



Arizona Department of Public Safety

8/17/15 Amendment to the Request for Grant Applications Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance

The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) is issuing this Amendment to the Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance to clarify two items.

Eligibility Requirements: Initially, the DPS-VOCA Guidelines effective 8/2015 and the Web-based Automated Grants System (WAGS) included the eligibility requirement that applicants be able to demonstrate a record of providing effective services "for at least one year". Because an applicant can demonstrate a record of providing effective services to crime victims by having the support and approval of its services by the community, a history of providing direct services in a cost-effective manner, and financial support from other sources, DPS has removed the specified time period from the eligibility requirement.

Unallowable activities: Initially, the RFGA was announced with conflicting statements regarding the use of VOCA funds in support of mandated services. DPS wishes to clarify that, unless specified, VOCA Assistance funds may be used to support enhancements to programs that provide mandated services. Applicant agencies must be cognizant of the prohibition regarding supplanting of local and state funds in reference to their victim services program when seeking VOCA Assistance funds for mandated services.

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