



REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

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

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (KC) PROGRAM

Release Date: October 1, 2021

This Request for Application (RFA) provides detailed information and forms necessary to prepare an application for Grant Subaward 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 KC Program is to fund affiliate, developing, and accredited Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) in California that provide services to child abuse victims to reduce trauma to children and their families by using a multidisciplinary team approach.

Eligibility:

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

Grant Subaward Performance Period:

April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

Submission Deadline:

Friday, December 3, 2021



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A. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT NOTICE

Grant Subaward applications are subject to the California Public Records Act, Government Code Section 6250, *et seq.* Do not put any personally identifiable information or private information on this application. If you believe that any of the information you are putting on this application is exempt from the Public Records Act, please indicate what portions of the application and the basis for the exemption. Your statement that the information is not subject to the Public Records Act will not guarantee that the information will not be disclosed.

B. CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact your Children's Unit Program Specialist concerning this RFA, the application process, or programmatic issues.

C. SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND OPTIONS

Applications must be emailed to VSapplications@caloes.ca.gov by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 03, 2021.

D. ELIGIBILITY

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

Applicants applying for programs supported with federal funds must: (1) have a DUNS number issued by Dun & Bradstreet, and (2) must not have an exclusion record in the federal System for Award Management (SAM). An exclusion record in the SAM indicates that a contractor (agency) is listed in the (federal) government-wide system for debarment and suspension.

An agency that is debarred or suspended is excluded from activities involving federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits. [Check SAM status.](#)

Applicants that are non-governmental organizations must be registered with the California Department of Justice's Registry of Charitable Trusts with a "current", "exempt", or "pending" status. [Check nonprofit status.](#)

E. GRANT SUBAWARD PERFORMANCE PERIOD

The Grant Subaward performance period is April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023.

F. FUNDS

There is \$9,100,906 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 following funds:

a. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program (Formula Grant Program)

- Supports eligible crime victim assistance programs.
- Requires a cash and/or in-kind match equal to 20 percent of the total project cost. Applicants may request a partial or full match waiver.

To request a match waiver, Applicants must submit the VOCA Match Waiver Request form (Attachment A) to the Program Specialist, by email, by November 19, 2021. All sections of the form must be completed. Answers to questions 9 through 11 must be specific and unique to the Applicant and Program.

- Cal OES's four-character code for this federal fund is VOCA. This code will be in the drop-down on the Grant Subaward Face Sheet (Cal OES Form 2-101).
- The federal award number is 2020-V2-GA-0031.

b. State General Funds

- There is no match requirement.
- Cal OES's four-character code for this state fund is VCGF. This code will be in the drop-down on the Grant Subaward Face Sheet (Cal OES Form 2-101).

2. Funding Amount

Please see Attachment B for the breakdown of the fund source and match.

Please note this will be the final Grant Subaward performance period for the KC Program. Within the next few months, the VS Branch will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the KC Program for FY 2022-23. Subrecipients will be competitively selected for this new grant cycle which will consist of five, 12-month Grant Subaward performance periods, with the first beginning April 1, 2023.

G. PROGRAM INFORMATION

CACs are child-friendly facilities in which law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy professionals work together to protect the emotional needs of child victims.

National Children's Alliance (NCA) is the national association and accrediting body for CACs. NCA sets the standards for accreditation to ensure that all children served by CACs receive consistent, evidence-based interventions that help them heal.

1. Program Description

The purpose of the KC Program is to fund affiliate, developing, and accredited CACs in California that provide services to child abuse and neglect victims to reduce trauma to children and their families by using a multidisciplinary team approach.

2. Program Components

Subrecipients should use funds to enhance the services they provide, increase their capacity to serve more child victims, and work toward NCA Accreditation, if not already accredited. Funds may be used for training, however Subrecipients may not budget more than 10 percent of their total project cost for training and travel related to training.

a. Multidisciplinary Team

A multidisciplinary team for response to child abuse and neglect allegations includes representation from the following:

- Law Enforcement;
- Child Protective Services;
- Prosecution;
- Medical;
- Mental Health;
- Victim Advocacy; and
- Children's Advocacy Centers.

b. Cultural Competency and Diversity

Subrecipients should provide culturally competent services for all victims throughout the duration of the case. Cultural competency is defined as the capacity to function in more than one culture, requiring the ability to appreciate, understand, and interact with members of diverse populations within the local community.

c. Forensic Interviews

Forensic interviews are coordinated to avoid duplicative interviewing and are conducted in a manner that is legally sound and of a neutral, fact finding nature.

d. Victim Support and Advocacy

Children and families in crisis need assistance in navigating the multiple systems involved in the CAC response. Specific victim support services may be provided in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Employing staff members to perform advocacy functions (e.g., family advocates, care coordinators, child life specialists);
- Linking with local community-based advocates (e.g., domestic violence advocates, rape crisis counselors, Court Appointed Special Advocates);
- Linking with system-based advocates (e.g., law enforcement victim advocates, prosecutor-based victim witness coordinators).

e. Medical Evaluation

All children who are suspected victims of child sexual abuse are entitled to a medical evaluation by a provider with specialized training.

NOTE: VOCA prohibits the use of funds for medical services but allows for the purchase of medical equipment.

f. Mental Health

Without effective therapeutic intervention, many traumatized children will suffer ongoing or long-term adverse social, emotional, developmental, and health outcomes that may impact them throughout their lifetime.

g. Case Review

Case review is the formal process that enables the multidisciplinary team to monitor and assess its independent and collective effectiveness to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families.

h. Case Tracking

Case tracking systems provide essential demographic information, case information, and intervention outcomes. Effective case tracking systems can enable multidisciplinary team members to accurately inform children and their families of the current status and disposition of their cases.

i. Child-Focused Setting

A CAC requires a separate, child-focused setting that is designed to provide a safe, comfortable, and neutral place where forensic interviews and other CAC services can be appropriately provided for children and their families.

j. Assistance with California Victim Compensation Board Claims

Subrecipients are strongly encouraged to assist victims with applying for compensation benefits through the California Victim Compensation Board. Activities may include:

- Advising of the availability of such benefits;
- Assisting with application forms and understanding procedures;
- Obtaining necessary documentation to support the claim; and
- Monitoring claim status.

Subrecipients are also strongly encouraged to allocate funds for tablets or mobile communication devices and cellular service to swiftly facilitate the on-line application process in the office or in the field.

3. Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports serve as a record for the implementation of the Grant Subaward. Statistics for Progress Reports must be collected on a quarterly basis, even when reporting occurs less frequently. The following reports are required:

a. Cal OES Progress Reports

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
1 st Report	April 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022	October 28, 2022
Final Report	October 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023	April 28, 2023

b. Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Reports

There are two, on-line OVC reports Subrecipients will also need to complete:

1) Subgrant Award Report (SAR)

This on-line report is due **within 90 days of the beginning of the performance period**. Cal OES will initiate access and the Subrecipient must complete the remainder of the report in the OVC Performance Measurement Tool.

2) Subgrantee Report

Subrecipients receiving Victims of Crime Act funds must complete this report no later than two weeks following the end of each federal fiscal year quarter. Subrecipients will report data directly into the OVC PMT database no later than the due dates listed, unless otherwise instructed by your Program Specialist.

Report Period	Due Date*
April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022	on or about July 14, 2022
July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022	on or about October 14, 2022
October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022	on or about January 14, 2023
January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023	on or about April 14, 2023

* Exact due dates will be provided by your Program Specialist at the end of each quarter.

For technical assistance, issues or questions regarding the OVC PMT database, please contact the OVC PMT Help Desk at ovcpmt@csrincorporated.com or call toll-free (844) 884-2503.

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PART II – RFA INSTRUCTIONS

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A. SUBRECIPIENT HANDBOOK

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

B. APPLICATION 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 Grant Subaward Programmatic Narrative (Cal OES Form 2-108) and the Grant Subaward Budget Narrative (Cal OES Form 2-107). No tables, charts, or changes to the margins are allowed.**

Applicants must complete and submit all required forms. All forms have written instructions. General information regarding each form is below. The Checklist in Part III is included to ensure Applicants submit all required components.

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

This form is the title page of the Grant Subaward that is signed by the Official Designee (*SRH Section 3.030*) and the Cal OES Director (or designee).

2. Grant Subaward Contact Information (Cal OES Form 2-102)

This form provides Cal OES with contact information for all relevant Subrecipient personnel. Information for each individual should be direct contact information.

3. Grant Subaward Signature Authorization (Cal OES Form 2-103)

This form provides Cal OES with signatures of authorized signers and who they authorize to sign on their behalf for all Grant Subaward-related matters.

4. Grant Subaward Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Cal OES Form 2-104f)

This 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 Act of 1990;
- California Environmental Quality Act;
- Federal grant fund requirements;
- Lobbying restrictions;
- Debarment and Suspension requirements; and
- Proof of Authority documentation from the city council/governing board.

Subrecipients may be asked to sign and submit an updated Grant Subaward Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Cal OES Form 2-104f) once in Grant Subaward. Every year, Cal OES updates each Grant Subaward Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Cal OES Form 2-104f) 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. Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a)

This form demonstrates how the Applicant will implement the proposed plan with the funds available through this Program. This is the basis for management, fiscal review, and audit. **Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a) are subject to Cal OES modifications and approval.** Failure of the Applicant to include required items does not eliminate responsibility to comply with those requirements during the implementation of the Grant Subaward.

The Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a) 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 Costs page. Applicants may add additional columns to the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a) 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 costs**.

The Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a) should:

- Cover the entire Grant Subaward performance period;
- Include costs related to the objectives and activities of the Grant Subaward;
- Strictly adhere to required and prohibited costs;
- Include costs in the correct category (i.e., Personnel Costs, Operating Costs, and Equipment Costs – see below); and
- Contain a detailed description of each line item.

Include **only** those items to be covered by Grant Subaward funds, including match funds, when applicable. Applicants may supplement Grant Subaward funds with funds from other sources. However, since approved line items are subject to audit, Applicants should not include on the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES 2-106a) matching funds (if applicable) in excess of the required match.

a. Personnel Costs – Salaries/Employee Benefits

1) Salaries

Personnel includes Grant Subaward services performed by 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 Grant Subaward (e.g., Clerical Staff @ \$20/hour x 980 hours; or Victim Advocate @ \$3,500/month x 12 months x .50 FTE). Personnel may be salaried or hourly, full-time or part-time positions. Sick leave, vacation, holidays, overtime, and shift differentials must also be allocated as a part of salaries. If the Applicant's personnel have accrued sick leave or vacation time prior to the approval the Grant Subaward, they may not take time off using Grant Subaward 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. Allocated benefits cannot exceed those already established by the Applicant.

Employer contributions or costs for social security, employee life and health insurance plans, unemployment insurance, and/or pension plans are allowable. Benefits, such as uniforms or California Bar Association dues are allowable 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).

Additional information on Personnel Costs can be found in *SRH Part 3*.

b. Operating Costs

Operating costs are defined as necessary expenditures other than personnel salaries, benefits, and equipment. The costs must be Grant Subaward-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 common operating costs include, but are not limited to:

- Audit costs (*SRH Section 14.035*);
- Computers with an acquisition cost of \$4,999 or less;
- Computer equipment rentals;
- Consultant services (*SRH Section 6.050*);
- Equipment service and maintenance agreements;
- Financial Assistance for clients (*SRH Section 4.040*);
- Furniture and office equipment with an acquisition cost of \$4,999 or less;

- Indirect costs (*SRH Section 4.045*);
- Insurance (e.g., vehicle, fire, bonding, theft, malpractice, and liability);
- Internet access;
- Office supplies;
- Office rental space (*SRH Section 4.055*);
- Postage;
- Printing;
- Second-Tier Subawards (*SRH Section 7.010*);
- Software;
- Training materials;
- Travel and per diem (*SRH Section 4.065*);
- Utilities; and
- Vehicle maintenance.

Additional information on Operating Costs can be found in *SRH Part 4*.

c. Equipment Costs

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 copy machines must be one line item, not three).

Additional information on Equipment Costs can be found in *SRH Part 5*.

6. Grant Subaward Budget Narrative (Cal OES Form 2-107)

A Grant Subaward Budget Narrative (Cal OES Form 2-107) is not required, however, Applicants must provide a detailed description of each line item within the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a).

7. Grant Subaward Programmatic Narrative (Cal OES Form 2-108)

This form 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

No Problem Statement is required.

b. Plan

In narrative form, address the following:

- 1) Describe the multidisciplinary team and the plan to increase the effectiveness of the team's response to child abuse/neglect cases.
- 2) The frequency forensic interviews take place at the Subrecipient's CAC and how information is shared with the multidisciplinary team.
- 3) The victim and advocacy services provided by Subrecipient.
- 4) Whether mental health services are provided on site or referred to outside individuals/agencies.
- 5) The frequency of case reviews and how the Subrecipient coordinates the multidisciplinary team for the case reviews.
- 6) How volunteers will be used (VOCA requirement).

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 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 oversight to Subrecipients.

9. Grant Subaward Service Area Information (Cal OES Form 2-154)

This form identifies the counties, cities, and congressional districts served by the Grant Subaward.

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 Grant Subaward. 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 on the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a) and Grant Subaward Budget Narrative (Cal OES 2-107) (if required).

11. Additional Forms/Documents

The following are required only if applicable:

- Match Waiver Request

This form is required only if the Applicant is requesting to waive a portion, or all, of the required Match. See Part I, F., 1 for additional information.

- Petty Cash Victim Fund Certification (Cal OES Form 2-153)

This form is required only if the Applicant proposes to have a line item on their Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a) that meets the definition of Petty Cash in *SRH Section 4.040*.

- Non-Competitive Procurement Request (Cal OES Form 2-156)

This form is required only if the Applicant proposes a line item on their Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES Form 2-106a) that meets the criteria for a Non-Competitive Procurement Request per *SRH Section 6.045*.

- Independent Contractor/Consultant Rate Exemption Request (Cal OES Form 2-164)

This form is required only if the Applicant is requesting an exemption to the maximum rate for an independent contractor/consultant of \$650 per eight-hour day or \$81.25 per hour per *SRH Section 6.050*.

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

This form is required only if the Applicant proposes a line item for out-of-state travel per *SRH Section 4.065*.

- Lodging Rate Exemption Request (Cal OES Form 2-165)

This form is required only if an Applicant is requesting approval for an exemption for lodging costs per *SRH Section 4.065*.

C. BUDGET POLICIES

The following sections of the [SRH](#) may be helpful in developing the Grant Subaward Budget Pages (Cal OES 2-106a) and Grant Subaward Budget Narrative (Cal OES 2-107) (if required):

- Additional Rental Space (*SRH Section 4.055*);
- Audit Costs (*SRH Section 14.055*);
- Automobiles (*SRH Section 5.020*);
- Contracting and Procurements Requirements (*SRH Part 6*);
- Equipment and Equipment Costs Requirements (*SRH Part 5*);
- Expert Witness Fees (*SRH Section 6.050*);
- Independent Contractor/Consultant (*SRH Section 6.050*);
- Indirect Cost or Facilities and Administration (*SRH Section 4.045*);
- Match Requirements (*SRH Section 9.060*);
- Facility Rental (*SRH Section 4.055*);
- Prohibited Operating Costs (*SRH Section 4.070*);
- Grant Subaward and Other Income (*SRH Section 9.075*);
- Supplanting Prohibited (*SRH Section 1.065*); and
- Travel (*SRH Section 4.065*).

D. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Subrecipients must administer their Grant Subaward 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 Part 14*);
- Communication and Internet Access (*SRH Section 1.070*);
- Intellectual Property, Copyright, and Patent Requirements (*SRH Part 8*);
- Fidelity Bond/Certificate of Insurance (*SRH Section 2.015*);
- Monitoring (*SRH Part 13*);

- Report of Expenditures and Request for Funds (*SRH Section 9.025*); and
- Records Requirements (*SRH Part 12*).

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PART III – CHECKLIST

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

- GRANT SUBAWARD FACE SHEET ([Cal OES FORM 2-101](#)) – Signed by the Official Designee authorized to enter into the Grant Subaward.
- GRANT SUBAWARD CONTACT INFORMATION ([Cal OES FORM 2-102](#))
- GRANT SUBAWARD SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION ([Cal OES FORM 2-103](#))
- GRANT SUBAWARD CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) ([Cal OES FORM 2-104f](#)) – Signed by the Official Designee who signed the Grant Subaward Face Sheet and by the official delegating that authority.
- GRANT SUBAWARD BUDGET PAGES (EXCEL SPREADSHEET FORMAT)
([Cal OES FORM 2-106a](#)): a. Budget Pages Multiple Fund Source
- GRANT SUBAWARD PROGRAMMATIC NARRATIVE ([Cal OES FORM 2-108](#))
 - PLAN
- [SUBRECIPIENT GRANTS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT](#)
- GRANT SUBAWARD SERVICE AREA INFORMATION ([Cal OES FORM 2-154](#))
- ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
- ADDITIONAL FORMS, IF APPLICABLE
 - MATCH WAIVER REQUEST(S)
 - PETTY CASH VICTIM FUND CERTIFICATION ([Cal OES FORM 2-153](#))
 - NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUEST ([Cal OES FORM 2-156](#))
 - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT RATE EXEMPTION REQUEST
([Cal OES FORM 2-164](#))
 - OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST ([Cal OES FORM 2-158](#))
 - LODGING RATE EXEMPTION REQUEST ([Cal OES FORM 2-165](#))