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THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST EMAIL TO ALL OVS FUNDED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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Dear Colleague:

As you know, in October of 2017 there was a mass shooting at a Las Vegas concert. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and Nevada have identified 22,000+ victims of this incident with victims in every state, the District of Columbia, as well as Canada and other countries. Tribal members have been identified from at least three states. Nevada has primary responsibility to assure service needs are met. Nevada has received approximately 4,317 applications for compensation that represent 45 states, less than half from Nevada, and multiple countries. OVC and Nevada are working with state VOCA administrators to ensure that victims of the Las Vegas Concert Shooting are identified and informed of the assistance available to them from Nevada's compensation program, as well as local victim service providers across the country. We know that 88 tickets to this concert were sold in NY. Nevada has received 9 applications for compensation from individuals residing in NY.

The purpose of this email is to ensure that you are informed of where to direct victims of the Las Vegas Concert should they seek services from your organization. Of course, you can provide any services you would normally provide. However, NY cannot provide compensation for a crime that occurred in another state, so these victims should be directed to Nevada for compensation benefits. Each of the victims should make contact with the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center (VSRC) and complete the Nevada application for their injuries. The VSRC has a website that contains information on how to complete the intake process, receive services in Nevada, complete the application and receive ongoing services and referrals. Here is a link to the OVS website which has information on the VSRC: <https://ovs.ny.gov/news/vegas-strong-resiliency-center>. From this site you will be able to go to the VSRC site.

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,

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