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# VAWA/VOCA JOINT WEBINAR

Thursday, December 5 – 3:30pm EST

## Presenters:

- Marnie Shiels, OVW Attorney Advisor
- Brian Sass Hurst, OVC Grants Management Specialist

# AGENDA/FRAMEWORK

In this webinar, Marnie and Brian will discuss similarities and differences between the STOP Formula Grant and VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant, including:

- 1) An overview of allowable costs and activities;
- 2) Strategic spending of funds
- 3) Eligible applicants; and
- 4) Match

NOTE: we are not including other OVW and OVC programs. Also, this is the first opportunity to discuss these issues, but we plan to have others in the future.

# PROCESS

- For the next section of the webinar, you will be given an activity-something that you might receive an application to fund with STOP and/or VOCA. You will select from the choices of which source(s) of funding might be possible. For each source, you can choose “yes” or “yes, with caveats.” Then we will discuss each one.

Civil legal services for  
victims of domestic  
or sexual violence

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

## Civil legal services for trafficking victims

- A. STOP
- B. STOP WITH CAVEATS
- C. VOCA ASSISTANCE
- D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS
- E. NEITHER

## Supervised visitation services

- A. STOP
- B. STOP WITH CAVEATS
- C. VOCA ASSISTANCE
- D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS
- E. NEITHER

Training for law  
enforcement on  
trauma informed  
response

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

Training for law  
enforcement  
investigating adult  
sex crimes

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER



A victim-witness  
person in a  
prosecutor's office

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

Sexual assault  
medical forensic  
exam payment

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

Holistic healing (yoga,  
sewing circle, etc.)

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

Strategic planning by  
state agency

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

Multi-disciplinary  
team coordinator  
(SART, MDT, etc.)

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

# Substance abuse treatment

- A. STOP
- B. STOP WITH CAVEATS
- C. VOCA ASSISTANCE
- D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS
- E. NEITHER

## Transitional housing for victims

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

## Advocacy for child sexual abuse victims

- A. STOP
- B. STOP WITH CAVEATS
- C. VOCA ASSISTANCE
- D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS
- E. NEITHER



Services for  
incarcerated victims  
of sexual assault

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

A teen dating  
violence prevention  
program in schools

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

A protection order  
database for law  
enforcement to verify  
the validity of the  
order

- A. STOP
- B. STOP WITH CAVEATS
- C. VOCA ASSISTANCE
- D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS
- E. NEITHER

# A Batterer Intervention Program

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

A dedicated sexual  
assault unit in a  
prosecutor's office

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

Medical care for  
adult/adolescent  
sexual assault victims  
(specific to the  
assault)

- A. STOP
- B. STOP WITH CAVEATS
- C. VOCA ASSISTANCE
- D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS
- E. NEITHER

A court navigator  
position for victims of  
domestic violence

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

A support group for  
children exposed to  
domestic violence

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER



A support group for  
gay, male victims of  
sexual assault

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

A program for victims  
of drunk drivers

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

A counseling program  
for drunk driving  
offenders

A. STOP

B. STOP WITH CAVEATS

C. VOCA ASSISTANCE

D. VOCA ASSISTANCE WITH CAVEATS

E. NEITHER

# MATCH: VAWA REQUIREMENT

- 25%
- But subgrants to tribes and subgrants to victim service providers for victim services are subtracted from the award amount
- Admin is included
- States can meet at the state level or pass to subgrantees at their discretion (except cannot pass to tribes or victim service providers)
- Hardship waiver- apply to OVW- need specific justification for each allocation- can apply for full or partial waiver.

# MATCH: VOCA REQUIREMENT

- Subrecipients must contribute 20 % of the total project cost of each VOCA- funded project,
  - with some exceptions: e.g., federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native tribes and projects that operate on tribal lands. Match contributions may be cash and/or in-kind. 28 CFR 94.118.
- States have the discretion to waive or partially waive the match requirement provided that the state has adopted an OVC-approved match waiver policy. See OVC Match Waiver Policy Memo, June 27, 2019.
- States must implement and follow their own OVC-approved match waiver policies.
- When determining whether to waive or partially waive match, states may consider: local resources, annual budget changes, past ability to provide match, and whether the funding is for new or additional activities requiring an additional match, versus continuing activities where match is already provided. 28 CFR 94.118.
- VOCA-funded programs must use volunteers in order to be eligible to receive VOCA funds.
  - Applies to eligibility requirement for subgrantees, not as a requirement for individual VOCA-funded projects.
  - May be waived by the chief executive of the state when certain circumstances are met. 28 CFR 94.113

# QUESTIONS?

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