VS BRANCH FEDERAL FUND INFORMATION GUIDE

This document contains detailed information for common Victim Service (VS) Branch federal fund sources. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review this document to familiarize themselves with the requirements for all fund sources that support the program they apply for.

Federal Fund information for funds not listed in this guide can be found in a program’s Request for Proposal/Request for Application document.

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

The VOCA Formula Grant Program is authorized by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. § 20103 (a) and (b)).

1. Purpose

VOCA authorizes federal financial assistance to states through the VOCA Formula Grant Program for the purpose of supporting eligible crime victim assistance programs that: 1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of victims of crime; 2) help primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after a victimization; 3) help victims of crime understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and 4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. Crime victim is defined as any person who has suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime.

1. Match

The VOCA Formula Grant Program requires a cash and/or in-kind match equal to 20 percent of the total project cost. Match is calculated using the total project cost method.

1. Requirements

Subrecipients must:

* Have a record of effective direct service to victims of crime.
* Utilize volunteers unless there is a compelling reason to waive this requirement.
* Not deny services to victims based on immigration status.
* Not charge victims for services provided by programs supported with VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program funds, unless waived by Cal OES.
* Ensure original publications (written, visual, or sound) produced in whole or in part must contain the following statement: “Funding made possible through the United States Department of Justice, Victims of Crime Act, 201X-VA-GX-XXXX.”

The Code of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the VOCA Formula Grant Program is 16.575.

1. **Services\*Training\*Officers\* Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program**

The STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program was authorized in 1994 through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). VAWA, Public Law 103-322 was reauthorized in 2000, 2005 and most recently in 2013. The STOP Formula Grant Program is administered by the Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

1. Purpose

The STOP Formula Grant Program promotes the development and the implementation of effective, victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. States and communities are encouraged to restructure and strengthen the criminal justice system response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, drawing upon the experience of all participants in the system.

1. Match

The STOP Formula Grant Program requires a cash or in-kind match equal 25 percent of the total project cost. Match is calculated using the total project cost method. Tribes and victim service providers are exempt from this requirement and cannot be required to provide matching funds.

1. Restrictions/Guidelines

* The purchase of vehicles is prohibited.
* Approval for original publications (written, visual, or sound) produced in whole, or in part, using these funds must be obtained by Cal OES prior to production and distribution.

The Code of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the STOP Formula Grant Program is 16.588.

1. **The Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services Grant (FVPSA)**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services Grant (FVPSA) is authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 10401, FVPSA.

1. Purpose

The Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services grant, administered through the Administration on Children, Youth and Families’(ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), is designed to assist states in their efforts to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to: 1) prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; 2) provide immediate shelter, supportive services, and access to community-based programs for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents; and 3) provide specialized services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence including victims who are members of underserved populations (45 CFR § 1370.10(a)).

1. Match

The awarded entity will make available (directly or through donations from public or private entities) non-federal contributions in an amount that is not less than $1 for every $5 of federal funds provided under the grant. The non-federal contributions required may be in cash or in kind.

1. Restrictions

Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services funds may not be used to pay the salary, or any percentage of salary, to an individual at a rate in excess of Executive Level II. The Executive Level II salary of the "Rates of Pay for the Executive Schedule" is $189,600. This amount reflects an individual's base salary exclusive of fringe benefits and any income that an individual may be permitted to earn outside of the duties of the applicant organization.

The Code of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services is 93.671.

1. **Children’s Justice Act Grant (CJA)**

The Children’s Justice Act (CJA) Grant is authorized by Section 107(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (P.L. 111-320).

1. Purpose

The purpose of the CJA Grant is to assist States in developing, establishing and operating programs designed to improve: (1) the assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases, including cases of suspected child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child and the child’s family; (2) the assessment and investigation of cases of suspected child abuse-related fatalities and suspected child neglect-related fatalities; (3) the investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation; and (4) the assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect.

1. Match

The CJA Grant does not require a match.

1. Guidelines

The on-going activities of a State Task Force in monitoring implementation of its recommendations and continuing interagency collaboration in carrying out the intent of the Act may be supported with these funds.

The Code of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the CJA Grant is 93.643.

1. **Sexual Assault Services Formula Program (SASP)**

The Sexual Assault Services Formula Program (SASP) is authorized by 34 U.S.C. §12511. SASP was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, as amended by the technical amendments to that act, and is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault.

1. Purpose

The SASP Formula Program directs grant dollars to states and territories to assist them in supporting rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. Rape crisis centers and other nonprofit and tribal organizations, such as dual programs providing both sexual violence and domestic violence intervention services, play a vital role in assisting sexual assault victims through the healing process, as well as assisting victims through the medical, criminal justice, and social support systems. Funds provided through the SASP Formula Program are designed to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing sexual assault at the state and territorial level.

1. Match

The Sexual Assault Services Formula Program does not require a match.

1. Unallowable Activities

* Lobbying;
* Fundraising;
* Purchase of Real Property;
* Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting); and
* Construction.

The Code of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the SASP Formula Program is 16.017.

1. **Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (FSIA**)

The Coverdell Program is authorized by Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, Part BB, codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 10561-10566 (the Coverdell law).

1. Purpose

The purpose of the FSIA Grant is to provide funding to acquire and maintain accreditation; to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic services; to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic science evidence; to train, assist and employ forensic laboratory personnel and medicolegal death investigators, as needed to eliminate such a backlog; to address emerging forensic science issues; to educate and train forensic pathologists; and to fund medicolegal death investigation systems to facilitate accreditation of medical examiner and coroner offices and certification of medicolegal death investigators.

1. Match

The Coverdell Program does not require a match.

1. Unallowable Activities

* Funds to conduct research;
* Expenses other than those listed above (including expenses for general law enforcement functions or non-forensic investigatory functions);
* Costs for any new facility that exceed the limits described in the Solicitation;
* Recipient administrative expenses (direct or indirect) that exceed 10 percent of the total grant amount; and
* The use of funds for the purchase and/or lease of vehicles, such as crime scene vans.

The Code of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the Coverdell Program is 16.742.