



Office of Victim Services

The following is a **Broadcast Email** to all OVS Funded Victim Assistance Programs:

Budget Amendment Request-Upcoming Changes

Dear Colleague:

The Office of Victim Services (OVS) is issuing this broadcast email to notify our Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) funded programs of a change to our Budget Amendment Request (BAR) policy. For contract periods beginning **10/1/21**, OVS will no longer accept retroactive BARs going back to previously paid quarters for any contracts funded by OVS. Programs will continue to have the ability to request a BAR for the current quarter that they are in prior to submitting the Fiscal Cost Report (FCR) but will not be able to submit changes to a previously paid quarter. OVS continues to encourage programs to request to use unspent funds for other VOCA allowable expenses in the current quarter and all requests for a BAR for a current quarter will be considered. All requests for a BAR need to be submitted to OVS by the 15th day of the month in which the quarter ends (12/15, 3/15, 6/15, 9/15). Should you have any questions concerning this policy please reach out to your assigned OVS contract management specialist.

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

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