

**OVC Fiscal Year (FY) 2018
Initiative to Enhance Crime Victims' Rights
Enforcement and
Victim Access to Legal Assistance**

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Purpose/Background

- This project furthers the Department's mission by providing resources to fund crime victims' rights enforcement and civil legal assistance on collateral civil legal matters.
- The Office for Victims of Crime has funded similar programs for more than 10 years.
- For FY 2018, grant funds will be awarded to one managing technical assistance provider, which will select up to six crime victims' rights clinics.



Eligibility

- Eligible applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community-based organizations, colleges or universities (including tribal institutions of higher education), and public agencies, federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) or tribal organizations.



Eligibility

- Additionally, applicants must demonstrate:
 1. The capacity to competitively award subgrants to individual legal clinics;
 2. The ability to provide programmatic, financial, and administrative oversight and support to multiple legal clinics;
 3. The knowledge and understanding of the enforcement of crime victims' rights;
 4. The experience in providing legal counsel and crime victims' rights enforcement services for victims in criminal cases, and providing civil legal assistance to victims of crime in collateral legal matters;
 5. Sufficient staff resources and the capacity to fulfill the objectives required by this program; and
 6. The capacity to carry out the objectives of this program as a stand-alone program.



Goals

1. To provide victims with crime victims' rights enforcement and representation on collateral civil legal matters;
2. Raise awareness about crime victims' rights enforcement among prosecutors, criminal justice professionals, attorneys, local bar associations, law students, advocates, and other allied professionals working with victims; and
3. Expand the body of professionals who will advocate for the enforcement of crime victims' rights.



Objectives

- The selected applicant will competitively select up to six crime victims' rights clinics and provide intensive TTA to the clinics as the clinics launch their programs to enforce crime victims' rights, represent victims in collateral civil legal matters, and train allied professionals.
- The six crime victims' rights clinics, selected by the TTA provider in consultation with OVC, will:
 - Enforce crime victims' rights at the federal, state, local, and/or tribal levels, and will provide legal assistance on collateral civil matters that are substantially related to the victimization;
 - Use funding to enforce victims' rights under the Crime Victims' Rights Act (CVRA), other federal statutes, and state and/or local laws;
 - Demonstrate how attorneys would have standing civil, criminal, administrative, appellate, or other proceedings to enforce crime victims' rights; and
 - Provide training and education on crime victims' rights enforcement to allied professionals.



Critical Application Elements

- Program Abstract
- Program Narrative, including:
 - Description of the Issue;
 - Project Design and Implementation;
 - Capabilities and Competencies;
 - Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures;
 - Project Goals and Objectives; and
 - Description of how survivors will be incorporated into the TTA and development of crime victims' rights clinics.



Critical Application Elements

- Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative
- Resumes or curriculum vitae of key personnel
- Letter of Commitment (if applicable)
- Review criteria scoring breakdown can be found on **pages 26-27**



How to Apply

- Refer to section “How to Apply” beginning on **page 22**.
- Applicants **must** register in, and submit applications through, **Grants.gov**.
- Submit the application **at least 72 hours prior** to the application due date.
- Call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035 (24/7) for technical difficulties.



How to Apply (continued)

- The following conditions generally are insufficient to justify late submissions:
 - Failure to register in SAM or Grants.gov in sufficient time. (SAM registration and renewal can take as long as **10 business days** to complete. The information transfer from SAM to Grants.gov can take up to 48 hours.)
 - Failure to follow Grants.gov instructions on how to register and apply as posted on its website.
 - Failure to follow each instruction in the OJP solicitation.
 - Technical issues with the applicant's computer or information technology environment, such as issues with firewalls or browser incompatibility.



Award Information - Grant Agreement

- One award to TTA provider.
 - The TTA provider will competitively select up to six crime victims' rights clinics.
- Estimated total amount awarded of up to \$6.9 million.
 - \$900,000 awarded to the TTA provider; and
 - \$1 million per individual crime victims' rights clinic site.
- The anticipated period of performance for these grants will be October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2021.
- All awards are subject to the availability of funding and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.



Submission Deadline

11:59. p.m. **eastern time**

Monday, July 2, 2018



Please submit questions during the presentation by using the
Q&A box and selecting all presenters.

Important Contact Information



Technical Assistance for Submitting an Application:

Contact the **Grants.Gov Customer Support Hotline:**

- Phone: 800–518–4726 or 606–545–5035
- Email: support@grants.gov

Solicitation Requirements, Programmatic, and General Assistance:

Contact the **National Criminal Justice Reference (NCJRS) Response Center:**

- Phone: 800–851–3420; TTY at 301–240–6310
- Email: grants@ncjrs.gov; web chat:
<https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- Operation Hours: 10:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday, and from 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., eastern time on the solicitation closing date.