that victims and witnesses are informed of the progress of the case in which they are involved.

Federal Priority Areas

Funding Allocations

As outlined in [28 CFR 94.104](#), the Crime Commission must ensure funds are allocated, at a minimum, to each of the following categories of victims services. to include the following allocation minimums.

Victims of...	% Allocation	\$ Allocation
sexual assault	10%	\$600,000
spousal abuse (i.e. domestic violence)	10%	\$600,000
child abuse	10%	\$600,000
underserved victims of violent crime ³	10%	\$600,000

For the Crime Commission to adequately allocate funds as required, the application budget must indicate how much funding will be allocated to these purpose areas. Funds may be counted in only one of the above categories. Applicants are not required to allocate funds to each purpose area.

³ Violent Crime is defined by the National Institute of Justice as incident in which a victim is harmed by or threatened with violence. Violent crimes include (but are not limited to) rape and sexual assault, robbery, assault and murder. <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/crimes/violent-crime>

Nebraska Priority Areas

The *Nebraska Crime Commission VOCA Funding Needs Assessment (August 2025)*, the *Nebraska Crime Commission Focus Group Report (July 2025)*, and the *Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health Landscape in Nebraska: Addressing GAPS and Exploring Solutions (October 2025)* revealed several recommendations made by Nebraska stakeholders to address the needs of crime victim services in Nebraska. These recommendations informed the program priority areas.

Grant applications will be prioritized to support the priority areas found below, listed in no particular order.

1. UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

This priority area encompasses projects that incorporate activities that are designed to increase access to victim services for underserved populations. For the purpose of this grant program, underserved populations means:

- Individuals living in rural communities
- Members of tribal communities
- Persons who identify as racial and ethnic minorities
- Victims of human trafficking, robbery, assault (non-domestic), burglary, arson, homicide, elder abuse, stalking, kidnapping, and intoxicated drivers
- Victims who are ages 65 and over (regardless of crime type)

See Appendix A: Definitions on Page 24 for additional definition information.

Projects will only be prioritized in this area if the application demonstrates 1) access to one or more of these populations and 2) use of population-specific or culturally-specific programming designed to positively impact the experience and/or outcomes of victims of crime.

2. SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES

This priority area encompasses projects that incorporate activities that are designed to increase access to housing services for victims of crime. For the purpose of this grant program, Shelter/Housing Services means:

- Emergency Shelter or Safe House
- Transitional Housing
- Relocation Assistance, including assistance with obtaining housing

See Appendix A: Definitions on Page 24 for additional definition information.

3. DIRECT CLIENT ASSISTANCE

This priority area encompasses projects that incorporate activities that are core victim services that directly benefit victims of crime. For the purpose of this grant program, Direct Client Assistance means:

- **Personnel** (wages & fringe) costs for staff providing services directly to crime victims.
- **Direct Client Assistance (DCA) – Supplies** costs for tangible items that are utilized to address needs that are a result of their victimization.
- **Direct Client Assistance (DCA) – Contracts** for referral services (mental health, legal services, etc.) integral to addressing a victimization.
- **Direct Client Assistance (DCA) – Other** for vouchers for referral services integral to addressing a victimization.

See Appendix A: Definitions on Page 24 for additional definition information.

4. NEW PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

This priority area encompasses projects that incorporate activities that are core victim services that directly benefit victims of crime. For the purpose of this grant program, New Programs/Projects means:

- Projects that significantly and tangibly expand Shelter/Housing Services in the community they serve.
- Projects that create victim and witness assistance centers in counties that do not currently have such a center.
- Projects that add mental and behavioral health services options to their continuum of services.

Applicants will be asked to identify which priority area(s) their program/service would be classified as in the application. Projects that are seeking funds for services not fitting the above priority areas are encouraged to utilize other funding opportunities administered by NCC or other state or federal administering agencies.

While direct client assistance (DCA) can address both urgent and ongoing needs, agencies should prioritize urgent situations requiring immediate intervention while also supporting victims' long-term recovery. Agencies must clearly define and communicate how they use these funds in alignment with VOCA guidelines to avoid duplication or misuse of resources.

Program Requirements

As outlined in [28 CFR Part 94 Subpart B - Sub-Recipient Program Requirements](#), in addition to the eligibility requirements listed on page 4, grantees must also meet the following programmatic requirements for their project.

- **Match** - VOCA-funded Victim Services Programs shall contribute (i.e., match) not less than 20% of the total cost of each project. Match requirements may be met with cash funds from non-federal sources (i.e. state, county, or private dollars) or in-kind contributions (i.e. victim emergency supplies, volunteer time). Exceptions to this requirement include:
 - Grantees that are federally-recognized American Indian or Alaska Native tribes, or projects that operate on tribal lands.
 - Grantees that have applied for, and been granted, a full or partial waiver from NCC. Waiver requests must be justified in writing. See NCC's [VOCA Match Waiver Policy](#).
- **Volunteers** – VOCA-funded Victim Services Programs shall use volunteers in providing such services, unless the Crime Commission has determined there is compelling reason to waive this requirement. Volunteers do not necessarily have to be providing grant allowable activities to meet this requirement, but there must be a benefit to the VOCA funded program by the use of volunteers.
 - If the agency does not utilize volunteers, a volunteer waiver request must be submitted with the grant application.
 - If a non-profit organization has a volunteer Board of Directors, the volunteer requirement is met.
- **Victims of Federal Crimes** – Grantees must provide services to victims of federal crimes on the same basis as victims of state and local crimes.
- **Promotion of community efforts to aid crime victims** – Coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims are required. Activities may include, but are not limited to: serving on federal, state, local, or tribal task forces, commissions, work groups and coalitions to oversee and recommend improvements to community responses to crime victims; and developing written agreements and protocols for such coordinated community responses.
 - Coordination efforts should include identifying and reducing duplication of services.

- **Crime Victims Reparations (CVR)** – Grantees must provide assistance to potential recipients of any applicable crime victim compensation benefits, such as NCC’s Crime Victims Reparations program. This includes potential recipients who are victims of federal crime. Assistance in applying for such benefits may include, but are not limited to:
 - Referring such potential recipients to an organization that can so assist.
 - Identifying crime victims and advising them of the availability of such benefits.
 - Assisting such potential recipients with application forms and procedures.
 - Obtaining necessary documentation, monitoring claim status.
 - Intervening on behalf of such potential recipients with the crime victims’ compensation program.
- **Confidentiality** – Grantees shall, to the extent permitted by law,⁴ reasonably protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services under this program. All agencies must develop a written confidentiality policy and applicable written releases of information that are time limited and include provisions to whom and the type of information that can be shared with outside parties. Grantees shall not disclose, reveal, or release:
 - Any Personally Identifying Information (PII) or individual information collected in connection with VOCA-funded services requested, utilized, or denied, regardless of whether such information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected; or
 - Individual client information, without the informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person about whom information is sought. Consent for release may not be given by the abuser of a minor, incapacitated person, or the abuser of the other parent of the minor. If a minor or a person with a legally appointed guardian is permitted by law to receive services without a parent’s (or the guardian’s) consent, the minor or person with a guardian may consent to release of information without additional consent from the parent or guardian.

Victims of crime cannot be required to provide a consent to release personally identifying information to receive VOCA funded services.
- **Civil Rights** – Grantees shall comply with state and federal civil rights laws, including the prohibition of discrimination against protected persons.
- **Record Retention** – Grantees must maintain appropriate programmatic and financial records.
- **No-Cost Services** – Grantees must provide services to crime victims, at no cost, through the VOCA-funded project.

Goals and Objectives

The goal of the federal VOCA program is to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the assistance, support, and services necessary to aid their restorations and healing after a criminal act. The objectives of the OVC VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program are to:

- 1) Support crime victim assistance programs in Nebraska.
- 2) Provide grants to local community-based organization and public agencies that provide services to crime victims.

⁴ Nothing in this section prohibits compliance with legally mandated reporting of abuse or neglect.

Outcomes & Performance Measures

To achieve the goals and objectives of this grant program, the outcomes must be produced by the grantee. Grantees will be required to submit quarterly reports to NCC via Euna. Reports will include data on performance measures selected at application and corresponding narratives as appropriate. NCC Performance Measures are detailed in the NCC Reference Guide on the *Grant Project Problem-Solving Process* document.

The federal VOCA program has also identified performance measures that indicate how a recipient is achieving the performance goals and objectives identified for this program. Grantees will be required to collect and report these performance measures to the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) through the Performance Measure Tool (PMT) on a quarterly basis. OVC PMT data is detailed here: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/victims-crime-act-voca-administrators/victim-assistance/performance-measures>

Use of Funds

VOCA funds support a wide range of activities designed to provide direct services to victims of crime. To assist applicants, a comprehensive document outlining all allowable activities and costs under VOCA has been provided in *Appendix B: Use of Funds*. This document serves as a valuable resource to ensure compliance and guide the effective use of funds. Applicants are encouraged to thoroughly review the document to fully understand the scope of eligible expenses and to align your program activities with VOCA funding guidelines.

NOTE: There will NOT be a separate RFA for transitional houses projects for SFY 2026-27.

Application Contents & Submission Requirements

Application Contents

The application template is divided into five sections. Each section contains fields for providing necessary information for evaluating your application.

Section 1 - Applicant Information

This section collects basic identifying and contact information for your organization, points of contact, and authorized official.

Section 2 - Organizational Information

This section collects baseline information about your organization as a whole. It also provides detailed instruction on required attachments to accompany your application.

Section 3 - Victim Services Program

This section collects information specific to the program within your organization for which you are seeking funding, NOT your organization as a whole. Refer to [Appendix D: NCC Victim Services Grant Programs: Organization & Program Type Definitions](#) as resource. This section has three subsections:

Community Collaboration & Effective Services

This section collects information about how the program has demonstrated efforts to collaborate with agencies within its jurisdiction, and evaluate program efficacy.

Program Funding

This section collects information about depth and breadth of your program's financial support, and provides instruction on how program income and potential duplicative funding requests are to be handled to prevent waste, fraud and abuse.

Subaward Narrative

This section collects information about how subawards will be used to support the work of the victim services program, and provides instruction on how to incorporate subaward budgets into the overall application.

Section 4 - Grant Project Narrative

This section collects information about the purpose of your program, and how you plan to demonstrate success. It is designed to be accompanied by a spreadsheet in which applicants will identify the planned performance measures for their grant project. See [Appendix E: Grant Project Problem-Solving Process](#) for additional information on defining what problem your grant project is seeking to address, what you believe the solution to this problem is, how you will implement this solution, and how you will measure your progress on implementing this solution.

Section 5 - Budget Narrative

This section collects information about the project budget. It is designed to be accompanied by a spreadsheet in which applicants will identify the positions associated with their grant project positions and funding requests for their grant project.

Submission Requirements

Euna (formerly AmpliFund)

Applications must be submitted within Euna via the link provided below. Applications are due no later than April 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (CDT), at which time the application portal will close. Late applications will not be accepted.

Euna application portal link: <https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/55655ebc-432d-4a81-8fab-6c849eef693f>

Applicants are highly encouraged to complete the submission process 48 hours prior to the deadline. New users/organizations will be required to register. Current users should NOT create a new profile.

For technical assistance with the Euna application portal, please contact Nebraska Euna Support at (844) 735-0239 or support@ne-amplifund.zendesk.com.

Applicants may also access resources and chat with Euna Support staff through the Euna Customer Support Portal at <https://ne-amplifund.zendesk.com>.

Attachments

All necessary application documents that support the proposed project are to be uploaded/attached to the online application as either a PDF, Word, or Excel file. Applicants are encouraged to open documents after they have been uploaded to ensure they are accurately filed.

File Naming Convention

Please name all files using the following naming convention:

Agency Name_Document Type_Document Name

Example: ACME County_Application Template_Victim Witness Unit VOCA project

Required for All Applications

1. **Application Template**
2. **Application Signature Page**
3. **Application Budget Request**
4. **Application Performance Measures**
5. **Applicant Eligibility Screening Form** - All applicants must complete this form and attach the signed form to their application to assist NCC in evaluating applicant eligibility to receive funding
6. **SAM Registration** – All applicants must provide evidence of their **agency name and UEI** from the SAM.gov website. This may be a PDF download or a screenshot. Registration does NOT need to be active to satisfy this requirement. The legal name of the applicant organization must exactly match the name associated with the SAM registration.
7. **Certified Assurances** – Download the SFY 2027 Certified Assurances Template provided in Euna and have it completed by the Authorized Official listed on the application. Attach the completed form to the application.
8. **Applicant Risk Assessment Form** – All applicants must complete this form and attach the signed form to their application to assist NCC in evaluating the relative risk of noncompliance for applicants
9. **Organizational Chart** – Provide an Organizational Chart that reflects the current leadership structure of the applicant agency.
10. **Job Descriptions** – Attach Job Descriptions for all employees and volunteers contributing to the project as a single document.

- a. Each position included in the proposed budget must have a corresponding job description. All applicants must also submit volunteer job descriptions (unless a volunteer waiver is requested). Agencies may have multiple volunteer job descriptions, depending on the volunteer services provided.
 - b. Job descriptions should outline the position's Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) classification (i.e., exempt or non-exempt), necessary qualifications, primary responsibilities, and specific job duties related to the project. The percentage of time spent on overall tasks should also be indicated.
11. **Evidence of Effective Services** – Attach existing reports, records, or other files that demonstrate how the program provides effective services to support crime victims.

Required when Applicable

12. **Non-Profit Verification** – can include:
- 1) a copy of 501(c)(3) designation letter;
 - 2) a letter from the state taxing body or Attorney General stating that the applicant is a non-profit organization operating within the state; OR
 - 3) a copy of the state certificate of incorporation that substantiates the applicant's non-profit status.
- This requirement is only applicable to non-profit organizations.*
13. **IRS Form 990 OR equivalent** – All non-profit applicants must provide a copy of their most recent 990 or equivalent. *This requirement is only applicable to non-profit organizations.*
14. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Attach MOU agreements related to this project. The MOU provides documentation that demonstrates that the partnered organizations consulted and coordinated the responsibilities of their project activities. The MOU must be signed by all partners. Signatories must be officially authorized to sign on behalf of the agency (e.g. the Authorized Official). *This requirement is only applicable to applications that include an explicit non-financial collaboration with partnering organizations.*
15. **Agency Policies** – Attach agency policies that are applicable to the proposed project. If no policy is submitted, the Crime Commission will default to the policy of the State of Nebraska.
- a. Personnel Policy, if personnel is requested. Must include information on requesting leave.
 - b. Travel Policy, if travel is requested.
 - c. Capitalization or Equipment Policy & Procurement Policy, if Equipment is requested.
 - d. Client Assistance Policy, if providing direct services are provided.
16. **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement** – Required for agencies that have a federally approved indirect cost rate agreement. Attach a copy of your agency's current Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.
- a. De Minimis Certification of Indirect Costs – Required for all agencies that are requesting 15% de minimis. If applicable, download and attach the completed form to the application.
 - b. Indirect Costs Calculator – Required for all agencies that have a federally approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or are requesting 15% de minimis. If applicable, download and attach the completed form to the application.

As Determined by Applicant

17. **Volunteer Waiver Request** – If your agency will not be utilizing volunteers as required by VOCA, a volunteer waiver request must be submitted. This request can be a signed letter on agency letterhead and must explain a compelling reason for not using volunteers.
18. **Match Waiver Request** – If your agency will be requesting a match waiver due to fiscal hardship and/or other type of circumstance that hinders the agency's ability to provide the required level of match.
19. **Other Attachments** – Provide any other needed attachments corresponding with your application, such as a copy of agency bylaws if needed to confirm the Authorized Official listed.

Application Review

General Guidelines

The following guidelines are applied to applications:

- Use only the provided forms and instructions for this grant program. (i.e. do not recreate the forms)
- Use only the provided spreadsheets for this grant program (i.e. do not recreate the spreadsheets)
- Use no less than an 11-point font and adhere to space limits.
- Cite all sources of data and any statistics.
- Attach supporting documentation only as indicated in the RFA and/or Application Template.
 - Cover letters and letter of support are NOT requested for this application.

Applicant Risk Assessment

As set for in [2 CFR 200.331](#), NCC is required to review and evaluate the relative risk of noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward of each grantee, for purposes of determining appropriate grantee monitoring.

Grantees must demonstrate the programmatic and fiscal responsibility necessary to properly discharge the public trust that accompanies the authority to expend public funds. Adequate accounting and program management systems should meet the following criteria:

- (1) Accounting records should provide information needed to adequately identify the receipt of funds under each grant awarded and the expenditure of funds for each grant.
- (2) Entries in accounting records should refer to subsidiary records and/or documentation that support the entry and can be readily located.
- (3) The accounting system should provide accurate and current financial reporting information.
- (4) The accounting system should be integrated with an adequate system of internal programmatic controls to safeguard the funds and assets covered, check the accuracy and reliability of accounting data, promote operational efficiency, and encourage adherence to prescribed management policies.
- (5) Certify that subrecipient and its principals 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 covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

In addition to the application as a whole, the NCC *Applicant Risk Assessment Form* will be used to assist NCC in evaluating the relative risk of noncompliance for applicants. All applicants must complete this form and attach the signed form to their application.

Scoring & Funding Recommendations

Application review will be based on the following criteria:

- Applicant eligibility
- Applicant risk assessment
- Adherence to program requirements
- Completeness, clarity, continuity, and consistency

Applications shall include:

- All sections and information as outlined in the grant application template

- Availability of other resources to address the problem or need of the proposed project including an explanation of how the applicant's project proposal will work with and/or coordinate with existing resources
- Information indicating the ability and capacity of the proposed project to make an impact on the identified problem
- The performance and/or ability of the applicant to manage a grant program
- Cost effectiveness of the proposed project

In addition to the criteria listed above, the following will be considered when awarding funds:

- Amount of funds available
- Priorities described in this solicitation
- Applicant's ability to consistently spend down previous grant awards
- Applicant's ability to consistently meet financial and programmatic reporting requirements and deadlines
- Prior measurable performance/effectiveness of programs
- Data-based and/or evidence-informed merit of the proposal
- Commitment to sustainability plans and/or match funds, such as funding personnel fringe or partially funding the programs

All eligible applications will be evaluated and scored on the completeness and clarity of the grant application, and if the budget request is necessary, reasonable, and allowable. Do not assume the grant reviewers know this information; provide detailed answers within each application. Applicant scoring criteria and point system can be found in [Appendix C Application Scoring](#).

NCC reserves the right to reject any or all applications, to waive informalities and minor irregularities in applications received, and to accept any portion of the application, or all items proposed, if deemed in the best interest of the State of Nebraska to do so. Failure of the applicant to provide information requested in this RFA or the grant application may result in the disqualification of the applicant. The fact that an applicant meets eligibility requirements and applies for eligible services does not guarantee funding. The final contents of the approved application become contractual obligations of the grant award issued to a successful applicant.

Best Practices | VOCA & Victim Assistance

Serious consideration will be given to applicants demonstrating the use of practices that have proven effective for achieving safety and stability for victims of crime. These types of projects will be designed to bring about healing and justice for victims of crime. To further these efforts, the VOCA Grant Program has adopted the overall outcome of Increased Victim Safety.

Nebraska utilizes surveys as a best practice for program evaluation and determination of consumer (victims, employees, stakeholders, etc.) satisfaction. Projects should utilize the evaluations to continuously make any needed adjustments to meet the overall outcome of increasing victim safety.

In support of the development of projects that are based on effective practices and outcomes, the following links are provided as resources that may be utilized:

- Office of Justice Programs-Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services
 - <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/vision21/>
- Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center
 - <https://www.ovcttac.gov/>
- OVC Message Board to Help Exchange Lessons and Practices (HELP) in Victim Services
 - <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovcproviderforum/index.asp>

- End Violence Against Women International-Best Practices
 - <http://www.evawintl.org/Best-Practices>
- Office on Violence Against Women
 - <http://www.justice.gov/ovw>
- Building Comprehensive Sexual Assault Programs | National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)
 - <https://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-articles/building-comprehensive-sexual-assault-programs>

Grant Management Requirements

Grant Guidelines

All subawards must comply with the requirements and guidance outlined in the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) and the [NCC Grants Administration Manual](#).

System for Award Management (SAM) Registration

All applicants must be registered in the SAM database. This is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. Applicants must update or renew their SAM registration annually. Information to register or update your entity records can be accessed at <http://www.sam.gov>. Applicants are highly encouraged to start the SAM registration process or check on the status of your SAM registration as soon as possible since there could be difficulties or delays with this system.

Proof of Non-Profit Status

Non-profit organizations must submit the following documentation with their application:

- 1) A copy of their non-profit certification

AND

- 2) A copy of their most recent 990 (or equivalent)

All non-profits funded are required to make their financial statements available online (either on the non-profit organization's website or another publicly available website). Organizations that have federal 501(c)(3) tax status will be considered in compliance with this requirement, to the extent that the organization files IRS Form 990 or equivalent, as several sources already provide searchable online databases of such financial statements.

Certified Assurances

As a recipient of federal funds, the Crime Commission must certify and pass-on certain grant requirements to subgrantees. The Certified Assurances addressing these requirements can be found within Euna (formerly AmpliFund). Certified Assurances must be signed by the applicant's Authorized Official and submitted with the grant application.

Suitability to Interact Minors

Award recipients (at any tier) must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may carry out project funded activities that involve interacting with individuals under the age of 18. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status. The details of this requirement are posted here:

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm>

Breach of PII

Award recipients must have a written procedure in place in the event of an actual or imminent breach of a victim's personally identifying information (PII). Pertinent information can include items such as a victim's name, phone number, home address, or other information that could identify the victim or their location. Possible examples of situations include electronic database breaches, lost or misplaced physical victim files, or discussing a victim's PII in unauthorized or public spaces.

This procedure must include notification of the event to the Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) within 24 hours of becoming aware of the incident. NCC must be notified within 24 *regular* hours, not business hours. This can be done through an e-mail explaining what has happened (without disclosing any PII), and what steps the subrecipient is taking to remedy the situation.

Civil Rights

Funding Eligibility

Pursuant to [28 CFR 42.302](#), all recipients of federal funds must be in compliance with EEO and Civil Rights requirements. All programs that receive federal funds, or are subawarded federal funds via program agreements, are required to conform to the grant program requirements. If there is a violation to this, it may result in suspension or termination of funding, until such time as the recipient is in compliance.

Nondiscrimination

Federal laws prohibit recipients of financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability in funded programs or activities, not only in respect to employment practices but also in the delivery of services or benefits. Federal law also prohibits funded programs or activities from discriminating on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits. All subgrantees must prepare a written policy regarding how the agency will actively notify staff and program participants of nondiscrimination policies.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Individuals

In accordance with Department of Justice Guidance pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, recipients of federal assistance must take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with Limited English proficiency. All subgrantees must develop a written LEP plan. For more information access: <http://www.lep.gov>.

Equal Employment Opportunity Assurance of Compliance

Compliance is required with the following federal laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability. These are Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. All subgrantees must prepare an Equal Opportunity Employment Plan or Certification form and a written policy regarding how the agency will actively notify staff of nondiscrimination policies. The EEO Reporting Tool previously available at <https://ocr-eeop.ncjrs.gov/> was unavailable at time of release of this RFA.

Employment Eligibility Verification

Award recipients (at any tier) must properly verify the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(a)(1) and (2).

Subawards

Subawards, also referred to as subgrants or pass-through-funds, involve the passing down of federal funds to a partner agency to conduct activities that assist in the overall achievement of project outcomes. The lead agency identified in the application will issue a tier II subaward and will reimburse the partner agency for actual costs. The lead agency is also responsible for monitoring the partner agency's compliance with grant requirements. If the tier II subaward activities will benefit individuals under 18 years of age, the applicant agrees to pass down the condition to the partner agency to determine suitability to interact with minors.

All tier II subawards must have specific Crime Commission authorization. Each partner agency subawarded funds under this project must have a signed subaward and special conditions with the lead agency. Prior to issuing funds to partner agencies, the lead agency must check for suspension or debarment. The lead agency/subrecipient must provide a copy of the signed subaward and special conditions before receiving reimbursement for subaward expenses from the Crime Commission.

Financial Requirements

Agency Audits & Documentation

Agencies receiving federal funds from various sources totaling \$1,000,000 or more during their fiscal year are required to have a Single Audit. This single organization-wide audit shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of [2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F](#) and a copy shall be provided to the Crime Commission.

If less than \$1,000,000 is expended in one year, then the agency is exempt from federal audit requirements. However, it is highly recommended that a complete agency audit complying with [2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F](#) is conducted once every three years.

Authorized representatives of the Crime Commission or federal representatives shall have the right to examine all records related to this grant for the purpose of audit and examinations. Types of documentation that must be maintained are detailed in the following section.

Accounting System and Records

Commingling of funds on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis is prohibited. The subrecipients accounting system must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding for each fiscal budget period and include the following:

- a) Separate accountability of receipts, obligations, expenditures of all grant funds, disbursements, and balances.
- b) Itemized records supporting all grant receipts, expenditures and match contributions in sufficient detail to show exact nature of activity.
- c) Data and information for each expenditure and match contribution with proper reference to a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
- d) Hourly timesheets with details of project activities, signed by the employee and supervisor, to document hours personnel worked on grant related activities. Match hours must be documented in the same manner. Payroll expenses claimed for reimbursement must correspond with actual time spent on the project, as supported by timesheets.
- e) Prorated costs are required to be calculated and documented monthly by utilizing the Proration of Costs Spreadsheet. This spreadsheet must be submitted with every *applicable* drawdown request. The NCC Grant Manager assigned to your organization will review to ensure that only the actual costs for that reporting period are reimbursed.

- f) Maintenance of payroll authorizations and vouchers.
- g) Maintenance of records supporting charges for fringe benefits.
- h) Maintenance of inventory records for equipment purchased, rented, and contributed.
- i) Maintenance of billing records for consumable supplies (i.e., paper, printing) purchased.
- j) Provisions for payment by check.
- k) Maintenance of travel records (i.e., mileage logs, gas receipts).
- l) Lease Agreements, contracts services, and purchases of equipment that adhere to established procurement processes.

VOCA Match Requirements

As outlined in [28 CFR 94.118](#), NCC's recipients of VOCA funds are required to contribute (i.e. match) at least 20% of the total cost of each project via cash or in-kind contributions, except as follows:

- Grantees that are federally-recognized American Indian or Alaska Native tribes, or projects that operate on tribal lands.
- Grantees that have been approved by NCC for a match waiver.

To calculate the minimum requirement for match, divide the amount requested in federal funds (VOCA-funded) by four. (i.e: VOCA-funded ÷ 4 = VOCA-match minimum)

Match Guidelines

Applicants must develop a project budget that reflects both federally-funded and match-funded line-items. In developing your budget, consider the following guidelines for match-funds:

- May be cash from non-federal sources or in-kind contributions.
- Must directly relate to the project goals and objectives.
- Must follow all program guidelines, including allowable activities and costs.
- Must be financially documented in the same manner as federal grant funds.
- Must be expended within the same project period.
- Cannot be used as match for any other federal awards.

Applicants are encouraged to show the full VOCA-allowable project within their budget. Projects that exceed the 20% minimum match requirement enhance their project sustainability. Match funds can also be used in demonstrating the minimum 25% of financial support from non-VOCA funds.

Cash Match

Sources of cash match may include:

- Program Income - Effective July 2026, all Program Income identified at application is to be used as match. Refer to the [Application Template](#) for additional information.
- State funds from grants and other funding mechanisms
- Local funds from grants and other funding mechanisms
- Private funds from grants, donations, and other funding mechanisms
- Revenue from non-VOCA funded activities

In-Kind Match

In-Kind match consists of donations to project activities other than cash and may include donations of expendable equipment, office supplies, workshop or classroom materials, discounted prices, workspace, or the monetary value of time contributed by professional and technical personnel and other skilled and unskilled labor if the services they provide are an integral and necessary part of the funded project. The value or depreciation value of furniture or equipment is not allowable as match.

Sources of in-kind match may include:

- Volunteered professional or personal services
 - The monetary value placed on volunteer services provided as in-kind match shall be consistent with the rate of compensation paid for similar work in the applicant's organization and/or at an equitable fair market value.
 - If the duties performed by volunteers are not similar to paid positions of the organization, then the agency may use a comparable fair market rate or a rate of compensation not to exceed **\$22.25/hour** for volunteers requiring specialized training in victim services.
 - All other volunteer hours cannot exceed **\$15.00/hour**.
 - Volunteers who are on-call for a 24-hour period may contribute up to 16 hours towards match and volunteers who are on-call for a 16 hours may contribute up to 8 hours towards match. However, all actual time spent providing direct services to victims can be counted as match.
 - Records must be maintained that indicate how the rate of compensation was determined and to document all service delivery and hours.
- Materials/Equipment
 - The value placed on lent or donated equipment shall not exceed its fair market value.
 - Equipment identified as match will be subject to NCC Equipment procurement and inventory retention policies and practices.
- Space and Facilities
 - The value placed on which shall not exceed the fair rental value of comparable space and facilities as established by an independent appraisal of comparable space and facilities in a privately-owned building in the same locality.

Match Waiver

To request a match waiver, a signed letter on agency letterhead must be submitted to the Crime Commission. The letter must clearly indicate or describe the hardship and/or type of circumstance that hinders the agency's ability to provide the required level of match.

- The match waiver should address why the waiver is necessary, explain the need for increased funding, and outline the issues related to the project's lack of resources (volunteers, other funding, in-kind donations).
- A match waiver does NOT exempt agencies from showing financial support of at least 25% from non-VOCA funds.

Please reference the [VOCA Match Waiver Policy and Procedure](#) on the Crime Commission website for additional information on match waiver request requirements.

Supplanting

Supplanting is to deliberately reduce state or local funds because of the existence of federal funds. A recipient cannot use federal funds to supplant (replace) other existing funds. Any request to support a project with federal funds must address how the request is NOT supplanting of funds. The applicant must address supplanting by clearly addressing the following:

- a) How the costs were previously funded.
- b) Why the funds are no longer available.
- c) When the funds ended and/or any temporary funding agreements or arrangements.

Fully Funded Positions

Any position 100% funded through grant funds and/or match must be 100% dedicated to the grant program allowable activities.

Procurement Process

State agencies are governed by procedures of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), these are located at <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>

Counties must follow the process outlined in Nebraska statute located at <https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=23-3108>

All other agencies must adhere to the written process of the agency. If an agency doesn't have a written policy, plan to follow state procedure (i.e., the DAS Procurement Process).

Equipment

Equipment (including replacements) purchased in whole or in part with grant funds must be maintained and the following requirements must be followed.

- a) Maintain property records which include all of the following:
 - o Description of the property
 - o Serial number or other identification number
 - o Source of the property Identification of the title holder
 - o Acquisition date
 - o Cost of the property
 - o Percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the property
 - o Location of the property
 - o Use and condition of the property
 - o Disposition data, including the date of disposal and sale price
- b) Conduct a physical inventory of the property and reconcile the results with the property records at least once every 2 years.
- c) Loss, damage, or theft:
 - o A control system must be in place with adequate safeguards to prevent these occurrences.
 - o Promptly and properly investigate any loss damage, or theft.
 - o Establish and use adequate maintenance procedures to keep the property in good condition.
 - o If authorized or required to sell the property, a proper sales procedure must be established to ensure the highest possible return.
- d) Original or replacement equipment acquired under the funded project that is no longer needed for the original project must be disposed. This is also true when equipment acquired under the funded project will be used for other activities. The following must be adhered to in equipment disposition:
 - o If the item to be disposed of has a current per -unit fair market value of less than \$5,000, it may be retained, sold, or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to NCC.
 - o If the item has a current per-unit fair market value of \$5, 000 or more, it may be retained and sold, but NCC will have a right to a specific dollar amount.

Contracts and Consultants

Contracts must adhere to established procurement processes. Any request for a noncompetitive approach for a contract of \$250,000 or more will require additional approval from the federal Office of Justice Programs. Nebraska does not prescribe a single universal rate for consultants. Instead, rates may vary depending on the nature and scope of the services provided. However, for individual consulting engagements supported by federal funding, compliance with the federally established rate is mandatory: individual consultants must adhere to a rate of \$81.25 per hour, not to exceed \$650 per day.

Special Conditions and Implementation

Awarded applicants must sign Special Conditions issued with the award that include requirements under federal and state laws in addition to requirements for accounting, data collection and reporting.

Funded projects must be implemented within 30 days from the start date listed on the grant award or another date specified upon issuance of the grant award. Failure to implement a project within the time frame, or a time frame agreed upon by the grant administrator, may result in the loss of grant funds. Purchases for budgeted one-time expenses (such as equipment and technology needs) should be made in the first quarter to ensure that the project fully benefits from the purchase.

NCC Grant Management Training (GMT)

Project Points of Contact (PPOCs) and Financial Points of Contact (FPOCs) are required to complete GMT.

- All PPOCs and FPOCs are required to retake GMT every three years. If the PPOC and FPOC did not complete NCC GMT in 2025, they must complete GMT within 120 days of the start of the project.
- New PPOCs and FPOCs are required to complete GMT within 120 days of the start of the project.
- For newly funded projects, the timeframe for completing GMT is the latter of 120 days after receiving the grant award or 120 days from the beginning of the project.
- In the event of personnel changes, new PPOCs and FPOCs are required to complete GMT within 120 days from the effective date of taking the position.

This training is also recommended (but not required) for other staff supporting the project as applicable. More information on completing GMT will be provided to funded projects.

Financial and Performance Reporting

Reporting Periods

Reporting Period	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Months	July-September	October-December	January-March	April-June	July-June
Due Date	October 15	January 15	April 15	July 15	August 14

Financial Reporting

Financial reporting must be submitted at least quarterly and no more frequently than once per month. Financial reports of grant project expenditures are submitted via the Payment Request function within Euna. Required documentation must be submitted and approved for payment to be processed. Financial report requirements vary by risk assessment (OAT Level) – See the [Nebraska Crime Commission Subrecipient Monitoring Plan for Federal Grants](#) for additional information. All payments will be issued on a reimbursement basis.

NCC Performance Reporting

Reporting on your NCC grant project performance measures must be submitted quarterly. NCC performance reports are submitted via the Performance Plan function within Euna. Reimbursement requests will not be considered until the applicable performance report has been received.

OVC Performance Reporting

The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) requires all VOCA-funded grant projects to submit statistical data on a quarterly basis via the online Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) system. Grantees must create internal data collection processes to track the specific data points for quarterly reporting in the PMT system. Grantees must also designate a point of contact within the agency to enter the data. Additionally, grantees provide a qualitative data narrative at the end of the grant period. Additional information on PMT reporting and accessing the PMT system will be provided to funded projects.

The Nebraska Crime Victim Reporting System (NCVRS) was created to assist in enhancing the accuracy of PMT reporting and to provide NCC more robust information on victim services provided each quarter. Use of NCVRS is optional for this grant award period.

Appendix A: Definitions

1. UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

For the purpose of this grant program, **underserved populations** means:

- Rural Communities
Counties whose Core Based Statistical Area is NOT defined as:
 - Metropolitan statistical areas consist of a county or counties with a minimum of one urban area with a population of at least 50,000. or
 - Micropolitan statistical areas consist of a county or counties with a minimum of one urban area with a population of 10,000 and not exceeding 50,000County-Level map of Core Based Statistical Areas available here:
https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/metroarea/us_wall/Jul2023/CBSA_WallMap_Jul2023.pdf
- Tribal Communities, including:
 - enrolled members of Tribes that are recognized in Nebraska (Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Santee Sioux Nation, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska)
 - enrolled members of Tribes that are recognized in neighboring states, and with reservation land in Nebraska (Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, Oglala Sioux Tribe of South Dakota)
 - enrolled members of Tribes that are recognized in neighboring states, and with reservation land bordering Nebraska (Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota)
- Racial and Ethnic Minorities, as defined by defined per 42 U.S.C. § 300u-6(g)(1):
 - American Indians
 - Asian Americans
 - Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders
 - Blacks
 - Hispanics

2. SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES

For the purpose of this grant program, Shelter/Housing Services means:

- **Emergency Shelter or Safe House** may include, but is not limited to:
 - Direct Client Assistance costs such as vouchers for lodging costs at temporary housing such as hotels, motels, short-term rental properties.
- **Transitional Housing** may include, but is not limited to:
 - Contract costs for rental agreements, security deposits, utilities, and related fees.
- **Relocation Assistance**, including assistance with obtaining housing, may include, but is not limited to:
 - Personnel (Salary & Fringe) costs for case management time supporting clients in applying for housing assistance, completely rental applications, etc.

3. DIRECT CLIENT ASSISTANCE

For the purpose of this grant program, Direct Client Assistance means:

- **Personnel** (wages & fringe) costs for staff providing services directly to crime victims, including:
 - **Information & Referral:**
 - Information about the criminal justice process,
 - Information on victim rights/how to obtain notifications,
 - Referral to other victim service programs

- Referral to other services/supports/ resources
- **Personal Advocacy/Accompaniment:**
 - Victim advocacy/ accompaniment to emergency medical care
 - Victim advocacy/ accompaniment to medical forensic exam
 - Law enforcement interview advocacy/ accompaniment
 - Individual Advocacy
 - Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview, or medical evidence collection
 - Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)
 - Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution
 - Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)
 - Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)
 - Interpreter services
- **Emotional Support or Safety Services:**
 - Crisis Intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)
 - Hotline/crisis line counseling
 - On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)
 - Individual counseling
 - Support groups (facilitated or peer)
 - Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing: art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)
 - Emergency financial assistance
- **Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance:**
 - Notification of criminal justice event (e.g., case status, arrest, court proceedings, case disposition, release, etc.)
 - Victim impact statement assistance
 - Assistance with restitution
 - Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order
 - Civil legal assistance with family law issues (e.g., custody, visitation, or support)
 - Other emergency justice-related assistance
 - Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)
 - Prosecution interview advocacy/ accompaniment
 - Criminal advocacy/ accompaniment I
- **Direct Client Assistance (DCA) – Supplies** costs for tangible items that are utilized to address needs that are a result of their victimization. In determining reasonability of costs, supplies should be focused on items that would address needs on the following timeframe basis:
 - emergency (with 48 hours of incident) or
 - short-term (up to 45-day from incident)
- **Direct Client Assistance (DCA) – Contracts** for contracts for referral services integral to addressing a victimization, such as mental or behavioral health treatment, legal advocacy, or substance use.
- **Direct Client Assistance (DCA) – Other** for vouchers for referral services integral to addressing a victimization, such as mental or behavioral health treatment, legal advocacy, or substance use.

Appendix B: Use of Funds

Allowable Use of Funds

Direct Services

All costs must be considered necessary, allowable, reasonable, and allocable. As outlined in [28 CFR 94.119](#), Direct services for which VOCA funds may be used include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Immediate emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety** – Services that respond to immediate needs (other than medical care, except as allowed under [paragraph \(a\)\(9\)](#) of this section) of crime victims, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Crisis intervention services;
 - b. Accompanying victims to hospitals for medical examinations;
 - c. Hotline counseling;
 - d. Safety planning;
 - e. Emergency food, shelter, clothing, and transportation;
 - f. Short-term (up to 45 days) in-home care and supervision services for children and adults who remain in their own homes when the offender/caregiver is removed;
 - g. Short-term (up to 45 days) nursing-home, adult foster care, or group-home placement for adults for whom no other safe, short-term residence is available;
 - h. Window, door, or lock replacement or repair, and other repairs necessary to ensure a victim's safety;
 - i. Costs of the following, on an emergency basis (i.e., when the State's compensation program, the victim's (or in the case of a minor child, the victim's parent's or guardian's) health insurance plan, Medicaid, or other health care funding source, is not reasonably expected to be available quickly enough to meet the emergency needs of a victim (typically within 48 hours of the crime): Non-prescription and prescription medicine, prophylactic or other treatment to prevent HIV/AIDS infection or other infectious disease, durable medical equipment (such as wheel-chairs, crutches, hearing aids, eyeglasses), and other healthcare items are allowed; and
 - j. Emergency legal assistance, such as for filing for restraining or protective orders, and obtaining emergency custody orders and visitation rights;
2. **Personal advocacy and emotional support** – Personal advocacy and emotional support, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Working with a victim to assess the impact of the crime;
 - b. Identification of victim's needs;
 - c. Case management;
 - d. Management of practical problems created by the victimization;
 - e. Identification of resources available to the victim;
 - f. Provision of information, referrals, advocacy, and follow-up contact for continued services, as needed; and
 - g. Traditional, cultural, and/or alternative therapy/healing (e.g., art therapy, yoga);
3. **Mental health counseling and care** – Mental health counseling and care, including, but not limited to, out-patient therapy/counseling (including, but not limited to, substance-abuse treatment so long as the treatment is directly related to the victimization) provided by a person who meets professional standards to provide these services in the jurisdiction in which the care is administered;

4. **Peer-support** – Peer-support, including, but not limited to, activities that provide opportunities for victims to meet other victims, share experiences, and provide self-help, information, and emotional support;
5. **Facilitation of participation in criminal justice and other public proceedings arising from the crime** – The provision of services and payment of costs that help victims participate in the criminal justice system and in other public proceedings arising from the crime (e.g., juvenile justice hearings, civil commitment proceedings), including, but not limited to:—
 - a. Advocacy on behalf of a victim;
 - b. Accompanying a victim to offices and court;
 - c. Transportation, meals, and lodging to allow a victim who is not a witness to participate in a proceeding;
 - d. Interpreting for a non-witness victim who is deaf or hard of hearing, or with limited English proficiency;
 - e. Providing child care and respite care to enable a victim who is a caregiver to attend activities related to the proceeding;
 - f. Notification to victims regarding key proceeding dates (e.g., trial dates, case disposition, incarceration, and parole hearings);
 - g. Assistance with Victim Impact Statements;
 - h. Assistance in recovering property that was retained as evidence; and
 - i. Assistance with restitution advocacy on behalf of crime victims.
6. **Legal assistance** – Legal assistance services (including, but not limited to, those provided on an emergency basis), where reasonable and where the need for such services arises as a direct result of the victimization. Such services include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Those (other than criminal defense) that help victims assert their rights as victims in a criminal proceeding directly related to the victimization, or otherwise protect their safety, privacy, or other interests as victims in such a proceeding;
 - b. Motions to vacate or expunge a conviction, or similar actions, where the jurisdiction permits such a legal action based on a person's being a crime victim; and
 - c. Those actions (other than tort actions) that, in the civil context, are reasonably necessary as a direct result of the victimization;
7. **Forensic medical evidence collection examinations** – Forensic medical evidence collection examinations for victims to the extent that other funding sources such as State appropriations are insufficient. Forensic medical evidence collection examiners are encouraged to follow relevant guidelines or protocols issued by the State or local jurisdiction. Sub-recipients are encouraged to provide appropriate crisis counseling and/or other types of victim services that are offered to the victim in conjunction with the examination. Sub-recipients are also encouraged to use specially trained examiners such as Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners;
8. **Forensic interviews** – Forensic interviews, with the following parameters:
 - a. Results of the interview will be used not only for law enforcement and prosecution purposes, but also for identification of needs such as social services, personal advocacy, case management, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services;
 - b. Interviews are conducted in the context of a multi-disciplinary investigation and diagnostic team, or in a specialized setting such as a child advocacy center; and
 - c. The interviewer is trained to conduct forensic interviews appropriate to the developmental age and abilities of children, or the developmental, cognitive, and physical or communication disabilities presented by adults.

9. **Transportation** – Transportation of victims to receive services and to participate in criminal justice proceedings;
10. **Public awareness** – Public awareness and education presentations (including, but not limited to, the development of presentation materials, brochures, newspaper notices, and public service announcements) in schools, community centers, and other public forums that are designed to inform crime victims of specific rights and services and provide them with (or refer them to) services and assistance.
11. **Transitional housing** – Transitional housing for victims (generally, those who have a particular need for such housing, and who cannot safely return to their previous housing, due to the circumstances of their victimization), including, but not limited to, travel, rental assistance, security deposits, utilities, and other costs incidental to the relocation to such housing, as well as voluntary support services such as childcare and counseling. NCC has also set the following parameters:
 - a. Idle Facilities and Idle Capacity, as defined by [2 CFR 200.446](#), that are remain unused for a period of 12 months or longer must be reported by the grantee to the Grant Manager, and are subject to review for reasonability of costs.
12. **Relocation** – Subject to any restrictions on amount, length of time, and eligible crimes, set by the SAA, relocation of victims (generally, where necessary for the safety and well-being of a victim), including, but not limited to, reasonable moving expenses, security deposits on housing, rental expenses, and utility startup costs.

Activities Supporting Direct Services

As outlined in [28 CFR 94.120](#), Supporting activities for which VOCA funds may be used include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Coordination of activities**—Coordination activities that facilitate the provision of direct services, include, but are not limited to, Statewide coordination of victim notification systems, crisis response teams, multi-disciplinary teams, coalitions to support and assist victims, and other such programs, and salaries and expenses of such coordinators;
2. **Supervision of direct service providers** – Payment of salaries and expenses of supervisory staff in a project, when the SAA determines that such staff are necessary and effectively facilitate the provision of direct services;
3. **Multi-system, interagency, multi-disciplinary response to crime victim needs** – Activities that support a coordinated and comprehensive response to crime victims needs by direct service providers, including, but not limited to, payment of salaries and expenses of direct service staff serving on child and adult abuse multi-disciplinary investigation and treatment teams, coordination with federal agencies to provide services to victims of federal crimes and/or participation on Statewide or other task forces, work groups, and committees to develop protocols, interagency, and other working agreements;
4. **Contracts for professional services** – Contracting for specialized professional services (e.g., psychological/psychiatric consultation, legal services, interpreters), at a rate not to exceed a reasonable market rate, that are not available within the organization;
5. **Automated systems and technology** – Subject to the provisions of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide and government-wide grant rules relating to acquisition, use and disposition of property purchased with federal funds, procuring automated systems and technology that support delivery of direct services to victims (e.g., automated information and referral systems, email systems that allow communications among victim service providers, automated case-tracking and management systems, smartphones, computer equipment, and victim notification systems), including, but not limited to, procurement of personnel, hardware, and other items, as determined by the SAA after considering—

- a. Whether such procurement will enhance direct services;
 - b. How any acquisition will be integrated into and/or enhance the program's current system;
 - c. The cost of installation;
 - d. The cost of training staff to use the automated systems and technology;
 - e. The ongoing operational costs, such as maintenance agreements, supplies; and
 - f. How additional costs relating to any acquisition will be supported;
6. **Volunteer trainings** – Activities in support of training volunteers on how to provide direct services when such services will be provided primarily by volunteers; and
7. **Restorative Justice** – Activities in support of opportunities for crime victims to meet with perpetrators, including, but not limited to, tribal community-led meetings and peace-keeping activities, if such meetings are requested or voluntarily agreed to by the victim (who may, at any point, withdraw) and have reasonably anticipated beneficial or therapeutic value to crime victims. Projects that plan to fund this type of service should closely review the criteria for conducting these meetings, and are encouraged to discuss proposals with NCC prior to requesting VOCA funds for this type of activity. At a minimum, the following should be considered:–
- a. The safety and security of the victim;
 - b. The cost versus the benefit or therapeutic value to the victim;
 - c. The procedures for ensuring that participation of the victim and offenders are voluntary and that the nature of the meeting is clear;
 - d. The provision of appropriate support and accompaniment for the victim;
 - e. Appropriate debriefing opportunities for the victim after the meeting; and
 - f. The credentials of the facilitators.

Funds can cover costs associated with Restorative Justice for the victim ONLY.

Administrative Costs

As outlined in [28 CFR 94.121](#), Administrative costs for which VOCA funds may be used by sub-recipients include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) **Personnel costs** – Personnel costs are directly related to providing direct services and supporting activities, such as staff and coordinator salaries expenses (including fringe benefits), and a prorated share of liability insurance. The amount of federal funds requested for fringe and other employer-provided benefits may not exceed the percentage of salary paid by federal funds;
- (2) **Skills training for staff** – Training exclusively for developing the skills of direct service providers, including paid staff and volunteers (both VOCA-funded and not), so that they are better able to offer quality direct services, including, but not limited to, manuals, books, videoconferencing, electronic training resources, and other materials and resources relating to such training;
- (3) **Training-related travel** – Training-related costs such as travel (in-State, regional, and national), meals, lodging, and registration fees for paid direct-service staff (both VOCA-funded and not). Out of state travel must follow the State of Nebraska travel policy and is approved on a case-by-case basis;
- (4) **Organizational Expenses** – Organizational expenses that are necessary and essential to providing direct services and other allowable victim services, including, but not limited to, the prorated costs of rent; utilities; local travel expenses for service providers; and required minor building adaptations necessary to meet the Department of Justice standards implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act and/or modifications that would improve the program's ability to provide services to victims;

- (5) **Equipment and furniture** – Expenses of procuring furniture and equipment that facilitate the delivery of direct services (e.g., mobile communication devices, telephones, braille and TTY/TDD equipment, computers and printers, beepers, video cameras and recorders for documenting and reviewing interviews with children, two-way mirrors, colposcopes, digital cameras, and equipment and furniture for shelters, work spaces, victim waiting rooms, and children's play areas), except that the VOCA grant may be charged only the prorated share of an item that is not used exclusively for victim-related activities;⁵
- (6) **Operating costs** – Operating costs include but are not limited to—
- a. Supplies;
 - b. Equipment use fees;
 - c. Property insurance;
 - d. Printing, photocopying, and postage;
 - e. Courier service;
 - f. Brochures that describe available services;
 - g. Books and other victim-related materials;
 - h. Computer backup files/tapes and storage;
 - i. Security systems;
 - j. Design and maintenance of Web sites and social media; and
 - k. Essential communication services, such as web hosts and mobile device services.
- (7) **VOCA administrative time** – Costs of administrative time spent performing the following:
- a. Completing VOCA-required time and attendance sheets and programmatic documentation, reports, and statistics;
 - b. Collecting and maintaining crime victims' records;
 - c. Conducting victim satisfaction surveys and needs assessments to improve victim services delivery in the project; and
 - d. Funding the prorated share of audit costs.
- (8) **Maintenance, repair, or replacement of essential items** – Costs of maintenance, repair, and replacement of items that contribute to maintenance of a healthy or safe environment for crime victims (such as a furnace in a shelter; and routine maintenance, repair costs, and automobile insurance for leased vehicles), as approved by NCC upon demonstration that there are no other sources of funding are available;

Indirect Costs Allowability

For the purposes of this grant program, projects are permitted an allocation for indirect administrative costs under one of the following options:

- **Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rates:** Agencies who have an established federally approved indirect cost rate agreement in place may include the allocation for indirect costs.
- OR
- **De Minimis Rate:** Agencies who do not currently have a federally approved indirect cost rate agreement can elect to charge a de minimis rate of 15% of the modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely. Costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct (not both).

⁵ Projects using prorating methods must submit a Proration of Costs Spreadsheet (provided by the Crime Commission) with every reimbursement request in order to verify actuals. Method of prorating (FTEs, square footage, etc.) must be consistently applied and cannot vary from month to month.

Indirect Costs Classification

If your agency requests funding for indirect costs, certain costs are classified as indirect and cannot be requested as direct costs or match expenses. These include:

- Utilities
- Rent
- Insurance (building and liability)
- Office phone and internet
- Administrative staff (e.g., directors, financial staff)
- Audit costs

If an agency opts to request any of these costs as direct expenses or match, they must do so at a prorated rate and cannot request indirect costs in addition.

Unallowable Use of Funds

Federally Unallowed Costs

Any costs incurred either before the start of the project period or after the expiration of the project period are not allowable. Costs that are deemed not reasonable and/or necessary for the successful completion of the project are not allowable.

As outlined in [28 CFR 94.122](#) and the [DOJ Federal Financial Guide](#), Federal VOCA Funds may not be used to support the following:

1. **Lobbying** – Lobbying or advocacy activities with respect to legislation or to administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy (cf. [18 U.S.C. 1913](#)), whether conducted directly or indirectly;
2. **Research and studies** – Research and studies, except for project evaluation under [§ 94.121\(j\)](#);
3. **Active investigation and prosecution of criminal activities** – The active investigation and prosecution of criminal activity, except for the provision of victim assistance services (e.g., emotional support, advocacy, and legal services) to crime victims, under [§ 94.119](#), during such investigation and prosecution;
4. **Fundraising** – Any activities related to fundraising, except for fee-based, or similar, program income authorized by the SAA under this subpart.
5. **Capital expenses** – Capital improvements; property losses and expenses; real estate purchases; mortgage payments; and construction (except as specifically allowed elsewhere in this subpart).
6. **Compensation for victims of crime** – Reimbursement of crime victims for expenses incurred as a result of a crime, except as otherwise allowed by other provisions of this subpart;
7. **Medical care** – Medical care, except as otherwise allowed by other provisions of this subpart; and
8. **Salaries and expenses of management** – Salaries, benefits, fees, furniture, equipment, and other expenses of executive directors, board members, and other administrators (unless providing specifically allowable activities).

In addition to the program-specific unallowable costs listed above, the following costs are not allowed by various other federal statutes, rules, or grant conditions.

9. **Food and Beverages** – No funds (federal and/or match) can be used to purchase food and/or beverages for any meeting, conference, group, training or other event. NCC must approve all such events (either in the application process, or through an independent request) before any contracts are signed or arrangements finalized. This restriction does not impact direct payment of per diem amounts to individuals attending a meeting or conference, provided they fall within the guidelines.
10. **Match Requirements** – Federal funds cannot be used to match other federal funds.

11. **Crime Prevention** – Costs, including personnel expenses, for crime prevention activities and education presentations. (NOTE: It is allowable to use funds for public awareness and community education to promote programs and services that are provided to crime victims.)
12. **Violation of Immigration Law** – Any program or activity that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
13. **Violation of Civil Rights or Nondiscrimination Law** - Any program or activity that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations, or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.
14. **Legal Services for Aliens** - Except as indicated in (a) below, costs of providing legal services (that is, professional services of the kind lawfully provided only by individuals licensed to practice law) to any removable alien (see 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(e)(2)) or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States are disallowed and may not be charged against the award.
 - (a) Costs for legal services disallowed under the preceding sentence do not include costs for legal services— (1) to obtain protection orders for victims of crime (including associated or related orders (e.g., custody orders), arising from the victimization); (2) that are associated with or relate to actions under 18 U.S.C. ch. 77 (peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons); (3) to obtain T-visas, U-visas, or “continued presence” immigration status (see, e.g., 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(T) & (U); 22 U.S.C. § 7105(c)(3)(A)); or (4) as to which such disallowance would contravene any express requirement of any law, or of any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Federal VOCA funds are explicitly allowed for legal services to assist victims of crime, as detailed above.

Nebraska Unallowed Costs

The Nebraska Crime Commission, as the State Administrative Agency, has determined that the following costs, which may be federally allowable, will not be allowed in this application period.

1. **Leasing or purchasing vehicles** – Costs for the leasing or purchasing vehicles.
2. **Project evaluation** – Costs for evaluations of specific projects (in order to determine their effectiveness).
3. **Construction, Land Acquisition, and Remodeling** – Costs of purchasing land for development, real estate, or to make physical modifications to buildings, excluding minor repairs. For repairs and/or replacement of items see allowable uses of VOCA funds.
4. **Entertainment Devices/Services** – Costs for devices or services that are primarily for entertainment purposes.
5. **Services to Businesses** – Costs associated with providing services to a business, unless an individual or individuals within the business are victims of a crime.
6. **Crime Victim Reparations (CVR)** – Costs that are pending a CVR claim or have been reimbursed through the CVR process.
7. **Payments made Directly to Employees (Stipends)** – Stipends and other cash in lieu of benefits are not allowable. Arrangements made between the applicant and an employee to provide reimbursement for the cost of an insurance policy that is personally held by the employee or a relative of the employee cannot be supported with federal funds. This does not include other eligible fringe benefits, such as HSA contributions.

Appendix C: Application Scoring

Scoring review includes, but not limited to:

General Overview

- Applicant adheres to the general guidelines (see page 14)
- Appropriate signatures are included

Section 1 - Applicant Information

- Applicant provides all information requested
- Financial Point of Contact cannot be the same person as Project Point of Contact
- Organization address matches SAM.gov
- Organization name matches SAM.gov

Section 2 - Organizational Information (10 Points)

- Applicant eligibility – per NCC Applicant Eligibility Screening Form
- Applicant risk assessment – per NCC Applicant Risk Assessment Form
- Applicant provided a concise historical background of agency.
- Addresses the methods to be used to ensure the inclusion of the underserved population. Special accommodations needed to serve identified underserved populations are included.

Section 3 - Victim Services Program (25 Points)

- Clear description of how agency will work with other community partners to carry out project's activities and avoid duplication of services.
- Community partners and their role in the project identified.
- Description of services provided by applicant provided.
- Capacity of staff identified and shows capability to carry out project.
- Clearly describes an identified priority area and makes a connection on how this proposed program will meet the priority areas.
- An explanation of how this project's funding will continue after the grant funds cease is clearly presented. Any sources of definite future funding are identified. If future funding is uncertain, potential sources for funding are stated. If this project is not to continue after the grant, a clear explanation is given. Strategies to cultivate future funding sources are provided.
- Applicant describes its current efforts to leverage its community and other funding sources in support of sustainability beyond federal funding.
- Federal funding (FVPSA, STOP, VOCA) provides no more than 50% of the organization's total operational budget.
- Applicant in detail describes how the project will address federal project priorities.
- Population to be served by project clearly identified & includes types of victims to be served (domestic violence, sexual assault, etc.).
- Underserved populations to be served identified.

Section 4 - Grant Project Narrative (25 Points)

- Clear descriptive summary of the project including the proposed project's purpose and intended impact, the geographic area served, direct services provided, and expected outcomes.
- Clearly describes how the program will address the social problem(s), including local and/or statewide crime rate information/data.

- Community-specific need/reasons for the project is clearly defined with and local supportive data used to support the need.
- Population to be served, current services, & obstacles faced by the population identified.
- Goals & Objectives are clearly reflective of the project's activities.
- Objectives are S.M.A.R.T (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, & Timely).
- Measurements detail how objectives will be met.
- A clear plan to determine the impact of the project is described.
- Evaluation method(s) is/are clearly identified and is/are consistent with the type of data to be gathered.

Section 5 - Budget Narrative (25 Points)

- Budget narrative accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and allowable.
- The budget narrative is mathematically sound and corresponds clearly with the information and figures provided in the Budget tables.
- The narrative explains how the applicant estimated and calculated all costs, and how those costs are necessary for the completion of the proposed project.
- The budget is appropriate and adequate for the project.
- The budget is clear and precise--there are no miscellaneous or unexplained expense.
- Proposed budget supplements - does not supplant existing efforts/budgets.
- Budget narrative provided for each line item which details, matches, and justified the amounts included in the budget form clearly.
- Budget tables completed correctly and fully.
- Budget clearly reflects activities discussed in Project Activities.
- Rates are reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar work. If the position is funded partially by the grant the % of salary is identified. Other sources of funds are clearly identified which fund the proposed program.
- Clear description the proposed expenditures set forth in the project budget are allowable, reasonable, and cost effective.
- Detailed budget breakdowns are complete, clear description of how request is necessary to meet the goals and outcomes of the program.

Reviewer Assessment and Recommendations (15 Points)

Overall impressions and recommendations of reviewers.

- The proposal is a good presentation of the project.
- The project has a high potential for success.
- The project represents a good financial investment.
- The project is consistent with the solicitation priorities.
- The proposal is innovative and/or is consistent with sound victim services principles.

Total Points: 100

Appendix D: NCC Victim Services Grant Programs: Organization & Program Type Definitions

Organization Types

Organizations may align with the definition of more than one organization type definition. Deference should be given to the most narrowly defined type.

Community-Based Organizations (CBO)

The term "community-based organization" means a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or tribal organization that serves a specific geographic community.

Adapted from: [42 U.S.C. 13925\(a\)](#) / [34 USC 12291](#)

Nonprofit organization

Nonprofit organization means any organization that:

- (1) Is operated primarily for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or similar purposes in the public interest;
- (2) Is not organized primarily for profit;
- (3) Uses net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand the organization's operations; and
- (4) Is not an [Institute of Higher Education](#).

Source: [2 CFR 200.1](#)

For-profit organization

For-profit organization generally means an organization or entity organized for the purpose of earning a profit. The term includes but is not limited to:

- (1) An "S corporation" incorporated under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (2) A corporation incorporated under another authority;
- (3) A partnership;
- (4) A limited liability company or partnership; and
- (5) A sole proprietorship.

Source: [2 CFR 200.1](#)

Culturally Specific Organization (CSO)

Private nonprofit organizations and Tribal organizations whose primary purpose is to provide culturally specific services.

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(8), “culturally specific” means primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 300u-6(g). Section 300u-6(g) defines “racial and ethnic minority groups” as “American Indians and Alaska Natives; Asian Americans; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; Blacks; and Hispanics.”

Government Agencies (GOV)

State Agency (SA)

The term “State agency” means any department, agency, or instrumentality of a State.

Adapted from: [42 U.S. Code § 4601](#)

Local Government (LG)

Local government means any unit of government within a state, including a:

- (1) County;
- (2) Municipality/City;
- (3) Town/Township;
- (4) Local public authority, including any public housing agency under the United States Housing Act of 1937;
- (5) Special district;
- (6) School district;

Adapted from: [2 CFR § 200.1](#)

Tribal Government (TG)

A governing body of a tribe, band, pueblo, community, village, or group of native American Indians, or Alaska Natives, qualifies as an Indian tribal government upon determination by the Internal Revenue Service that the governing body exercises governmental functions.

Source: [26 CFR 305.7701-1](#)

For grant eligibility purposes, Nebraska Crime Commission will only award funds to [Tribal Governments](#) recognized in Nebraska. Specifically, this includes: Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Santee Sioux Nation, and Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. This limitation applies to tribal governments ONLY and does not imply a limitation to funding community-based organizations working with other tribes or other culturally specific populations.

Health Care Organization (HCO)

Health Care Organization has the same meaning as a health care facility established in [Neb Rev Stat §§71-413](#)

“An ambulatory surgical center, an assisted-living facility, a center or group home for the developmentally disabled, a critical access hospital, a general acute hospital, a health clinic, a hospital, an intermediate care facility, an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities, a long-term care hospital, a mental health substance use treatment center, a nursing facility, a PACE center, a pharmacy, a psychiatric or mental hospital, a public health clinic, a rehabilitation hospital, or a skilled nursing facility.”

Professional Service Association (PSA)

Organizations such as business leagues, chambers of commerce, or boards of trade that meet the requirements of a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Source: [26 USC § 501\(C\)\(6\)](#) & [IRS Exempt Organization Types](#)

Other Organization Types

Organizations that do not align with the definitions above will be categorized as “Other.”

Victim Services Program Types

Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Child Advocacy Center means a community-based organization that:

- (i) provides an appropriate site for conducting forensic interviews as defined in section 28-728 and referring victims of child abuse or neglect and appropriate caregivers for such victims to needed evaluation, services, and supports,
- (ii) assists county attorneys in facilitating case reviews, developing and updating protocols, and arranging training opportunities for the teams established pursuant to sections 28-728 and 28-729, and
- (iii) is a member, in good standing, of a state chapter as defined in 34 U.S.C. 20302;

Source: [Neb Rev Stat §28-710](#)

For grant application purposes, the CAC organization type also means the Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers.

Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)

A court appointed special advocate program shall:

- (a) Be an organization that screens, trains, and supervises court appointed special advocate volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children when appointed by a court as provided in section 43-3710. Each court may be served by a court appointed special advocate program. One program may serve more than one court;
- (b) Hold regular case conferences with volunteers to review case progress and conduct annual performance reviews for all volunteers;
- (c) Provide staff and volunteers with written program policies, practices, and procedures; and
- (d) Provide the training required pursuant to section 43-3708.

Source: Court Appointed Special Advocate Act in [Neb Rev Stat §§43-3701 to 43-3720](#).

For grant application purposes, the CASA organization type also means the Nebraska CASA Association.

Domestic & Sexual Violence Program (DSV)

A community-based organization that—

- (A) focuses primarily on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

- (B) has established a specialized culturally specific program that addresses domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- (C) has a primary focus on underserved populations (and includes representatives of these populations) and domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or
- (D) obtains expertise, or shows demonstrated capacity to work effectively, on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through collaboration.

For grant eligibility purposes, unless an exception is requested and approved by NCC, all Rape Crisis Centers are Domestic & Sexual Violence Programs. When requested, Domestic & Sexual Violence Programs must specify if they meet the definition of Rape Crisis Centers.

Rape Crisis Center

The term "rape crisis center" means a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or tribal organization, or governmental entity in a State other than a Territory that provides intervention and related assistance, as specified in section [12511\(b\)\(2\)\(C\)](#) of this title, to victims of sexual assault without regard to their age.

In the case of a governmental entity, the entity may not be part of the criminal justice system (such as a law enforcement agency) and must be able to offer a comparable level of confidentiality as a nonprofit entity that provides similar victim services.

Source: [34 USC §12291](#)

AND

A private nonprofit organizations that provides the support services outlined in the [Protection from Domestic Abuse Act](#) in [Neb Rev Stat §§42-901 to 42-930](#); AND

A member of the network of domestic violence and sexual assault programs supported by the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

For grant application purposes, the DSV program type also means the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Human Trafficking (HT)

Anti-trafficking organizations and programs that offer emergency, transitional, or long-term services to victims and survivors of human trafficking as well as those that provide resources and opportunities in the anti-trafficking field.

Source: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/find-local-services>

For grant application purposes, DSV programs that also provide HT services should choose the DSV program type.

Victim/Witness Assistance (VWA)

Any public or private nonprofit agency that is designed to:

- (1) Assist criminal justice agencies in giving more consideration and personal attention to victims and witnesses through the delivery of services to victims and witnesses of crimes;
- (2) Provide a model for other community-based efforts to aid victims and witnesses;
- (3) Sensitize law enforcement officials, communications technicians, and supervisors to the needs of victims of crime and encourage a concerned approach to such victims;
- (4) Attempt to decrease the incidence of unreported crimes; and
- (5) Assure that victims and witnesses are informed of the progress of the case in which they are involved.

Services provided by the centers shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Providing assistance to victims in preparing claims for submission to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee;
- (2) Establishing a means for volunteers to work with criminal justice agencies to promote greater sensitivity to the needs of victims and witnesses;
- (3) Providing follow-up support services to victims of violent crime and their families to insure that they receive necessary assistance through available community resources;
- (4) Providing elderly victims of crime with services appropriate to their special needs;
- (5) Providing liaison and referral systems to special counseling facilities and community service agencies for victims;
- (6) Providing transportation and household assistance to those victims and witnesses participating in the criminal justice process;
- (7) Notifying friends, relatives, and the employer of a victim, if requested;
- (8) Arranging for verification of medical benefits and assistance when applying for compensation from the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee;
- (9) Notifying witnesses prior to their being subpoenaed in criminal cases; and
- (10) Notifying witnesses of changes in the court calendar to avoid unnecessary trips to the court or spending unnecessary time in court.

Source: [Neb Rev Stat §§81-1843 to 81-1851](#)

Other Programs Types

Victim Service Programs that do not align with the definitions above will be categorized as "Other."

Appendix E: NCC Victim Services Grant Programs: Organization & Program Type Definitions

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Grant Project Problem-Solving Process

Overview | Problem-Solving Process

Grantees are encouraged to use the [DMAIC \(Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control\) Methodology](#) to support continued quality improvement. This is supported through the identification of problems/issues/needs to be addressed, selection/definition of a solution to address the problem, designation of a series of actionable intervention strategies to enact the solution, and regular assessment of measurable outputs that indicate progress toward problem resolution. Grantees will document the problem-solving process of their grant project by completing the following steps in the [Application Performance Measures Spreadsheet](#). Grantees will report their progress to NCC on a quarterly basis.

Problem Statement & Strategic Areas

From the description of the social problem(s), community issue(s), and/or community need(s) your victim service program/grant project will address identified in the application template, clearly define 2-3 items as problem statements. Each problem statement should be associated with a strategic area.

Level 1. What are you trying to address?

EXAMPLE:

Strategic Area: Housing and Shelter

1) Our community lacks adequate housing and shelter services for victims of sex trafficking.

Solution Statement (Goals)

For each problem statement, clearly define 1-3 ways your victim service program/grant project will address how this problem as your solution statements.

Level 2. How can this problem be addressed?

EXAMPLE:

1) Our community lacks adequate housing and shelter services for victims of sex trafficking.

2) Ensure the stability of survivor's future housing.

2) Provide access to safe nights

Intervention Strategies (Objectives)

For each solution statement, clearly define 3-5 specific, actionable intervention strategies that will be implemented by your victim service program/grant project to bring about these solutions.

Level 3. What will you do to fix it?

EXAMPLE:

- 1) Our community lacks adequate housing and shelter services for victims of sex trafficking.
 - 2) Ensure the stability of survivor's future housing.
 - 3) **Become proficient in navigating the Section 8 housing system by attending HUD training.**
 - 3) **Provide financial education and budget training support services to increase victim/survivor ability to navigate the Section 8 housing system.**
 - 3) **Coordinate relocation efforts from shelter to permanent housing**
 - 2) Provide access to safe nights
 - 3) **Operate a family-centered emergency shelter for victims/survivors of sex trafficking**
 - 3) **Provide additional capacity via emergency hotel vouchers**
 - 3) **Guide victims/survivors in developing a safety plan.**

Performance Measures (Outputs)

For each intervention strategy, list 1-3 performance measures that will indicate either reduction of the problem or enhancement of the solution, as brought about by your intervention strategies.

Level 4. How will you measure your impact?

EXAMPLE:

- 1) Our community lacks adequate housing and shelter services for victims of sex trafficking.
 - 2) Ensure the stability of survivor's future housing.
 - 3) Become proficient in navigating the Section 8 housing system by attending HUD training.
 - 4) **Number of training or education events attended by staff**
 - 3) Provide financial education and budget training support services to increase victim/survivor ability to navigate the Section 8 housing system.
 - 4) **Number of budgeting and financial education support instances**
 - 4) **Number of individuals served through budgeting and financial education support instances**
 - 3) Coordinate relocation efforts from shelter to permanent housing
 - 4) **Number of relocation assistance instances**
 - 4) **Number of individuals served through relocation assistance**
 - 4) **Number of individuals who left shelter for permanent housing**
 - 2) Provide access to safe nights

- 3) Operate a family-centered emergency shelter for victims/survivors of sex trafficking
 - 4) **Number of instances emergency shelter or safe house provided**
 - 4) **Number of individuals served through emergency shelter or safe house**
- 3) Provide additional capacity via emergency hotel vouchers
 - 4) **Number of instances emergency shelter or safe house provided**
 - 4) **Number of individuals served through emergency shelter or safe house**
- 3) Guide victims/survivors in developing a safety plan.
 - 4) **Number of instances of safety planning victims/survivors of sex trafficking.**

Victim Services Performance Measures

The following solution statements and associated performance measurements are provided to assist in the development of effective grant-based problem-solving processes. Priority areas for Nebraska’s funding determinations are indicated with a folded arrow icon [↩] in potentially corresponding solution statements.

Strategic Area	Solution Statement (Goals) ↩ Priority Areas	Performance Measure (Outputs)
Administrative Capacity	Improve the provision of services to clients/victims through increased administrative capacity ↩ New Program/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of policies or protocols created or revised to improve direct services • Number of policies or protocols created or revised to improve administrative work • Number of evaluation efforts launched • Number of individuals who participated in evaluation efforts • Number of new hires • Number of new data collection efforts launched • Number of data collection efforts sustained • Number of technology purchases or system enhancements • Number of trainings conducted • Number of clients/victims served through increased capacity
Case Management and Client/Victim Advocacy	Advocate on behalf of the client/victim and their family/caregiver in order to meet the needs of the client/victim ↩ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals who benefit from advocacy • Number of instances other advocacy on behalf of the victim and/or the victim’s family/caregiver

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	Provide information and referrals to services to support meeting basic needs and healing from victimization ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals who received advocacy in engaging a system (specify systems) • Number of individuals who received referrals to other services, supports or resources (specify type) • Number of referrals to other services, supports, or resources • Number of instances for sharing information about victimization/service provision • Number of individuals who received information about victimization/service provision
	Advocate on behalf of the client/victim in order to achieve systems change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances in which the provider engaged the traditional media to achieve a larger system goal • Number of instances in which the provider gave testimony to a 3rd party to advance the interest of a victim/client or a collective group of victims/clients
	Ensure that the client/victims and their family/caregivers are provided with the services that will enhance their well-being ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of case management • Number of individuals provided with case management • Number of transportation assistance (includes coordination of services) instances • Number of individuals served through transportation assistance (includes coordination of services) • Number of child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services) instances • Number of individuals served through child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)
	Provide emotional support to clients/victims ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of emotional support provision for clients/victims • Number of individuals who receive emotional support provision
	Enhance the safety of the client/victim ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of safety planning • Number of individuals who received safety planning

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	Support caregiver or family members of the client/victim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of emotional support provision • Number of individuals who receive emotional support provision • Number of instances of safety planning • Number of individuals who received safety planning
	Hire and support case managers to coordinate services for clients/victims at your organization ↳ New Programs/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new case managers trained • Number of trainings offered for case managers
	Provide a multidisciplinary response to comprehensively address the needs of clients/victims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals served with coordinated response • Number of instances of coordinated response
Community Engagement and Outreach	Increase underserved communities' access to program/services ↳ Underserved Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of outreach materials created to reach underserved populations (language, accessibility or cultural specificity) • Number of new clients/victims accessing services after increased outreach to underserved victims • Number of outreach events targeted specifically reach underserved populations attended by staff (language, accessibility or cultural specificity) • Number of formalized partnerships created with other community organizations who specifically reach underserved populations (language, accessibility or cultural specificity)

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	Raise awareness of the issue or of the services that you offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of in-person outreach events attended by the organization • Number of presentations or trainings conducted • Number of participants who attended presentations or trainings • Number of unique visitors to your website • Number of new social media posts • Number of new social media followers • Number of new outreach materials created • Number of organizations where outreach materials were distributed • Number of new clients/victims accessing services after increased outreach
	Improve identification and awareness of client/victim population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new clients/victims identified • Number of individuals screened • Number of high-risk referrals received • Number of partners able to screen and refer
	Strengthen relationships with other service providers ↳ New Programs/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of formalized partnerships created with other organizations • Number of new formalized partnerships created with other organizations • Number of community meetings or convenings attended • Number of new clients/victims referred from partnering agencies • Number of clients/victims referred to partnering agencies

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	Coordinate services at the local, state or national level through the convening of collaborations and multidisciplinary teams ↳ Underserved Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of meetings or convenings attended • Number of individuals referred to local, state or national coordination group • Number of formalized commitments by partner agencies to participate • Number of new collaborations/multidisciplinary teams (local, state or national high-risk team, task forces, multidisciplinary team or other multidisciplinary group) • Number of times group/partners meet
	Implement protective factors and reduce risk factors in a community ↳ Underserved Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of activities conducted in the reporting quarter in which the primary purpose of the activity was primary prevention or development of a shared community vision • Number of participants engaged in activities for which the primary purpose was primary prevention or development of a shared community vision
Crisis Intervention and Hotline	Provide crisis services that are accessible to the client/victim population served ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of crisis intervention instances • Number of individuals served through crisis intervention • Number of hotline/crisis line counseling instances (including online chatting, emails or texts) • Number of individuals served through hotline/crisis line (including online chatting, emails or texts) • Number of on-scene crisis response instances (e.g., community crisis response) • Number of individuals served through on-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)
	Provide information and referrals to services to support meeting basic needs and health from victimization ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of referrals to other services, supports, or resources • Number of individuals who received referrals to other services, supports, or resources • Number of instances of sharing information • Number of individuals who received information

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	Provide emotional support to clients/victims ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of emotional support provision for clients/victims • Number of individuals who receive emotional support provision
	Enhance the safety of the client/victim ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of safety planning • Number of individuals who received safety planning
	Support caregiver or family members of the client/victim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of emotional support provision • Number of individuals who receive emotional support provision • Number of instances of safety planning provision • Number of individuals who received safety plan support
Education and Training	Increase knowledge, skills, or competency of staff ↳ New Programs/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of staff that engaged in continuing education • Number of training or education events attended by staff • Number of internal training or education events for staff conducted • Number of curriculums created to provide training • Number of staff provided with supervision • Number of individual supervision instances • Number of trainings specifically targeting staff ability to serve underserved or marginalized communities
	Increase knowledge, skills, or competency of allied service professionals ↳ New Programs/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of training or education events conducted • Number of participants trained or educated • Number of curriculums created to provide training • Number of new clients/victims accessing services as a result of increased capacity • Number of trainings delivered specifically targeting ability to serve undeserved or marginalized communities
	Improve the well-being or understanding of clients/victims through trainings, seminars or other educational opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of training or education events to clients/victims conducted • Number of clients/victims trained or educated • Number of curriculums created to provide training for victims

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	Provide LEP co-workers and colleagues with the ability to access continuing education training and outreach events in a language that is most comfortable for them ↳ Underserved Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of training or education events conducted • Number of participants trained or educated • Number of new clients/victims accessing services as a result of increased capacity
	Engage volunteers and interns in providing support to clients/victims at your organization ↳ New Programs/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new volunteers or interned trained • Number of trainings offered for volunteers or interned • Number of individuals served by volunteers or interns • Number of instances of volunteer or intern support
Financial Reimbursement or Compensation	Provide for the client/victim's basic needs and emergency financial support ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of emergency financial assistance • Number of individuals served through emergency financial assistance • Number of instances of basic needs provisions • Number of individuals served through providing for basic needs
	Support client/victim's engagement in the Victim Compensation process ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals provided with information about the Victim Compensation process • Number of individuals served through Victim Compensation application assistance • Number of instances of Victim Compensation application assistance
Housing and Shelter	Provide access to safe nights ↳ Shelter/Housing Services ↳ Direct Client Assistance ↳ New Programs/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances emergency shelter or safe house provided • Number of individuals served through emergency shelter or safe house • Number of instances of transitional housing provided • Number of individuals served through transitional housing

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	Ensure the stability of survivor's future housing ↳ Shelter/Housing Services ↳ Direct Client Assistance ↳ New Programs/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of relocation assistance instances • Number of individuals served through relocation assistance • Number of budgeting and financial education support instances • Number of individuals served through budgeting and financial education support instances • Number of individuals who left shelter for permanent housing
	Support client/victim in maintaining current housing ↳ Shelter/Housing Services ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of financial assistance instances provided to support remaining in current location • Number of individuals who received financial assistance instances to support remaining in current location
	Advocate on behalf of client/victim and their family/caregiver in order to meet the housing needs of the client/victim ↳ Shelter/Housing Services ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances other advocacy on behalf of the client/victim • Number of clients/victims who benefit from advocacy • Number of instances other advocacy on behalf of the client/victim's family/caregiver • Number of families/caregivers who benefit from advocacy
	Provide clients/victims and their family/caregiver with information and referrals to services to support meeting their housing needs ↳ Shelter/Housing Services ↳ Direct Client Assistance ↳ New Programs/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals who received referrals to other services, supports or resources • Number of referrals to other services, supports, or resources • Number of instances of information provided • Number of individuals who received information
	Enhance the safety of the client/victim ↳ Shelter/Housing Services ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of safety planning • Number of individuals who received safety planning
	Support caregiver or family members of the client/victim ↳ Shelter/Housing Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of safety planning • Number of individuals who received safety planning

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Language Access and Disabilities	Provide the client/victim with the ability to access systems of care in a preferred language ↳ Underserved Populations ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of interpreter requests • Number of individuals served through interpreter services • Number of requests for interpretation services unfilled • Number of individuals served by program staff in a language other than English • Number of instances of service provision by program staff in a language other than English
	Provide written materials and forms in client/victim's preferred language ↳ Underserved Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of materials created in language other than English • Number of materials translated in a language other than English
	Provide ready and efficient access to interpretation services in a way that increases the provider's ability to provide services to the client ↳ Underserved Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of service providers that requested interpretation services • Number of different service providers that received services
	Provide disabled clients/victims with the ability to access systems of care ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals with disabilities served • Number of instances of specialized service provision for individuals with disabilities • Number of services offered to clients/victims with disabilities

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Legal Services and Legal Advocacy	Support the client/victim's through accompaniment and legal advocacy ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of law enforcement interviews/advocacy/accompaniments • Number of individuals served through law enforcement • Number of prosecution interviews/advocacy/accompaniments (includes accompaniment with prosecuting attorney and with victim/witness) • Number of individuals served through prosecution interviews/advocacy/accompaniments (includes accompaniment with prosecuting attorney and with victim/witness) • Number of criminal advocacy/accompaniments • Number of individuals served through criminal advocacy/accompaniment • Number of civil advocacy/accompaniments • Number of individuals served through civil advocacy/accompaniment • Number of other emergency justice-related assistance instances • Number of individuals served through other emergency justice-related assistance instances • Number of individuals who benefit from brief legal advice • Number of instances of brief legal advice on behalf of the client/victim and/or the family/caregiver • Number of individuals who benefit from legal advocacy • Number of instances other legal advocacy on behalf of the client/victim and/or the family/caregiver

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	<p>Meet the legal representation needs of the client/victim of crime</p> <p>↳ Direct Client Assistance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of civil legal representation provided in obtaining protection or restraining order • Number of individuals who received civil legal representation in obtaining protection or restraining order • Number of instances of civil legal representation with family law matters (e.g., custody, visitation, or support) • Number of individuals served through civil legal representation with family law matters (e.g., custody, visitation, or support) • Number of instances of legal representation for immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief) • Number of individuals served through representation in immigration matters (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief) • Number of general legal advice clinics or consultations held to support victims of crime • Number of individuals served through general legal advice clinics or consultations • Number of immigration advice clinics or consultations held to support victims of crime • Number of individuals served through immigration advice clinics or consultations • Number of instances of other legal advice and/or counsel • Number of individuals served through other legal advice and/or counsel

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	Assist the client/victim's involvement in the legal system ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of assistance with restitution (includes assistance in requesting and when collection efforts are not successful) • Number of individuals who received assistance with restitution (includes assistance in requesting and when collection efforts are not successful) • Number of instances of victim impact statement assistance • Number of individuals who received victim impact statement assistance • Number of instances of assistance in obtaining a protection or restraining order • Number of individuals served through assistance in obtaining a protection or restraining order
	Provide the client/victim with information to engage the legal system ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of notifications of criminal justice events (e.g., case status, arrest, court proceedings, case disposition, release) • Number of individuals served through notifications of criminal justice events (e.g., case status, arrest, court proceedings, case disposition, release) • Number of instances information provided about the criminal justice process • Number of individuals served through providing information about the criminal justice process • Number of instances information provided about the civil legal aid • Number of individuals served through providing information about civil legal aid • Number of instances information provided about immigration • Number of individuals served through providing information about immigration

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Medical and Forensic Services	Provide appropriate and high-quality medical care to victims/patients/clients ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of intakes or assessments • Number individuals who receive an intake or assessment • Number of performances of a medical or nonmedical forensic exam, interview, or evidence collection • Number of individuals served through the performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam, interview, or evidence collection • Number of instances of medication prescribed • Number of individuals who received medication or contraceptives
	Support client/victim's engagement in medical systems through advocacy and accompaniment ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care • Number of individuals served through victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care • Number of instances of victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam • Number of individuals served through victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care
	Provide clients/victims and their family/caregiver with information and referrals to services to support meeting their basic needs and healing from their victimization ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals who received referrals to other services, supports or resources • Number of referrals to other services, supports, or resources • Number of instances information provided • Number of individuals who received information
	Provide emotional support to clients/victims or their family/caregivers ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of emotional support provision for clients/victims or their family/caregiver • Number of individuals who receive emotional support
	Enhance the safety of the client/victim ↳ Direct Client Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of instances of safety planning • Number of individuals who received safety planning

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Mental Health Services	Reduce trauma symptoms and/or facilitate recovery for clients/victims ↳ Direct Client Assistance ↳ New Program/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individual counseling instances • Number of individuals served through individual counseling instances • Number of support groups (facilitated or peer) instances • Number of individuals served through support groups (facilitated or peer) • Number of family therapy instances • Number of families served through family therapy • Number of caregiver therapy instances • Number of caregivers served through caregiver therapy • Number of other therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy) • Number of individuals served through other therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy)
	Increase the access of individuals into systems of mental health care ↳ Direct Client Assistance ↳ New Program/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of intakes or initial assessments • Number of victims that engaged in a screening or intake process • Number of victims that were screened and referred to another mental health provider
Other Strategic Area	Specific goal defined by the grant program/project that does not align with the goals provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specify the item that will be measured to demonstrate effective implementation of this goal.

Nebraska Priority Areas for VOCA Funding

1. UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

This priority area encompasses projects that incorporate activities that are designed to increase access to victim services for underserved populations. For the purpose of this grant program, underserved populations means:

- Individuals living in rural communities
- Members of tribal communities
- Persons who identify as racial and ethnic minorities
- Victims of human trafficking, robbery, assault (non-domestic), burglary, arson, homicide, elder abuse, stalking, kidnapping, and intoxicated drivers
- Victims who are ages 65 and over (regardless of crime type)

Projects will only be prioritized in this area if the application demonstrates 1) access to one or more of these populations and 2) use of population-specific or culturally-specific programming designed to positively impact the experience and/or outcomes of victims of crime.

2. SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES

This priority area encompasses projects that incorporate activities that are designed to increase access to housing services for victims of crime. For the purpose of this grant program, Shelter/Housing Services means:

- Emergency Shelter or Safe House
- Transitional Housing
- Relocation Assistance, including assistance with obtaining housing

3. DIRECT CLIENT ASSISTANCE

This priority area encompasses projects that incorporate activities that are core victim services that directly benefit victims of crime. For the purpose of this grant program, Direct Client Assistance means:

- **Personnel** (wages & fringe) costs for staff providing services directly to crime victims.
- **Direct Client Assistance (DCA) – Supplies** costs for tangible items that address needs that are a result of their victimization.
- **Direct Client Assistance (DCA) – Other** for vouchers for referral services integral to addressing a victimization.

4. NEW PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

This priority area encompasses projects that incorporate activities that are core victim services that directly benefit victims of crime. For the purpose of this grant program, New Programs/Projects means:

- Projects that significantly and tangibly expand Shelter/Housing Services in the community they serve.
- Projects that create victim and witness assistance centers in counties that do not currently have such a center.
- Projects that add mental and behavioral health services options to their continuum of services.