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These funds are appropriated annually by the Iowa Legislature. 100% of these funds are distributed to programs providing victim services.

Eligibility

Programs must be operated by a public or non-profit agency, or a combination of such agencies. Programs providing services to victims of domestic abuse must have the capacity to provide or arrange safe shelter for domestic abuse victims and their children. Programs providing services to sexual abuse victims must have the capacity to provide in-person support to victims at the time of a sexual abuse evidentiary examination.

These programs include, but are not limited to:

- Sexual abuse and rape crisis centers
- Domestic abuse comprehensive programs
- Domestic abuse comprehensive shelters
- Survivors of homicide and other violent crime, comprehensive programs
- Victim service statewide hotlines
- Other community-based victim coalitions

Purpose

Funding is intended to support victim service programming and to provide services to victims.

Allowable Services and Costs

1. Personnel (salary/benefits) to support advocates who provide direct services to respond to the physical and emotional needs of victims of crime, as well as to supervise individuals providing direct services and to carry out other program needs. In limited amounts can be used for administration, prevention and fundraising.
2. Transportation costs to provide services to victims in their communities, to transport victims for safety or service needs, or to attend trainings/conferences/meetings.
3. Operational costs of a facility such as a shelter, however if the project is supported with funds from other sources as well, i.e. VOCA, HUD or FVPSA, the rent and operational expenses must be prorated among the different funding sources. If an agency owns a shelter, the agency may not charge rent to the grant for the use of the shelter; however, related expenses such as utilities,

maintenance/repairs and building security may be charged to the grant.

4. Community outreach to support, inform, and provide outreach to victims about available services. For example, a shelter could distribute brochures listing the signs of domestic violence, describing the services available, and provide a hotline number to access the services. Initiatives designed to reach victims, rather than raise awareness generally, may be supported with state funds.
5. Food purchases for shelter residents, clients being relocated, or for clients in other situations as deemed necessary by the program. If food is purchased with state funds because federal funds prohibit the purchase of food (except in emergency situations-i.e. relocating victim, etc.), you cannot use this purchase as match to your federal grant.
6. Provide services to incarcerated victims but only to address any victimization experienced by the incarcerated individual, including both crimes experienced while incarcerated and crimes experienced at other points in their youth and adult lives.
7. Financial assistance to clients to aid in their health, safety, security or stabilization due to victimization. Examples of client assistance include, but are not limited to, relocation costs (commercial transportation, utilities, etc.), transportation costs (bus tokens, cab fare, etc.), school supplies for children, equipment needed to return to work, household needs, etc. All expenses must be supported by itemized receipts.
8. Equipment and supplies necessary to provide quality services to victims, or outreach to other individuals and organizations. Equipment and supplies can include laptops, cell phones, tablets, desktop computers, fax machines, copiers, cell phones, hot spots, projectors, etc.
9. Housing assistance to cover a victim's rent, mortgage, deposit, utilities, hotel/motel costs, lot rent and any other costs associated with obtaining safety and stabilization in a living arrangement. Housing assistance also includes safe, confidential shelter services.
10. Contractual services such as the pro-rated monthly or annual costs for maintenance and upkeep of the program, IT support, accounting services, audit costs, cell phone service agreements, etc.
11. Meaningful access.Agencies are encouraged to allocate funds to support activities that help to ensure individuals with disabilities, Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals and persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful, full access to their services. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services, language interpretation and translation services, or the purchase of adaptive equipment. Applicants proposing to use grant funds to create websites, videos and other materials must ensure they are accessible to persons with disabilities and grant funds must be allocated for these purposes.
12. Directors, Officers and Managers (DOM) Insurance premiums are allowable.
13. School programs, outreach to students, administrators, counselors and educators about victimization and available services.
14. Civil legal assistance to support civil legal assistance and advocacy services including legal information and resources, custodial and divorce arrangements stemming from victimization, housing advocacy, representation at campus hearings, immigration needs and any other legal needs stemming from the victimization. Funds cannot be used for legal expenses related to criminal representation or tort cases.
15. Co-location of services such as substance abuse programs, mental health programs, trauma recovery centers and other services provided to victims.
16. Prevention is allowed for the salary, benefits and related costs up to 20% of one FTE per service type.
17. Fundraising is allowed for the salary, benefits and related costs up to 20% of one FTE.
18. State funds can be used to help grantees meet federal match requirements when state funds are used for eligible federal expenses. For example, fundraising is not an allow federal expense. State funds used for fundraising cannot be used as match. Grantees need to diversify funding to ensure long-term sustainability. Grantees should demonstrate efforts of other support for their agency.
19. Specialized services to historically marginalized and underserved populations
20. Volunteer training and coordination
21. 24-hour crisis line services
22. Counseling services provided in a safe and confidential location
23. Support groups for at least two individuals engaged in therapeutic communication. These include both traditional and non-traditional (gardening group, book club, running group, etc.) options.
24. Education about victim compensation can be provided to victims to ensure the victim understands how to apply and benefits available to ease out of pocket expenses due to the crime.
25. Coordinated Community Response (CCR). Funds can be used to pay for the salary and benefits of an individual(s), to provide a coordinated community response to a type(s) of victimization(s). This could be a CCR team such as a Domestic Abuse Response Team, Sexual Abuse Response Team, etc. Other allowable duties include, but are not limited to creating protocols, MOU templates and

facilitating meetings. Other related costs such as program materials, supplies, travel to meetings and carrying out other duties surrounding service coordination are eligible with these funds.

26. Mental health & substance abuse treatment. Funds can be used to pay for therapy and/or substance abuse treatment directly related to the victimization.
27. Outreach, training & technical assistance. Funds can be used to train advocates, related professionals, the general public and others to deliver services, to educate others, or to enhance service provision.
28. Public service campaigns, marketing, and advertising. Funds can be used to create outreach materials such as brochures and posters, television or radio ads, social media ads, billboard ads and other reasonable methods to bring awareness and attention to the dynamics of victimization and/or the services offered by the program.

Unallowable Costs

The following costs are ineligible with state funds:

- Bonuses for staff
- Food and beverages for staff events including but not limited to staff meetings, agency trainings, local workgroups or task forces, etc. Food IS an allowable expense for clients experiencing food insecurity due to the victimization, or to ensure services can be received by the client. Food for staff while at a conference/training requiring an overnight stay, is also allowable.
- Cash & prepaid debit/credit cards
- Legal services for criminal defense, or in tort cases
- Capital expenses; construction
- Fundraising beyond 20% of one FTE, per agency
- Agency late fees, fines and penalties (late fees, fines and penalties paid on behalf of a victim to aid in their health, safety, sustainability, and/or self-sufficiency related to victimization, are allowed)

Reporting Requirements

All grantees must complete two reports annually. Reports are submitted in the online grants management system. The reports are due May 15th and November 15th.

Grantees are required to gather and maintain relevant programmatic and financial data. During desk audits, on-site monitoring and any other time you can be asked to provide supporting documentation.

Match Requirements

There is no match requirement for state funds.

Certified Assurances

To download a copy of the subgrantee's certified assurances for STOP Violence Against Women (STOP VAWA or VAWA) formula funds click **here**.

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