### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

#### OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability and Award of Funds

#### **FY21 American Rescue Plan**

# Competitive Funds for New Jersey Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program (NJHVIP)

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law & Public Safety (Department), Office of the Attorney General (OAG) announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

#### A. NAME OF THE PROGRAM

New Jersey Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (NJHVIP). This program is supported by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program of the American Rescue Plan.

#### **B. PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

### **Program Purpose and Need**

OAG seeks to reinforce and strengthen its commitment to hospital-based violence intervention services in communities that experience high rates of violence. OAG is committed to providing additional resources for victim services and to placing a particular emphasis on enhancing services to underserved victims and victims of gun violence in an effort to break the cycle of repeat victimization and save human lives. OAG is also striving to build community capacity to address violence in a sustained and empowering way.

The cost to victims and their families as a result of gun violence is extraordinarily high. Nationally, American society loses \$1.34 billion daily in costs from the suffering and lost well-being of gun violence victims and their families. A study in the Annals of Internal Medicine found that in the aftermath of a non-fatal firearm injury, the cost of medical care increased by \$2,495 per person per month. The same study found that survivors saw healthcare need increases across several categories: 40% increase in pain diagnoses, a 51%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EVERYTOWN RESEARCH AND POLICY, EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY SUPPORT FUND "The Economic Cost of Gun Violence: \$557 Billion Annually, Comparable to 2.6 Percent of US Gross Domestic Product" (July 19, 2022) available at <a href="https://everytownresearch.org/report/the-economic-cost-of-gun-violence/">https://everytownresearch.org/report/the-economic-cost-of-gun-violence/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Zirui Song, José R. Zubizarreta, Mia Giuriato, Erica Paulos, and Katherine A. Koh, "Changes in Health Care Spending, Use, and Clinical Outcomes After Nonfatal Firearm Injuries Among Survivors and Family Members: A Cohort Study," Annals of Medicine (June 2022).

increase in psychiatric disorders, and an 85% increase in substance use disorders.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, New Jersey also bears significant costs: according to Everytown for Gun Safety, gun violence costs New Jersey \$5.3 billion each year, of which \$168.9 million is paid by taxpayers.<sup>4</sup>

Hospital-based interventions are an important emerging strategy in the field of violence reduction. According to the Research and Evaluation Center at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, valuations of HVIP programs show that they have multiple benefits for victims who participate in these programs including reductions in future involvement in the criminal justice system, fewer retaliations, and reduced hospitalizations.<sup>5</sup>

The purpose of the New Jersey Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (NJHVIP) is to support programming that connects victims to services beginning in a hospital or other medical setting to services outside of the hospital in order to increase support for victims of crime, improve their outcomes, and reduce future victimization.

The goal of this funding opportunity is to ensure continuity of services to victims and communities currently being served through the FFY 2019 Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) New Jersey Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program. Additionally, this NJHVIP program is designed to continue the building of an infrastructure that supports innovative community-based responses to violence and a network of community-based public safety interventions. OAG finds that it is critical to the building of this infrastructure that communities currently being served by the State's current HVIP program continue to be served through this grant award.

NJHVIP will support projects that are hospital-based or hospital-linked partnerships between a hospital trauma center, hospital emergency department or a local health department, and one or more community-based organizations that support crime victims outside of the hospital. Examples of those services are high-risk intervention to prevent retaliation, casework, and culturally appropriate healing. In recognition of the fact that underserved victims are often served exclusively by community-based organizations, this NOAF requires partnerships with at least one community-based direct victim service organization. Partnerships may consist of direct victim services provided within the hospital setting and/or services provided externally in the community; however, if the grant funds a community partner to provide services externally in the community, there must nevertheless be a hospital-based victim service component, whether provided by the hospital or community-based entity.

This solicitation will fund HVIP programs that put in place evidence-based models, practices, policies, and partnerships to implement or expand hospital-connected programs that support crime victims and ensure that culturally appropriate victim services are available. Applications should represent partnerships, however, one eligible entity must be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EVERYTOWN RESEARCH AND POLICY, EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY SUPPORT FUND "The Economic Cost of Gun Violence: \$557 Billion Annually, Comparable to 2.6 Percent of US Gross Domestic Product" (July 19, 2022) available at https://everytownresearch.org/report/the-economic-cost-of-gun-violence/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> RESEARCH AND EVALUATION CENTER, JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, "Critical Care: The Important Role of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs" (May 18, 2018) available at https://johnjayrec.nyc/2018/05/15/criticalcare/.

the subrecipient with primary responsibility for managing the grant and other partners should be proposed as contractors.

## **Program Description**

The participating sites will operate comprehensive, victim-centered services that aid in survivors' physical and emotional recovery and break the cycle of violence. OAG encourages applicants to choose to serve all victims who enter the hospital as the result of violent encounters, but applicants may identify a specific population to serve (e.g., youth, adults, older adults). Applicants may also focus their efforts on assisting victims of specific types of victimization, such as shootings, stabbings, assaults, or human trafficking. Program applicants should include detailed descriptions of the specific approach they will follow to reach the specified type of victims and explain how the approach will be used to improve victim outcomes. Applicants should also include a detailed explanation of how their program partners will assist in meeting the complex needs of the victims served and the structure of the partnerships, including decision-making processes, communications mechanisms, and financial arrangements.

Successful applications must include a connection to one or more hospitals or departments of health, within the area and relevant victim-serving organizations to implement a model most appropriate in that jurisdiction and most capable of filling an unmet need. Successful applicants will offer an array of services to meet victim needs in and out of a medical setting, including immediate supports such as safety planning, crisis intervention, referrals to community-based victim services (including the New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office) and social services, victim advocacy, emotional support, grief counseling, psycho-social education on the effects of trauma on victims and their families, and trauma-informed care. Collaborations with victim-serving organizations are a required element of this model and applicants should have assurances that all partners have capacity to provide the required services or that applicants should budget for these services. Programs must incorporate plans to follow up with discharged victims and their families to assist with their long-term recovery.

Applicants are required to engage survivors and their families as active participants. This may include, for example, engaging survivors on advisory panels and/or in active and ongoing stages of planning and development.

Sites funded through the NJHVIP site solicitation will engage in the following activities to meet the program goals and objectives:

- Commit to working with OAG the other NJHVIPs to participate in learning communities and identify, develop, and implement best practices to ensure consistent improvement of performance, delivery of service, and achievement of outcomes.
- Identify or hire a project lead and formalize plans to coordinate and manage the proposed project.

- Identify potential program partners and develop or enhance letters of intent and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to reflect roles, responsibilities, compensation agreements, and commitments from partners.
- Develop a logic model to illustrate how the grantee will monitor and evaluate project performance.
- Establish data collection processes to support implementation/process evaluation and reports developed on the project.
- If the Department retains a TTA provider for the HVIP program, the grantee will work with the TTA provider in a learning community with other sites to strengthen the proposed projects and develop plans to sustain their efforts.

#### **Deliverables**

Deliverables include

- Submit quarterly financial reports and semi-annual progress reports in compliance with grant terms and conditions.
- Participate in conferences and meetings hosted by the TTA provider (if one is retained) and OAG, as requested by OAG. Please note that applicants may want to budget for their team to travel to national learning conferences or targeted training for community-based or hospital-based violence intervention programs.
- A final report that describes how the grantee implemented its project, including identification of project partners, areas of success, and lessons learned.
- If subrecipients collaborate with a research entity to conduct a process/implementation evaluation of the project and identify and document the project's use of evidence-based practices, the subrecipient must submit copies of those reports to the OAG.

#### **Examples of the Types of Services**

Examples of the types of services that may be considered for funding include, but are not limited, to the following:

- 1. Immediate emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety
- 2. Personal advocacy and emotional support
- 3. Mental health counseling and care
- 4. Crisis intervention
- 5. Peer-support

- 6. Facilitation of participation in criminal justice and other public proceedings arising from the crime
- 7. Emergency and certain non-emergency legal assistance
- 8. Public awareness
- 9. Personnel costs
- 10. Volunteer trainings and skills training for staff
- 11. Training-related travel
- 12. Maintenance, repair, or replacement of essential items
- 13. Project evaluation
- 14. Coordination of activities
- 15. Supervision of direct service providers
- 16. Multi-system, interagency, multi-disciplinary response to crime victim needs
- 17. Contracts for professional services
- 18. Automated systems and technology

#### C. AVAILABLE FUNDING

The State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General is making up to \$9,750,000 available to support the New Jersey Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program (NJHVIP). These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to requirements under Federal and State law.

Site applicants may apply for a maximum of \$1,083,000 per project. The project period will begin January 1, 2023 unless an awarded agency currently has a FY19 VOCA HVIP award; for those agencies, the start date shall begin and be retroactive to the day following the date of expiration of their current FFY 2019 Federal VOCA NJHVIP so there is no disruption in services.

The project period will have a maximum end date of September 30, 2024, provided, however, that the proposed project period, grant amount and budget must be sufficient to maintain, at a minimum, an adequate level of services to ensure that there is no disruption of services to victims or the communities served during the project period. Applicants who are currently recipients of OAG's current FFY 2019 Federal VOCA NJHVIP will be presumed to have an adequate staffing level. To the extent feasible to meet the adequate staffing level, applicants are encouraged to propose a minimum project period of 12 months.

Subaward extensions will not be permitted. Only one application per applicant will be accepted.

# D. ORGANIZATIONS WHICH MAY APPLY FOR FUNDING UNDER THIS PROGRAM

Eligible applicants for this program are limited to: a local public agency or a nonprofit organization, or a combination of such agencies or organizations or of both such agencies and organizations that have formed a partnership. Federally recognized tribal governments

(as determined by the Secretary of the Interior); nonprofit organizations (including hospitals and tribal nonprofit organizations); faith-based and community-based organizations that serve crime victims; and public or non-profit colleges or universities (including tribal institutions of higher education) that demonstrate an understanding of the area of victimization and support services described in this solicitation are eligible to participate in the partnerships. Applicants must have the staff resources, capacity to develop or enhance programs proposed to address the area of victimization and/or services described in this solicitation, and the required partnerships. Applicants must have direct experience operating an HVIP program, and must be able to begin or continue an HVIP program and operations in the target community immediately upon the start of the grant—the grant will not support start-up costs or funds for the planning period beyond de minimis expenses. Eligible projects must include a clear connection to a hospital trauma center or emergency room or a health department and at least one community-based organization that provides community based high-risk intervention services or culturally appropriate victim services.

## E. APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

This section discusses the qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding.

Applicants must be in good standing with all State and Federal agencies with which they have had an existing grant or contractual relationship. Where appropriate, all applicants must hold current professional and State licenses and certifications.

Applicant agencies and victim assistance programs must meet all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements contained in 2 CFR 200, which can be found at <a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200">https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200</a> and the requirements set forth in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program of the American Rescue Plan found at <a href="https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds">https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds</a>. The Department reserves the right to decline any and all applicants who cannot demonstrate proof of compliance with American Rescue Plan program requirements.

The Office of Management and Budget requires the gathering of information to comply with the Federal Funding and Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006. FFATA requires the use of the System for Award Management (SAM) for each entity applying for a Federal award or subaward. Recipients must maintain the currency of its information in the SAM. No applicant may receive a subaward unless it has provided a UEI number. The details of subrecipient or recipient obligations regarding "System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements" are posted on the Office of Justice Programs web site at <a href="http://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/sam">http://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/sam</a>, and are incorporated by reference here.

The System for Award Management, or SAM, is a government-wide portal that is consolidating the capabilities of multiple systems and information sources used by the Federal government in conducting the acquisition and financial assistance (which includes grants and cooperative agreements) processes. There is NO fee to register. Applicants for grants (private non-profits, educational organizations, state and regional agencies, etc.) supported with federal grant funds can register on- line with SAM at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>.

A UEI number is a unique 12-character alphanumeric value recognized as the authoritative unique identifier for tracking federal assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. A UEI number is assigned at registration in <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>. All active and inactive SAM.gov registered entities were automatically assigned a UEI number, which can be viewed on the entity registration record on https://www.sam.gov. If you agency was not previously registered with SAM.gov, you must go online and obtain a UEI prior to applying for funding. Successful applicants will be required to complete a FFATA form upon award

To be considered for funding, an eligible applicant must file a **completed application**, in accordance with the requirements of the program, by the submission deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

#### F. APPLICATION COMPENENTS

The following scored components must be included in the application for **NJHVIP Project Sites**.

Note: The program narrative should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font and must not exceed 20 pages.

a. Background, Mission, Experience, and Capability of Lead Applicant and Key Partners. 5 Points

Please describe in detail the applicant's mission, background and experience as it relates to the purpose and objectives of the proposed project. Explain the applicant and partners' knowledge and capability to carry out the project based on demonstrated experience in providing victim services to the target population.

#### b. Problem Statement/Needs Assessment. 10 points

Please identify the specific problem(s), target population, and geographic area that the proposed project will address. Describe the needs and characteristics of the target population; local needs and conditions; describe existing services and identify gaps and/or barriers in services. Include current statistics and relevant facts to substantiate the need and selection of the proposed project.

c. Project Description, including Goals, Objectives, Outcomes and Work Plan (Action Strategy). 20 points

Please specify clear, realistic goals for the proposed project. Identify objectives that are concise, measurable and clearly relate to the goals, problem statement/needs assessment, and target population. Measurable objectives shall include, but are not limited to, the level of service to be provided. Describe in detail the project's approach or strategy for attaining each objective. Applicants must also identify outcomes sought. Measurable outcomes shall include enrollment in services, including substance use disorder treatment, mental health counseling, connection to or education of work applicants, connection to mentorship and indicators of victim health and wellbeing.

Use the form provided to submit a project work plan that specifies each objective along with the major activities, responsible staff and feasible timeframes for each objective and activity. Proposed programs should provide programs, services, and resources to meet the cultural and language preferences of the clients and families being served. If the applicant is not currently operating an HVIP in the community where the project is proposed, the applicant must clearly demonstrate how it will swiftly and effectively begin HVIP operations at the proposed site so there is no disruption in services for individuals currently participating in or the community currently being served by an existing HVIP program.

d. Equitable Partnership Between Medical Institution and Community Based Organization(s) Providing High Risk Intervention and/or Culturally Appropriate Victim Services. 20 points

#### Please describe:

- 1. The relationship among proposed partners, including the length of time working collaboratively, the greatest success of the partnership, and challenges the partnership has faced. What adjustments have been made to allow the partnership, such as changing hospital policy to allow the previously incarcerated to work within the hospital.
- 2. The processes for decision-making and communication between the partners. Applicants must provide a letter of agreement between the applicant and at least one lead partner that outlines the leadership, roles, responsibilities, and budget allocations. Successful applications must include thoughtful consideration of how institutions with different levels of capacity, resources, and backgrounds will successfully operate in partnership. For applicants who have previously been awarded an HVIP grant under the existing FFY 2019 Federal VOCA NJHVIP, please describe how this partnership has worked and how (and whether) it has operated equitably among partners.
- 3. Note: The OAG will not consider applications from partnerships in which one partner is expected to volunteer its services while the other is paid. Applications in which resources are not allocated equitably will not receive favorable consideration, provided, however, that hospitals may contribute personnel and other resources on a reduced cost or in-kind basis in order to maximize the use of funds for front-line workers and direct services to victims. Applicants are also able

to supplement funds from this grant with private philanthropic dollars, donations, and other sources of funds.

4. Training and capacity building offered for all partners, including training on trauma informed practices. Applications in which no resources are allocated to capacity building or emotional supports for community-based organizations will not receive favorable consideration. Program staff should receive help in identifying and engaging in the self-care practices that work for them (i.e., getting enough sleep, eating good food, exercise, laughter, spirituality/religion, time with family and friends, meeting with a therapist, etc.). Leadership should provide information and trainings to staff on the risks of vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue, and burnout. All involved staff should receive training on use of victim-centered, trauma-informed approaches when working with survivors in hospital and community-based settings. Additionally, the program should offer training to help staff gain an understanding of biases, particularly how race and culture impact relationships, interactions, services, and outcomes.

## e. Coordination of and Linkages to Services. 10 points

Explain to what services the program will connect victims to meet their primary needs. Applicants should plan for the housing needs of victims, both in the short and long term. Applications for projects which require coordination of services among two or more agencies must contain a signed affiliation agreement. An affiliation agreement must define roles, responsibilities, referral mechanisms, collaboration, and coordination efforts necessary for successful implementation of the project and must be signed by all affiliating agencies. If applicants cannot submit a signed agreement, they must submit a draft agreement and final approval of the application will be contingent upon submission of the signed agreements. If applicants do not have an ongoing relationship to provide HVIP services, they must demonstrate how they can swiftly, efficiently, and effectively put in place a process so they can implement a new HVIP program that ensures services can be provided to victims at the immediate start of the project period.

## f. Project Leadership, Management and Staff. 20 points

Please identify all key project management and staff for the day-to-day operations of the project, both for the lead applicant and key partners. Describe how personnel are uniquely qualified to manage and implement the project. Provide current resumes or biographies along with job descriptions for each position. The job description should detail the title and job responsibilities, as well as the experience necessary for the position.

Please identify leadership of applicant and community partners and how they will be engaged in the project. For lead applicants, please specify how the organization's top leadership has committed to supporting the project. We recommend submitting a letter of support. Specify if the key partners have local leadership and infrastructure, national leadership and local infrastructure, or national leadership and no local infrastructure.

Preference will be given to applicants in which the community partner has local leadership and infrastructure (article of incorporation, office space, banking, etc.). **Application must include Resumes AND Job Descriptions.** 

**Note:** In the event that leadership of one partner changes you must notify OAG. OAG will then make a determination whether or not to continue the program with the new leadership.

## g. Data Collection, Performance Measures, and Work Plan. 10 points

Please list all data that will be collected and describe how it will be collected. Describe the methods that will be used to measure the progress and impact of the project. Subrecipients will be required to collect and report specific data relating to their project to the OAG, and must collect data as requested by OAG. Subrecipients will be responsible for ensuring that all partners submit needed data and as such, applications may include funding for data licenses, all training needed for data collection, and field data collection devices. Client feedback is strongly encouraged, so if your measurements do not include client feedback, an explanation must be provided.

## h. Priority Areas. (25 points)

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate their ability to meet the priority concerns listed in this section. Inclusion of "Priority Areas" are worth 25 points as a whole.

- 1. The applicant and/or partner has experience and expertise in providing HVIP services in New Jersey, and the ability to begin this work immediately upon the grant of the award. Describe this experience and expertise.
- 2. The applicant and/or partner has experience servicing the target population through an HVIP program. Describe the population, the needs facing this population, and the importance of continuity in services for this population.
- 3. The applicant and/or partner has experience achieving the objectives described in its proposal through a past HVIP program. Describe the success in achieving these objectives and any measurable outcomes from this project.
- 4. The Department will prioritize capacity building that is designed to build the expertise and deepen the knowledge of staff and leadership over capacity building that is needed to build an HVIP program from scratch. Describe how funding requested for developing capacity will be used to reinforce and strengthen an existing HVIP program.

## i. Budget and Budget Narrative. 15 points

Please provide a detailed narrative justification (not as a separate document – include on the budget form) for both the requested funds requested and match funds itemized on the Budget Detail Form by Budget Category. Costs must be specific and tied to the

project objectives. Narrative should clearly explain why costs are necessary to the success of the project. Applicants should refer to the HVIP Program Administration and Funding Guidelines for a description of budget categories, allowable expenses and match requirements.

Please be sure to carefully review 2 CFR 200 and submit requests ONLY for ALLOWABLE costs.

#### G. PROCEDURES FOR ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY

Application packages are available at <a href="https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities/">https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities/</a>. Applicants must complete and submit completed applications via <a href="https://www.njoag.gov">https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities/</a>. Applications @njoag.gov by the submission deadline. Applications that do not comply with the requirements of this Notice of Availability of Funds or the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines will not be considered. The Department reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. The submitted application may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J. S. A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

## H. ADDRESS OF THE STATE AGENCY RECEIVING THE APPLICATION

Department of Law and Public Safety Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex 25 Market Street Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0085

Please note that applications are being accepted via the above-mentioned **e-mail address ONLY**. Mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

## I. DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED

Applications must be completed and filed on or before 11:59 pm on **December 9, 2022**.

#### J. MANDATORY WEBINAR

In effort to assist candidates in applying for these funds, an application webinar will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 3pm virtually. Viewing the application webinar is mandatory. Please read this NOAF and the funding application in its entirety prior to attending the webinar. Please R.S.V.P via email to grants@njoag.gov by October 31st, 2022, if you are attending the application webinar. If you did not attend the live version of the webinar or did not register in time, you may satisfy the mandatory requirement by viewing a recording of the webinar. A link to the webinar and a copy of the accompanying presentation are available on the Office of Attorney General "Grant Opportunities" under the "FY21 American Rescue Plan Competitive Funds for New Jersey Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program (NJHVIP) NOAF." All applicants are required to submit a

certification form that they have viewed the webinar (see "Program Certification of Completion of Viewing Mandatory Webinar" available on the Office of Attorney General "Grant Opportunities" under "FY21 American Rescue Plan Competitive Funds for New Jersey Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program (NJHVIP) NOAF."

# K. DATE BY WHICH NOTICES SHALL BE EMAILED OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS

Applicants will be notified by **January 10, 2023.** 

funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.

For applications that propose new partnerships, OAG reserves the right to award a smaller grant. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the Department of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue to such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Department to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Department or an event of default under a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change.

## **Training and Technical Assistance and Program Evaluation**

Department beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the Department to expend

All NJHVIP program sites are <u>required</u> to work with a Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) provider, should OAG retain or use the services of such an entity. Failure to participate in the TTA process (if one is selected by OAG) may result in early termination of the grant. If the Department retains a TTA provider for the HVIP program, participating sites will work along with the TTA provider to establish or continue information-sharing agreements to elevate vital health-related data on a jurisdiction-level, as well as engage in cross-analysis of victimization and victim services information, and where possible and appropriate, other health-related data not often utilized by the victim assistance field. These efforts will yield vital learning and best practices around aligning currently disparate data collection efforts, and overall improving the ability of these fields to talk to one another.

Additionally, OAG may partner with an academic institution to conduct an overall evaluation of the program, which may involve the receipt of information from the eventual grantees to inform uniform standards for future violence intervention programs and best practices. Cooperation with the academic institution will be <u>required</u> for purposes of this evaluation.