



PROSECUTORIAL-BASED GENERAL CRIME VICTIM FUNDING INFORMATION SHEET

Intent: The purpose of this grant is to fund crime victim/witness advocates within county and city prosecutorial offices to address the needs of victims in cases being prosecuted and to assist the office in complying with its statutory crime victim obligations.

Definition: A “general crime victim” refers to a victim of any crime, including: assault, robbery, burglary, theft, homicide, DWI, criminal vehicular homicide/operation and other traffic offenses with a victim, arson, fraud and identity theft, criminal damage to property, bias motivated crimes, sexual assault, domestic abuse, child abuse, elder abuse, and sex/ labor trafficking. It includes all victims defined under Minnesota Statutes section 611A.01(b).

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include county and select city prosecutorial agencies currently not funded by OJP. (See page 2 for list of eligible counties/cities and funding amounts.)

Funding: In late May 2017, OJP will release a *Request for Proposals* to fund general crime victim services in prosecutorial offices. The initial grant period is 10/1/17 to 9/30/18. Offices awarded this grant may then apply for a one-year renewal grant in each of the subsequent three years until the regular competitive grant process in 2021. At that time, the applicant can re-apply.

What’s in it for me? Prosecutors have obligations to crime victims under Minnesota Statutes chapter 611A, however, many offices lack the resources to fully address these obligations, as well as to provide the assistance and support that many victims need during the prosecution process. This grant opportunity was created to fill the victim service gap in prosecutors’ offices, ensuring that victims are supported and that their rights are upheld. OJP encourages prospective applicants to call offices currently being funded about the benefit of having victim/witness staff, including the following county attorneys who have offered to be available to applicants:

- Jim Backstrom, Dakota County Attorney – 651-438-4438 or attorney@co.dakota.mn.us
- Janelle Kendall, Stearns County Attorney – 320-656-3880 or Janelle.kendall@co.stearns.mn.us

Who is getting this funding? OJP currently provides prosecutorial-based general crime victim funding to 40 Minnesota counties and two city attorney offices, and with this grant seeks to increase coverage to as many eligible county attorney offices and city prosecutor offices as possible. (See page 2 for list eligible offices.) Successful applicants are those that clearly explain their need for funding, their plan for utilizing a victim/witness staff, and the benefit to the prosecutor’s office and the community.

How difficult is it to apply? You do not need a professional grant writer to complete the application. The narrative sections of the application are straightforward and the requested information is not onerous. OJP is available to provide one-on-one technical assistance with the application and can provide a copy of a funded application from the previous competitive process to use as a guide. Contact Chris Anderson at chris.anderson@state.mn.us to request a copy.

Is the funding sustainable? Crime victim funding has been supported in Minnesota by state and federal funding since the mid 1970s. Recently, the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds significantly increased due to increased collection of federal fines and fees, the source of VOCA funds (not taxpayer dollars). VOCA and state funding has been extremely stable and will be the funds used to support these grants. These funds are sustainable and consistent.

Direct Services: Services must adhere to OJP's [General Crime Victim Program Standards for Government-based Grantees](#). See additional link for this document.

Match Requirement: The grant requires a match of approximately 20%. Match may be cash (hard match) or in-kind (soft match) and met by the end of the grant period. OJP staff provide technical assistance in helping applicants determine sources of in-kind match, such as the monetary value of time contributed to helping crime victims or improving the criminal justice response. Additionally, applicants may request a waiver for a portion of the match or for the entire match. Requesting a match waiver does not positively or negatively affect one's application – match waivers are available to all.

Supplanting: Grant funds cannot be used to replace state, local or other public funds that would otherwise be available for the same purpose. Grant funds are to be used to increase the total amount of public funds used to support services to crime victims. In other words, if applicants are currently providing services to crime victims that are paid for by another funding source, OJP funds cannot be used instead for these same services UNLESS the current funding source is ending.

RFP due Date: The application will be due late July 2017 for funding starting 10/1/17.

For further information: Contact Cecilia Miller at 651-201-7327 or cecilia.miller@state.mn.us or Chris Anderson at 651-201-7302 or chris.anderson@state.mn.us.

Eligible counties/cities and funding amounts:

County	Amount
Big Stone	\$35,000
Blue Earth	\$70,000
Cottonwood	\$70,000
Crow Wing	\$70,000
Dodge	\$70,000
Douglas	\$70,000
Fillmore	\$70,000
Freeborn	\$70,000
Goodhue	\$70,000
Grant	\$35,000
Houston	\$70,000
Jackson	\$70,000
Kanabec	\$70,000
Kandiyohi	\$70,000
Kittson	\$35,000
Koochiching	\$70,000
Lake of the Woods	\$35,000
Lincoln	\$35,000
Lyon	\$70,000

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Mahnomen	\$70,000
McLeod	\$70,000
Morrison	\$70,000
Mower	\$70,000
Murray	\$35,000
Nicollet	\$70,000
Nobles	\$70,000
Olmsted	\$70,000
Otter Tail	\$70,000
Pine	\$70,000
Pipestone	\$35,000
Pope	\$70,000
Redwood	\$70,000
Renville	\$70,000
Rock	\$70,000
Scott	\$70,000
Sibley	\$70,000
St. Louis	\$140,000
Steele	\$70,000

County	Amount
Stevens	\$70,000
Swift	\$70,000
Todd	\$70,000
Traverse	\$35,000
Wabasha	\$70,000
Waseca	\$70,000
Watonwan	\$70,000
Wilkin	\$35,000
Wright	\$70,000

City	Amount
Bloomington	\$70,000
Coon Rapids	\$70,000
Duluth	\$70,000
Mankato	\$70,000
Minneapolis	\$140,000
Minnetonka	\$70,000
St. Cloud	\$70,000