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Grant Vendor Information

Organization Type: Unit of Local Government (City, Town, or Village)

Organization Option: applying to provide direct services to victims only

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Narrative Information

Introduction

This application covers grant applications for funds administered by CJD under the funding announcements for the General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Program (VOCA), Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (VAWA), Building Capacity to Recover and Restore Survivors of Child Sex Trafficking (VOCA-CST), and Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP). See the relevant CJD funding announcement (linked above under "OOG Solicitation") for application instructions.

WARNING: This application has changed significantly since last year. It is essential to review the funding announcement (linked above) for instructions specific to each grant program. The funding announcements may require certain information – especially under the project narrative boxes – that your application may be considered incomplete without, resulting in the application being declared invalid and ineligible for funding.

Unless otherwise specifically instructed, DO NOT UPLOAD ATTACHMENTS with further information. Use the space provided here to address any aspects of the project you consider relevant.

Section 1: Program-Specific Questions

A. Culturally Competent Victim Restoration

Guidance

Victim service providers must have the ability to blend cultural knowledge and sensitivity with victim restoration skills for a more effective and culturally appropriate recovery process. Cultural competency occurs when: (1) cultural knowledge, awareness and sensitivity are integrated into action and policy; (2) the service is relevant to the needs of the community and provided by trained staff, board members, and management; and (3) an advocate or organization recognizes each client is different with different needs, feelings, ideas and barriers.

Provide information in this section regarding how your organization is culturally competent when providing services to victims. The number one priority of the Hidalgo County Victim Assistance Program is to address the trauma and problems encountered by victims of violent crime (e.g., sexual assault-rape, survivors of homicide, robbery, human trafficking, DUI/DWI, child abuse, domestic violence, assault and witnesses of violent crime etc.) located in and around Hidalgo County. How quickly and efficiently we address this issue is critical in determining how victims cope, with the immediate crisis and their recovery from the crime. Victim restoration can only be achieved when communities are sensitive to the care and safety of individuals who have been victimized while simultaneously holding offenders accountable for their crimes. Crime victims in Texas say that they were most affected by the psychological and emotional aspects of the victimization (Crime Victims' Institute, 1998). Victims of violent crime suffer from physical, mental, psychological, and financial hardship during and after their victimization. Every day in Hidalgo County, violent crime turns innocent people into crime victims. This violence tears at the heart of trust in interpersonal relationships. As the prosecuting entity, we represent the interests of the state at all hearings throughout the trial process. While the prosecutor does not directly represent the victim, per se, he or she should take into consideration the victims' needs and concerns, inform them of their rights under law, and help them exercise these rights. In addition to ensuring victims' rights and assisting in obtaining restitution and compensation, representatives of the Hidalgo County Victim Assistance Program counsel crime victims and their families, provide referrals to social agencies and encourage utilization of services, assist crime victims through the difficult court process, and help promptly return property used in evidence. Hidalgo County Victim Assistance Program will also partner with the following organizations: CASA, Crisis Center, Rape Crisis Center, CPS, law enforcement first responders. They will provide prevention and community education awareness of victims rights during October for Domestic Violence Awareness, February for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and April for Crime Victims Rights Week. With the creation of these types of community networks that build lasting partnerships, multiple stakeholders will link services, minimize the duplication of services/recordkeeping, and reduce trauma, while holding offenders accountable for their crimes, thereby, making a significant impact on the community's safety and peace of mind.

B. Culturally Specific and Underserved Populations

Guidance

Following are relevant definitions needed to answer this question.

- Underserved populations means populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age), and any other population determined to be underserved by the Attorney General or by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appropriate.
- Culturally specific means the program is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u-6(g))).
- Racial and ethnic minority group means American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts); Asian Americans; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; Blacks; and Hispanics.
- Hispanic means individuals whose origin is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or any other Spanish-speaking country.

Does your program have a primary focus on serving a culturally specific population? (The organization must do more than merely provide services to an underserved population or culturally specific group; rather, the organization's primary focus must be on providing culturally competent services designed to meet the specific needs of the target population in order to justify a YES response in the section below.)

Yes
 No

If you answered 'YES' above, you must explain in the box below how your organization's program is specifically designed to focus on and meet the needs of culturally specific populations. If this item does not apply enter 'N/A'.

There are geographical and social isolation of victims, language barriers, and lack of financial resources, and/or cultural or religious beliefs that may prevent some crime victims from obtaining services. Our population is predominately Hispanic or foreign-born individuals residing in the Hidalgo County community. Low education rates and economic challenges are severe for our community. Social service agencies, law enforcement, civil and criminal justice systems collaborate to develop better strategic, meaningful partnerships to address the needs of crime victims.

C. Victim Referral Process

Describe how victims are referred to your agency.

Victims are referred by the community based organizations, governmental agencies such as Child Protective Services (CPS), Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division, Department of Human Services, law enforcement agencies throughout the county, medical and mental health providers, universities and school districts.

D. Relevance to Priorities

Provide a brief explanation regarding the proposed project's relevance to any or all of the following priorities. If none of these items apply enter 'N/A'

Improving the criminal justice system response.

Addressing violent crime requires a comprehensive and collaborative response between law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service providers and the community. In order to improve the criminal justice system response to victim of crime the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office created the Victims Unit in April of 2015. The Victims Unit has assigned a Legal Counsel Attorney to assure that victims are afforded their victim's rights granted to them under the Texas Criminal Code of Procedure Chapter 56. In addition this funding will create 4 Victim Advocate positions that will be assigned to the program to provide direct victim services to help them through the prosecution process. Victims will be given the opportunity to participate in the criminal justice proceedings and receive information about their case. The HCDA-Victims Unit staff will work with the Felony, Misdemeanor, Civil, Juvenile and Special Crimes Division of the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office, the local Domestic Violence Shelter and the local police departments to ensure investigation and prosecutions are handled in a professional manner. In addition, the HCDA Victims Unit staff works with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice- Victims Services Division to ensure that victims receive post sentence services after the case is disposed in our office.

Improve court services regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking will receive information on how to obtain a protective order; a safety plan will be provided and explained to victims in a language they can understand. The victim advocate will assist victim in applying for Crime Victims Compensation and with relocation process (once it is approved by CVC). They will be referred for immigration relief and legal counsel with the HCDA-Victims Unit Legal Counsel/ attorney. Victims will be accommodated with bi-lingual court information and if needed with a translator for all criminal proceedings. Victims will be registered with the VINE system to maintain them informed of criminal justice proceedings and will be referred with post sentence services with TDCJ to continue victim services after case has been disposed. The HCDA Office has implemented a procedure for victims that want to sign Affidavit's Of Non-Prosecution. If a victim requests an ANP the victim is required to meet with a victim advocate and a safety plan is provided and explained. The victim will be offered assistance to obtain a protective order and any victim services to achieve victim restoration and safety. If the victim decides to file the ANP, they will be required to meet with the prosecutor to receive information about the criminal case. This procedure was implemented in an effort to educate victims on services available and to offer them a safety plan in an effort to improve the court services available for victims of domestic violence sexual assault, and stalking

Strengthen victim restoration.

Victims will be assisted in their restoration process giving priority to victim safety. Victims will be referred to local community based programs to ensure that they receive public assistance and services to help them live a life free of violence. Victims will be referred to the local Food Bank, Workforce Centers, Crime Victims Compensation, Counseling and Therapy Services, Office of the Attorney General to access child support safely, and to public housing to obtain a stable environment. Victims will be assisted with Crime Victims Compensation and relocation services, once CVC is approved.

Increase collaboration and communications across all levels of government and among all victims services.

The Legal Counsel Attorney and the Victims Unit Director will continue to increase collaboration and communication across all levels of government and community based victim services. Duties of the Legal Counsel Attorney will continue to include assisting victims in obtaining protective orders, providing legal remedies for victims, referring victims to meet with a victim advocate, coordination with local law enforcement agencies. The Legal Counsel Attorney and Victim Advocates will collaborate with community based victim services agencies and will coordinate community responses to address violent crime in our region. The Victims Unit will remain victim centered and will work directly with victims to help them through the prosecution process and provide them with information and referral to community base agencies.

E. Sustainment

How many additional years, beyond this request, do you plan to request continuation funding?

10

1) If you entered three (3) years or fewer, provide a brief explanation of your sustainment plan (if you entered more than three years or the project will not be sustained, enter 'N/A'):

N/A

2) If you entered more than three (3) years, explain the longer term sustainment plan or why other resources cannot be used to continue this project and why a sustainment strategy is not possible (if you entered three years or fewer or the project will not be sustained, enter 'N/A'):

The Victims Unit was established under the new administration of Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez Jr., Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney, in April of 2015. This is a new project and it was made possible with VOCA funds. Hidalgo County has a high incidence of domestic violence cases and violent crime and without this funding we will not be able to provide this crucial program to help victims.

F. Rural Victim Services

Does your project serve victims in rural areas or rural counties, as defined by the Texas Health and Safety Code*?

* Texas Health and Safety Code and Title 25, Health Services Section of the Texas Administrative Code, define "rural area" as (1) a county with a population of 50,000 or less; or (2) a relatively large, isolated, and sparsely populated area in a county with a population of more than 50,000.

Yes

No

If you answered 'YES' above, list the counties or areas of service below and their populations to demonstrate how the definition of "rural area" is met. If you answered 'NO' above, enter 'N/A'.

Hidalgo County with a population of 842, 304

G. Vehicle Purchases

VOCA applicants seeking grant funds for the purchase of a vehicle must describe below:

- 1) What are the current program transportation needs that will be addressed with vehicle purchases under this project;
- 2) What evidence exists to support the need for transportation funding that is specific to the program site;
- 3) What current transportation services exist at each specific program site and how will these current services be enhanced;
- 4) What transportation services will be provided; and
- 5) How the grantee will ensure the safe transportation of victims/survivors to and from the program site.

If this application does not seek funds for the purchase of a vehicle, enter 'N/A'.

NOTE: Applications for vehicle funds are only accepted from those providing direct services to victims in rural areas. Further restrictions apply. See the "Rural Victim Services Vehicle" section of the VOCA funding announcement for more information.

N/A

H. Applicants Performing Sexual Assault Forensic Exams

If an applicant is currently performing sexual assault forensic exams as any part of their current operations, provide the following information regarding the 12 months prior to submitting the application (enter "0" for all fields if the applicant does not currently perform sexual assault forensic exams).

Number of victims referred for an exam that did not complete one:

0

Number of report exams performed:

0

Number of non-report exams performed:

0

I. Evaluation Projects

This section regards any evaluation budget line item and/or selection of "Program Evaluation" as a project activity.

Tier-One Evaluations

Evaluations of programs that have been implemented and the evaluations will test the fidelity of the program based on proven models or best-practices. The evaluation also will review available program output and outcome information.

Does this application include a tier-one evaluation?

Yes

No

If you answered 'YES' above, describe below the best practices/model to be used in a fidelity and performance evaluation, the goal(s) of the evaluation, and why it is needed. If you answered 'No' above, enter 'N/A'.

Tier-Two Evaluations

Evaluations directed at measuring the effectiveness of proposed new program models or significant changes in present program models. The goal of tier-two evaluations is both to measure the program's effectiveness and to produce data and evidence necessary for others to replicate the program models and to develop best practices that CJD can use in supporting similar efforts.

Does this application include a tier-two evaluation?

Yes

No

If you answered 'YES' above, describe below why this new program model is needed and the goal(s) of the evaluation. If you answered 'No' above, enter 'N/A'.

If you answered **NO** to both questions above, check this box.

J. Child Sex Trafficking Victim Project Type

For applicants applying to serve victims of child sex trafficking, select the project type below (see Building Capacity to Recover and Restore Survivors of Child Sex Trafficking Funding Announcement for definitions and requirements).

Community-based drop-in program

Specialized foster care program

Advocacy program

Project serves victims of child sex trafficking, but application is under the General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Program Funding Announcement and is not one of the above three project types

Project does not serve victims of child sex trafficking

Section 2: Certifications

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

A. Forensic Medical Examination Payments

Health care facilities shall conduct a forensic medical examination of a victim of an alleged sexual assault if the victim arrived at the facility within 96 hours after the assault occurred and the victim consents to the examination. The victim is not required to participate in the investigation or prosecution of an offense as a condition of receiving a forensic medical examination, nor pay for the forensic examination or the evidence collection kit. The evidence collection portion of the exam is to be paid by law enforcement per state law. Crime Victim Compensation funds may be used to pay for the medical portion of the exam unless the victim of sexual assault is required to seek reimbursement for the examination from their insurance carrier. If a health care facility does not provide diagnosis or treatment services for sexual assault victims, the facility is required to refer the victim to a facility that provides those services.

B. Confidentiality and Privacy

Applicant agrees to maintain the confidentiality of client-counselor information and research data, as required by state and federal law. Personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied may not be disclosed; or, reveal individual client information without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person about whom information is sought. If release of information is compelled by statutory or court mandate, reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information will be made and steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of information will be taken.

C. Civil Rights Liaison

A civil rights liaison who will serve as the grantee's civil rights point of contact and who will be responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements must be designated. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with CJD and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Rosie Cantu

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

100 E Cano Edinburg, Texas 78539 2nd Floor

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999 x9999]:

9562927604 ext 8085

D. Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery

Applicant agrees to not engage in activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions.

E. Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Certification

The applicant certifies that it meets the following federal statutory requirements in regards to the provision of legal advocacy:

(1) Any person providing legal assistance through a program funded under this VAWA Program

(a) has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking in the targeted population; or

(b) is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in subparagraph (A) and has completed or will complete training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide.

(2) Any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a state, local, territorial, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, State, territorial, and local law enforcement officials.

(3) Any person or organization providing legal assistance through a program funded under this Program has informed and will continue to inform state, local, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence or sexual assault programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate State and local law enforcement officials of their work.

(4) The grantee's organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or child sexual abuse is an issue.

Does the applicant meet the criteria outlined above?

Yes

No

F. Polygraph Testing Prohibition

A peace officer or attorney representing the state may not require an adult or child victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an offense. In addition, the refusal of a victim to submit to a polygraph or other truth telling examination will not prevent the investigation, charging, or prosecution of an alleged sex offense or on the basis of the results of a polygraph examination.

G. Protection Orders

Victims applying for a protective order or their attorney may not bear the costs associated with the filing of an order of protections.

H. Offender Firearm Prohibition

Per 18 USC § 992(g), offenders convicted of a felony or misdemeanor level crime of domestic violence and anyone subject to a domestic violence protective order is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

I. Criminal Charges

In connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, the victim may not bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against a domestic violence offender, issuance or service of a warrant, or witness subpoena.

J. Uniform Crime Reports

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and must have been current for the previous year.

K. Criminal History Reporting

The county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2011 through 2015.

L. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Requests

The full text of this certification can be found [here](#). To be in compliance with this requirement, any county or municipal government that includes a department that detains individuals after arrest for a criminal violation must provide a letter signed by the head of each such department certifying to the requirements. This letter may be used for any application submitted to OOG for a period of up to two years from the date it is signed. If that period expires during the project period of any grant, the grantee must submit an updated letter for each such grant to remain in compliance with this requirement.

All applicants must select one of the following options:

Applicant is not a county or municipal government

Applicant is a county or municipal government and does not include any department that detains individuals after arrest for a criminal violation at any time

Applicant is a county or municipal government that includes department(s) that detain individuals after arrest for a criminal violation. Letters certifying compliance and signed by the heads of all such departments have been uploaded to this application.

Applicant is a county or municipal government that includes department(s) that detain individuals after arrest for a criminal violation. The Authorized Official has read the certification found on the aforementioned CJD website. Further, the Authorized Official will not be submitting signed letters certifying compliance from the heads of all such departments and understands that failure to comply with this certification may result in OOG, at its sole discretion, rejecting this application and any other application from the relevant county or municipal government.

M. Immigration Legal Services

CJD prioritizes funding of projects that provide a full spectrum of counseling, crisis services, and other direct victim services. CJD will not fund projects that focus primarily on immigration legal services and do not provide a significant level of other types of victim services.

N. Services to Victims of Crime

Applicant agrees to provide services to victims of crime which include: responding to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; assisting victims in stabilizing their lives after victimization; assisting victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and providing victims with safety and security. If the application is for a project that serves victims of sexual assault, applicant agrees to provide services to victims of sexual assault which includes providing core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault in order to assist with their recovery from the physical and psychological trauma of rape and sexual assault.

O. Volunteers

If awarded VOCA funds, applicant agrees to use volunteers to support either the project or other agency-wide services/activities, unless CJD determines that a compelling reason exists to waive this requirement.

P. Crime Victims' Compensation

Applicant agrees to assist crime victims in applying for crime victims' compensation benefits.

Q. Community Efforts

Applicant agrees to promote community efforts to aid crime victims. Applicants should promote, within the community, coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims. Coordination efforts qualify an organization to receive these funds, but are not activities that can be supported with these funds.

R. Records

Applicant agrees to maintain daily time and attendance records specifying the time devoted to allowable victim services.

S. Civil Rights Information

Applicant agrees to maintain statutorily required civil rights statistics on victims served by race, national origin, sex, age, and disability of victims served, within the timeframe established by CJD. This requirement is waived when providing services, such as telephone counseling, where soliciting the information may be inappropriate or offensive to the crime victim.

T. Victims of Federal Crime

Applicant agrees to provide equal services to victims of federal crime. (Note: Victim of federal crime is a victim of an offense that violates a federal criminal statute or regulation; federal crimes also include crimes that occur in an area where the federal government has jurisdiction, such as Indian reservations, some national parks, some federal buildings, and military installations.)

U. No Charge

Applicant agrees to provide grant-funded services at no charge to victims of crime. Applicants are also prohibited from billing Crime Victims Compensation, private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare for services provided using VOCA funds.

V. Discrimination

Applicant agrees not to discriminate against victims because they disagree with the State's prosecution of the criminal case.

W. Effective Services

Applicants applying for funds to provide victim services must demonstrate a record of providing effective services to crime victims. If the applicant cannot yet demonstrate a record of providing effective services, the applicant must demonstrate that at least 25 percent of its financial support comes from non-federal sources. (See "Capacity & Capabilities" instructions in the Funding Announcement.)

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the CJD Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

I certify to all of the application content & requirements.

Project Abstract :

This project will fulfill the requirement of the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to designate a Victim Assistance Coordinator

or Victim Advocate in accordance with Article 56.05(c) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to perform duties imposed by Chapter 56: Rights of Crime Victims. The Victim Advocate positions that will be created with this funding will have the duty to ensure victims are afforded their victim's rights during the prosecution process. The Victim Advocates will assist victims in the notification process and give to the victim notice of any scheduled court proceedings, changes in that schedule, the filing of a request for continuance of a trial setting, and any plea agreements to be presented to the court. In addition they will provide victims with assistance in submitting a victim impact statement, applying for crime victim's compensation, registering for VINE, referring victims for post sentence services with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Explaining victims the criminal justice process, court ordered restitution, judgments, provide victims with court accompaniment only upon request of victim, serve as a liaison between the prosecutor and the victim. Assist victims with applications for protective orders and safety planning. The victim advocates will provide services to victims in the Felony, Misdemeanor, Civil, and Juvenile Divisions. Victims will be provided with information and referral on how to access community based services and other legal remedies available for them. The Legal Counsel Attorney will assist victims in filing for protective orders and providing additional legal counsel on family law for information on divorce, child custody, child support, emergency protective orders, and immigration relief for undocumented victims of crime. In addition, the HCDA Victims Unit staff will work with the local law enforcement agencies that do NOT have a crime victim liaison on staff to provide services to victims of crime. In addition, this funding will create a Prevention Education Coordinator that we will provide training to the law enforcement agencies in special topics that address working with victims of crime. Such trainings will include, enhancing victim safety and safety planning, human trafficking, working with survivors of homicide victims, dynamics of family violence and sexual assaults, protective orders, criminal justice process, post sentence services, crime victims compensation, and victims' rights. The grant will have collaboration with the Lower Rio Grande Development Council/ Regional Police Academy to provide training to law enforcement officers, criminal justice professionals, and crime victim liaisons at the police departments. We will start the first Victim Assistance Academy in our region. This academy will be a 40 hour training that will be provided free of charge. It will include foundational victim assistance training focused on victim-centered service delivery and professional development that complements other victim services initiatives and enables victim advocates to acquire baseline professional skills. Completion of the training will provide victim services professionals with the necessary tools for providing consistent and appropriate services to crime victims, working collaboratively with partner agencies when serving victims, and providing a model of professionalism for victim service practitioners who serve our community and enhance our quality of life for the victims of Hidalgo County. Our target audience for the Victim Assistance Academy will be victim services advocates (those with less than 3 years experience), as well as other criminal justice professionals such as crime victim liaisons, probation and parole officers, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers a certificate of completion will be given to the student when the 40 hour training is completed and the corresponding quizzes and evaluation are submitted. The Victim Assistance will be a 5 day/ 40 hour training that will cover the following modules: 1. Ethics in Victim Services 2. Crime Victim's rights 3. Workings with victims of crime: Family Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Survivors of Homicide Victims 4. Dynamics of Family Violence & Safety Planning 5. Protective Orders, Emergency Magistrate Orders & Bond Conditions 6. The Criminal Justice System 7. Crime Victims Compensation 8. Types of Victim Services- community based services, judicial services, and post sentence services 9. Victim Advocacy and Community Collaboration 10. Crisis Intervention & Communication Skills 11. Culture Competency, Diversity and Inclusion 12. Vicarious Trauma & Self Care

Problem Statement :

Hidalgo County has 24 local law enforcement agencies and only 9 Crime Victims Liaisons. This translated to 15 law enforcement agencies that do NOT have a Crime Victim Liaison to respond and provide victim assistance to victims of crime in our region. This lack of victim services in turn creates a wide gap of services available to victims of crime in the onset of the crime. Many victims do NOT receive the much needed services to help them cope and deal with the victimization. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice Crime Victim Assistance Standards that were developed and distributed by the Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse in accordance with Article 56.05(c) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to aid Law Enforcement Officers and Attorneys Representing the State of Texas in performing duties imposed by Chapter 56 "Rights of Crime Victims" recommend that the each local law enforcement agency has the duty to designate one person to serve as the agency's crime victim liaison. Each agency shall consult with the victim assistance coordinator in the office of the attorney representing the state to determine the most effective manner in which the crime victim liaison can perform the duties imposed under Art. 56.04, CCP, Chapter 56. Art. 56.04(c). It is the duty of the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office to designate a Victim Assistance Coordinator or Victim Advocates that will provide victim services to victims of crime in Hidalgo County. The Victims Unit staff is fulfilling the requirement of the TAC and in turn addressing the gap of victim services for victims in the criminal justice process. The HCDA will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies and victims to address the trauma and problems encountered by victims of violent crime (e.g., sexual assault-rape, survivors of homicide, robbery, human trafficking, DUI/DWI, child abuse, domestic violence, assault and witnesses of violent crime etc.) located in and around Hidalgo County. In addition, this grant will provide training to law enforcement officers, criminal justice professionals, and victim advocates to address the lack of training in our region.

Supporting Data :

According to the Texas D.P.S. Uniform Crime report of 2015, there were a total of 5,505 cases of family violence incidents, 521 sexual assaults, 32 Murders, 348 forcible rape, and 1698 assaults reported to law enforcement agencies in Hidalgo County. In addition, the UCR report reflects that there was a total of 26,873 crimes reported to our local law enforcement agencies.

Project Approach & Activities:

Target areas include 1) domestic violence assistance 2) dating violence 3) child abuse investigations and support 4) victims counseling and support services, to include secondary victims 5) sexual assault – counseling and support services, to include secondary victims 6) stalking and 7) elder abuse.

Capacity & Capabilities:

Performance Management :

The overall goal of this project is to reduce trauma and problems encountered by victims of violent crimes by providing immediate crisis intervention, case review, case tracking, judicial procedures, court accompaniment, victims' rights and compensation programs, and follow-

up services by using a victim-centered, multi-disciplinary team approach within 12 months of operations.

Data Management:

Target Group :

Evidence-Based Practices:

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Project Activities Information

Introduction

This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.

Section 1: Program Enrolled/Served Population

This question is relevant for projects that serve or enroll specific individuals, rather than targeting the general public. This could include training, providing services, treatment programs, or offender programs. Please estimate the following for the project period, or if this does not apply to your project, enter "0" in each box.

Number of individuals NEWLY enrolled or BEGAN being served:

500

Number of carry-over individuals enrolled/being served in the program at the beginning of the project period:

0

Number of individuals who will successfully complete the program / full course of services:

500

Choose one:

My program does not serve or enroll specific individuals

My program's typical designed (ideal) length is best measured in HOURS of services delivered/ enrollment for each individual

My program's typical designed (ideal) length is best measured in DAYS of services delivered/ enrollment for each individual

Enter the number of hours or days (depending on selection above) of the typical designed (ideal) length of the program for each individual. Enter "0" if you indicated that your program does not serve or enroll specific individuals:

0

Section 2: Special Project Types and Information

Select all special project types that apply to your project.

Task forces: Project will support the operations and coordination activities of a task force.

Yes

No

If you answered 'YES' above, enter the name of the task force. If you selected **No**, enter **N/A**.

N/A

If you answered 'YES' above, enter the agencies or organizations that participate in the above-named task force. If you selected **No**, enter **N/A**.

N/A

Gang activity: Project involves a focus specifically on gang activity.

Yes

No

Transnational and organized crime: Project involves a focus specifically on transnational and organized crime.

Yes

No

Border activities: Project involves a focus specifically related to the Texas-Mexico border.

Yes

No

Human trafficking (select all that apply):

Project focuses on human trafficking

Project specifically focuses on trafficking of minors

Project specifically focuses on trafficking of adults

Project specifically focuses on sex trafficking

Project specifically focuses on labor trafficking

Project does not have any particular focus on human trafficking

Section 3: Juvenile Justice Projects

Select all categories that describe the project's juvenile crime activities. Definitions are available [here](#).

- Diversion
- Mental health services
- Aftercare/reentry
- After-school programs
- Alternatives to detention
- Community-based programs and services
- Delinquency prevention
- Girl-focused services
- School programs
- Substance and alcohol abuse
- Disproportionate minority contact
- Mentoring, counseling and training programs
- Job training
- Aptitude testing
- Diversion in a rural setting
- Project does NOT have a particular focus on juvenile crime

Section 4: Campus-Based Projects

This project is based on – or serves – one or more specific educational campuses (K-12 or higher education).

How many TOTAL students at ALL campuses will be served by the project? (enter "0" if this project is not based on – or serves – specific educational campuses):

0

List each educational campus that will be served by this project. Enter 'N/A' if this project is not based on – or serves – specific educational campuses.

N/A

Section 5: Crime or Victim Type

This question is for justice projects that target specific crimes and ALL victim services projects. Others may enter "100" under "All other crimes". Applicants to serve victims of or prosecute/investigate/prevent exclusively child sex trafficking victims should assign 100% to that category.

Select the type(s) of crime or crime victim this project targets and provide the percentage of time dedicated to each. Applicants with projects that target multiple-offense offenders or multiple-victimization victims should assign percentages that best describe the activity. Percentages may not exceed 100%.

Sexual assault (%):

15

Domestic abuse (%):

40

Child abuse (%):

5

DUI / DWI (crashes for victim services) (%):

5

Survivors of homicide (%):

10

Assault (%):

15

Adults molested as children (%):

0

Elder abuse (%):

1

Robbery (%):

2

Stalking (%):

2

Dating/acquaintance violence (%):

0

Human trafficking (%):

0

Child sex trafficking (%):

0

All other crimes (%):

5

Section 6: Child Sex Trafficking

This section is only for projects serving victims of child sex trafficking. All others should enter "0" when asked to provide a number.

CJD acknowledges that grantees serving child sex trafficking victims may initially enroll, serve, or assess individuals who are eventually determined to be ineligible for services due to their age. For planning purposes, project the total number of victims expected to be served/enrolled that will be:

Under the age of 18:

0

Ages 18 – 22:

0

Over the age of 22:

0

As a component of your organization's victim services, do you offer direct medical care to victims?

_ Yes
 _ No

Of the number of victims expected to be served/enrolled (see under Section 1 above), how many victims are projected to be served for:
 Under 6 months:

0

6-12 months:

0

Over 12 months:

0

Estimate figures related to screenings and assessments:

Number of screenings for child sex trafficking victim status performed:

0

Number of individuals screened for child sex trafficking victim status:

0

Number of individuals screened with the result of "reason to believe" or "suspicions not confirmed":

0

Number of individuals assessed for victim-related needs:

0

Multi-disciplinary teams.

Number of expected regular team meetings:

0

Number of estimated emergency team meetings:

0

Wrap-around services:

Number of hours of wrap-around services provided to victims during regular business hours:

0

Number of hours of wrap-around services provided to victims outside of regular business hours:

0

Respite:

Number of nights of respite provided to foster children:

0

Number of respite episodes facilitated for foster families:

0

Selected Project Activities:

| ACTIVITY | PERCENTAGE: | DESCRIPTION |
|---|-------------|---|
| Casework, Non-Licensed Counselling, Individual Advocacy, or Other Support | 50.00 | Victim Advocacy to assist the crime victim during the prosecution process. The services will respond to the victims emotional and physical needs. Assist victims in stabilizing their lives after victimization, assisting victims to understand the criminal justice system and allow them to participate in the prosecution process. Assist victims with Crime Victims Compensation, registration for VINE, post sentence services, Victim Impact Statements and obtain protective order. |
| Legal Assistance | 30.00 | The Attorney on staff will provide support, assistance and advocacy at any stage of the criminal justice process, to include assistance in filing for Temporary Ex-Parte and Final Protective Orders. Provide victims with an explanation of their victims right and afford their rights during the prosecution process. Attorney will provide legal counsel to victims of crime on other legal remedies available to them such as custody, divorces , child support, and establishing paternity. |
| Training, Professional Development, or Technical Assistance Received | 20.00 | The Victims Unit Director will coordinate and conduce training in collaboration with the LRGVDC Regional Police Academy for cadets, probation officers, court personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, crime victim liasons, and law enforcement officers. In addition, she will conduct the Victim Assistance Academy, which will be a 40 hour training to include the following topics: Ethics in Victim Services, Crime Victim's rights, Workings with victims of crime: Family Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Survivors of Homicide Victims, Dynamics of Family Violence & Safety Planning, Protective Orders, Emergency Magistrate Orders & Bond Conditions, The Criminal Justice System, Types of Victim Services- community based services, judicial services, and post sentence services, Crime Victims Compensation, Victim Advocacy and Community Collaboration, Crisis Intervention & Communication Skills, Culture Competency, Diversity and Inclusion, Vicarious Trauma & Self Care. |

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Objective Output Measures

| OUTPUT MEASURE | TARGET LEVEL |
|--|--------------|
| *REQUIRED TOTAL: Casework, non-licensed counseling, individual advocacy, or other support: Hours delivered by EMPLOYEES | 1000 |
| *REQUIRED TOTAL: Casework, non-licensed counseling, individual advocacy, or other support: Hours delivered BY VOLUNTEERS | 0 |
| *REQUIRED TOTAL: Casework, non-licensed counseling, individual advocacy, or other support: Individuals receiving | 500 |
| *REQUIRED TOTAL: Legal assistance: Hours delivered | 600 |
| *REQUIRED TOTAL: Legal assistance: Individuals receiving | 200 |
| *REQUIRED TOTAL: Training, professional development, or technical assistance: hours received | 64 |
| Advocacy/ accompaniment / assistance for criminal justice system interactions: Victim individuals receiving | 500 |
| Advocacy/ accompaniment for medical care: Individuals receiving | |
| Case management or advocacy (general): Individuals receiving | 500 |
| Casework, non-licensed counseling, advocacy, or other support: Individuals receiving AFTERCARE | |
| Casework/support/care needs assessment NOT performed by a licensed therapist: Individuals receiving | |
| Legal assistance in obtaining protective orders: Individuals receiving | 100 |
| Legal assistance with crime victim compensation applications: Individuals receiving | 75 |
| | |

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|--|-----|
| Legal assistance with restitution petitions or applications: Individuals receiving | 50 |
| Mentoring (general): Individuals receiving | |
| Peer support (general): Individuals receiving | |
| Referrals to other agencies: Individuals referred | 250 |
| Technical assistance: Hours received | |
| Training or professional development: Hours received | 64 |
| Training or professional development: Individuals received | 200 |
| Victims assisted with developing safety plans (non-residential) | 500 |
| Victims-offender meetings: Victims participating | |

Objective Outcome Measures

| OUTCOME MEASURE | TARGET LEVEL |
|-----------------|--------------|
|-----------------|--------------|

Custom Output Measures

| CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE | TARGET LEVEL |
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Custom Outcome Measures

| CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE | TARGET LEVEL |
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| DESCRIPTION | MATCH TYPE | AMOUNT |
|-------------|------------|--------|
|-------------|------------|--------|

Summary Source of Match/GPI:

| Total Report | Cash Match | In Kind | GPI Federal Share | GPI State Share |
|--------------|------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|
| \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

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| CATEGORY | CJD | CASH MATCH | IN-KIND MATCH | GPI | TOTAL |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
| Personnel | \$408,979.95 | \$103,245.03 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$512,224.98 |

Budget Grand Total Information:

| CJD | CASH MATCH | IN-KIND MATCH | GPI | TOTAL |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
| \$408,979.95 | \$103,245.03 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$512,224.98 |

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Section 1: Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a resolution that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update CJD should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** sub-tab located in the **Summary** tab.

Section 2: Contract Compliance

Will CJD grant funds be used to support any contracts for professional services?

- Yes
 No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Section 3: Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

- Yes
 No
 N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

- Yes
 No
 N/A

Section 4: Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

Section 5: Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (\$) of Federal Grant Funds:

Enter the amount (\$) of State Grant Funds:

Section 6: Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a CJD grant. However, CJD may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

- Yes
 No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

Section 7: Equal Employment Opportunity Plan

Type I Entity

Defined as an applicant that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- the applicant has less than 50 employees;
- the applicant is a non-profit organization;
- the applicant is a medical institution;
- the applicant is an Indian tribe;
- the applicant is an educational institution, or
- the applicant is receiving a single award of less than \$25,000.

Requirements for a Type I Entity

- The applicant is exempt from the EEO requirements required to prepare an EEO because it is a Type I Entity as defined above, pursuant to 28 CFR 42.302;
- the applicant must complete Section A of the Certification Form and send it to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to claim the exemption from developing an EEO; and
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services.

Type II Entity

Defined as an applicant that meets the following criteria:

- the applicant has 50 or more employees, and
- the applicant is receiving a single award of \$25,000 or more, but less than \$500,000.

Requirements for a Type II Entity - Federal law requires a Type II Entity to formulate an EEO and keep it on file.

- The applicant agency is required to formulate an EEO in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301, et seq., subpart E;
- the EEO is required to be formulated and signed into effect within the past two years by the proper authority;
- the EEO is available for review by the public and employees or for review or audit by officials of CJD, CJD's designee, or the Office of Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, as required by relevant laws and regulations;
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services; and
- the EEO is required to be on file in the office of (enter the name and address where the EEO is filed below):

Enter the name of the person responsible for the EEO and the address of the office where the EEO is filed:

Type III Entity

Defined as an applicant that is NOT a Type I or Type II Entity.

Requirements for a Type III Entity - Federal law requires a Type III Entity to formulate an EEO and submit it for approval to the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

- The EEO is required to be formulated and signed into effect within the past two years by the proper authority;
- the EEO has been submitted to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice and has been approved by the OCR, or it will be submitted to the OCR for approval upon award of the grant, as required by relevant laws and regulations; and
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services.

Based on the definitions and requirements above, the applicant agency certifies to the following entity type:

- Type I Entity
- Type II Entity
- Type III Entity

Section 8: Debarment

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Select the appropriate response:

- I Certify
- Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

Section 9: FFATA Certification

Certification of Recipient Highly Compensated Officers

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires Prime Recipients (CJD) to report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) of each sub recipient organization for the most recently completed fiscal year preceding the year in which the grant is awarded if the subrecipient answers **YES** to the **FIRST** statement but **NO** to the **SECOND** statement listed below.

In the sub recipient's preceding completed fiscal year, did the sub recipient receive: (1) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements; AND (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements?

- Yes
- No

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives through periodic reports filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or Section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

- Yes
- No

If you answered **YES** to the **FIRST** statement and **NO** to the **SECOND** statement, please provide the name and total compensation amount of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) within your agency for the current calendar year. If you answered **NO** to the first statement you are **NOT** required to provide the name and compensation amounts. NOTE: "Total compensation" means the complete pay package of each of the sub recipient's compensated officers, including all forms of money, benefits, services, and in-kind payments (see SEC Regulations: 17 CCR 229.402).

Position 1 - Name:

Position 1 - Total Compensation (\$):

Position 2 - Name:

Position 2 - Total Compensation (\$):

Position 3 - Name:

Position 3 - Total Compensation (\$):

Position 4 - Name:

Position 4 - Total Compensation (\$):

Position 5 - Name:

Position 5 - Total Compensation (\$):

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 Project Title: Hidalgo County DA's Office-Victim Assistance Program Status: Application Pending Submission End Date: 9/30/2019 Fund Source: VA-Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program
 Current Grant Manager: Lester Brown Current Program Manager: Scott Kelly Liquidation Date:
 CFDA: 16.575 OOG Solicitation: VA17 General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program [Announcement](#)

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*** PREVIEW - Statement of Grant Award (SOGA) - PREVIEW ***

The Statement of Grant Award is the official notice of award from the Office of the Governor (OOG). This Grant Agreement and all terms, conditions, provisions and obligations set forth herein shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns and all other State of Texas agencies and any other agencies, departments, divisions, governmental entities, public corporations, and other entities which shall be successors to each of the Parties or which shall succeed to or become obligated to perform or become bound by any of the covenants, agreements or obligations hereunder of each of the Parties hereto.

The approved project narrative and budget for this award are reflected in eGrants on the 'Narrative' and 'Budget/Details' tabs. By accepting the Grant Award in eGrants, the Grantee agrees to strictly comply with the requirements and obligations of this Grant Agreement including any and all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements. In instances where conflicting requirements apply to a Grantee, the more restrictive requirement applies.

The Grant Agreement includes the Statement of Grant Award; the OOG Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities; the Grant Application in eGrants; and the other identified documents in the Grant Application and Grant Award, including but not limited to: 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 20, Subchapter I of the Texas Administrative Code, and the Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS) developed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts; the state Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which the grant application was made, and for federal funding, the Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which the OOG was awarded funds; and any applicable documents referenced in the documents listed above. For grants awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice, the current applicable version of the Department of Justice Grants Financial Guide and any applicable provisions in Title 28 of the CFR apply. For grants awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), all Information Bulletins and Policies published by the FEMA Grants Program Directorate apply. The OOG reserves the right to add additional responsibilities and requirements, with or without advance notice to the Grantee.

By clicking on the 'Accept' button within the 'Accept Award' tab, the Grantee accepts the responsibility for the grant project, agrees and certifies compliance with the requirements outlined in the Grant Agreement, including all provisions incorporated herein, and agrees with the following conditions of grant funding. The grantee's funds will not be released until the grantee has satisfied the requirements of the following Condition(s) of Funding and Other Fund-Specific Requirement(s), if any, cited below:

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| Grant Number: | 2924302 | Award Amount: | \$408,979.95 |
| Date Awarded: | PREVIEW - NOT YET AWARDED | Grantee Cash Match: | \$103,245.03 |
| Grant Period: | 09/01/2017 - 09/30/2019 | Grantee In Kind Match: | \$0.00 |
| Liquidation Date: | 12/29/2019 | Total Project Cost: | \$512,224.98 |
| Program Fund: | VA-Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program | | |
| Grantee Name: | Hidalgo County | | |
| Project Title: | Hidalgo County DA's Office-Victim Assistance Program | | |
| Grant Manager: | Lester Brown | | |
| DUNS Number: | 103110834 | | |

CFDA: 16.575 - Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program
Federal Awarding Agency: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime
Federal Award Date:
Federal/State Award ID Number: 2017-VA-GX-xxxx
Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated: \$185,614,610.00
Pass Thru Entity Name: Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division (CJD)
Is the Award R&D: No
Federal/State Award Description: This grant award provides funds from the Crime Victims Fund to enhance crime victim services in the State. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance funds are typically competitively awarded by the State to local community-based organizations that provide direct services to crime victims

List of Application Errors and Incomplete Information

| Item(s) that Need to be Resolved | Tab Name |
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| Required: The Direct Deposit form must be uploaded before you can submit your application. | GrantVendor |
| Required: The New Payee ID form must be uploaded before you can submit your application. | GrantVendor |
| Required: The W9 form must be uploaded before you can submit your application. | GrantVendor |
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| Required: Information regarding EEOC Certification. | Documents |
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| Required: Information regarding Tier 1 description. | Narrative |
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| Required: Information regarding Tier 2 description. | Narrative |
| Required: Information regarding evaluation project. | Narrative |
| Required: Information regarding child sex trafficking program type. | Narrative |
| Required: All Narrative questions must be answered. | Narrative |
| Required: Information regarding the Target Level for ALL OOG-defined Output Measure(s) . | Measures |
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