

**CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE**  
**Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPS) Act Fund and**  
**Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund**

The applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance-FVPS-VOCA (Cal OES 2-104m), which includes details regarding Federal Grant Funds, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board, Civil Right Compliance, and the special conditions for Subaward with the above mentioned funds. The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the Grant Subaward. In signing the Grant Subaward Face Sheet, the applicant formally notifies Cal OES that the applicant will comply with all pertinent requirements.

Resolutions are no longer required as submission documents. Cal OES has incorporated the resolution into the Certification of Assurance of Compliance, Section VII, entitled, "Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board." The Applicant is required to obtain written authorization (original signature) from the City Council/Governing board that the official executing the agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so, and will maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand. This requirement does not apply to state agencies

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that  
(official authorized to sign Subaward; same person as Section 14 on Subaward Face Sheet)

SUBRECIPIENT: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

is responsible for reviewing the *Subrecipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Subaward Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by Cal OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

**I. Federal Grant Funds**

Subrecipients expending \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually are required to secure an audit pursuant to OMB Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and are allowed to utilize federal grant funds to budget for the audit costs. See Section 8000 of the Subrecipient Handbook for more detail.

- The above named Subrecipient receives \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.
- The above named Subrecipient does not receive \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.

**II. Equal Employment Opportunity – (*Subrecipient Handbook Section 2151*)**

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **Cal OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (Subrecipient Handbook, Section 2152)**

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

**IV. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (Subrecipient Handbook, Section 2153)**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all Cal OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

**V. Lobbying – (Subrecipient Handbook Section 2154)**

Cal OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

**VI. Debarment and Suspension – (Subrecipient Handbook Section 2155)**

*(This applies to federally funded grants only.)*

Cal OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

**VII. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board**

The above-named organization (Applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain a signed resolution from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of Cal OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Subaward, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant Subrecipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and Cal OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from Cal OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

**VIII. Civil Rights Compliance**

The subrecipient complies will all laws that prohibit excluding, denying or discriminating against any person based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age, sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation in both the delivery of services and employment practices and does not use federal financial assistance to engage in explicitly religious activities.

## **IX. Special Conditions for Grant Subaward with Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPS) Act Funds**

Federal grant funds shall not be used to support inherently religious activities such as religious instruction, worship, or proselytization. Therefore, organizations must take steps to separate, in time or location, their inherently religious activities from the services funded under this program. Regulations pertaining to the prohibition of Federal funds for inherently religious activities can be found on the HHS website at: <http://www.os.dhhs.gov/fbci/waisgate21.pdf>.

Federal grant funds provided under this award may not be used by the Subrecipient to support lobbying activities in influence proposed or pending Federal or State legislation or appropriations. This prohibition is related to the use of Federal grant funds and is not intended to affect an individual's right or that of any organization, to petition Congress or any other level of Government, through the use of other resources. (See 45 CFR Part 93.)

In accordance with Public Law 103-333, the "Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1995," the following provisions are applicable to this Subaward:

Section 507: "Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products – It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in this Act should be American-made."

In accordance with Part C of Public Law 103-227, the "Pro-Children Act of 2001," smoking may not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or regularly used for the provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs wither directly or through State or local governments. Federal programs include grants, cooperative agreements, loans and loan guarantees, and contracts. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions or facilities and used for inpatient drug and alcohol treatment.

### **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Accessibility Policy**

The needs of the LGBTQ program participants are taken into consideration in the program design. Grant Subrecipient considered how its program will be inclusive of and non-stigmatizing toward such participants. Grant Subrecipient or subcontractor understands and agrees to:

- Have in place or will put into place within 12 months of the award policies prohibiting harassment based on race, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity (or expression), religion, and national origin;
- Will enforce these policies;
- Will ensure that all staff will be training during the award period on how to prevent and respond to harassment or bullying in all forms; and
- Have or will have within 12 months of the award, a plan to monitor claims, address them seriously, and document their corrective action(s).

## **X. Special Condition for Grant Subaward with Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds**

- **Computer Network Requirement:** The recipient understands and agrees that (a) No award funds may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, and (b) Nothing in subsection (a) limits the use of funds necessary for any federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

- Prohibit use of funds for ACORN and its subsidiaries: Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of any contract or subaward to either the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries, without the express prior written approval of OJP.
- Text Messaging Policy: Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the Department encourages recipients and subrecipients to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this grant, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.
- Nondiscrimination in programs involving students: The recipient understands and agrees that award funds may not be used to discriminate against or denigrate the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs for which financial assistance is provided from those funds, or of the parents or legal guardians of such students.
- Registration with the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements: The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and OJP). The recipient also agrees to comply with applicable restrictions on subawards to first-tier subrecipients that do not acquire and provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The details of recipient obligations are posted on the Office of Justice Programs web site at <http://www.ojp.gov/funding/sam.htm> (Award condition: Registration with the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here. This special condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).
- VA OCFO Access: The Grantee authorizes Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and/or the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), and its representatives, access to and the right to examine all records, books, paper or documents related to the VOCA grant. The State will further ensure that all VOCA subgrantees will authorize representatives of OVC and OCFO access to and the right to examine all records, books, paper or documents related to the VOCA grant.
- Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct: The recipient must promptly refer to the DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subgrantee, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a false claim for grant funds under the False Claims Act; or 2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving grant funds. This condition also applies to any subrecipients. Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by mail: Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice Investigations Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 4706, Washington, DC 20530; email: [oig.hotline@usdoj.gov](mailto:oig.hotline@usdoj.gov); hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish): 800-869-4499; or hotline fax: 202-616-9881. Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at [www.usdoj.gov/oig](http://www.usdoj.gov/oig).

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for Cal OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Subrecipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the Cal OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Subrecipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Subaward [Section 14 on Grant Subaward Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant Subrecipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Official's Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Official's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Executed: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal DUNS # \_\_\_\_\_

Current Central Contractor Registration Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Executed in the City/County of: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED BY:** *(not applicable to State agencies)*

- City Financial Officer
- City Manager
- Governing Board Chair

- County Financial Officer
- County Manager

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_