Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Funds

The purpose of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Funds is to support agency staff that provides direct services to victims of crime in Arizona.

Services are defined as those efforts that:
1. respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims;
2. assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization;
3. assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and
4. provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security such as boarding up broken windows and replacing or repairing locks.

A crime victim is anyone of any age who has suffered financial, physical, sexual or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime. Types of victimization include but are not limited to:
- Child physical abuse
- Child sexual abuse
- Economic Exploitation/Fraud/ID Theft
- Domestic Violence
- Adult Sexual Assault
- Elder Abuse
- Adults Molested as Children
- Survivors of Homicide Victims
- Robbery
- Assault
- Arson
- DUI/DWI Crashes
- Human Trafficking
- Kidnapping
- Stalking

Eligible services include:
- Crisis Counseling
- Follow-up
- Emergency Legal Assistance
- Therapy
- Personal Advocacy
- Shelter/Safe House
- In person-Information and Referral
- Criminal Justice Support and Advocacy
- Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims
- Group Treatment/Support
- Transitional Housing and Relocation Assistance
- Telephone Contact-Information and Referral

Allowable costs can include:
- Salaries/Wages and Employee Related Expenses for direct service personnel such as advocates, therapists, counselors, case managers, etc.
- Contracts for Professional Services
- Computers, Printers, Monitors, etc.
- Training and Related Travel Costs
- Purchasing/Leasing of Vehicles
- Operating Costs such as prorated share of rent and utilities, office supplies, telephones, internet, etc.
- Client (Emergency Financial) Assistance such as relocation assistance, security deposits, reasonable moving expenses, transitional housing costs, etc.

The next Request for Grant Announcement will be announced in late winter/early spring for the project period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. For questions, contact DPS-VOCA staff prior to the announcement.

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