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The Section is designated with the responsibility of administering state and federal funding allocated for helping victims of violent crime. Iowa Code sections 13.31, 236.16, and 236A.16; and Iowa Administrative Code 61—9.50. Every three years, unless otherwise directed by the Victim Assistance Board, the Section administers a competitive grant application process. IAC 61—9.53.

The Section administers two types of grants:

1. Competitive grants**.** Applications for a competitive grant "will be awarded based on the availability of funds, history and demonstration of quality of services provided, compliance with the requirements of the section, number of victims served or other statistical data deemed useful by the program to demonstrate successful and cost-effective use of awarded funds, population served, and geographical distribution of funds across the state. A preference shall be given to continued funding of agencies and programs that have demonstrated success." IAC 61—9.53(1).
2. Focus grants. These are discretionary funding awards, requiring approval from the section chief and deputy attorney general for the criminal division. "Funds utilized for focus grant applications must comply with all applicable state and federal rules and regulations. The award total of focus grant applications from one funding source may not exceed 3 percent of the funds available from the source in one fiscal year." IAC 61—9.53(2).

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