VAWA/VOCA JOINT WEBINAR
Thursday, December 5 – 3:30pm EST

Presenters:
- Marnie Shiels, OVW Attorney Advisor
- Brian Sass Hurst, OVC Grants Management Specialist
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.
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
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E. NEITHER
Supervised visitation services

A. STOP
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Training for law enforcement on trauma informed response

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Training for law enforcement investigating adult sex crimes

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E. NEITHER
A victim-witness person in a prosecutor’s office

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Sexual assault medical forensic exam payment

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E. NEITHER
Holistic healing (yoga, sewing circle, etc.)

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Strategic planning by state agency
Multi-disciplinary team coordinator (SART, MDT, etc.)

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Substance abuse treatment

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Transitional housing for victims

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Advocacy for child sexual abuse victims

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Services for incarcerated victims of sexual assault

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A teen dating violence prevention program in schools
A protection order database for law enforcement to verify the validity of the order.

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A Batterer Intervention Program

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E. NEITHER
A dedicated sexual assault unit in a prosecutor’s office

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E. NEITHER
Medical care for adult/adolescent sexual assault victims (specific to the assault)

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E. NEITHER
A court navigator position for victims of domestic violence

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E. NEITHER
A support group for children exposed to domestic violence

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E. NEITHER
A support group for gay, male victims of sexual assault

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E. NEITHER
A program for victims of drunk drivers

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E. NEITHER
A counseling program for drunk driving offenders

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E. NEITHER
- 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.
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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