

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

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The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Victim Services (VS) Branch, is soliciting applications for the following program:

### **INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (IC) PROGRAM**

Release Date: September 1, 2020

This Request for Application (RFA) provides detailed information and forms necessary to prepare an application for Cal OES grant funds. The terms and conditions of this RFA supersede previous RFAs and conflicting provisions stated in the [Subrecipient Handbook \(SRH\)](#).

### **PROGRAM SYNOPSIS**

#### **Program Description:**

The purpose of the IC Program is to better ensure local law enforcement agencies are adequately equipped to investigate computer crimes that target our youth; provide educational programs aimed at law enforcement officers, teachers, parents, and children; serve as a forensic resource to law enforcement agencies within each service area; pursue the prosecution of cases at the local, state, and federal level; and participate in nationally-coordinated investigative efforts.

#### **Eligibility:**

The only eligible Applicants are the Program Subrecipients funded in the prior fiscal year.

#### **Grant Subaward Performance Period:**

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

#### **Submission Deadline:**

Monday, October 26, 2020



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## PART I – OVERVIEW

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### A. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT NOTICE

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### B. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions concerning this RFA, the application process, or programmatic issues should be submitted to your assigned Program Specialist.

### C. SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND OPTIONS

Applications must be delivered to Cal OES by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 26, 2020. Submission options are:

- Emailed to: [VSapplications@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:VSapplications@caloes.ca.gov), or your assigned Program Specialist
- Postmarked or hand-delivered to the address below:

Cal OES - Victim Services Branch  
3650 Schriever Avenue  
Mather, CA 95655  
Attn: Internet Crimes Against Children (IC) Program  
Law Enforcement & County Victim Services Unit

D. ELIGIBILITY

The only eligible Applicants are the Program Subrecipients funded in the prior fiscal year.

E. GRANT SUBAWARD PERFORMANCE PERIOD

The Grant Subaward performance period is January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

F. FUNDS

There is \$4,750,000 available for the Program for the Grant Subaward performance period.

1. Source of Funds

Detailed information on all VS Branch federal fund sources can be found in the [VS Branch Federal Fund Information Guide](#). Applicants are **strongly encouraged** to review this document to familiarize themselves with the requirements for all fund sources that support this Program.

The Program is supported through the State General Fund. There is no match requirement.

2. Funding Amount

Applicants may apply for up to \$950,000 for the 12-month Grant Subaward performance period.

G. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Program Description

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Cal OES requires IC Task Forces to follow the national IC guidelines/protocols for the investigation of child exploitation crime. Reference [www.ojjdep.gov](http://www.ojjdep.gov)

## 2. Program Components

- a. Conduct proactive and reactive investigations into the computer/technology crimes perpetrated against children and youth.
- b. Serve as a forensic resource to affiliate agencies within the Task Force's geographical service area.
- c. Assist and enhance prosecutorial efforts at the local, state and federal level.
- d. Participate in law enforcement and community outreach activities to provide prevention, education and training.
- e. Formalize law enforcement partnerships through signed Operational Agreements (OAs).
- f. Participate in nationally coordinated investigations.
- g. Assist with arrests for computer/technology crimes perpetuated against children and youth.

### Operational Agreements (OAs)/Second Tier Subawards

Subrecipients must maintain working relationships with law enforcement agencies in their corresponding geographical areas. An OA is a formal agreement, without the exchange of money, between an implementing agency and one or more participating agencies. A Second Tier Subaward is a formal agreement that includes the exchange of money between an implementing agency and a participating agency to further the goals of the project.

## 3. Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports serve as a record for the implementation of the project. Statistics for Progress Reports must be collected on a quarterly basis, even when reporting occurs less frequently.

There are two Cal OES Progress Reports required for the Program. See the chart for report periods and due dates.

Report	Report Period	Due Date
1st Report	January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021	July 31, 2021
Final Report	July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021	January 31, 2022

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## PART II – RFA INSTRUCTIONS

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### A. SUBRECIPIENT HANDBOOK

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the [Subrecipient Handbook \(SRH\)](#). The SRH outlines the terms and conditions that apply to the Cal OES, VS Branch grants and provides helpful information for developing an application, including a Glossary of Terms.

### B. FORMS

The Applicant must use the forms provided on our website. The forms must be printed on plain white 8½" x 11" paper and single sided. **Applicants may not alter the formatting of any forms, including the Project and Budget Narratives. No tables, charts, or changes to the margins are allowed.**

### C. APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Applicants must complete and submit all required components. Specific information for each component is included next. The Checklist in Part III is included to ensure Applicants submit all required components.

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#### 1. Grant Subaward Face Sheet (Cal OES 2-101)

The Grant Subaward Face Sheet is the title page of the Grant Subaward that is signed by the Subrecipient and the Cal OES Director (or designee). Instructions are included on the form.

2. Project Contact Information (Cal OES 2-102)

The Project Contact Information form provides Cal OES with all relevant Subrecipient personnel. Information for each individual should be direct contact information. Instructions are included on the form.

3. Signature Authorization (Cal OES 2-103)

The Signature Authorization form provides Cal OES with signatures of authorized signers and who they authorize to sign on their behalf for all grant-related matters. Instructions are included on the form.

4. Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Cal OES 2-104)

Cal OES is required by law to obtain written certifications of compliance. The Certification of Assurance of Compliance form is a binding affirmation that the Subrecipient will comply with the following regulations and restrictions:

- State and federal civil rights laws
- Drug Free Workplace
- California Environmental Quality Act
- Federal grant fund requirements
- Lobbying restrictions
- Debarment and Suspension requirements
- Proof of Authority documentation from the city council/governing board

Subrecipients may be asked to sign and submit an updated Certification of Assurance of Compliance once in Grant Subaward agreement. Each year, Cal OES updates each Certificate of Assurance of Compliance to ensure that any new conditions placed upon the federal award are passed down to Subrecipients. Subrecipients will be notified if this change is needed.

5. Budget Pages (Cal OES 2-106a)

The Budget demonstrates how the Applicant will implement the proposed plan with the funds available through this Program. The budget is the basis for management, fiscal review, and audit. **Budgets are subject to Cal OES modifications and approval.** Failure of the Applicant to include required budget items does not eliminate

responsibility to comply with those requirements during the implementation of the project.

The Budget Pages automatically calculate the subtotal at the end of each budget category and provide the total of the three spreadsheets at the bottom of the Equipment page. Applicants may add additional columns to the Budget Pages when necessary.

Cal OES requires the Applicant to develop a line-item budget that includes a **calculation and justification in the left column for all expenses.**

The Budget Pages should:

- Cover the entire Grant Subaward performance period
- Include costs related to the objectives and activities of the project
- Strictly adhere to required and prohibited expenses
- Include expenses in the correct category (i.e., Personal Services, Operating Expenses, and Equipment – see below)

Include **only** those items covered by grant funds, including match funds, when applicable. Applicants may supplement grant funds with funds from other sources. However, since approved line items are subject to audit, Applicants should not include in the Project Budget matching funds (if applicable) in excess of the required match.

a. Personal Services – Salaries/Employee Benefits

1) Salaries

Personal services include services performed by project staff **directly employed by the Applicant** (not a contract or participating agency) and must be identified by position, cost and time spent on allowable activities for the Program (e.g., Clerical Staff @ \$20/hour x 980 hours; or Victim Advocate @ \$3,500/month x 12 months x .50 FTE). They may be salaried or hourly, full-time or part-time positions. Sick leave, vacation, holidays, overtime, and shift differentials must also be budgeted as a part of salaries. If the Applicant's personnel have accrued sick leave or vacation time prior to the approval of grant funding, they may not take time off using project funds.

2) Benefits

Employee benefits must be identified by type and percentage of salaries. The Applicant may use fixed percentages of salaries to calculate benefits. Budgeted benefits cannot exceed those already established by the Applicant.

Employer contributions or expenses for social security, employee life and health insurance plans, unemployment insurance, and/or pension plans are allowable budget items. Benefits, such as uniforms or California Bar Association dues are allowable budget items if negotiated as a part of an employee benefit package.

A line item is required for each different position/classification, but not for each individual employee. If several people will be employed full-time or part-time in the same position/classification, provide the number of full-time equivalents (e.g., three half-time clerical personnel should be itemized as 1.5 clerical positions).

b. Operating Expenses

Operating expenses are defined as necessary expenditures other than personal salaries, benefits, and equipment. The expenses must be grant-related (i.e., to further the Program objectives as defined in the Grant Subaward) and be encumbered during the Grant Subaward performance period.

Examples of an Operating Expense line item include, but are not limited to:

- Consultant services such as subcontractors
- Indirect cost allowance
- Salaries of participating staff who are not employed by the Applicant
- Travel
- Office supplies
- Training materials
- Equipment maintenance
- Software equipment rental/lease
- Telephone, postage

- Printing
- Facility rental
- Vehicle maintenance
- Furniture and office equipment with a cost of less than \$5,000 (excluding tax) and/or with a useful life of less than one year

Salaries for staff not directly employed by the Applicant must be shown as consultant and/or participating staff costs and must be supported with a Second Tier Subaward, which must be kept on file and made available for review during audits or at the request of Cal OES (SRH 3710 and 4300).

c. Equipment

Equipment is defined as nonexpendable tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a cost of \$5,000 or more per unit (excluding tax).

A line item is required for different types of equipment, but not for each specific piece of equipment (e.g., three laser jet printers must be one-line item, not three).

6. Budget Narrative (Cal OES 2-107)

The Budget Narrative should describe the following:

- a. How the Applicant's proposed budget supports the objectives and activities.
- b. How funds are allocated to minimize administrative costs and support direct services.
- c. How shared costs are allocated.
- d. How program-funded staff duties and time commitments support the proposed objectives and activities.
- e. The necessity for subcontracts and unusual expenditures.
- f. Need for mid-year salary range adjustments.

7. Project Narrative (Cal OES 2-108)

The Project Narrative is the main body of information describing the problem to be addressed, the plan to address the identified problem through appropriate and achievable objectives and activities, and the ability of the Applicant to implement the proposed plan.

a. Problem Statement

A problem statement is not required.

b. Plan

Provide a narrative indicating how the Subrecipient will implement and maintain each Program Component listed in, section G.2. page 3 of this RFA.

- Serve as a resource for communities and agencies within its geographic area.
- Conduct proactive and reactive investigations into the computer/technology crimes perpetrated against children and youth.
- Serve as a forensic resource to affiliate agencies and other agencies within the task force's geographical service area.
- Assist with prosecution of cases at the appropriate level.
- Respond to referrals from agencies (other task forces, federal partners, cyber tips, etc.).
- Engage in law enforcement and community outreach to include training, prevention and education activities.
- Formalize law enforcement partnerships through signed Operational Agreements which include adoption of federal IC Task Force investigative standards.
- Participate in nationally coordinated investigations.
- Assist with arrests for computer/technology crimes perpetuated against children and youth, if applicable.

8. Subrecipient Grants Management Assessment

Per title 2 CFR § 200.331, Cal OES is required to evaluate the risk of noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and grant terms and conditions posed by each Subrecipient of pass-through funding. The assessment is made in order to determine and provide an appropriate level of technical assistance, training, and grant oversight to Subrecipients. Instructions are included on the form.

9. Project Service Area Information (Cal OES 2-154)

The Project Service Area Information form identifies the counties, cities, and congressional districts served by the project. Instructions are included on the form.

10. Organizational Chart

The Organizational Chart should clearly depict the structure of the Applicant organization and the specific unit within the organization responsible for the implementation of the project. This chart should also depict supporting units within the organization (e.g., the Accounting Unit) and the lines of authority within the organization. Job titles on the Organizational Chart must match those in the Budget Pages and Budget Narrative.

11. Additional Forms/Documents

The following are required only if applicable:

- Operational Agreement  
OAs are required per Part I, Subpart G of this RFA.
- Non-Competitive Bid Request Checklist (Cal OES 2-156)

This form is required only if the Applicant proposes a line item in their Budget that meets the criteria for a Non-Competitive Bid Request per *SRH 3511*. Instructions are included on the form.

- Out-of-State Travel Request (Cal OES 2-158)

This form is required only if the Applicant proposes a line item for out-of-state travel per *SRH 2236.1.1*. Instructions are included on the form.

D. BUDGET POLICIES

The following sections of the [SRH](#) may be helpful in developing the Budget Pages and Budget Narrative.

- Additional Rental Space (SRH 2232.1)
- Audit Costs (SRH 8150)
- Automobiles (SRH 2331)
- Cash Match (SRH 6511)
- Contracting and/or Procurement (SRH 3400)
- Equipment (SRH 2300)
- Expert Witness Fees (SRH 3710.2)
- Independent Contractor/Consultant (SRH 3710)
- Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) (SRH 2180 & SRH 2188)
- In-Kind Match (SRH 6512)
- Internet Access (SRH 2340)
- Match Requirements (SRH 6500)
- Office Space Rental (SRH 2232)
- Prohibited Expense Items (SRH 2240)
- Project Income (SRH 6610)
- Rented or Leased Equipment (SRH 2233)
- State Funds Matching State or Federal Funds (SRH 6522)
- Supplanting Prohibited (SRH 1330)
- Travel and Per Diem (SRH 2236 and 2236.2)

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Subrecipients must administer their grants in accordance with all [SRH](#) requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements can result in the withholding or termination of the Grant Subaward. The following section may be helpful for developing an application and for planning purposes:

- Audit Requirements (SRH 8100)
- Communications (SRH 11500)
- Copyrights, Rights in Data, and Patents (SRH 5300-5400)
- Certificate of Insurance (SRH 2160)
- Monitoring (SRH 10400)
- Programmatic Technical Assistance and Site Visit Performance Assessment (SRH 10200-10300)
- Report of Expenditures and Request for Funds (SRH 6300)
- Source Documentation (SRH 10111)

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## PART III – CHECKLIST

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This checklist is provided to ensure that a complete application is submitted to Cal OES.

- GRANT SUBAWARD FACE SHEET ([Cal OES 2-101](#)) – Signed by the official authorized to enter into the Grant Subaward.
- PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION ([Cal OES 2-102](#))
- SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION ([Cal OES 2-103](#))
- CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF ([Cal OES 2-104](#)) – Signed by the official who signed the Grant Subaward Face Sheet and by the official delegating that authority.
- BUDGET PAGES (EXCEL SPREADSHEET FORMAT) ([Cal OES 2-106b](#))
- BUDGET NARRATIVE ([Cal OES 2-107](#))
- PROJECT NARRATIVE ([Cal OES 2-108](#))
  - PLAN
- SUBRECIPIENT GRANTS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT
- PROJECT SERVICE AREA INFORMATION (Cal OES 2-154)
- ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
- ADDITIONAL FORMS, IF APPLICABLE
  - OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT ([Cal OES 2-160](#))
  - NON-COMPETITIVE BID REQUEST CHECKLIST ([Cal OES 2-156](#))
  - CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT RATE EXEMPTION REQUEST ([Cal OES 2-164](#))
  - OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST ([Cal OES 2-158](#))
  - EXCESS LODGING RATE REQUEST/APPROVAL ([Cal OES 2-165](#))