**VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA)**

**2019 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

November 1, 2019:

Q. We have had a VOCA Transitional Housing grant in FY18 which was expanded for 6 additional months and will be finished February 29 of 2020. Are we eligible to apply for this grant as a continuation of our current grant?

A. Yes.

Q. If our program had some beds dedicated for victims of crime (dedicated DV beds), could we do that? We would have units that are not funded by this grant and units that are in the same program.

A. Yes, but this program is for housing units, not shelter beds. Programs that provide housing units to both victim populations, as well as non-victim populations can apply. The services for victims must be developed as well, as listed on page 8 of the NOFO. And services would need to be prorated for those VOCA funded clients.

Q. How is eligibility determined for victims of crime?  What are the parameters for the crime they were a victim of?  And would we be responsible for providing documentation of the victimization or is this just determined by the participant's self report?

A. For the purpose of this NOFO the victim “eligibility” is explained on page 2 of the NOFO. The victim must be of a crime recognized by statute, but cannot be a victim of a property crime.

Although no documentation related to the victimization is required, such as a police report, a victim assessment should be explained in the Program Narrative, and include how services are determined that alleviate the victimization.

Q. The ICJIA VOCA FFY18 grant application identifies the Elderly population as an underserved community. Could you tell me, what age timeline does ICJIA consider as Elderly i.e. 50 and over? 60+? 65+?

A. We use the Illinois Department on Aging category of 60+.

Q. I noticed in the NOFO for the transitional housing opportunity that federal funds cannot be used as match. I just want to verify that this applies to all federal funds, not just other VOCA funds. For example, could it be matched with federal VAWA funds awarded for transitional housing?

A. No federal funds of any kind may be used as required match for any federal grant.