

# **Attachment #1**

2014 Victim Assistance Funds - Aid  
 2014 Federal Grant Period - Oct. 1, 2013 - September 30, 2017

2014 Federal VOCA Funds - \$2,851,929  
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2013 Federal VOCA Funds CARRYOVER - \$343,367.44 (\$335,689 + \$7,678.44 deobligated)

State Funds - \$52,559

TOTAL Aid Available \$3,247,855.44

Grant#	Agency	Program Title	2015 Amount Received	2013 Notes	2014 Amount Requested	* Amount Recommended Via HRV	* Amount Recommended Grant Review	* Amount Recommended Crime Comm.	Project Mths	Impact to next year
14-YA-200	Butler County	Butler/Polk County Victim Assistance	\$ 25,082.00		\$ 25,072.00	\$ 25,072.00	\$ 25,072.00	\$	11	\$ (5,991.00)
14-YA-201	Crisis Center, Inc	Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Services	\$ 74,800.00		\$ 71,892.00	\$ 65,901.00	\$ 65,901.00	\$		
14-YA-202	Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program, Inc.	Victim Assistance	\$ 48,736.00		\$ 78,694.00	\$ 55,106.00	\$ 57,290.00	\$		
14-YA-203	City of Lincoln NE	Lincoln Police Department Victim/Witness Unit	\$ 110,175.00		\$ 156,540.00	\$ 110,175.00	\$ 115,684.00	\$	15	\$ 9,555.00
14-YA-204	Hearland Family Service Papillion	Hearland Family Service Safe Haven Shelter	\$ 36,400.00		\$ 82,965.00	\$ 47,775.00	\$ 47,775.00	\$		
14-YA-205	Nebraska Crime Commission	VINE Operations XIV	\$ 193,293.00		\$ 261,787.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$		
14-YA-206	CAP Stone Child Advocacy Center	Victim Advocacy	\$		\$ 36,462.00	\$ 32,262.00	\$ 36,462.00	\$	15	\$ 7,863.00
14-YA-207	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Omaha, Inc.	The Shelter - Child Abuse Victim Assistance	\$ 30,030.00		\$ 35,349.00	\$ 39,315.00	\$ 44,186.00	\$		
14-YA-208	Dodge County	Victim Services	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$		
14-YA-209	Adams County	Adams County Attorney Victim/Witness Unit	\$ 48,925.00	11 mths	\$ 59,539.00	\$ 53,375.00	\$ 53,375.00	\$		
14-YA-210	Madison County	Madison County Attorney Victim/Witness Unit	\$ 31,000.00		\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$	15	\$ 3,315.00
14-YA-211	Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center	Victim Advocacy in 15 Counties	\$ 11,751.00		\$ 13,260.00	\$ 16,575.00	\$ 16,575.00	\$	14	\$ 6,756.29
14-YA-212	Lincoln County Attorney's Office	Lincoln County Victim Witness Unit	\$ 53,903.00		\$ 47,294.00	\$ 47,294.00	\$ 47,294.00	\$		
14-YA-213	City of South Sioux City	Dakota County Victim Assistance Program	\$ 40,525.00		\$ 53,041.00	\$ 51,597.00	\$ 53,041.00	\$	13	\$ 3,786.08
14-YA-214	City of Beatrice	Gage County Victim Assistance Program	\$ 37,611.00		\$ 62,136.00	\$ 49,219.00	\$ 49,219.00	\$	15	\$ 31,845.60
14-YA-215	Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit	Sarpy County Victim Assistance	\$ 107,527.00		\$ 127,382.00	\$ 159,228.00	\$ 159,228.00	\$		
14-YA-216	Douglas County Attorney	Omaha-Douglas County Victim Assistance	\$ 336,900.00		\$ 456,762.00	\$ 343,458.00	\$ 367,578.44	\$	14	\$ 10,719.00
14-YA-217	Parent Child Center	Continuation of Direct Services	\$ 62,135.00		\$ 75,033.00	\$ 75,033.00	\$ 75,033.00	\$		
14-YA-218	Lincoln Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center, Inc.	Child Advocacy Center	\$ 28,187.00		\$ 46,582.00	\$ 46,582.00	\$ 46,582.00	\$		

14-VA-219	Dawson County Attorney	Dawson County Victim Witness Assistance Unit	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 37,520.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 40,647.00	\$	-	13	\$ 3,000.00
14-VA-220	City of Grand Island	Grand Island/Hall County Victim Assistance Program	\$ 46,110.00	\$ 57,471.00	\$ 57,471.00	\$ 57,471.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-221	Project Response Inc.	Project Response Inc.	\$ 55,958.00	\$ 53,958.00	\$ 55,958.00	\$ 55,958.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-222	Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors	Victim Services and Outreach Project	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 75,582.00	\$ 70,500.00	\$ 75,582.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-223	City of Kearney	Crime Victim Assistance Domestic & Sexual Violence Assistance Program	\$ 50,050.00	\$ 66,255.00	\$ 55,213.00	\$ 82,264.00	\$	-	10	\$ (1,042.60)
14-VA-224	Bright Horizons	WCA Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Victim Services Project	\$ 154,130.00	\$ 190,969.00	\$ 179,969.00	\$ 187,969.00	\$	-	13	\$ 10,147.00
14-VA-225	Women's Center for Advancement (WCA)	Victim Assistance	\$ 102,979.00	\$ 131,911.00	\$ 131,911.00	\$ 131,911.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-226	Hope Crisis Center	Victim Assistance	\$	\$ 54,973.00	\$ 47,753.00	\$ 54,973.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-227	Santee Sioux Nation of Nebraska	None	\$	\$ 89,363.00	\$ 89,363.00	\$ 89,363.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-228	Voices of Hope Lincoln, Inc.	Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Advocacy Project	\$ 70,566.00	\$ 95,897.00	\$ 79,472.00	\$ 79,472.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-229	Friendship Home of Lincoln, Inc.	Domestic Violence Shelter Unit for Platte & Colfax Counties	\$ 70,400.00	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 45,500.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-230	Platte County	Advocates for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence	\$ 71,049.00	\$ 98,005.00	\$ 84,241.00	\$ 84,241.00	\$	-	13	\$ 5,777.31
14-VA-231	The SAFE Center	Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services	\$ 59,688.00	\$ 75,105.00	\$ 75,105.00	\$ 75,105.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-232	The DOVES Program	The DOVES Program	\$ 72,835.00	\$ 84,904.00	\$ 84,904.00	\$ 84,904.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-233	Haven House Family Services Center	Continuation of Victim Services	\$ 39,331.00	\$ 42,602.00	\$ 42,602.00	\$ 42,602.00	\$	-	13	\$ 6,269.54
14-VA-234	Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault	Rural Outreach Program	\$ 56,479.00	\$ 75,234.00	\$ 81,504.00	\$ 81,504.00	\$	-	13	\$ 5,489.23
14-VA-235	Nebraska Attorney General's Office	Nebraska Attorney General's Victims of Crime Project	\$ 42,997.00	\$ 93,675.00	\$ 71,360.00	\$ 99,391.00	\$	-	-	
14-VA-236	The Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Inc.	The SASA Advocacy Project	\$ 65,308.00	\$ 65,308.00	\$ 65,308.00	\$ 65,308.00	\$	-	14	\$ 9,103.57
14-VA-237	Rape/Domestic Abuse Program	Rape/Domestic Abuse Program	\$ 51,214.00	\$ 66,939.00	\$ 63,725.00	\$ 66,939.00	\$	-	-	\$ 96,593.01
14-VA-238	TOTALS	TOTALS	\$ 2,389,202.00	\$ 3,283,908.00	\$ 2,927,615.00	\$ 3,050,208.44	\$	3,195,296.44		
	Federal	Federal	\$	\$ 3,195,296.44	\$ 3,195,296.44	\$ 3,195,296.44	\$	52,559.00		
	State	State	\$	\$ 52,559.00	\$ 52,559.00	\$ 52,559.00	\$	(3,247,855.44)		
	Over	Over	\$ 2,389,202.00	\$ 36,032.56	\$ (320,240.44)	\$ (197,647.00)	\$			

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-200

Applicant: Butler County

Amount Requested: \$ 25,072

Title: Butler/Polk Co. Victim Assistance

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$25,072 Match \$6,268	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prior to contracting with the Crime Commission applicant must define the Project Director position as either a contracted County position or as a County employee.</li> <li>2. Submit revised Project Summary.</li> <li>3. Submit response to #4 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Increased numbers of victims services.
2. Nice job of identifying types of victims to be served.
3. Dedication of director to serving victims.
4. Support and oversight provided by the Butler County Attorney.
5. No concerns of supplanting funds.
6. Good approach to collecting consumer input by having surveys mailed to supervisor/County Attorney.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Include in Project Summary services, type of agency (public) and other key items (i.e., free services, confidential, etc.).
3. Project is VOCA funding dependent and is encouraged to seek additional County support.
4. The following items have been brought to the attention of the applicant in past reviews. Please correct for future applications.
  - A) Information and details must be provided in order to determine that the Unit meets the minimum requirements of a Victim Witness Program. Applicant refers to "comprehensive services" however; does not provide any description of the types of services available. Applicant indicates on page 3 that the Unit provides shelter and group treatment. Is seems incorrect, and if the unit is doing treatment then who is the licensed provider?
  - B) Procedures on client confidentiality are not outlined. This is a concern considering the relationship between the Unit and Genesis House?
  - C) The Population table must breakout the 3% into the appropriate race categories.
  - D) Evidence (statistics, data) must be provided to substantiate statements such as "high rate of alcohol consumption."
5. While reviewers appreciate the work of Genesis House the letters and information in the Continuation section about the program blur and confuse the request.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Crisis Center, Inc.

**Grant #:** 14-VA-201

**Title:** Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Services

**Amount Requested:** \$ 71,892

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$65,901 Match \$16,475	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at requested level for an 11 month project period.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget based on 11 months and address #2 under Areas for Improvement.</li> <li>3. Submit name and contact information for either a newly assigned Project Coordinator or Director.</li> </ol>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Effective use of community volunteers as evidenced by increased number of volunteer hours.
2. Nicely written Project Summary and Community Description.
3. Overall, a very informative application showing great improvements over previous years.
4. Appreciated applicant's effort to improve response to victims of sexual assault.
5. Inclusion of letter from O-Connor Enterprises was good information.
6. Good to see project collaborating with the local CAC.
7. Consultant/Contract therapist rate is very reasonable.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
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  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Match from Executive Director's salary must relate to direct services as public awareness to the general population is not an allowable VOCA activity, even for match. Category B budget sheet has the salary fees and preparation fees turned around.
3. The Project Director and Coordinator will need to be different individuals.
4. Include any fundraising conducted in the sustainability section.
5. Explain fluctuations in statistics. For example, the decreases in the numbers of minorities and victims served.
6. Explain what the In Our Best Interest groups are and what is meant by "residences being noncompliant."
7. Revise Activity/Timeline and the Continuation Section to include domestic violence.
8. Consumer satisfaction surveys are a way to effectively measure what the client believes has changed or how they have benefited from services. Many programs are using surveys to measure outcomes for VOCA.
9. Per instruction, do not submit Letters of Support from Crime Commission members however, Letters of Commitment are acceptable.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program, Inc. SCIP

**Grant #:** 14-VA-202

**Title:** Victim Assistance

**Amount Requested:** \$ 78,694

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$57,290 Match \$14,323	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget with \$21,840 allocated for the Client Advocate to be at \$14 per hour and address #2 and #4 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Well written Project Summary with nicely developed long term objective.
2. Sustainability section provided a clear picture of agency efforts and areas of investment.
3. Community description has unique identifying factors that are interesting and provided a good rural description.
4. Solution adequately outlined project's daily operations.
5. Good to see review of policies and procedures under the new Executive Director.
6. Applicant validated the problem statement with facts and sources of information.
7. Appreciate corrections made to the last three years of data. Additional explanation of how data was audited would be useful.
8. SCIP is to be commended for the efforts made to regain community confidence. Good to see the Letters of Support and Commitment from the various counties.
9. Good description of the legal client advocate.

**Areas for improvement:**

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  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. In the personnel budget remove the narrative about match from each funded position. Instead provide a paragraph on volunteers as match outlining numbers of volunteers, hourly rate, etc.
3. Percent increases in salaries ranging from 25% to 17% are high. Indicate in future requests for each position the percent and the amount of increase along with a justification.
4. Provide rounded budget amounts; clarify source of match provided in Rent -- Facilities; and Category C -- Training narrative must match budget sheet.
5. Clearly indicate, throughout the application, that public awareness associated to this project is for the purpose of reaching and informing victims of services available.
6. Provide description for how the data was audited.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-203/14-VS-900

Applicant: City of Lincoln

Amount Requested: \$ 156,540

Title: Lincoln Police Dept. Victim/Witness Unit

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$115,684 Federal Match - \$15,781	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>Submit revised budget and ensure budget sheets and budget narrative match. Split grant with \$63,125 in Federal funds and \$52,229 in State funds.</li> </ol>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

- Concise budget narratives.
- Well stated Project Summary.
- Nice description of the level of new business activity occurring in Lincoln.
- Unit has proven to be an integral part of Lincoln/Lancaster County's response to victims of crime.
- Good to see work with federal victims of trafficking.
- Detailed description of services provided.
- Applicant stresses the importance of advocates listening and effective communication skills and how this is critical to understanding the unique emotional reactions from victims.

**Areas for Improvement:**

- Please Note:
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  - To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
- Percent increases in salaries (11 - 8%) seem high. On future requests indicate for each position the percent and the amount for the costs of living versus the longevity pay. Provide calculations on longevity pay.
- Decrease in numbers served along with the change to not provide outreach to DV victims raised questions about the increased request for VOCA funds.
- Clarify the differences between volunteers and interns as it relates to the duties of the Manager and Assistant Administrator.
- For point of reference include year on data, surveys or other resources utilized.
- The work with parents who are being victimized by their children would be an interesting addition to the problem statement along with current research on trauma and victim response.
- Indicate the frequency of speaking engagements and how often advocates respond in person, after hours.
- Per instruction, please do not submit Letters of Support from Crime Commission members however, Letters of Commitment are fine.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-204

**Applicant:** Heartland Family Services

**Title:** Heartland Family Services Safe Haven Shelter

**Amount Requested:** \$ 82,963

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$47,775 Match \$11,944 (15 months)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>Submit revised budget based on 15 months and address #3, #4 and #5 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

- Overall, well written proposal.
- Applicant offers effective grant management.
- Good use of volunteers.
- Good to see detailed information provided under statistical documentation of the problem.
- Diversified funding.
- Community partnerships.

**Areas for Improvement:**

- Please Note:
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  - Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
- Project period extended by an additional 3 months. See instructions on project period.
- Considering the agency's size, Project Director and Coordinator need to be different individuals and replace the Vice President position provided as match with a position more clearly aligned with the provision of direct services to crime victims.
- In addition to the percentage breakouts on fringe benefits please provide the actual amounts relative to each position requested. If feasible, simplify match by limiting number of matched positions.
- Supplanting of funds is addressed but requires more detail related to the request to fund two (2) additional positions that are already exists within the agency.
- Please clarify service area as page 2 does not include the city of Omaha however, the application emphasizes the agency's presence there.
- It is not an expectation that an unduplicated count of the crisis line calls be provided.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Nebraska Crime Commission

**Grant #:** 14-VA-205

**Title:** VINE Operations XIV

**Amount Requested:** \$ 261,787

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$200,000 Match \$50,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget.</li> <li>3. Submit completed Supplemental Funding Chart.</li> </ol>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Good to see efforts to increase the state's appropriation.
2. Appreciate Director's plan for the project and needed resources to be brought to the attention of the next administration.
3. Excellent project.
4. Service is critical to statewide efforts to respond to the safety needs of crime victims.
5. Thanks to the project's efforts there continues to be an ongoing awareness of VINE.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Please Note:
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  - B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Because VINE is designed as an anonymous service there is no means to determine that only victims of crime use the service therefore; VOCA funds including match cannot support 100% of its costs. With that said, clarify what is meant by the grant being supplemented with limited appropriation received to match the grant.
3. Discuss how VINE is a sole source provider and the process for administering and reviewing the contract.
4. Complete the Supplemental Funding Chart to reflect all sources of funding supporting this service. Chart can be completed specific to VINE only.
5. Reviewers are confused as to why an internal application submits a requested amount of funding that is different than what is fiscally recommended by the agency. To avoid this confusion please determine the correct amount of funds needed prior to submission.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-206

Applicant: CAPStone Child Advocacy Center

Amount Requested: \$ 36,462

Title: Victim Advocacy

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$36,462 Match \$8,116	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at requested amount.</li> <li>2. Please submit revised budget and respond to #2 - #5 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Serves rural Panhandle service area with main offices and three (3) satellite sites.
2. Multi-disciplinary approach.
3. Well written community description and problem statement provides justification for request.
4. Provisions for mental health counseling regardless of individuals' ability to pay.
5. Smaller organization however, has been in operations since 1999; agency utilizes a contracted CPA; conducts annual independent audits; is accredited and has both an Executive and General Board.
6. MOU with DOVES the local domestic violence and sexual assault provider to coordinate efforts and ensure services are not duplicate.

**Areas for Improvement:**

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  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. If possible, have each project position (Director, Coordinator, Fiscal Officer and Authorized Official) assigned to a different person.
3. Clarify what is meant by "salaried position" as the Family Advocate position seems more an hourly, non-exempt position. Contact Federal Aid Administrator with any questions.
4. The \$4,200 for the employee to purchase health insurance is not allowable. Only insurance offered by the agency and based on the employer's share only, is allowable. Please see explanation of Fringe Benefits on page 13 of the Instructions and submit revision for \$36,462 in salary.
5. Identify source of match in Category D-Supplies and Operating Expenses.
6. Explain why all victims who have to testify in court will not be offered court school.
7. Address how project participants are assisted with VINE?

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-207

**Applicant:** Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Omaha, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$ 35,349

**Title:** The Shelter-Child Abuse Victim Assistance

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$44,186 Match \$11,047 (15 months)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested for 15 months.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget based on 15 months and detail how supplanting of funds is not occurring (#4 under Areas for Improvement).</li> </ol>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Nicely stated Project Summary.
2. Reintegration services involving home visits.
3. Project effectively utilizes volunteers in provision of direct services to crime victims.
4. Increased numbers of victims and their children provided shelter services.
5. Growing numbers of minorities served.
6. Community Coordination efforts.
7. Appreciated the reasonable salary increases.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
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  - B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Project period extended by an additional 3 months. See instructions on project period.
3. Application appears to lack attention to the comments and contingencies from last year's proposal. A review is recommended of the 2013 application, Summary Comment Sheet and applicant's written responses to contingencies.
4. Please explain how supplanting is not occurring with the increased support requested for the domestic violence advocate that increased to 100%.
5. Please explain statistical variations in data.
6. For an organization the size of Catholic Charities there should be numerous options in a Contingency Plan.
7. Community description is insufficient considering Omaha/Douglas County is NE's most populated area.
8. Since women and their children are the targeted population, indicate how requests are handled from male victims and with victims who have older children.
9. Address how project assists victims with VINE registration and compensation benefits.
10. Per instructions, please do not submit Letters of Support from Crime Commission members however, Letters of Commitment are acceptable.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 14-VA-208

Applicant: Dodge County

Amount Requested: \$ 15,000

Title: Victim Services

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$15,000 Match \$3,750	1. Project funded at level requested. 2. Submit responses to #2 and #5 indicated under Areas for Improvement.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Maintained significant level of face-to-face contacts with victims.
2. Efforts with local college to solicit volunteers/interns.
3. Unit collaborates with several other community resources supporting victims.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:  
A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.  
B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Please clarify that match is from County.
3. Please provide possible explanation for fluctuations in numbers served.
4. As requested last year, please submit the unit's hours of operation and address after hours response for victims needing immediate assistance.
5. Difficult to determine progress as it appears that the proposal is largely the application submitted in the prior year. Strongly recommend thorough update.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-209

Applicant: Adams County

Amount Requested: \$ 59,539

Title: Adams Co. Attorney Victim/Witness Unit

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$53,373 Match \$13,343	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget addressing #2 and \$275 designated for the purchase of a printer/scanner.</li> <li>3. Submit missing Continuation Section question.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Nicely presented Project Summary.
2. Amount of collaboration that is occurring.
3. Good to see objective showing impact to victims served. How this is tracked should be a new addition to your operations sections.
4. Continued efforts to address language barriers.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Calculations on project director salary are questionable as the current salary is at \$40,000 and a 2% increase is equal to \$800 and not \$2,000. There is also a significant difference in the taxes and health insurance from the current project budget to this request. Based on the 2013 revised budget and taxes at .756% the taxes on a salary of \$40,800 would amount to \$3,121 and not \$8,936.
3. Continuation Section is missing response to #2 and this section should be updated with specific information on the actual conferences attended and please remove discussion on computer as it was addressed in 2013.
4. Please provide explanation as to why project's plans have not come to fruition: 1) approaching the city council for funding and 2) conducting joint presentations with SASA.
5. Please explain discrepancy between narrative that indicates 18 elderly served and chart that list 28.
6. Difficult to determine progress as it appears that the proposal is largely the application submitted in the prior year. Strongly recommend thorough update.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-210

Applicant: Madison County

Amount Requested: \$ 31,000

Title: Madison Co. Victim/Witness Unit

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$31,000 Match \$7,750	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget narrative correctly addressing match (see #2 under Areas for Improvement).</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Project Summary is an excellent summary of the project and services available.
2. Detailed description of volunteer components.
3. Good to see positive relationship with Bright Horizons
4. Listing of crimes filed and victims served over numerous years was very helpful.
5. Data provided evidence of problem stated.
6. Comprehensive description of program operations.
7. Director meets with all new police department recruits to educate officers on the Unit's services.
8. Information and details provided on outcomes from last year was very informative and explanation for decrease in minorities served. Nice job.
9. Strong community support as reflected in Letters of Commitment/Support.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Please clarify match as last paragraph of budget narrative references volunteers as match however, match is a portion of the Director's salary.
3. Applicant makes several references to being the only VW Unit serving Northeast Nebraska which is not the case, please correct in future applications.
4. Please ensure that any letter coming from a Crime Commission member is clearly a Letter of Commitment.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-211

Applicant: Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Ctr.

Amount Requested: \$ 13,260

Title: Victim Advocacy in Fifteen Counties

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$16,575 Match \$4,144 (15 months)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested for 15 months.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget based on 15 months and address #3 under Areas for Improvement.</li> <li>3. Submit name and contact information for either a newly assigned Project Coordinator or Director.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Sustainability section successfully provided clear picture of activities that have occurred over the last year.
2. Project covers a large service area.
3. Increased numbers of children served and increased numbers of face to face contacts.
4. Informative Continuation Section.
5. Congratulations on reaccreditation!
6. Implementation of an Outcome Measurement System integrated into projects performance indicators.
7. Project's effective use of volunteers in providing direct services and the expansion of the volunteer program to include Family Advocate volunteers.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Project period extended by an additional 3 months. See instructions on project period.
3. Budget: A) Move M.D. services under Contracts and Consultants. Project will need to follow procurement procedures to support the contracted position. Explain how this is not supplanting of funds. B) Ensure budget narrative contains no miscalculations. Submit only budget pages relevant to request. C) Clearly outline job duties for positions requested. Submit job descriptions. D) Move all volunteer hours provided as match to Personnel.
4. Please avoid the use of employee names in narratives.
5. Recommend that Project Summary include brief description for a CAC.
6. Correct population chart as numbers for \*Total Population categories should be the same (75,045).

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 14-VA-212

Applicant: Lincoln Co. Attorney's Office

Amount Requested: \$ 47,294

Title: Lincoln Co. Victim Witness Unit

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$47,294 Match \$11,824 (14 months)	1. Project funded at level requested for 14 months. 2. Submit revised budget based on 14 months.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Very complete and thorough application. Nice job.
2. Project Summary is a concise description of Unit.
3. Director completed the NE Victim Assistance Academy in 2013.
4. Project is to be commended for continuing to serve increased numbers of victims and to provide increased numbers of services such as follow-up and criminal justice support.
5. Good to see that over 80% of victims are finding services helpful.
6. Director activity participates in service community collaboration efforts.
7. Project has successfully integrated volunteers into the provision of direct services to crime victims in a relevant and meaningful manner. Congratulations!
8. Nice job of offering victim stories as part of project's accomplishments.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Please Note:  
A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.  
B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website. (Requesting that applicant provide brief overview at training session of project's current efforts in the area of outcomes and measures).

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** City of South Sioux City

**Grant #:** 14-VA-213

**Title:** Dakota Co. Victim Assistance Program

**Amount Requested:** \$ 53,041

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$53,041 Match \$13,260	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at requested level.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget addressing #3 and #4 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Overall, well written proposal.
2. Concise and informative Project Summary. Nice job.
3. Applicant provided a very clear and detailed description of the changes occurring to move the Director position from an independent contractor to an LEC employee.
4. Director completed the NE Victim Assistance Academy in 2013.
5. Good explanations provided for the growth rate seen in the area's Hispanic population and for the data provided. Good to see increase in volunteer hours.
6. Nice job comparing UCR crime data to the department's data.
7. Increase in the numbers of victims serviced.
8. New outreach efforts involving development of a Facebook page and open dialogue with Somalian and Ethiopian community members.
9. Different types of entities that provided letters of support including those from Kansas and Iowa.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Restate the problem statement since it currently reads that the victim is the problem.
3. Clarify whether funds to support the bilingual advocate are for a position or interpreters.
4. Funds can pay for a portion (\$400) of the cell phone stipend and the landline (\$360) or 100% of the cell phone stipend (\$600). Please adjust budget.
5. Clarify that presentations to the local area and promotion of awareness activities are for the purpose of identifying victims of crime and to inform them of services available.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** City of Beatrice

**Grant #:** 14-VA-214

**Title:** Gage Co. Victim Assistance Program

**Amount Requested:** \$ 62,136

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$49,219 Match \$12,305 (13 months)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget providing an explanation for #2 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Well stated Project Summary.
2. Project has a history of being successfully awarded federal competitive funds to promote National Crime Victims' Rights Week.
3. Unit is operating under the leadership of an effective Director.
4. Increased numbers of victims served and services provided.
5. Implementation of a consumer satisfaction survey to determine unit's effectiveness.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Explain how the benefits are currently paid considering VOCA funds support the salary and the supplemental funding chart indicates \$9,000 provided from County & City, but the benefits for the position are well over \$20,000 annually.
3. Please explain if the victims served are unduplicated over 12 months or quarterly. Project will want to start tracking an unduplicated count of victims provided face to face contacts.
4. Since applicant is requesting a substantial increase (65%) in funding and has also shown that performance indicators are either on target or will exceed expectations why then are the goals and objectives only to maintain.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 14-VA-215

Applicant: Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit

Amount Requested: \$ 127,382

Title: Sarpy County Victim Assistance

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$159,228 Match \$39,807 (15 months)	1. Project funded at level requested for 15 months. 2. Submit revised budget narrative based on 15 months and identify all sources of match.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Comprehensive yet concise Project Summary.
2. Complete budget request including detailed narratives.
3. Informative application with great follow-up from last year's comments.
4. Unit is serving a diverse area also with the state's fastest growing population.
5. Project has done an impressive job with moving forward on the court facility dog to be utilizing as a best practice in responding to the needs of crime victims.
6. Good explanation provide for the difference in how juvenile cases are handled.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:  
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B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Project period extended by an additional 3 months. See instructions on project period.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 13-VA-238/14-VA-216

Applicant: Douglas County Attorney

Title: Omaha-Douglas Co. Victim Assistance

Amount Requested: \$ 456,762

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$367,578.44 Match - 2013 \$85,842 2014 \$6,023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budgets (2013 &amp; 2014) detailing how supplanting of funds is not occurring. Budget to include request for existing positions, \$15,000 for Project Harmony, \$24,210 for rent and 6 computers with software.</li> <li>3. Split grant with \$343,367.44 in 2013 Federal funds and \$24,211 in 2014 Federal fund.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Well stated Project Summary.
2. Detailed budget with narratives that clearly explain project.
3. Strong volunteer component.
4. Applicant provides a long-term sustainability plan that uses numerous approaches for ensuring continuation of services and presents a realistic contingency plan.
5. Nice job of addressing comments from last year. Thank you.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Project will need to follow procurement process for contract with Project Harmony.
3. Revised budget must detail how supplanting of funds is not occurring for rent expenses.
4. Project's Goals and Objectives to develop a survey and conduct 8 presentations are inadequate for a request totaling \$456,000.
5. Request for two (2) new positions is not justified.
6. Per instructions, please do not submit Letters of Support from Crime Commission members however, Letters of Commitment are acceptable.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Parent-Child Center

Grant #: 14-VA-217

Title: Continuation of Direct Services

Amount Requested: \$ 75,033

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$75,033 Match \$18,758 (14 months)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested with a project period of 8/1/14 – 9/30/15 for a total of 14 months.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget with only allowable items.</li> <li>3. Submit name and contact information for either a newly assigned Project Coordinator or Director.</li> </ol>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Provided detailed budget with sound rationale for prorated amounts.
2. Agency receives funds from various sources.
3. Project has a strong volunteer component including numerous recognition activities.
4. Good Board description outlining responsibilities and training.
5. Community description addresses cultural differences.
6. Data indicates that face to face contacts with victims are far more frequent than telephone contacts.
7. Good to see the agency's partnership with the NDVSAC to help respond to the statewide Spanish crisis line.
8. Letters of Support speak to the professionalism and high quality of project's staff.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Explain the \$150 per month employee benefits. Please review instructions as support for any type of Cafeteria plan is unallowable with VOCA funds. Contact Federal Aid Administrator with questions.
3. Reimbursement on cell phones will need to be documented adequately to be audited or monitored.
4. Project Director and Coordinator need to be two different individuals.
5. Please add to Project Summary the type of agency.
6. Applicant should consider incorporating parts of the volunteer program into the project's contingency plan.
7. Advocate hourly rates seem low.
8. Is it correct that 707 community/public awareness presentations/activities were conducted?
9. Provide explanations for fluctuations in data. For example, what might account for the decreases seen in the numbers of minorities served and also the calls to the Spanish crisis line?

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Lincoln/Lancaster Co. Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

Grant #: 14-VA-218

Title: Child Advocacy Center

Amount Requested: \$ 46,582

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$46,582 Match \$11,646	1. Project funded at level requested.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Excellent proposal with valid justification provided for increased funding request.
2. Budget is detailed and narratives provide thorough explanations of expenses. Moderate increase for part-time Advocate position.
3. Agency has expanded and improved outreach services with the addition of two new satellite offices.
4. Applicant provided a good case for increased coverage needed in satellite offices.
5. All sections of application are concise yet provide a wealth of information.
6. Project offers outcome measures to determine effectiveness of services and positive impact to the healing of victims.
7. Provided useful cost-benefits analysis based on last year's funding level.
8. Great use of volunteers.
9. Project is using best practices and evidence based approaches and models to problem solve effective responses and solutions to crimes against children.
10. Well written and measureable performance indicators/objectives.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website. (Requesting that applicant provide brief overview at training session of project's outcomes and measures).
2. Per instructions, do not submit Letters of Support from Crime Commission members however, Letters of Commitment are acceptable.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Dawson County Attorney

**Grant #:** 14-VA-219

**Title:** Dawson Co. Victim Witness Assistance Unit

**Amount Requested:** \$ 37,520

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$40,647 Match \$10,162 (13 months)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested for 13 months.</li> <li>2. Submit revised corrected budget based on 13 months.</li> <li>3. Submit responses to #5 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Project Summary provides a nice snapshot of program and services provided. Nice job.
2. County's ongoing commitment to the project.
3. No concerns regarding supplanting of funds.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Well written grant however, application is basically the proposal submitted last year with minimal attention given to feedback provided.
3. Project period extended by an additional month. See instructions on project period.
4. Ensure the totals on Personnel budget sheet are correct.
5. Solution must detail activities conducted from arrest to disposition.
6. Provide explanation for steady decreases over last 4 years in the numbers of victims provide face to face and telephone contacts.
7. Sustainability section refers to presentations provided to many different groups and the Activity/Timeline shows this as an ongoing activity however, data provided indicates only one (1) outreach presentation conducted.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-220

Applicant: City of Grand Island

Amount Requested: \$ 57,471

Title: Grand Island/Hall Co. Victim Assistance Program

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$57,471 Match \$14,368	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget narrative clarifying Fringe Benefits.</li> <li>3. Submit Contingency Plan.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Excellent Project Summary.
2. Budget is complete and provides necessary details.
3. Project is serving increased numbers of victims and significant numbers of underserved populations.
4. Applicant's volunteers are highly involved in provision of direct services and include a retired prosecutor and law enforcement officer.
5. Unit has an integral role in the Hall County criminal justice system.
6. Unit provides bilingual advocacy to Spanish speaking individuals.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Sustainability section is missing Contingency Plan.
3. Please clarify if the Fringe Benefits are employer offered.
4. Include on Supplemental Funding Chart any City or County funds supporting the project.
5. Project will want to start tracking an unduplicated count of victims provided face to face contacts.
6. Share the types of agencies or groups that are provided presentations.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 14-VA-221

Applicant: Project Response, Inc.

Amount Requested: \$ 53,958

Title: Project Response, Inc.

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$53,958 Match 13,490	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget addressing items under #2 in Areas for Improvement.</li> <li>3. Submit response to question 16 on page 2.</li> <li>4. Submit Board of Directors membership list.</li> <li>5. Submit response to #5 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Well stated Project Summary.
2. Sustainability effort to use the AGO's fund as seed money to get the second Neighborhood Closet open is a nice investment. Appreciate project's positive attitude towards contingency planning.
3. It was useful that the problem statement provided possible reasons for fluctuations in issues. Unfortunate that the issues surrounding sexual assault exams have not been resolved.
4. Good to see involvement with LGBT community members.
5. Good discussion on accomplishments and milestones.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Ensure budget sheets and budget narratives match. Revise personnel budget narratives as they are difficult to understand. Clarify whether the Program Director is full or part-time, and if the .10 in Benefits/Insurance is for employer paid insurance as support for any type of cafeteria plan is unallowable with VOCA funds. Submit only budget pages relevant to request. Justify mileage request with actual miles logged.
3. Sustainability section is missing description of agency infrastructure and board (noted on last year's comments).
4. Community description is good however; it lacks cultural aspects of the area.
5. Outline in operations client confidentiality procedures; types of assistance provided with VINE and victims compensation resources; how language barrier are addressed; and provide information on screening and training volunteers.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Center for Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Survivors

**Grant #:** 14-VA-222

**Title:** Victim Services & Outreach Project

**Amount Requested:** \$ 75,582

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$75,582 Match \$18,896	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at level requested.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget with a signed Budget Summary and addressing #3 and #4 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Overall, well prepared budget and budget narratives.
2. Informative Sustainability section outlining numerous assets of the organization.
3. Project's success with volunteers and community involvement.
4. Efforts to develop services specific to the needs human trafficking victims.
5. Applicant articulated key points substantiated by agency data to justify continuation funding. Nice job.
6. Applicant is to be commended for achieving strong community support and the numerous accomplishments and milestones over the last year. Very interesting that a significant number of males who were dating survivors were provided outreach information.
7. Applicant's use of consumer satisfaction surveys that indicate services are having a positive impact on the lives of victims.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Signed Budget Summary is missing.
3. Submit only budget pages relevant to request.
4. Project is advised against having a position that conducts 100% outreach entirely funded under VOCA unless a written assurance can be provided that these funds are not being used to raise awareness among the general public regarding issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.
5. Narratives discuss victims of human trafficking; dating violence and stalking therefore, these types of victims served should also be listed on page 2, #16.
6. Unclear what role volunteers have in the problem statement.
7. Explain statistical variances.
8. For reviewers, the PDF copy submitted must be a copy of the original signed grant proposal.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-223

**Applicant:** City of Kearney

**Amount Requested:** \$ 46,951

**Title:** Crime Victim Assistance

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$44,811 Match \$11,203	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget addressing #2 under Areas for Improvement.</li> <li>3. Submit Volunteer Job Description</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Project Summary contains all key elements of services and is well written. Nice job.
2. Involvement of Fiscal Officer in project's ongoing activities.
3. No concerns with supplanting of funds.
4. Good collaboration with the Kearney Police Department.
5. Problem statement is a good indicator of the innate issues of our criminal justice system.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. All sources of match must be identified and Fringe Benefits must indicate percentages or amounts of employer's share. Fringe Benefits must be employer's share only.
3. Update application. For example, the past several proposals referred to the Director attending an annual VOCA conference. What is the annual VOCA conference? Portions of narrative talk about advocates as if the unit has more than one employee.
4. Project will want to start tracking an unduplicated count of victims provided face to face contacts.
5. Include match for project on Supplemental Funding Chart.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 14-VA-224

Applicant: Bright Horizons

Amount Requested: \$ 66,255

Title: Domestic & Sexual Violence Assistance Program

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$82,264 Match \$20,566 (12 months expansion, 10 months existing)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a level to include supplemental request of \$27,051 to expand services into Rock, Keya Paha and Brown Counties. Existing funding will be for 10 months at requested level or \$55,213 beginning 12/1/14.</li> <li>2. Project period will be 10/1/14 – 9/30/15.</li> <li>3. Submit revised combined budget and address #2 and #3 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Well written sustainability section. Very informative and complete. Good description of agency's assets including infrastructure, board, strategic planning, and fund raising activities.
2. Serving significant numbers of victims from underserved populations.
3. Applicant provided narrative to explain data issues and reasons for fluctuations. Thank you.
4. Program development efforts in response to a decrease in crisis line volunteers.
5. Ensure team is current on issues by providing training on trauma informed care and the GLBTQ community.
6. Community support from a wide variety of entities including Tyson Fresh Meats.
7. Good letters of support.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
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  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Project period end date adjusted to 9/30/15. Please refer to instructions.
3. Explain how request for increased funds is not supplanting as there doesn't seem to be any lost or reduction of funding.
4. Justify mileage request by indicating the number of actual miles logged last year.
5. More information need on the efforts to reach out to the minority community.
6. Revise Project Summary to accurately reflect entire project and not just the volunteer component.
7. On the volunteer job description it indicates under general responsibilities to provide advocacy services and emergency shelter. Please clarify whether volunteers are providing or assisting survivors in accessing shelter.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-225

**Applicant:** Women's Center for Advancement

**Amount Requested:** \$ 190,969

**Title:** WCA DV & SA Victim Services Project

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$187,969 Match \$46,992	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project. Refer to #2 under Areas of Improvement for further explanation.</li> <li>2. Submit Budget Summary and application's Certified Assurances signed by Authorized Official.</li> <li>3. Submit the Authorized Official's name and contact information.</li> <li>4. Submit revised budget and address #2 - # 5 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Overall, well written and developed proposal. Applicant successfully justifies project through identification and prevalence of relevant issues and concerns.
2. Applicant provides rationale for agency's focus on specific underserved populations.
3. Program development efforts and implementation of best practices that promote long-term economic security and address current research and movement in the field of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.
4. Participation in the new service model and detailed description of services provided.
5. Organization's investment in effective and cost efficient services and approaches.
6. Project offers reasonable solutions to the problems.
7. Evidence provided of the useful data the agency is tracking and analyzing. Explanation provided for fluctuation of statistic.
8. Please share the self-sufficiency assessment tool.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Budget miscalculated including amount and percentages on fringe benefits.
3. Request for audit should include why the agency is required to conduct an A-133 audit and the audit expense must be prorated according to percentage of overall budget funded with VOCA.
4. Avoid the use of the "Other" category. Please place request under Travel.
5. Applicant provides assurance that request is not supplanting however; there is no indication whether positions are new or existing or how they are currently funded.
6. A non-profit President and CEO cannot be the authorized official for any Crime Commission grant.
7. Per instructions, do not submit Letters of Support from Crime Commission members however, Letters of Commitment are acceptable.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 14-VA-226

Applicant: Hope Crisis Center

Amount Requested: \$ 131,911

Title: Victim Assistance

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$131,911 Match \$32,978	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested with a start date of 9/1/14.</li> <li>2. Submit responses to #2 and #3 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Good to see advancements made towards achieving sustainability including program expansion and financial investment from counties served.
2. Project offers a feasible contingency plan.
3. Community description outlining the need for travel. Very useful.
4. Appreciate new information in project operations directed at compensation benefits and registering for VINE.
5. Detailed description of volunteer activities and specifics related to current volunteers.
6. Strong community support.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Explain the budget impact on this request of the vacant Victim Assistant Supervisor.
3. Indicate for salary increases the percent and dollar amount of the increase from last year amount and detail amounts for each item such as cost of living, merit or salary adjustment.
4. Rethink how surveys are conducted. Other projects are conducting surveys during follow-up contacts (both in person and on the phone) and during or at the end of shelter stays. How does this happen for project's FVPSA funds?

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Santee Sioux Nation of Nebraska

**Grant #:** 14-VA-227

**Title:** None

**Amount Requested:** \$ 54,973

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$54,973 (\$2,618)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at requested level.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget with responses to #2 and #3.</li> <li>3. Submit Client Confidentiality and Safety Planning policies or procedures and a revised Activities/Timetable specific to VOCA activities.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Budget calculates correctly and narratives detail expenses.
2. Sustainability section describes key aspects of the organization. Excellent activities are outlined for long-term sustainability efforts and an assurance is provided in the contingency plan that crime victims will continue to receive services.
3. Project targets American Indian population and provides culturally specific services.
4. Problem statement provided a helpful historical perspective and the data included useful explanations.
5. Applicant did a nice job addressing victims' rights in the project operations.
6. Application is complete and provides evidence of community support.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. All sources of match must be identified, and meals for day travel are not allowed unless the employee leaves before 6:30 a.m. and returns after 7 p.m. and then the reimbursement is at \$7 for breakfast and \$23 for supper.
3. Client assistance request should go under Operating Expenses and the computer under Supplies.
4. Ensure that application is 100% VOCA focused. VAWA activities are listed on the Timetable and the Tables on pages 18 and 19 are also VAWA.
5. Provide additional crime statistics in the problem statement.
6. Describe procedures for client confidentiality, safety planning, VINE registration and clearly indicate that all services are provided free of charge to victims.
7. Ensure Victim/Witness Advocate's job responsibilities are all related to providing direct services to victims (primary or secondary) and that no tasks are associated to witness management or prosecuting offenders as these activities are not allowable under VOCA funds.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Grant #: 14-VA-228**

**Applicant:** Voices of Hope Lincoln, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$ 89,363

**Title:** Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Advocacy Project

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$89,363 Match \$22,341	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested.</li> <li>2. Submit name and contact information for either a newly assigned Project Coordinator or Director.</li> <li>3. Submit revised budget pages that address #4 and #5 under Areas of Improvement.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Project Summary identifying 3 areas of increased demand for services.
2. Applicant's involvement in the community's provision of culturally specific services.
3. Services provided by a team of highly trained professionals and volunteers including several LMHPs and social workers.
4. Well established organization that has been in operation for almost 40 years. Good fund raising efforts.
5. Applicant offered well written and informative sections that outlined trends in services provided and the issues and concerns requiring a solution.
6. Good connection to the LPD chaplains.
7. Applicant's success providing services using group methods.
8. Implementation of the Safe and Together Model and participation on the Threat Advisory Team.
9. Strong community support.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Director and Coordinator need to be two different people.
3. Please note on page 7 the total Fringe Benefits should be \$11,955, travel request for local travel contains error and request for audit should explain why the agency is required to conduct an A-133.
4. Supplanting of funds is questionable because request is for increased support for existing positions. Request does not indicate full-time or part-time status or how many hours are being increased.
5. Per instructions, do not submit Letters of Support from Crime Commission members however, Letters of Commitment are acceptable.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Grant #: 14-VA-229**

**Applicant:** Friendship Home of Lincoln, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$ 95,897

**Title:** Domestic Violence Shelter

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$79,472 Match \$19,868	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>2. Submit revised budget and address any budget issues identified under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Well stated Project Summary; concise and complete.
2. Fund raising efforts, multiple supporters, endowment fund and strategies for long-term stability.
3. Project utilizes a 24-7 staffing model for providing shelter and has been successful integrating the Hestia Project as a means to meet staff needs in a cost effective manner. Amount of FTEs is very impressive.
4. Good to see the inclusion of long-term sustainability strategies in with the contingency plan.
5. Project is to be commended on the major accomplishments of expanding transitional housing, implementing the Success Markers and training provided at an international conference on the organization's Strengths-Based Case Management Model. Nice work!

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. New positions are unclear whether they are new to the agency or new to VOCA funding. Narrative reads as if they are existing positions however, applicant does not address how supplanting of funds is not occurring.
3. Provide justification for request to go from 6 to 7 phone lines funded.
4. Community description seems too brief.
5. Clarify whether the long-term sustainability activities occurred last year or are planned for next year.
6. Include the Success Markers.
7. Provide justification for why the increased request did not have an impact on projects outcomes.
8. Per instructions, do not submit Letters of Support from Crime Commission members however, Letters of Commitment are acceptable.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 14-VA-230

Applicant: Platte County

Amount Requested: \$ 45,500

Title: Victims Assistance Unit for Platte & Colfa

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$45,500 Match \$11,375	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project funded at level requested.</li> <li>2. Submit signed and <u>dated</u> application assurances.</li> <li>3. Submit written assurance that Advocate position is assigned the correct employment status according to Federal Fair Labor Standards.</li> <li>4. Submit response to #4 and #5 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Contingency plan outlines specific resources it will seek out should funding not be received.
2. Community served is rural and has a substantially large population of individuals who are Hispanic.
3. Applicant provides an insightful description of the issues inherent to victims regarding the criminal justice system.
4. Experienced provider of victim/witness services as is evidenced by the Operations section. Applicant does a nice job of outlining the top five (5) priorities to be addressed.
5. Good to see program development coming out of results from surveys.
6. Project is to be commended for implementing program evaluation through a structured survey system. Excellent information gathered thus far and reported in the Continuation section.
7. The request from local law enforcement to train officers on domestic violence speaks to the quality of the Unit's work and efforts. Nice job.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) Applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website. (Requesting that applicant provide brief overview at training session of project's outcomes and measures).
2. An exempt employment status must meet not only a pay threshold but also a level of job duties and decision making. Based on the duties of the Advocate position it clearly does not meet the test for an exempt employee. Contact Federal Aid Administrator.
3. For each position applicant must indicate whether it is full or part-time and the number of hours or FTEs.
4. Please indicate outcome of the United Way application process.
5. Include match on Supplemental Funding Chart.
6. Please account for fluctuations in data (i.e., homicide survivors, DWIs, burglary).
7. Outline project's procedures for safety planning with victims.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 14-VA-231

**Applicant:** The S.A.F.E Center

**Amount Requested:** \$ 98,005

**Title:** Advocates for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award:
\$84,904 Match \$21,226	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project is funded at a reduced amount based on OI #10.007.02F - Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li> <li>2. Submit revised corrected budget with Contracts/Consultants at \$22,000.</li> </ol>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Project serves a 16 county area and operating from a strong partnership.
2. Well stated Project Summary.
3. Project provides a comprehensive array of services including therapy and treatment groups.
4. Good to see that the partnering agencies are looking at ways to improve data collection and activities on timetable include ongoing evaluation of services.
5. Explanation included regarding the amount of staff time spent face to face with victims. Very helpful.
6. Good to see that group attendance has increased.
7. Project assists victims with registering for VINE and applying for compensation benefits.
8. Applicant provided a detailed description of the volunteer programming offered.
9. Letters are included from all counties served and demonstrate strong community support.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Please Note:
  - A) Future VOCA funding will be contingent upon many factors including applicant's ability to demonstrate and accurately reflect within the application new initiatives, cost effectiveness and data driven progress.
  - B) To effectively measure project, applicant is required to participate in the development and implementation of statewide VOCA Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators. Training session(s) will be announced. In preparation, application must view the recorded webinar, Outcomes & Performance Measures posted on the Crime Commission website.
2. Consultants/Contracts: A) The 63% increased request is not justified. B) Phone costs indicate they are prorated but request appears to be for 100% of costs.
3. Ensure that budget calculates correctly and numbers are in the correct columns.
4. Provide details for sustainability discussion. For example, the endowment fund, activities for the coming year and the plan to strengthen policies and procedures.
5. Recommend narrative for Supplemental Funding Chart indicating how some of the funds support other entities and SAFE Center's role as a lead agency.
6. Discuss how the applicant has achieved culturally competency and explain what the agency has done to improve outreach to minorities.
7. Indicate the frequency that advocates go to the hospitals to assist sexual assault victims.

# **Attachment #2**

## Program Narrative-2014 Application

### Proposed Byrne/JAG Program Activities to Be Funded

#### Introduction

The Governor's Crime Control Commission was created in 1967 by Executive Order. The name was later changed to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission) with legislation enacted in 1969 to establish the Crime Commission as an agency of state government. The Crime Commission was established to develop comprehensive plans and coordinate activities related to the improvement of criminal justice administration among state and local agencies. Since its inception, additional statutory responsibilities have been assigned to the Crime Commission, which now serves as an umbrella agency for many criminal and justice programs.

The FY 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) --offers federal resources to enhance Nebraska's criminal justice system. The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission) serves as the designated State Administating Agency (SAA) for the Nebraska JAG program, and acts as the governing body in relation to FY 2014 JAG funds. The Nebraska Crime Commission is applying for JAG funds in order for grant funding to be awarded to units of state and local government and private providers of criminal justice services.

#### Data

Nebraska is primarily an agricultural state with the largest portion of its population residing in the metropolitan areas located in the eastern part of the state. Nebraska consists of 77,355 square miles, 93 counties varying in size from 247 square miles to 6,009 square miles and has a population of 1.7 million. Many of the 93 counties are sparsely populated, but large geographically. Agriculture and ranching are the primary industries, but in recent years there has been a significant increase in various types of industries located across the state, such as meat packing plants. There has also been a significant increase from 1990 to current in minority populations residing in the state as shown below. Nebraska continues to become more diverse. The overall population was 1,826,341 in 2010. Of that number, minorities represented 17.9% of the total population. Hispanics were the largest minority group at 9.2% of the state population, and African Americans were the second largest minority group at 4% followed by Asians, American Indians/Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders. Hispanics also accounted for 51% of the total minority population (326,588), while African Americans, Asians, and American Indians, Alaska Natives accounted for 25%, 105, and 5.6%.

Information derived from the Crime in Nebraska 2012 report, released on July 25, 2013 indicates that the number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies increased 1% in 2012 compared to 2011.

There were 53,911 crimes reported during January through December of 2012, compared to 53,317 reported during the same period of 2011, an increase of 594 crimes. These numbers include only the crimes of Murder-Manslaughter, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault,

Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson which serve as the *Crime Index* used to measure crime statewide. Violent crimes (Murder-Manslaughter, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault) increased four percent. There were 4,587 violent crimes reported in 2012 compared to 4,420 reported in 2011, an increase of 167 crimes. Property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) increased one percent. There were 49,324 property crimes reported in 2012 compared to 48,899 reported in 2011, an increase of 425 crimes. Crime increased 3 percent in Omaha and 1 percent in Lincoln. Cities of 5,000 to 99,999 population had a less than 1% decrease; cities under 5,000 population had a less than 1% increase; and county areas reported a less than 1% decrease. Crimes occurring on State property decreased 6 percent from 2011.

Crime Index Offenses	Number of Crime Index Offenses		% Change
	2011	2012	
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>4,420</b>	<b>4,587</b>	<b>+4</b>
<i>Murder-Manslaughter</i>	67	52	-22
<i>Forcible Rape</i>	671	664	-1
<i>Robbery</i>	987	1,120	+14
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	2,695	2,751	+2
<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>48,899</b>	<b>49,324</b>	<b>+1</b>
<i>Burglary</i>	8,201	8,326	+2
<i>Larceny-Theft</i>	36,506	36,716	+1
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	3,977	4,051	+2
<i>Arson</i>	215	231	+7
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,317</b>	<b>53,911</b>	<b>+1</b>

The total number of persons arrested in Nebraska during 2012 decreased from 81,474 in 2011 to 78,637 in 2012, a decrease of 2,837 arrests. The top five categories in terms of the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving under the Influence (10,718 arrests), Drug Abuse Violations (10,518), Liquor Law Violations (8,925), Larceny-Theft (9,642), and Simple Assault (7,903). The total number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) decreased 3%, from 68,488 in 2011 to 66,438 in 2012. Adult arrests accounted for 84% of the total arrests made statewide. The total number of juvenile arrests decreased 6%, from 12,986 in 2011 to 12,199 in 2012.

During 2012, there were a total of 30 incidents reported involving crimes motivated by hate. This is a 23% decrease from the 39 reported in 2011.

**Strategic Planning**

In 2012, Nebraska worked on the 2012-2014 JAG Strategic Plan. The Consortium for Crime and Justice Research School of Criminal Criminology, University of Nebraska at Omaha, facilitated the process. Not all priorities indicated in the plan will be addressed with FY 2014 JAG grant funding. A JAG Advisory committee was formed of criminal justice stakeholders. These JAG Advisory stakeholders included: Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Courts, Law Enforcement, Sheriffs, Crime Victims Services, Department of Corrections, Juvenile Justice

Services, Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation, Prosecutors, Community Corrections, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Nebraska State Patrol, Non-Profit organizations, Public Defense, and the Office of Violence Prevention. \*It should be noted that at the May 2013 Crime Commission Board meeting it was decided to re-vise and make changes to the 2012-2015 JAG Strategic Plan. These changes were documented in the Strategic Plan Addendum.

Several themes emerged during the stakeholder meetings that affect all of the needs:

1. Priorities should lessen the State's dependency on federal funding to maintain programs;
2. Priorities should support systemic changes that improve the overall criminal justice system and set the stage for continued reductions in funding;
3. Improvements in data collection and sharing and program evaluation should support the implementation and sustainment of evidence-based practices;
4. Improved communication and connectivity between the various organizations and services within communities and the criminal justice system to improve efficiency and outcome; and
5. Criminal Justice strategies should not focus solely on law enforcement and prosecution. Professionals throughout the criminal justice system need to be aware of validating and motivating individuals to change their behaviors. If efforts focus solely on crime suppression and neglect, community-based programming and support, the cycle of crime will continue.

Funding priority for FY 2014 may be given to applicants who propose new initiatives grounded in evidence/research based, and data driven philosophy within the priority areas listed in the 3 year State-wide Strategic Plan.

#### **Training Analysis**

As part of the JAG strategic planning process, training needs were identified. There is a great amount of variation in the types of trainings received and the types of trainings desired. Several commonalities appeared, such as cross-training on evidence-based or best practices, as well as cross-training on treatment and services targeting a variety of populations such as ethnic communities. Furthermore, multiple requests were made to have cross-training across law enforcement agencies, such as probation, parole and community corrections, on issue such as client support, intelligence networking, behavioral health and the utilization of technology in information sharing.

**SAA Administrative Funding**- The Nebraska Crime Commission will serve as the State Administrating Agency for the 2014 JAG grant program. Nebraska Crime Commission is requesting 10% of the total 2014 award for administrative costs. JAG administrative funds pay

for salaries, training, travel, equipment, supplies and operating expenses. In the event that remaining administrative funds exist, these remaining funds are awarded to eligible programs.

### **Sub-grantee Award Process and Subgrantees**

Grant applications will be posted on the Nebraska's Crime Commission website for all eligible parties to apply. The application announcement is sent to various agencies and personnel throughout the State of Nebraska, consisting of criminal justice agencies/personnel, community groups, past and current sub-grantees of all our funds, and all other relevant personnel. The grant process allows for competitive requests, and all recommendations are made on the written grant application.

The grant applications will be due to our office by a designated date, and the review process will start. All applications submitted by the deadline will be considered for funding. The first phase of the review process consists of a staff review that is made up of Crime Commission staff and if needed, can also include volunteer grant readers that have expertise in the field. Each grant is critiqued based upon our operating instructions and federal guidelines for the program. Each recommendation is based upon written grant application and past grant management performance by the applicant. Comments and recommendations are recorded on a summary comment sheet and shared with the second level of review, the Grant Review Committee. The Grant Review Committee is made up of appointed individuals who serve on the Nebraska Crime Commission Board. The applicants are reviewed by this committee, and additional comments or recommendations are made then, and captured on the summary comment sheet. The additional comments and recommendations are recorded on the summary comment sheet and shared with the final approval, the Nebraska Crime Commission Board. The applicant will receive notice prior to the final approval phase what amount they were recommended for, or if the grant was denied. Those that are denied can appeal, and instructions are provided to the applicant how to do so. The appeals are handled in writing and provided to the committee for review prior to any final votes of approval on the grants. Once the recommendations are made, final award or denied letters of notification will be sent to all applications. This then allows those approved for funding to follow the process to accept the award.

### **Anticipated Expenditures for the JAG Purpose Areas**

At this time it is unknown what the exact number of applicants requesting funds will be due to the competitive process. As explained in the Program's Narrative, certain priorities are expected in order to fit within the seven JAG purpose areas. Priority may be given to evidence based programs, enhancement of data collection; sharing across state agencies; enhancing community coordinative efforts; and efforts to link all state Law Enforcement data systems.

### **Collection of performance measure data**

Currently, each program is required to submit a report on a quarterly basis on the current data points required by BJA. This will remain to be a requirement, and changes have been made to

the performance measures due to the new Performance Measure Tool. In addition to the Performance Measure Tool, all subgrantees will be required to submit predetermined performance measures and objectives. The Crime Commission has contracted with the University of Nebraska at Omaha to determine the most effective performance measures for all JAG subgrantees. The goal is to improve the quantity of evidence the Crime Commission generates; integrate evidence into programs, practice and policy decisions within Crime Commission grant funding; and improve the translation of evidence into practice. We will continue to keep our reporting current and express the importance of reporting to our subgrantees.

# Attachment #3



Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 13-JA-600

Applicant: Board of Regents of UNO Omaha

Title: Evaluating Evidence-Based Practices in Nebraska Juvenile System Amount Requested: \$ 56,575

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 56,575	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas of improvement</li><li>➤ Please provide Revised Budget</li></ul>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Well written application
- Great Letters of Support
- Detailed project operation
- Detailed description of problem provided
- Detailed budget narrative provided

**Areas for improvement:**

- Please provide job description for student worker under personnel
- Provide breakdown of \$5000 in match under consultants and contracts
- Please provide justification for requested travel amount
- Provide clarification for Project Director Position (8% or 13%) time devoted to project

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 13-JA-601

Applicant: Hall County

Amount Requested: \$ 19,254

Title: HCJS Improvement

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI # 10</li><li>➤ 007.02G: Amount of funds available</li></ul>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good to see creation of Spanish forms
- Detail statistical information provided
- Good to see improved relationship with public school system

**Areas for improvement:**

- Would have liked to see clarification of \$80 participant fee and results of the evidence based assessments
- Would have like to see a breakdown of hours and fee per hour for Diversion Officer.
- Application is not clear if this is a full time position
- Project Period was not provided on application
- Application recommended for denial due to insufficient funds available

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Omaha, Nebraska

Grant #: 13-JA-602

Title: Omaha Fire Dept. Juvenile Firesetter Program

Amount Requested: \$ 22,750

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 21,642	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas of improvement</li><li>➤ Please provide revised budget and revised project</li></ul>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good letters of support provided
- Program is evidence based

**Areas for improvement:**

- Reviewers deemed proposed project to not be cost effective- It seems excessive to pay a consultant to assist with job duties of program manager for a full year
- Data provided does not demonstrate measurable outcomes
- Program was funded by the Fire Department prior to the retirement of Program Director.
- Please provide a revised project for the City of Omaha- Please contact Administrator to discuss options and for further information

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Revive Inc. D/B//A Horizon Recovery & Counseling Ctr Grant #: 13-JA-603

Title: Juvenile Intensive Outpatient Treatment

Amount Requested: \$ 61,126

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 31,763	➤ Revised Budget

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good program
- Detailed statistical information provided
- Great letters of support provided
- Cost Effective as program is utilized by entire State through the YRTC

**Areas for improvement:**

- Personnel page doesn't match budget page- clarification needed
- Provide clarification for rent amount and United Way budget
- Provide breakdown of other expenses and how these items will be documented correctly
- Please provide project period for proposed project

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Lancaster County

Grant #: 13-JA-604

Title: Lancaster County JABG Grant

Amount Requested: \$ 74,400

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 19,254	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas of improvement</li><li>➤ Revised Budget</li></ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good progress in their turnaround time
- Evidence based program
- Good letters of support provided
- Application demonstrates good results

**Areas for improvement:**

- Please provide project period for proposed project
- Full amount not recommended for funding as Lancaster County will receive \$680,000 through Community-Based funds

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center

**Grant #:** 13-JA-605

**Title:** Sarpy County Juvenile Reporting Center

**Amount Requested:** \$ 10,357

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI # 10</li><li>➤ 007.02G: Amount of funds available</li></ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Evidence based program
- Good Letters of support provided
- Good statistical information provided

**Areas for improvement:**

- Next time provide clarification for over-time wages
- In the future, procurement process needs to be provided
- Additional breakdown for consultants and contracts needed to be provided
- No project period for proposed project was provided

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 13-JA-606

Applicant: Douglas County

Amount Requested: \$ 21,643

Title: Omaha/Douglas County JABG Phase 16

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 21,643	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas of improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Ongoing project
- Data driven project
- Good Letters of support provided

**Areas for improvement:**

- Budget page not signed by correct official- Please correct
- Please provide project period for proposed project
- Submit procurement process for case management system
- Clarification is needed on who provides and has access to case management system

# **Attachment #4**

## 2014 Community-Based Enhancement Grants

**Available \$451,582**

Number	County	Title	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended Staff Review	Amount Recommended NCJJ	Amount Recommended NCC
14-EB-0600	Otoe County	Otoe County Juvenile Services Program Enhancement	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
14-EB-0601	Lincoln County	Community Connections Lincoln County	\$ 29,471.00	\$ 29,471.00	\$ 29,471.00	\$ 29,471.00
14-EB-0602	Buffalo County	Buffalo Co. Probation Office Equipment	\$ 7,980.00	\$ 7,980.00	\$ 7,980.00	\$ 7,980.00
14-EB-0603	Hall County	Equipment for Juvenile Diversion/Probation Enhancement	\$ 7,394.00	\$ 7,394.00	\$ 7,394.00	\$ 7,394.00
14-EB-0604	Box Butte County	Enhancement to Addressing Youth Risk	\$ 5,824.88	\$ 5,824.88	\$ 5,824.88	\$ 5,824.88
14-EB-0605	York County	Probation Expansion	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
14-EB-0606	Madison Co. Lead (Madison, Stanton, Antelope, Pierce, Cuming, Burt & Knox Counties)	Juvenile Services	\$ 31,045.00	\$ 31,045.00	\$ 31,045.00	\$ 31,045.00
14-EB-0607	Clay County-Lead (Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, Webster, Fillmore, Phelps, Franklin, Kearney & Harlan)	South Central Partnership	\$ 17,809.00	\$ 17,809.00	\$ 17,809.00	\$ 17,809.00
14-EB-0608	Garfield County-Lead (Garfield, Loup & Wheeler Counties)	Educating our Youth	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 2,195.00
14-EB-0609	Platte County	Platte Valley Diversion Program/Juvenile Services	\$ 12,296.00	\$ 12,296.00	\$ 12,296.00	\$ 12,296.00
14-EB-0610	Custer County-Lead (Blaine, Greeley & Valley)	Diversion	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
14-EB-0611	Seward County	Seward County Aid Enhancement	\$ 7,620.12	\$ 7,620.12	\$ 7,620.12	\$ 7,620.12
14-EB-0612	Lancaster County	Lancaster County Enhancement	\$ 159,346.00	\$ 159,346.00	\$ 159,346.00	\$ 159,346.00
14-EB-0613	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	Winnebago Tribe Juvenile Justice Planning Team-Strategic Planning Consultant	\$ 17,784.00	\$ 17,784.00	\$ 17,784.00	\$ 17,784.00
14-EB-0614	Sherman County	Mental Health Enhancement	\$ 7,510.00	\$ 7,510.00	\$ 7,510.00	\$ 7,510.00
14-EB-0615	Red Willow County (Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock)	The FIVE-COUNTIES Diversion Program	\$ 5,870.00	\$ 5,870.00	\$ 5,870.00	\$ 5,870.00
14-EB-0616	Jefferson County	Jefferson County Juvenile Services Enhancement	\$ 43,264.00	\$ 43,264.00	\$ 43,264.00	\$ 43,264.00
14-EB-0617	Holt County	Holt County Juvenile Services Enhancement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
14-EB-0618	Lancaster County	Lancaster County Training Application	\$ 76,773.00	\$ 76,773.00	\$ 76,773.00	
14-EB-0619	Lincoln County	Community Connections Lincoln County	\$ 11,350.00	\$ -	\$ -	
14-EB-0620	Garfield County-Lead (Garfield, Loup & Wheeler Counties)	Enhancing the education of our youth	\$ 4,164.00	\$ -	\$ -	
14-EB-0621	Merrick County	Merrick County Sheriff's Department	\$ 6,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	
14-EB-0622	Seward County (Butler)	Seward County Community Planning & County Aid	\$ 8,494.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Available		\$ 451,582.00	\$ 451,582.00	\$ 451,582.00	\$ 451,582.00
	Recommend	Total	\$ 482,490.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 374,809.00
	Remaining		\$ (30,908.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,773.00

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Lancaster County

Grant #: 14-EB-618

Title: Lancaster County Training Application

Amount Requested: \$ 76,773

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$76,773	1. Collaborate with Nebraska Crime Commission and Community Planning Subcommittee of the NCJJ to finalize statewide conference logistics.

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Evidence based programming and community planning are statewide needs that will enhance program efficiency.
2. Grant application directly aligns with the priorities for the 2014 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Additional Enhancement Aid Dollars announced on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
3. A community planning statewide conference is essential this year given community plans are due to the Nebraska Crime Commission in January 2015.
4. Overall grant application request is commendable.
5. Statewide inclusion and coordination is appreciated to benefit youth in Nebraska.
6. Excellent collaboration of speakers to present at statewide conference.

***Areas for improvement:***

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Lincoln County

**Grant #:** 14-EB-619

**Title:** Community Connection Lincoln Co. 2014

**Amount Requested:** \$ 11,350

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	<p align="center">Please contact Program Administrator</p> <p align="center"><b>Application denied based on Operation Instruction #10:</b></p> <p><b>007.02C:</b> Completeness, clarity, continuity and consistency of the written application. The written application shall include all sections and information as outlined in the grant application instructions.</p> <p><b>007.02D:</b> Ability and capacity of proposed program to make an impact on the identified problem.</p> <p><b>007.02E:</b> Other resources available to address the problem including an explanation of how the grant applicant's proposal will work with and/or coordinate with existing resources.</p> <p><b>007.02G:</b> Amount of funds available.</p>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Grant application request demonstrates the need for community planning assistance for Lincoln County.
2. The Nebraska Crime Commission appreciates the effort from Lincoln County in enhancing their community partnership and collaboration.
3. Community collaboration and inclusion is imperative in the planning process during decision making in future grant applications.
4. Grant application states that YES! is evidence-based at the outcomes and process levels.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. YES! applies The Model to youth ages 13 – 21. Please ensure that youth ages 12 – 18, target population for Nebraska, will be addressed during YES! training and technical assistance.

2. YES! appears to be an innovative approach to enhancing coordination efforts throughout Lincoln County. The grant application was unclear in highlighting the agencies affected by this training.
3. Grant application is unclear in the outcomes that will be produced. Use of existing resources for support will be helpful in creating the infrastructure needed to enhance community planning process.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Garfield County

**Grant #:** 14-EB-620

**Title:** Enhancing the education of our youth

**Amount Requested:** \$ 4,164

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	<p data-bbox="509 659 1227 695"><b>Application denied based on Operation Instruction #10:</b></p> <p data-bbox="509 730 987 766"><b>007.02A: Eligibility of the applicant.</b></p> <p data-bbox="509 802 1318 905"><b>007.02E: Other resources available to address the problem including an explanation of how the grant applicant's proposal will work with and/or coordinate with existing resources.</b></p> <p data-bbox="509 940 993 976"><b>007.02G: Amount of funds available.</b></p>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Training is imperative to the enhancement of juvenile reform services throughout Nebraska.
2. The request for fiscal improvement is appreciated.
3. Collaboration with the Panhandle Partnership is an efficient request for funding.
4. Excellent effort in siting information and referencing online sources.

***Areas for improvement:***

1. Supporting data for John Underwood was unclear in application. It is imperative that grant reviewers understand the effectiveness of the proposed presentation.
2. Evidence-based or promising practices are encouraged for programs and training.
3. Request is encouraged to assist personnel statewide in training and technical assistance to adhere to the priorities outlined in the request for proposal.
4. Grant application request is not a statewide effort, and aid money was distributed for 14-CB-522 regarding speaker presentation fees.
5. Ongoing implementation of programming and planning is most beneficial to counties.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Merrick County

Grant #: 14-EB-621

Title: Merrick County Sheriff's Department

Amount Requested: \$ 6,900

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	<p data-bbox="505 638 1227 674"><b>Application denied based on Operation Instruction #10:</b></p> <p data-bbox="505 709 1317 810"><b>007.02E: Other resources available to address the problem including an explanation of how the grant applicant's proposal will work with and/or coordinate with existing resources.</b></p> <p data-bbox="505 846 987 882"><b>007.02G: Amount of funds available.</b></p>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. WhyTry is an excellent evidence-based curriculum.
2. Training law enforcement is imperative to enhancing the juvenile justice system.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Please contact Cindy Gans regarding contingencies for 14-CB-505. DARE will not be funded in this grant application and the remaining funds can be used for WhyTry Training.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Seward County

Grant #: 14-EB-622

Title: Seward County Community Planning & County Aid

Amount Requested: \$ 8,494

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	Application denied based on Operation Instruction #10:  007.02A: Eligibility of the applicant.  007.02G: Amount of funds available.

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Request for motivational interview training aligns well with the training and technical assistance priority.
2. Evidence-based practice ensures the credibility of the proposed request.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Request at \$4,500 is for personnel and does not fit the scope of the priorities outlined in the Request for Proposal of the 2014 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Additional Enhancement Aid Dollars announced on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
2. The request for \$2,500 for computer programming does not align with the priorities outlined in the Request for Proposal.
3. A background check for TeamMates does not align with the priorities outlined in the Request for Proposal.
4. Supporting data for TeamMates includes federal statistics; however, local data is relevant to justify the funding request.