

Crime Victim Services

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

VOCA and VAWA STOP 2021 Funding Priorities and Application Requirements

Crime Victims Services Committee

The mission of the Crime Victims' Services (CVS) Committee is to advocate for victims by promoting the development of effective programs that improve the response of human service professionals and the criminal justice system to crime victims.



CVS Funding Priority Development

Staff Input

- Information to estimate the upcoming federal award amounts
- Review of prior priorities, applications and amounts
- Historical information about prior projects/agencies
- Research from the field and other states
- CVS Advisory Group
 - Input from across the state
 - Innovations in the field

CVS Committee

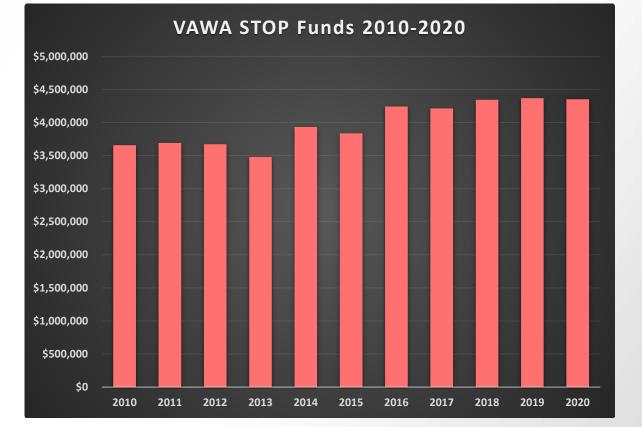
- Reviews all information
- Makes final recommendations to the Commission
- An important factor for 2021 funds was the amount of federal funds estimated to be available.
 - VAWA STOP estimate is it will be similar to 2020
 - VOCA Victim Assistance estimate is it will be the similar to 2020; however, there was an approximately 48% reduction between 2018 and 2020



CVS Funding Sources

VAWA STOP

2010	\$3,658,374
2011	\$3,691,475
2012	\$3,672,188
2013	\$3,477,783
2014	\$3,933,568
2015	\$3,836,305
2016	\$4,242,783
2017	\$4,214,431
2018	\$4,343,185
2019	\$4,369,208
2020	\$4,350,560

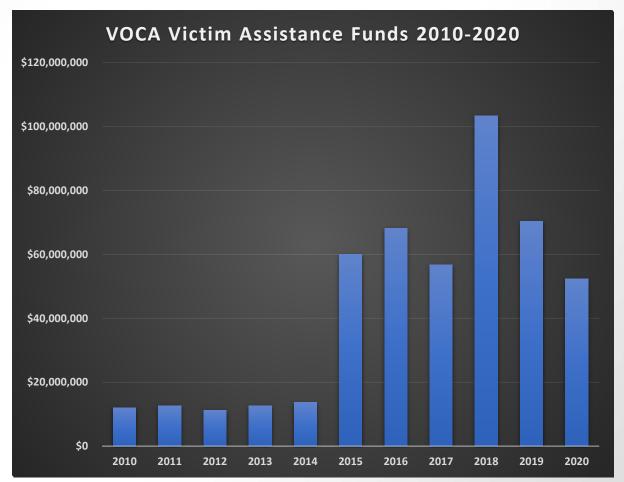




CVS Funding Sources

VOCA Victim Assistance

\$12,099,871
\$12,720,618
\$11,283,959
\$12,709,416
\$13,687,017
\$60,012,054
\$68,178,534
\$56,791,254
\$103,435,763
\$70,371,764
\$52,368,267





Impact of Funding Fluctuations

Noncompetitive and Competitive Funding Priorities – <u>REDUCTIONS!</u>

VOCA				
Noncompetitive (Basic) - Based on formulas (SA, DV, CACs)	<u>Competitive</u> -only 1 application in a priority -limited to 3 applications total			
 Sexual Assault/Domestic violence Victims' Services - designated agencies only Child Advocacy Centers - designated agencies only Automated Victim Notification Services – designated agency 	 Underserved Crime Victim Services Legal Services for Victims of Crime Collaborative/Multi-Agency Models (Family Justice Centers Victims of Human Trafficking Child Abuse Victims' Services Other Services for Victims of Crime 			





Victims of Crime Act of 1984

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Victims of Crime Act, 1984

- Services under this grant program are defined as those efforts that:
 - Respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims;
 - Assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization;
 - Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system;
 - Provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security as appropriate to their victimization



Mandatory Allocations

The GCC is federally mandated to allocate VOCA funding, at a minimum, to the following categories:

Minimum Allocations	Allocation Category	Definition/Clarification
10%	Sexual Assault	
10%	Domestic (Spousal) Abuse	Encompasses domestic and intimate partner violence; includes all victims of domestic and intimate partner violence regardless of sexual orientation. This definition does not require legal recognition of any particular relationship, nor does it implicate State laws concerning marriage rights.
10%	Child Abuse	Victims of child abuse may include, but are not limited to, child victims of: physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; child pornography related offenses; neglect; commercial sexual exploitation; bullying; and/or exposure to violence.
10%	Previously Underserved	The type of crime victim considered underserved can be identified by the type of crime they have experienced or the demographic characteristics of the crime victim, or both.



VOCA Requirements

- Agencies must demonstrate a record of effective services by having a <u>history of providing direct services</u>
- Agencies <u>must</u> provide documentation of substantial financial support from sources other than the Crime Victims Fund
- New victim services organizations must show financial capacity with <u>at least 25%</u> of the agency's funding comes from other sources
 - → May include other federal funds
 - → May include state funding
 - Non-federal funding support may be used towards the match requirement



VOCA Application Limitations

- Application Submission Limits: Agencies may submit no more than THREE (3) total competitive applications with only one application per program priority
 - Additional applications <u>will not</u> be considered for funding
 - This total is not inclusive of any DV/SA or CAC Basic Services projects
- Growth: As funding is limited, agencies requesting funding for continuation projects are limited to level funding, the federal share of the project cannot increase from the previous year
- Awards under the VOCA program will be made for a funding period not to exceed two years per funded project



Noncompetitive Priorities

- The following priority categories are funded to designated agencies only:
 - Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Victims Services
 - Child Advocacy Centers
 - Automated Victim Notification
- If you do not receive notification from GCC establishing that you should receive a basic services funding allocation, you are not eligible to apply for funding in these priority categories



VOCA Funding Priority - designated agencies

A. Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Victims' Services

- Proposals submitted should address the needs of victims of sexual assault or domestic/intimate partner violence by providing direct services to victims of crime
- Proposals should include a plan of action to provide core crisis intervention services to victims



A. Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Victims' Services

- Examples include:
 - Client Outreach Services
 - Crisis Line Operations
 - Evidence-based Mental Health Services
 - Counseling and Support Services
 - Information and Referral Services
 - Language Crisis Line Services
 - Legal Assistance
 - Relocation Expenses
 - Shelter and Transitional Housing Services
 - Hospital Accompaniment



- **B. Child Advocacy Centers**
 - Proposals should describe services provided by a fully or provisionally accredited Child Advocacy Center (CAC)
 - Each organization must upload a verification letter from Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina (CACNC) that states their accreditation status.



- **B. Child Advocacy Centers**
 - Proposals may include costs to cover direct services personnel for the following services:
 - Advocacy
 - Evidence-based Mental Health Services
 - Child Medical Evaluation
 - Forensic Interviews
 - Forensic Medical Evidence Collection Exams



Competitive Priorities

- The following priority categories are competitive, and voted on by the members of the Governor's Crime Commission:
 - Underserved Crime Victims Services
 - Legal Services for Victims of Crime
 - Collaborative/Multi-Agency Models (Family Justice Centers)
 - Victims of Human Trafficking
 - Child Abuse Victims Services
 - Other Services for Victims of Crime



C. Underserved Crime Victims Services

- Underserved populations may be distinguished by crime type or by demographic characterizations.
- These populations may require special consideration/services due to possibly being overlooked in the past or not having access to adequate services.
- Under this funding priority, programs should look to develop and/or continue implementing programs that address underserved crime victim groups by providing an array of services.



C. Underserved Crime Victims Services

- Examples of underserved victim populations include, but are not limited to:
 - Culturally Specific Populations, including but not limited to: African/African American, American Indian/Tribal Communities, Latinx Communities, LGBTQ+ Victims, Immigrant Victims, Male Victims
 - Rural Populations
 - Elderly Victims of Crime
 - Disabled Victims of Crime
 - Veterans/Military Personnel
 - Adult Survivors of Child Abuse
 - Victims of Gang-related Crimes
 - Survivors of Homicide Victims



D. Legal Services for Victims of Crime

- Statewide legal agencies/organizations and local/regional non-profits that provide legal services to crime victims.
- Legal assistance services that are necessary as a direct result of victimization:
 - Filing motions, protective orders, and immigration filings based on victimization
 - Criminal defense and civil tort actions are <u>not allowable</u> with VOCA funding



E. Collaborative/Multi-Agency Models (Family Justice Centers)

- Funding awarded under this priority will assist local communities in providing services to victims through the establishment of co-located service models.
- Proposals should promote the collaborative effort of service providers in making services more readily available to victims and to promote the collaborative efforts of agencies within a local/regional area.
- Note: co-location of all service providers is not a requirements



E. Collaborative/Multi-Agency Models (Family Justice Centers)

- Centers should establish a collaborative plan specifying how victims will access services and obtain referrals for support and assistance.
- Proposals should include memoranda of understanding with local partners outlining how the group will provide core crisis intervention services to sexual assault and/or domestic violence victims. These **must** be uploaded to the application.



E. Collaborative/Multi-Agency Models (Family Justice Centers)

- Services may include, but are not limited to:
 - Coordinated intake and navigation of referrals
 - Counseling services
 - Shelter services
 - Legal assistance services
 - Forensic medial examinations
 - Emergency services
 - Information and referral services



F. Victims of Human Trafficking

- Proposals will be accepted from agencies to address human trafficking, including child victims of trafficking and victims of labor trafficking
- Must include letters of support from the NC Human Trafficking Commission and other service providers involved in the direct provision of services to victims of human trafficking



F. Victims of Human Trafficking

- All human trafficking proposals must include efforts to develop and/or improve a multi-system, interagency, multi-disciplinary response to human trafficking victims
 - Improving and/or developing interagency protocols
 - Improving and/or developing an advocacy council, task force or MDT
- Collaborative partners should include local direct service providers and NC Human Trafficking Commission



F. Victims of Human Trafficking

Services provided may include:

- Case Management
- Client Outreach Services
- Evidence-based Mental Health Services
- Counseling and Support Services
- Court Advocacy Services
- Information and Referral Services
- Legal Services
- Shelter/Transitional Housing
- Language/Translation Services



G. Child Abuse Victims' Services

- Victims of child abuse may include child victims of: physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; child pornographyrelated offenses; neglect; commercial sexual exploitation; bullying; and/or exposure to violence.
- Developing CACs (not fully or provisionally accredited) should apply for funding under this category.
- Accredited CACs interested in providing additional or enhanced services aside from their basic services project allocation may apply for funding under this priority



H. Other Services for Victims of Crime

- Other Services for Victims of Crime include services allowable through VOCA funding that serve as an enhancement to the basic services provided by victim service agencies.
- All proposals should include:
 - A plan of action, and
 - A statement of collaboration to provide enhanced services to victims of crime



H. Other Services for Victims of Crime

- Examples of Other Services may include:
 - Transitional Housing (not to exceed 365 days per victim)
 - Relocation Services
 - Emergency Medical Assistance
 - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Services
 - Client Outreach Services
 - Evidence-based Mental Health Services
 - Services for Victims of Financial Fraud and/or Identity Theft
 - Services for Victims Addressing the Intersection of Violence and Substance Use Disorder



- I. Automated Victim Notification Services designated agency
- Proposals will be considered for statewide automated victim notification systems and technology services, including via text notification and other electronic systems.

May include:

- Staff who provide services to alert victims on status changes of offenders in the jail, correctional, or court systems.
- Other electronic and text notifications with multiple language capability and operator assistance available.



Unallowable Activities

- Lobbying/advocacy with respect to legislation or administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy;
- Research and studies, except for project evaluation within the limits established by GCC;
- Active investigation and prosecution of criminal activities, except for the provision of victim assistance services to crime victims;
- Fundraising activities;
- Capital expenses, including capital improvements; property losses and expenses; real estate purchases; mortgage payments; and construction;



Unallowable Activities

- Reimbursement of crime victims for expenses incurred because of a crime, except as otherwise allowed by other provisions herein;
- Medical care, except as otherwise allowed by other provisions herein;
- Salaries and expenses of management, board members, and other administrators, except as specifically allowed elsewhere herein;
- Trinkets (items such as hats, mugs, portfolios, t-shirts, coins, gift bags, etc., regardless of whether they include the conference name or OJP/DOJ logo) must not be purchased with DOJ funds as giveaways for conferences. Basic supplies that are necessary for use during the conference (e.g., folders, name tags) may be purchased.





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STOP Funding Priorities

Violence Against Women Act

VAWA STOP Funding

- The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 was passed by Congress and created the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) in the United States Department of Justice.
- The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women.
- STOP encourages the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and strengthening of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.



STOP Funding Allocations & Funding Projections

By statute, the GCC is federally mandated to allocate STOP funding in the following manner:

Minimum Allocation	Priority	Projected 2021 Funding*	Focus Areas	
30%	Victims Services	\$1,174,651	Of the 30% for Victim Services, at least 10% (\$117,465.00 projected) must support programs that provide <u>culturally</u> <u>specific and culturally competent</u> <u>services</u> designed to meet the needs of specific racial and ethnic minority groups in the victim services priority.	At least 20% (\$870,112 projected) of the total award must be set aside for projects that solely and meaningfully address sexual assault in at least two of these funding allocation categories.
25%	Law Enforcement	\$978,876		
25%	Prosecution	\$978,876		
5%	State and Local Courts	\$195,775		
15%	 Discretionary Prevention Batterer's Intervention Programs 	\$587,325	No more than \$218,460 allowed for prevention.	



STOP Funding Priorities

The Office on Violence Against Women is interested in supporting the priority areas identified below. The GCC encourages applicants to develop projects that:

- Reduce violent crime against women and promote victim safety through investing in law enforcement, increasing prosecution, and promoting effective prevention.
- Empower victims to become survivors by growing them past their vulnerabilities to a place of self-sufficiency.
- Increase efforts to combat stalking.
- Address the specific challenges that rural communities face in responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.



STOP Priority Service Areas

You will need to identify in your application ONE priority service for your proposed project:

1) Victim Services; 2) Law Enforcement; 3) Prosecutors; 4) State and Local Courts; or 5) Discretionary

- The courts allocation must be awarded "to" state and local courts.
- Decisions for law enforcement, prosecution, and victim services should be made based on the beneficiary of the funded activities.

NOTE: Funding is restricted to services specific to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. Human trafficking victims who have been sexually assaulted or battered by an intimate partner can be served with STOP funds.



Discretionary

Court Sanctioned Batterer's Intervention Programs

• As per the North Carolina Administrative Code, programs must be certified by the N.C. Council for Women and Youth Involvement.

Primary and Secondary Prevention: No more than 5% of the State's total STOP award may be used for this purpose.

- Primary prevention means strategies, programming, and activities to stop both first-time perpetration and first-time victimization. Primary prevention is stopping domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking before they occur.
- Secondary prevention is identifying risk factors or problems that may lead to future domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and taking the necessary actions to eliminate the risk factors and the potential problem.



STOP Focus Areas

You will need to identify in your application IF your proposed project plans to serve one of the two STOP Focus Areas.

1) Culturally Specific

OR

2) Sexual Assault

Not Mandatory



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STOP Focus Area: Sexual Assault

- Projects assigned to the Victims Services, Law Enforcement, Prosecution and/or Courts Priority Service Areas are eligible to choose this focus area.
- Projects must have a sole and legitimate focus on sexual assault and personnel funded under the projects must have sufficient expertise and experience with sexual assault.



STOP Focus Area: Culturally Specific

Only projects assigned to the Victim Services Priority Service Area are eligible to choose this Focus Area.

In order to be eligible, projects must be focused on working with racial and ethnic minorities as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act, which means:

- American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts);
- Asian Americans;
- Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders;
- Blacks; and
- Hispanics.



STOP Focus Area: Culturally Specific

The organization **must** be a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization or tribal organization that serves a specific geographic community that:

- focuses primarily on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- has established a specialized culturally specific program that addresses domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- has a primary focus on underserved populations (and includes representatives of these populations) and domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or
- obtains expertise, or shows demonstrated capacity to work effectively, on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through collaboration;
- is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups; <u>AND</u>
- is providing services tailored to the unique needs of that population.



STOP Purpose Areas

Any projects funded utilizing STOP funds must meet one or more of OVW's statutory purpose areas.

 The GCC has identified thirteen (13) purpose areas that align with the State of North Carolina's Implementation Plan and fill in funding/service gaps for the State.



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Focus and Purpose Area Selection

GEMS My Projects My Profile Workshops Itelp G Karen Lo		? Help 💄 Karen Lombri
PROJ010731 2016 - Governor's Crime Commission - Grant Writing Workshop Project Overview	Focus & Purpose Areas Is your focus area 'sexual assault'? * O Yes O No Choose one or more purpose areas.	Is your focus area 'culturally specific'? * 〇 Yes 〇 No
Project Setup Implementing Agency General Information	Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including the appropriate use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (T) and (U) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)).	
Abstract & Narrative	Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.	
Qualifying Information Compliance Statement		ourt, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically olent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault domestic opropriate treatment of victims.
Goals https://gems.ncdps.gov/Profile/Info		and legal assistance programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence,



STOP Application Limitations and Funding Caps

- Application Submission Limits: Agencies may only submit ONE application under each GCC Funding Priority Service Area for the STOP program. NOTE: A prosecutorial district is a single subrecipient. Additional applications <u>will not</u> be considered for funding.
- Growth: As funding is limited, agencies requesting funding for continuation projects are limited to level funding, the federal share of the project cannot increase from the previous year.

Priority	Maximum Federal Share	
State and Local Courts	Statewide Training Grant	
Victim Services Up to \$200,000		
Law Enforcement	Up to \$140,000	
Prosecutors Up to \$140,000		
DiscretionaryBatterer's Intervention Programs: Up to \$55,000 for individual regions and \$100,000* for programs that serve multiple regions. Prevention Programs: Up to \$55,000		





Application Components and Attachments

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Reminder of Application Components

- Project Abstract
- Personnel & Contractual Positions
- Supplies/Operating Budget
- Project Narrative Summary
- Project Collaboration
- Project Timeline of Activities
- Project Sustainability Plan
- Detailed Project Budget (you must use the NEW template this year)
- Attachments!!! Numbered Correctly



Required Attachments – All Applicants

<u>Required</u> forms are available on the GCC website

- **Detailed Budget Narrative:** Include 1-2 lines about how each cost relates to the project
- Summary of Direct and Contracted Funds: This should include current and projected funding
- **Staffing Allocations:** This is for project staff and volunteers budgeted to this project



Required Attachments – All Applicants

- Equipment lease and/or rental space agreement: Floor plan required if costs are budgeted for reimbursement or match
- Indirect cost documentation: Federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement or de minimis indirect cost rate certification form (available on GCC website) if indirect costs are charged to the project
- **Detailed supply listing:** Word document listing supplies intending to purchase if requesting funding for general office or program supplies
- Written agreements: MOU/MOA demonstrating community partnerships if community partnerships are vital to the success of the project. These need to be current



Required Attachments – All Applicants

Required Agency Policies

- Travel Policy indicating reimbursement rates (if travel or mileage reimbursement is requested).
- Procurement or Purchasing Policy (if purchasing items through the project).
- Whistleblower Policy all applicants are required to submit.
- Data Breach and Imminent Breach Policy all applicants are required to submit. Sample policy on GCC website.
- Conflict of interest policy all applicants are required to submit.
- Overtime pay policy (if overtime pay is budgeted to the project).



Required Attachments – Certain Applicants only

All Non-Profit Applicants

- Agency's 501(c)(3) certification
- Agency's most recent signed and submitted IRS 990
- Agency's Board of Directors list, indicating their expertise related to the project.



VOCA Specific Applicant Attachments

Child Advocacy Center Applicants

Child Advocacy Centers of North Carolina Verification Letter

Human Trafficking Victims Services Applicants

Human Trafficking Commission Letter of Support



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STOP Specific Applicant Attachments

Culturally Specific Applicants

• Culturally Specific Organization Form that is available on GCC website. Must be signed by Authorizing Official and Project Director.

Applicants Providing Legal Services

- Legal Services Certification Form that is available on GCC website. Must be signed by Authorizing Official and Project Director.
- Assurances Concerning Polygraph Testing Prohibition Form that is available on GCC website. Must be signed by Authorizing Official and Project Director.

Applicants Providing Law Enforcement Services

• Assurances Concerning Polygraph Testing Prohibition Form that is available on GCC website. Must be signed by Authorizing Official and Project Director.

Applicants Providing Court Ordered Batterer's Intervention Programs

- Certification from N.C. Council for Women and Youth Involvement
- Letter from N.C. Council for Women and Youth Involvement supporting a multi-service area application. (if applying for an expanded multi- service area application.





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Completing the Grant Application

Completing the Application

- The applications are due at 11:59 PM on Sunday, January 31, 2021
- Read the RFA prior to completing the application
- Review <u>Required Attachment list</u> and download required forms early in the process
- Establish NCIDs for Authorizing Official, Financial Officer and Project Director early in the process
- Start your process by working on narrative sections in a word document, not in GEMS and first build budgets in an excel document
- Complete all required sections of the application
- Ensure that the narrative, goals, objectives, and budget align



Completing the Application

- Avoid using acronyms
- Be consistent with use of staff titles
- Be specific about your request and project
- Provide data to support the need for your project
- Provide all required documentation and attachments at the time of submission and label them as instructed
- Give yourself time to write and submit the application
 - This includes allowing time for sending the application electronically to each official to approve in GEMS
- Ask GCC staff for help due date is a Sunday
 - Staff will not be in the office to assist you



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