**VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA)**

**2020 MULTI-VICTIMIZATION**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**REVISED September 18, 2020:**

Q. Please define the criteria and documentation required by ICJIA to determine that a client is a victim eligible for this service.

A. Thank you, the criteria for determination of a victim of crime is anyone who self presents as victimized by an activity established by state statute as a crime in the State of Illinois. No documentation is necessary to establish victimization.

Q. In Section Agency Capacity and Experience, Question #2: If applicant currently receives VOCA funding, discuss how the proposed program compliments and does not duplicate existing funding. As a current recipient of VOCA funds, would like clarification on this question. Our current VOCA funding ends November 30, 2020 and the new VOCA Multi Victimization funding would begin after that. Please clarify what you mean by “not duplicating existing funding” since there will not be any actual overlap between program years?

A. Since your current program will not overlap with the period of performance for this program you do not need to address duplication of services, you should explain how these funds will be used to replace other funding.

Q. Is there any specific increase in metrics over the first 3 years you are seeking from current VOCA grantees?

A. NO

Q. How many pages can the program narrative be - 30 or 35?

“Program Narratives may not exceed 35 pages” from Victims of Crime Act Multi-Victimization Program Narrative p. 1.

“Program Narratives may not exceed 30 pages” from NOFO page 23.

A. The maximum number of pages for the Program Narrative is 35, including instructions and charts

Q. Can an agency submit more than one application if the applications cover different geographical locations and the applications are listed under different FEINs?

A. YES

Q. Can an agency submit an application in track 1 as the primary and then be listed as a Track 2 secondary partner in a separate application?

A. YES

Q. Can an agency be listed as a track 2 secondary partner on more than one application?

A. YES, but narrative will need to define positions and activities distinguished between the different programs.

Q. Regarding the “c. Individual Counseling” section of the required Core Direct Services, must the counseling be provided by a licensed clinician in order to fulfill this requirement?

A. Yes, counseling services must be provided by a licensed clinician.

Q.  We are interested in this opportunity as a member of a community-based collaborative where multiple organizations would contribute to fulfill the Core Direct Services. Can a single award fund more than two agencies, i.e. through subawards, to fulfill parts of the mandatory services? A. No, only ONE Subaward allowed per application.

Q. We want to clarify if the budget threshold of a minimum of $100,000 and the maximum of $1,000,000 is for a one year budget that is then renewable or is that for the entire three-year cycle?

A. The Budget and Budget Narrative must be for a minimum of $100,000 and a maximum of $1,000,000 for one year. Continued funding is dependent on availability of funding and the progress of the program during the first year.

Q. Does the Uniform Application for Grant Assistance require a wet signature or will you accepted documents signed electronically via DocuSign?

A. The Uniform Application for Grant Assistance can have an electronic signature.

Q. Cost-share: Can an application use multiple strategies to achieve the 20% cost share? For instance, can we use in-kind, leverage other funder commitment to the program, and use volunteer time?

A. YES, you can use any allocation of Cash or In Kind match, but you cannot use other Federal funds as Match.

Q. Billing: If funded, are activities billed and reimbursed by ICJIA or is the grant given in payments?

A. Grant payments are made from Quarterly, or Monthly if preferred, Fiscal Reports submitted to ICJIA. Vouchers are for activities taken place in the previous period, or in arrears.

Q. It appears that the Metrics Table is included twice in the Program Narrative form. Is there a difference between these two that I am missing?

A. They are duplicated Objectives and Performance Measures. Only fill in once, on the top of the chart.

Q. The Multi-Victimization Program Narrative requires applicants to choose one additional direct service in section “f.”(see below) Our agency does not provide clinical care; we refer these clients to other professional agencies. But we do provide emotional support, grief group support, and peer support groups. Will providing these services fulfill this requirement?

f)     Check the additional direct service(s) proposed for adult victims. Applicants must select at least one.

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| ☐Therapy/Mental Health |
| ☐Substance Use Disorder Counseling Group Support |

1. Question f in the Program Narrative is not correct.

As per the NOFO under Program Design on page 10:

**Additional Services to Consider for Program Design (OPTIONAL):**

Additional direct services agencies may consider offering include:

* 1. Therapy\*. Refers to intensive professional psychological/psychiatric treatment, including evaluation of mental health needs, through evidence-informed, developmentally-appropriate individual, family or group therapy that addresses the impact of the victimization. Therapy should be trauma focused where available and provided by licensed professionals.
  2. Substance Use Disorder Counseling\*:Refers to out-patient treatment for alcohol and drug use disorder directly related to the victimization. Treatment must be provided at a licensed treatment facility and/or by a licensed or certified professional.
  3. Group Support: Refers to the coordination and provision of support group activities including self-help, peer, and social support. The group activities can also include skill building development to address physical, psychological and interpersonal impacts of victimization. These services must be provided by the applicant agency.

These services are OPTIONAL. Sorry for the confusion.

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