

Dear Colleague:

The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) is pleased to announce the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) entitled Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program.

Noteworthy details of this RFP include:

- Two OVS additional funding priorities: Young Men of Color (ages 16-24) and Native Americans;
- A three-year agreement with one two-year renewal;
- Additional state funding to be awarded through this RFP to support sexual assault programs;
- On-line application submission through the Grants Gateway;
- The option for multi-disciplinary programs to apply for more than one award; and
- Emphasis on important elements of the Office for Victims of Crime document: *Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services*, such as evidenced-based practices in the victim services field and the development of strategic plans.

You may access a full version of the RFP at <http://www.ovs.ny.gov/victim-assistance-program.html>. Anyone interested in applying for grant funding, **including currently funded Victim Assistance Programs**, must submit an on-line application. The Grant Opportunity Portal and Applications are available through the Grants Gateway at [https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants\\_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx). The Grants Reform website, <http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov/>, has information to assist applicants with the application process.

Please review the RFP as soon as possible for information on important deadlines and requirements.

On behalf of the New York State Office of Victim Services, thank you for your commitment to providing the highest quality services to innocent victims of crime in New York State.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cronin, Director  
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