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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
VICTIM ASSISTANCE SECTION**



**Notice of Funding Opportunity
For Criminal Justice Projects**

Project Period: 10/01/2026 – 9/30/2030

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General and Administrative Information

I. Overview

The Victim Assistance Section of the Iowa Department of Justice (“Department”) seeks applications from qualified nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, law enforcement offices, prosecutor offices and other governmental organizations to support victims of violent crimes through the criminal justice system.

II. Project Period

The project period shall be **from 10/01/2026 to 9/30/2030**, with four separate budget years. The first year in the grant cycle is the competitive grant year. The following three grant years are continuing (non-competitive) grant years, subject to funding availability, and program performance.

III. Eligibility Requirements

- a) The application for funding is open to currently funded programs **and** those not currently funded. Eligible applicants for criminal justice grants are law enforcement offices, prosecutors, victim witness coordinators, courts or other organizations who provide victim services which benefit law enforcement or prosecution. These entities are generally limited to state, county and local offices and agencies, public or private nonprofit agencies (501(c)(3)), units of local government defined as a city, county, town, township or other general-purpose political subdivision of a state, and Indian tribes.
- b) The applicant must **supplement, not supplant**. Supplanting is replacing state or local funds when federal funds are available. Supplementing is using federal funds to enhance grant activities.
- c) Applicants must have a [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) unique entity identifier (UEI) and must not be debarred or suspended from receiving federal funds. Organizations who receive direct federal funding must have an active entity registration. Others need a UEI.
- d) Applicants must be a registered organization in the Iowa Department of Justice’s [online grants management system](#), also known as Iowa DOJ Grants. Once registered, applicants will use the online system to submit and manage their grants. See Appendix A to learn how to register in Iowa DOJ Grants and to use the grant management system.
- e) Additional eligibility requirements are in [Iowa Administrative Rule 61—9.56](#).

IV. Criminal Justice Funding

- a) **Purpose:** The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to distribute state and federal funding to eligible applicants who will respond to, and support victims of violence, investigate, or prosecute crimes against women, collect evidence, or provide training to those who perform these duties.
- b) **Sources:** Funding awarded through this NOFO is from the Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) federal grant and the State of Iowa victim services appropriation.
- c) **Funding amount:** The total amount of annual funding to be awarded is \$2,171,142. Funding for continuing grant years is contingent upon receipt of the

Department's annual allocation of state and federal funding.

- d) **Who is eligible for funding:** Funding will be awarded to qualified organizations with the expertise within the criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable through investigation, prosecution, training, or other services, which benefit the investigation or prosecution of crimes against women, such as:
- i. law enforcement offices to enable victim-centered investigation
 - ii. prosecutor offices to enable the employment of one or more victim witness coordinators
 - iii. prosecutor offices to enable the employment of one or more prosecutors who will conduct victim-centered prosecution and hold offenders accountable
 - iv. other organizations which support the investigation or prosecution of crimes against women.

Prosecutors will be required to complete victim-centered and trauma-informed training, adopt victim-centered policies and adopt a model protocol.

Applicants will submit one grant application for all services to be provided. This is a change from previous years. There is no minimum or maximum grant amount to request. Funding requests must be based on costs that are reasonable, can be explained, and are necessary. It is likely requests for funding will be greater than the amount available. Projects selected for funding may be awarded at an amount less than the original grant request.

V. **Application Deadline and Important Dates**

Grant applications are available on April 15, 2026.

Applications for funding are due no later than 4:30 on June 3, 2026.

Application reviews and scoring to be completed by July 10, 2026.

Recommendations for funding presented to the Victim Assistance Board on August 14, 2026.

Denial and award letters will be sent to applicants on August 17, 2026.

Requests for reconsideration are due from applicants by August 31, 2026.

Requests for reconsideration will be reviewed on September 4, 2026.

Contracts will be issued in October 2026.

VI. **Application and Submission Procedures**

- a) All grant requests must be submitted online using the Iowa Department of Justice's [grant management system](#), also referred to as Iowa DOJ Grants. Applications or requests for funding received in any other fashion will not be considered.
- b) Submitted applications must meet all minimum and eligibility requirements outlined in this NOFO. Promotional materials or other items not required by this NOFO will not be considered.
- c) See page 8 for grant submission instructions.

VII. **Application Review**

[Per Iowa Administrative Code 61—9.57\(2\)\(a\)](#), an application review committee – which will include “representatives from the victim assistance board and experts in the field of victim

services, funding administration and management, and criminal justice” – will review all grant applications and make recommendations to the Victim Assistance section chief. Reviewers will consider the grant application and other relevant information related to the applicant’s performance with previous grant awards (if applicable), and the quality and quantity of services provided. Each narrative question is scored between 0 and 5 points. The three-year goal is scored between 0 and 10 points. The budget and budget narrative are scored between 0 and 10 points.

VIII. Award Notifications and Requests for Reconsideration

- a) The Victim Assistance Board makes funding decisions based on the recommendations from the application review committee and the section chief, and considers the amount of funding available, and funding priorities as determined by the Section.
- b) Once funding decisions are made, applicants will receive an email advising them if their proposal has been denied or approved, the amount awarded (if any), and how to file a request for funding reconsideration.
- c) Applicants interested in asking the Victim Assistance Board to reconsider their decision must submit its request within ten (10) working days of the date of the funding decision per [Iowa Administrative Code 61—9.59\(1\)](#). The request for reconsideration must be submitted online via [Iowa DOJ Grants](#) and state specific grounds for reconsideration. The board reviews all requests for reconsideration and makes final funding decisions.
- d) When a request for reconsideration is submitted, all applicants potentially affected by the request are notified as their approved grant funding could be affected. No grant funds can be dispersed until all requests for reconsideration are finalized.

IX. NOFO Released and Posted

This NOFO is posted on the [Department’s website](#) and on [Iowa DOJ Grants](#).

X. Instructional Videos

Instructional videos are posted on the [Department’s website](#) and on [Iowa DOJ Grants](#).

XI. Questions or Inquiries About the Application

Questions or requests for additional information regarding this grant competition must be submitted to gvsinfo@ag.iowa.gov. For inquiries specific to something in this NOFO, include the section or page number for reference.

Staff will answer all pertinent and timely questions or inquiries submitted to gvsinfo@ag.iowa.gov and will post them online. Questions and their answers will be incorporated by reference to this NOFO and made public on the [Department’s website](#). It is the responsibility of all applicants to check and review responses to questions.

Funding Distribution

The Victim Assistance Section will allocate funding from this NOFO as follows:

- a) Law Enforcement: At least 25% of Iowa's annual STOP VAWA grant must benefit law enforcement. This amount is estimated to be **\$525,748**.
Funds not directly awarded to law enforcement agencies require a memorandum of understanding to be signed by chief executives of both entities stating the entity supports the proposed project and agrees that it is to the entity's benefit. See <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-I/part-90/subpart-B>.
- b) Prosecution: At least 25% of Iowa's annual STOP VAWA grant must benefit prosecution. This amount is estimated to be **\$525,748**.
Funds not directly awarded to prosecutors require a memorandum of understanding to be signed by chief executives of both entities stating the entity supports the proposed project and agrees that it is to the entity's benefit. See <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-I/part-90/subpart-B>.
- c) Courts: At least 5% of Iowa's annual STOP VAWA grant must be awarded to courts. This amount is estimated to be **\$105,150**.
- d) Victim Witness Coordinators: Victim witness coordinators will be funded on a four-year grant cycle with state of Iowa funding. VWCs who have not been funded are encouraged to apply. Victim witness coordinators are not restricted to only serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or dating violence.

Applicants will submit ONE application for funding, which is a change from the previous funding cycle. The application will describe all services to be provided and will include a comprehensive budget.

How Funding Can be Used Based on Sources

Grants funded under this NOFO will be funded with STOP VAWA funding. Victim Witness Coordinators will be funded with State of Iowa funding.

I. STOP VAWA

The Services* Training* Officers* Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women supports efforts to: *develop and strengthen effective responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.*

STOP funds must be used for:

One or more of the STOP VAWA purpose areas pursuant to [34 U.S.C. § 10441\(b\)](#), including: personnel, training, technical assistance, data collection and other resources for the more widespread apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of persons committing violent crimes against women, and for the protection and safety of victims. For the purpose of this grant, crimes against women are sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Applications for law enforcement, prosecutors or court grants will be accepted in the criminal justice NOFO.

STOP funds cannot be used for:

- Any activity that may compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability
- Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Purchase of real property
- Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting)
- Construction
- Food and beverages
- Research - Funds may be used to assess the program for quality assurance and program improvement purposes. This could include follow-up surveys after training regarding the content and delivery or a discussion forum with key stakeholders.

II. State of Iowa Victim Services Appropriation

Victim witness coordinators will be funded with state dollars. In general, funding will support salaries, benefits, and other necessary VWC costs.

Application Components

The following applies to all applicants.

I. Application Requirements

- a) Applications must meet all minimum and eligibility requirements outlined in this NOFO.
- b) Promotional materials or other items not required by this NOFO will not be considered.
- c) Applications must be submitted online in the [grant management system](#).
- d) New users must register and create an organization profile. See Appendix A for detailed instructions.
- e) Once registered, users access funding opportunities from the My Opportunities panel, located on the dashboard of the user's home page. For this NOFO, organizations are allowed to initiate and submit **one** grant application. Therefore, once this funding opportunity has been initiated, it moves to the My Tasks panel with the status of *application in process*. To initiate an application, from the My Opportunities panel, click on the blue hyperlink under the name column.
- f) Application pages, or components, can be completed in any order, and more than one person can work on an application at the same time. The following describes the application components:

II. Applicant Information Page

- a) On the application information page, applicants provide a summary of the organization and the service area to be served. The organization's name, type of entity, and agency description are automatically entered on the applicant information page from the organization profile in the grants management system. To update this information, please update applicant's organization profile. To update applicant's organization profile, log into the grants management system and choose profile from the drop-down menu next to applicant's login name in upper right-hand corner. Then use the menu on the left-hand side to navigate through the organization profile sections and update as needed.
- b) Applicants will enter the county or counties they propose to serve. Applicants can select more than one option.
- c) Applicants will also select districts affected by the proposal by selecting the districts from the drop-down lists. To select more than one item, click the plus button next to the drop-down menu. The following links show the most current district maps.

[Iowa U.S. Congressional districts](#)

[Iowa Senate districts](#)

[Iowa House districts](#)

III. Minority Impact Statement Page

- a) This form collects information about the potential impact of the project's proposed programs or policies on minority groups.
- b) Applicants are to answer the questions and certify by checking the certification box at

the bottom of the page. The applicant's name, title, and date will auto-fill.

IV. Project Director Information Page

- a) The project director is the person responsible for the implementation of this project or grant.
- b) The project director is considered key personnel and will be listed on the subaward agreement.

V. Project Narrative Page

- a) Project name. Enter the project name in the text box at the top of the page. The project name should be descriptive and concise.
- b) The amount requested. The amount requested will auto populate when the budget details page is saved.
- c) Applicants submit one application for this NOFO. Applicants are to check which project type or types they propose.
- d) Proposal narrative. Each grant application contains a list of narrative questions specific to the funding opportunity. Applicants are to answer each question concisely, yet thoroughly. Do not assume reviewers are familiar with the project for which you are requesting funding. The project narrative will be scored by both internal and external reviewers. Applicants who do not provide sufficient narrative detail will receive lower scores. Applicants must upload job descriptions. The narrative questions are listed in Appendix B.

VI. Scope of Work and Goals Page

- a) The scope of work is a summary of the work, deliverables, or outcomes proposed in this application.
- b) On the scope of work and goal page enter project's scope of work in the text box at the top of the page. This text will be printed on the subaward agreement.
- c) Applicants will provide **one major or overarching goal** to be worked on for the next four years. This goal should be developed after thoughtful consideration of the challenges and barriers to providing justice to victims. The goal must be measurable, clear, and succinct. Applicants must also describe the issue(s) and provide a plan to address it, including key personnel, timelines, and deliverables or objectives if applicable. The scope of work and goal will be reviewed and scored by internal and external reviewers.

VII. Certifications Page

- a) Applicants must review all applicable terms and conditions and certify they will adhere to the terms and conditions if they receive victim services funding.
- b) On the certifications page, applicants must check the box stating they have agreed to and will abide by applicable certified assurances. Certified assurances are updated annually upon receipt of federal grant awards. The most current certified assurances can be viewed [here](#).

VIII. Budget Details Page

- a) Applicants enter their grant budgets and budget justifications on the budget detail page. Budgets are to be reasonable with allowable costs which align with the services described in the project narrative. Budget justifications describe how costs were determined, how costs are allocated, and how the proposed costs benefit the grant. Budget justifications do not justify the need for an expense.
- b) Upon review and approval, a portion of an applicant's budget *may* cover administrative costs.
- c) Indirect costs are allowed. Applicants with a federally negotiated indirect cost rate must upload a copy of their current cost rate agreement in their organization profile on the organization finance page. Applicants who do not have a current federally negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate) may elect to charge a de minimis rate of up to 15 percent of modified total direct costs (MTDC). Applicants can determine the appropriate rate up to this limit. When applying the de minimis rate, costs must be consistently charged as either direct or indirect costs and may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. The de minimis rate does not require documentation to justify its use and may be used indefinitely. Once elected, the recipient or subrecipient must use the de minimis rate for all federal awards until the recipient or subrecipient chooses to receive a negotiated rate.
- d) Match may be required. Match is generally nonfederal contributions spent on allowable grant activities for the benefit of the grant. Match can be either cash or in-kind services. Match can be from many sources including donations and volunteers. Applicants selected for funding will be advised of their match requirements, prior to the contract issuance, and might be asked to revise their budgets. Unless otherwise notified, applicants are to enter match information on the budget details page as instructed.
- e) The budget and budget justifications will be reviewed and scored by internal and external reviewers. See Appendix C for additional information on creating budgets and writing budget justifications.

IX. Budget Summary Page

- a) This is a summary of the detailed budget and includes both the total costs of line items and the amount requested from grant funds.
- b) This page cannot be edited and is included in the subaward document.

APPENDIX A

Grant Management System Registration and User Guide

I. New User Registration

The following are the steps to register:

- a) Determine who will be the AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR for your organization. The agency administrator can add other members and submit documents.
- b) The agency administrator completes a new user registration at <https://iowadoj.intelligrants.com/IGXLogin/Index> by entering registration information as requested on the user registration form.
- c) Victim Assistance Section reviews and approves registration requests. Organizations currently registered (even if the organization is inactive) do not register again.
- d) The agency administrator adds other organizational users and assigns user roles.

Download the [grantee manual](#) for more information.

II. System Pages

- a) Organization Profile. Organizational profile pages must be completed prior to application submission.
- b) Organization Information Page. On the organization information page, enter organization contact information. If your organization has an active SAM.gov issued Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) it will autofill based on the organization information entered.
- c) Organization Members Page. Determine who should have access and enter their contact information and user role on this page. New users should enter only those who will work on the grant application. If funded, additional users can be added as needed.
- d) Organization Category Page. Select the appropriate organizational category.
- e) Organization Details Page. Enter and upload organizational information as requested and applicable on the organization details page. All fields on this page are required. Information not yet available nor applicable should be noted as such by entering NA or by uploading a document stating NA.
- f) Organization Finance Page. Answer financial questions or provide documentation as requested.

III. User Roles

System users must be assigned a role. Determine the best role for each user. Do not give people multiple roles. Users can be added, their roles changed or made inactive by an agency administrator.

- a) Agency Administrator - Ability to initiate, edit, cancel and submit all documents (such as applications, claims, performance reports). Ability to assign users and user roles in the system. Ability to sign the subaward agreement.

- b) Agency Staff - Ability to initiate and edit documents. Can not submit documents (such as applications, claims, performance reports), assign new users or sign the subaward agreement.
- c) Agency Viewer – Can only view documents.

IV. **Using the Online Grants Management System and Submitting Applications**

- a) Only registered users of Iowa DOJ Grants, the online grants management system, can access grant opportunities or applications. When funding opportunities are available, registered users will see them displayed in the “My Opportunities” panel located on the dashboard. Those interested in applying for a grant must click on the blue hyperlink in the NAME column to start a grant application. The grant will then be listed in My Tasks panel as an application in process.
- b) On the home page you will set up your panels. Click on the down arrow next to your name and select edit panels. My task panel lists the tasks assigned to you. My opportunities panel is where you find available grant opportunities. Application questions and answers, and due dates are listed in the announcement panel.
- c) Multiple people in an organization can review and edit grant applications while applications are in process. The last saved version will override changes made by other users. There are two ways to find applications in process: 1) by looking in My Tasks (you can use the filter feature if your task list is long) and 2) by using the search feature located at the top of the page and selecting applications.
- d) We suggest applicants develop their application narratives and budgets outside the system (for example in Word and Excel) and then enter their data into the system.
- e) SAVE pages often. The system will log users out after several minutes with no system activity. If you get a time out popup message, hit save before entering data. Sometimes it appears you are still in the system when you have been logged out. Data which has not been saved **cannot** be recovered. The save button is on the upper right corner of each page.
- f) On the left side of each page is a navigation panel, with links to application pages. The button to submit the application is found on the navigation panel under the status options heading.
- g) You must submit your application before the deadline by changing the status to submit application. You will receive submission confirmation.
- h) You cannot make changes to an application that has been submitted. You can request the application be returned for additional edits; however, it must be resubmitted prior to the deadline.

APPENDIX B

Application Questions

Criminal Justice Narrative Questions

For the grant cycle of October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2030

Project Name: *Enter a descriptive yet concise name. This name prints on the subaward agreement.*

Question 1

Describe the proposed grant funded services, activities or deliverables which will support and encourage engagement in the criminal justice system. In your answer, explain how grant funds will be used to supplement and improve your office's activities or responses to victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, or other crimes. *(Allowable activities could include purchase of equipment, travel to conferences for training, delivering training or technical assistance, MDT/SART/DARTs as well as staffing positions for investigation, prosecution, victim witness coordinators.*

Question 2

Explain how the project described above aligns with the statewide [Implementation Plan](#), with one or more [STOP VAWA purpose areas](#), or both.

Question 3

Please explain how your chosen strategies and program components are informed by research, evaluation results, and/or best practices. Include specific sources or evidence that support your approach.

Question 4

Provide a description of the community conditions and local data to document the need for the services to be provided with these grant funds.

Question 5

Describe your relationship with victim advocates and how your office works collaboratively to ensure victims are provided with trauma-informed and victim-centered care while also holding offenders accountable.

Question 6

Describe your relationship with other community-based programs and services and how your office connects victims to those services when needed.

Question 7

How does your office intentionally address the needs of vulnerable or high-risk populations within your target audience?

Question 8

How do you measure this project's success? How will you determine if grant funds have made a positive impact on victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, or other crimes, their families and the community in general.

For prosecution-based grants ONLY:

Question 9

For each of the last three calendar years (2023, 2024, and 2025), please provide (1) the number of indictable cases filed by your office that have at least one charge of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, (2) the number of indictable cases with at least one conviction or deferred judgment of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking¹; and (3) the number of jury trials and number of bench trials for domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.²

Question 10

Describe how your office supports and encourages engagement in the criminal justice process, including victim registration.

Question 11

Describe the types of training you are interested in having that would enable success in criminal prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

For Victim Witness Coordinators ONLY:

Question 12

Have you used this grant to fund this position in the past? If so, what barriers do you face with employing a victim witness coordinator without this funding?

Question 13

If you are awarded this grant, what is your plan to maintain the position if you were not awarded the same grant in three or four years?

¹ Do not count convictions or deferred judgments where a domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking indictable charge was reduced to an offense that was not under the related domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking criminal code sections.

² The outcome of the trial is irrelevant.

APPENDIX C

Budget Instructions

On the budget detail page, enter budget information as follows. It is advisable to create budgets in Excel prior to entering them into the online application.

As you prepare your grant budgets, consider the following:

- a) **Total costs of a line-item expense** are the actual total (12 months) cost of an expense regardless of how many funding sources pay for the expense. It does not mean the total cost to charge to this grant.
 - i. The performance period for this grant cycle is 4 years. Applicants will submit 12 month budgets, in each of the four years, with the budget period of October through September.
- b) **Requested amount of a line-item expense** means the amount this grant is being asked to pay. It may or may not be the same as the total costs. Provide a brief description of the methods you used to determine cost allocation. If you want this grant to pay 100% for an expense, please explain.
- c) **Budget justification** means an explanation of how costs were determined. It does not mean justify why the expense is necessary.
- d) **Indirect cost calculations** if using the de minimus rate, must exclude rent, utilities, repairs and maintenance, subawards greater than \$50,000 and capitalized equipment.
- e) **Match** is required for those receiving STOP VAWA funding. Grantees selected for funding will be advised of their match requirement, prior to contract issuance, and will update their budget accordingly. For the grant application, complete the match form as directed.
- f) **Supplies** - Office supplies are generally shared within an organization. The cost of office supplies should be allocated or included as indirect costs. Project supplies are specific and necessary for a project. Project costs are not always shared expenses.
- g) **Grant expenses must be:**
 - i. Allocated - a centralized cost is shared between all funding sources
 - ii. Allowable - by a federal source or state funding
 - iii. Reasonable - costs may be allowable, but if they are not reasonable, they will be questioned
 - iv. Consistent - how expenses are charged must be consistent throughout your organization.

Budget category – Payroll Direct Services and Payroll Administrative (non-direct services)

The payroll form separates requests for expenses for employees who provide direct services from those who perform administrative, fundraising, or prevention work. For each person whose time is to be charged to this grant, enter the following information into the payroll chart. To add another name to the payroll form, click on the + button to the right of the form and another row will appear. You can enter as many names as needed by clicking the + button.

Direct victim services: This includes providing direct services to victims, or on behalf of victims.

Non-direct victim services: Fundraising, Prevention & Administration: While the purpose of this funding is to support or to provide services for victims of crime, the grantee can request some administrative costs. These costs are to be separated from direct services and detailed in the budget justification.

Payroll Budget Form	
Name:	First and last name
Title:	
New Position (Yes/No):	
Total hours per week on this grant:	Estimated number of hours per week this person will work on this grant – not all grants combined.
Total work hours per week for position:	The number of hours per week this person works. If part time, enter average hours
FTE on grant activity:	(Auto calculation)
Total Annual Salary:	
Amount Requested – Direct Services:	
Amount Requested – Fundraising, Prevention & Administration:	
Total Requested:	(Auto calculation)
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Payroll Justification – Explain how the positions entered above are needed for this project, provide a summary of their duties and how they will contribute to this project. You do not need to explain the need for direct service staff / advocates. Positions such as volunteer coordinator, grant writer, finance staff, communications, etc., need to be thoroughly justified. Explain your allocation method for staff who are charged to multiple sources. *For example: The volunteer coordinator is responsible for (list duties related to this grant) and will contribute approximately X amount of time (provide hours or percentage) to this grant based on the needs of this project.*

Benefits – This is a drop-down box with 4 options: FICA, Health, Vision and Dental, Allowance/Stipends and Other. You can pick each option once and enter the total for each benefit on the appropriate line. To add another benefit, click on the + button to the right of the benefits form.

Name (Type of Benefit):	<input type="checkbox"/> FICA
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Name (Type of Benefit):	<input type="checkbox"/> Health, Vision & Dental
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Name (Type of Benefit):	<input type="checkbox"/> Allowance/Stipends
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Name (Type of Benefit):	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe):
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Benefits Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts; show your calculations. If you choose “other,” be sure to describe those expenses; be specific. *For example: Benefits include FICA at 7.65%, retirement at 2.5%, unemployment at .4%, etc. We are requesting X percentage of benefits to align with the percentage of salaries requested.*

In-State Travel – Enter the total amounts for travel for services and total amount for in-state training. **NOTE: Travel must follow Iowa’s travel policies. For more information:** <https://das.iowa.gov/state-employees/state-accounting/travel-relocation/state-travel>

Travel for Services	
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

In-State Training	
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

In-State Travel Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts; show your calculations. If you are requesting funds for in-state training, include the name of the training and the location (if unknown, enter TBD), provide a breakdown of costs of training (registration costs, travel costs, hotel costs, meal costs) and number of staff attending, as well as why this training will enhance or improve services to victims. *For example: Connecting victim advocates with clients is essential and studies report face-to-face advocacy is greatly preferred by clients in crisis. Our service area covers x counties and is mostly rural. The estimated total costs for in-state travel for services is \$X. We are asking the grant to pay for \$Y. Costs for travel for services was determined by multiplying the estimated total miles (XXX) by the state rate of \$.50/mile.*

We estimate the cost of in-state training to be \$X. We are requesting funding of \$Y. These costs were determined by multiplying the state rate of \$.50/mile by the estimated miles traveled. These costs are for outreach staff meetings, meetings in Des Moines, (list what training you think you will attend). We anticipate sending X staff to the annual victim symposium in Des Moines. The estimated cost for that travel is \$X (provide the breakdown – miles, hotel, food)

Travel to provide services is travel on behalf of victims.

Out-of-State Training – enter the total costs for out of state travel.

NOTE: Travel must follow Iowa’s travel policies. For more information:

<https://das.iowa.gov/state-employees/state-accounting/travel-relocation/state-travel>

Out of State Travel	
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Out-of-State Travel & Training Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts; show your calculations. Include the name of training and location (if unknown, enter TBD), provide a breakdown of costs of training (registration costs, travel costs, hotel costs, meal costs) and number of staff attending, as well as why this training will enhance or improve services to victims. *For example: We plan to send 2 staff to out-of-state conferences TBD. We are budgeting \$X from this grant as a placeholder. This amount is based on historical travel costs. When a conference is identified, we will submit an out-of-state travel request. **When out of state/conferences are known:** We are requesting funding to send an advocate to the Victim conference in (name of city/state). The estimated cost of the trip is \$XX determined as follows: (list estimated cost of airfare, hotel, registration, etc.)*

Contractual Services – Complete each field below for each contracted service for which you are requesting funding. To add more rows on the form, click the + button to the right of the form.

Name of Contractor or Subcontractor:	
Type of Contract:	
Total Costs:	

Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Contractual Services Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts; show your calculations. Explain why this contractual service is needed and how it will enhance or improve services for victims. In the justification box, provide details on each contractor or subcontractor you included in the budget. Describe the services they provide, explain if this is a shared cost between other funding sources and how you determined the amount this grant should pay. *For example: AAA is an online HR service that processes all our (list the services provided). The cost is \$X per month for an annual cost of \$X. Approximately X % of their time is spent on this grant; therefore, we are requesting \$X.*

Equipment – Complete each field below for each type of equipment (capitalized and sensitive minor) for which you are requesting funding. *For example, if you are requesting 2 laptops, 2 cell phones and 1 printer, you would complete the section below once for the 2 laptops, once for the 2 cell phones and once for the printer.* To add more rows on the form, click the + button at the right of the form.

Equipment Item:	
Quantity:	
Cost per Item:	
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Equipment Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts; show your calculations. Explain why this equipment is needed. Explain if the equipment and the cost of the equipment will be shared between all funding sources. If not, explain. *For example: We are requesting the purchase of a new server. The estimated cost for the server is \$X. Approximately X% of our agency’s expenses are charged to this grant and therefore we are asking for \$X. The remaining costs of the server will be allocated appropriately to our other funding sources. OR We are requesting 100% of the cost of a new laptop for our new advocate position as 100% of their time is charged to this grant.*

Repairs and Maintenance – Complete each field below for each type of repair or maintenance for which you are requesting. To add more rows on the form, click the + button to the right of the form.

Description:	
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Repairs & Maintenance – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts; show your calculations. *For example: The estimated costs of repairs and maintenance are based on the square footage of the main office and the outreach offices. Based on historical spending, we estimate the costs of repairs and maintenance to be \$X. We are requesting \$X from this grant.*

Rent – Enter rent information in each field below for each type of rent for which you are requesting funding (office, shelter, facility, etc.). To add more rows on the form, click the + button on the right side of the form.

Location:	
Monthly Rent Costs:	
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Rent Justification – Explain how rent costs are allocated. Give a brief explanation of where outreach offices are and how they are used to serve victims, if the sites are shared, hours they are open, or other information to show the importance of multiple rental sites. *For example: The requested amount is based on the number of staff in each of the outreach offices charged to this grant. Since X% of staff are charged to this grant, we are asking the grant to cover X% of the total cost of the rent.*

Utilities – Complete each field below for each type of utility for which you are requesting funding. This is a drop-down box with the options to select water, electric, gas or other. You can select each type of utility once and will enter the total cost for each type of utility. To add another option, click the + button to the right of the form.

Type of Utility:	<input type="checkbox"/> water
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Type of Utility:	<input type="checkbox"/> electric
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Type of Utility:	<input type="checkbox"/> gas
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Type of Utility:	<input type="checkbox"/> other
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Utilities Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts; show your calculations. If you selected “other,” you must describe those expenses. *For example: Utilities are based on the square footage of the offices and on the number of staff using each office. Based on historical spending, we estimate the total cost of (list each utility) to be \$XX. We are asking for this grant to cover X%.*

Communications – Complete each field below for each type of communication for which you are requesting funding. This is a drop-down box with the options to select landline, cell phone, staff reimbursement, internet or other. You can select each type of expense once and will include the total cost for each communication expense. To add another option, click the + button to the right of the form.

Item/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Landline
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)
Item/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)
Item/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Reimbursement – Cell Phone
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)
Item/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)
Item/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Communications Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts; show your calculations. Explain why these costs are needed and how they will enhance or improve services for victims. If you selected “other,” you must describe those expenses. Explain the costs for each type of communication you are requesting this grant to pay. *For example: The total estimated cost for the landlines is \$X. We are asking for this grant to pay for \$X. (then explain how you determined the breakdown).*

Advertising – Complete each field below for each type of advertising for which you are requesting funding. To add another row, click the + button to the right of the form. This is not a drop-down box; however, you should include similar expenses on the same line.

Description:	
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Advertising Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts; show your calculation. Explain why these costs are needed and how they will enhance or improve services for victims. *For example: Annually we spend approximately \$X amount to advertise job openings for this project. We plan to hold several outreach events in the next year. Costs associated with each of these events are as follows: (list the events and their related costs). Let us know if this is a shared expense or specific to this project.*

NOTE: Certain advertising and public relations costs cannot be charged to federal funds. See 2 CFR 200.421 <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRed1f39f9b3d4e72/section-200.421>

Memorabilia, t-shirts, wrist bands, and other items often referred to as “swag” will be scrutinized. If these expenses are requested for outreach or awareness, applicants must justify in great detail why these items are the best way to provide outreach to victims.

Supplies – Complete each field below for each type of supply for which you are requesting funding. This is a drop-down box with the options to select office, project, shelter or other. You can select each type of expense once and enter the total cost for each type of supply. To add another option, click the + button to the right of the form.

Description/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Office
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)
Description/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Project
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Description/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)
Description/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Supplies Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts. Show your calculations. Explain why these costs are needed and how they will enhance or improve services for victims. If you selected “other,” you must describe those expenses. If you requested funding for office supplies and you have an indirect rate, you must explain why these expenses are included as direct grant expenses. You do not need to justify the need for office supplies, rather show how you determined the total cost and justify why this grant should pay a portion. Project supplies can be 100% charged to the grant if there are no other sources to share the expenses. *For example: We estimate that we spend approximately \$X on offices supplies annually. This includes (list what it includes). This grant is approximately Y% of the organization’s budget and therefore we are requesting Z% or \$Z from this grant for office supplies. Project supplies are estimated to be \$X. (list what the project supplies will be used for – support groups, etc.). We are requesting 100% of the cost of project supplies.*

Insurance –Complete each field below for each type of insurance for which you are requesting funding. This is a drop-down box with the options to select general & professional liability, workers comp, directors and officers, or other. Select each type of expense once and enter the total cost. To add another option, click the + button to the right of the form.

Description/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> General & Professional Liability
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)
Description/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Workers Comp
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)
Description/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Directors & Officer
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Description/Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Insurance Justification - Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts. Show your calculations. If you selected “other,” you must describe those expenses. *For example: The annual estimated cost of liability insurance for the agency is \$X. Based on our allocation method (explain) we are requesting the grant to pay for \$X.*

Other Expenses - This expense category should be used for expenses you are not able to categorize above.

Description/Type:	
Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Other Expenses Justification – Describe in detail “other expenses” and how you determined the total costs and requested amounts. Show your calculations. Explain why these costs are needed and how they will enhance or improve services for victims. Use this category if there is no other appropriate budget category. *For example: We are requesting funding to cover the costs of background checks for the new advocate. The estimate cost is \$X.*

Client Assistance – Enter the total cost and the amount for which you are requesting funding.

Total Costs:	
Requested Amount:	
% of Request:	(Auto calculation)

Client Assistance Justification – Explain how you determined the total costs and requested amounts. Explain how you anticipate using client assistance. *For example: The estimated total costs for client assistance are estimated to be X. (explain how you determined total costs, what are examples of client assistance). We have other funding sources to cover most client assistance needs; therefore, we are requesting \$X from this grant. OR We have no other sources of funding for client assistance and therefore we are requesting 100% of the cost of budgeted client assistance.*

NOTE: Client assistance is financial assistance generally paid to vendors on behalf of the client to assist victims with healing and stability. Cash cannot be given directly to victims. Organizations which issue gift cards must have written gift card policy and procedures.

Indirect Costs – If using an indirect cost rate, enter your federally approved rate. If using the de minimus rate, enter a percentage up to 15%.

Indirect Cost %:	
Total Requested:	

Indirect Costs Calculation – Modified total direct costs (MTDC) are direct costs which are included in the indirect cost calculation. If you use the de minimus rate, MDTC excludes rent, maintenance, utilities, capitalized equipment and the portion of subawards greater than \$50,000. To determine MTDC, subtract the excluded costs from the total direct costs. Multiply the MTDC by the indirect cost percentage. Enter this amount in the budget form as the Total Requested amount. Show your calculation. For example:

Total direct costs = \$100,000. MTDC is \$97,000. $\$97,000 \times 15\% = \$14,550$, which is the amount of indirect costs we are requesting. (The total budget is \$114,550).

Match

Match or cost sharing means a portion of the costs of the project is not paid for with federal funds. Match funds are usually stated as a percentage of the total amount of funds awarded. For this application, enter match as indicated on the budget details form. Cash match includes cash spent on allowable project expenses, such as salaries and benefits, project supplies, client assistance, etc. These expenses are not charged to any federal funding source. The value of volunteers providing allowable services which benefit this project is calculated by using rates similar to rates paid for similar work, including fringe benefits. In-kind match includes donations such as supplies, equipment, space, etc. only if they are allowable and benefit the project. The value of in-kind donations must not exceed the fair market value at the time of donation.

	<i>Projected Match (\$)</i>	<i>Projected Match Source</i>	<i>% of Required Match</i>
<i>Cash (Direct Services)</i>			
<i>Volunteers</i>			
<i>In-Kind Costs</i>			
<i>Totals:</i>			

If this application is selected for funding, the match form will be adjusted to reflect the actual match required.

APPENDIX D

Applications Chosen for Funding

Applicants chosen for funding will receive an email stating that their proposal has been recommended for funding pending the outcome of the appeals process (reconsideration). Once the appeals process is complete, applicants will receive another notification advising them of the final funding decision.

Applicants approved for funding will be assigned to a Victim Assistance grant coordinator who will manage the grant and serve as the key contact. Proposals selected for funding will likely require changes to their original applications. For example, if the amount awarded is different from the request, the budget will need to be modified. All proposal changes are completed in the grants management system.

Subaward agreement and contracting requirements

Grant funding is awarded annually, where year one is competitive, years two to four are continuing awards. The Department through the Victim Assistance Section contracts with grantees by issuing subaward agreements generated through the online grants management system. Subaward agreements are signed electronically by both parties. The organization determines who has the role/responsibility to sign contracts. In addition to signing the subaward agreement grantees must agree to abide by all certified assurances issued by the federal government and the state.

Grant funds are issued on a reimbursement basis

Expenditures shall be reimbursed pursuant to regular reimbursement procedures of the state of Iowa. Grantees request reimbursement for allowable grant expenses by submitting claims.

Performance reports and data collection

All grantees are required to submit timely performance reports as directed. Failure to submit reports by due dates shall result in suspension of financial reimbursements. Delinquent or inadequate reports from prior grants may detrimentally influence the award of funds for the following year. Performance report requirements are available [here](#).

Subaward monitoring

To ensure financial and programmatic compliance, grantees will be monitored regularly.

New grantee orientation

Grantees will be invited to participate in a new grantee orientation.

APPENDIX E

Consultation with Victim Services

Applications for STOP VAWA funding which are not from a victim service agency must include a partnership or consultation agreement with the local or statewide victim service program (dependent upon the applicant's service area). Each partnership agreement must specify how the applicant will meaningfully work and consult with victim service providers in the development and implementation of their grant application plans.

(sample) Partnership Agreement

Applicant Organization Name:

Victim Services Organization Name:

Description of how the applicant consulted with the victim services provider or tribe in the development and implementation of this application to inform their work and ensure it has a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach:

If funded, the applicant and the victim services provider will work together to implement this project to ensure the safety and well-being of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence victims as follows:

Approved and Agreed

Applicant Organization

Victim Services Organization

Name of authorized official

Name of authorized official

Signature/Date

Signature/Date