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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval to Apply for

2019-2021 Victims of Crime Act & Criminal Fine Account Non-Competitive Program Grant for Prosecutor Based Victim Program Grant

Purpose/Outcomes	The purpose of this non-competitive grant is to maintain advocacy services mandated by the Oregon Victim Rights laws to all victims of all crimes through the VOCA Non-Competitive and Criminal Fines Account Grants.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	1. 2019-2021 VOCA Non-Competitive Program October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2021: \$1,157,184.00 2. 2019-2021 CFA Non-Competitive Program October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2011: \$369,136.00 <i>* Above two Grants applied with one application through Oregon DOJ.</i> Grant revenue will be used to continue funding the Personnel Service costs for 6.25 FTE Victim Advocates. Remaining funds will be used to enhance current victim services and offset training costs as required by VOCA/CFA. The VOCA NC grant requires a 25% in-kind match of \$289,296.00 that will be met with Volunteer Victim Advocate hours, as it has in the past. The CFA NC grant does not require a match.
Funding Source	The Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victim's Services Division (CVSD) is the State Administrative Agency for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant programs as authorized by ORS 147.231. Beginning in 2015 the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) Crime Victim Services Division has combined the VOCA-NC and CFA into one grant application.
Duration	Effective October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2021
Previous Board Action/Review	The Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners previously approved the VOCA/CFA-2015-ClackamasCo.DAVAP-00008 (Agenda Item #C.2) on February 1, 2018.
Strategic Plan Alignment	Activities and expenses will support & enhance services to victims of crime. These efforts will be to (1) respond to the emotional needs of crime victims, (2) assist victims to stabilize their lives after a victimization, (3) assist victims to understand/participate in the Criminal Justice System while invoking their statutory Victim Rights, and (4) provide victims with a measure of safety and security while restoring a violence free life.
Contact Person	Carrie Walker, Victim Assistance Director for the District Attorney (503) 655-8616

BACKGROUND:

As a result of the 1983 Oregon Legislature, ORS 147.227 mandates that county prosecution-based Victim Assistance Programs (VAP) statutorily mandate the following core services in assistance to victims of crime under the funding guidelines of the CFA (aka: Unitary Assessment) funding:

- Notify victim of their Victim Rights
- Inform victims, upon request, of the status of the criminal case involving the victim
- Provide advocacy for victims as they move through the criminal justice system
- Assist victims in the preparation of restitution documents
- Prepare victims for court hearings and encouraging & facilitating victim testimony
- Accompany victims to court hearings/Grand Jury/trials/sentencing
- Involve victims in the decision-making process in the criminal justice system
- Inform victims of the processes to request the return of property held as evidence
- Assist victims with the logistics related to court appearances
- Assist victims of crime in the preparation and submission of Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP) applications to the Department of Justice

The Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) is the only federal grant program supporting direct assistance services to victims of all types of crimes. Federal VOCA funds are passed through the Oregon Department of Justice to victim service organizations throughout the state to extend and enhance services to victims of crime.

In addition to the mandated core services previously listed, the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office - Victim Assistance Program also provides essential support, often life-saving, services to victims of crime, such as:

- Immediate and long-term safety planning
- Crisis intervention and ongoing emotional support
- Assistance in obtaining protective orders
- Counseling and community resource referrals
- Crime scene response with law enforcement
- Call out response to hospital emergency departments for forensic medical exams
- Support for victims regardless of the prosecutorial merits of the case
- Advocacy while navigating the criminal justice system, both pre, and post-adjudication

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approval of this request to apply for the 2019-21 Victims of Crime Act & Criminal Fine Account Non-Competitive Program Grant.

Respectfully Submitted,



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