

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability and Award of Funds

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Victims of Crime Act Grant Program

Take notice that in compliance with the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984, 34 U.S.C. §§ 20101, et seq., the Department of Law and Public Safety (Department) announces the availability and award of the following non-competitive subawards funded by FFY23 VOCA program funds:

The College of New Jersey – “Am I OK” Project \$1,200,000

Under this program, \$1,200,000 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to the College of New Jersey to support expansion of their “Am I OK” Project. Funding provides services and education to students who have experienced sexual violence. Services will be expanded to provide services to other higher education institutions in Mercer County. Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis only and is contingent upon subrecipient application submissions, compliance with grant conditions, and satisfactory performance of services. The funding is for a 24-month period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2026.

Division on Aging – Office of the Public Guardian for Elderly Adults \$400,000

Under this program, \$400,000 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to the Division on Aging, Office of the Public Guardian to support expansion of the Financial Recovery Unit. Funding is provided to assist incapacitated elderly adults who have been financially victimized in restoring

their rights. Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis only and is contingent upon subrecipient application submission, compliance with grant conditions, and satisfactory performance of services. The funding is for a 12-month period from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

Division of Criminal Justice Regional State Victim Witness Advocacy Program \$700,000

Under this program, \$700,000 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to Division of Criminal Justice to support the Regional State Victim Witness Advocacy Program. Funding will support the Deputy Attorney General, Victim-Witness Coordinator and Victim-Witness Advocate positions in providing assistance to crime victims, witnesses and families while going through the criminal justice process as well as a variety of complementary victim services and resources. Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis only and is contingent upon subrecipient application submission, compliance with grant conditions, and satisfactory performance of services. The funding is for a 12-month period from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

New Jersey Enhanced Statewide Human Trafficking Victim Services Program \$ 535,000

Under this program, \$ 535,000 in continuation grant funding will be offered and awarded to Covenant House New Jersey to support the Statewide human trafficking initiative. Covenant House New Jersey will continue to provide services and perform the tasks as outlined in the original award. Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis only and is contingent upon subrecipient application submission, compliance with grant conditions, and satisfactory performance of services. The funding is for a 12-month period from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Eligible applicants will receive application packages from the Office of the Attorney General, notifying the agency of the award. Notifications will be emailed no later than March 22, 2024. The

application **must** be returned within 60 days of the date on the application letter. **Use only the space provided on the Project Information Form when submitting applications.** The application must be returned by email to voqa@njoag.gov.

Eligible recipients of the non-competitive FFY23 VOCA program funds will receive application guidelines and all required application forms, via mail or e-mail, that must be completed and submitted by the established due date. An applicant that is designated as a high-risk grantee by L&PS is to submit a separate attachment to its application, information that L&PS will use, among other pertinent information, to determine whether it will consider or select the application for an award under this solicitation. The file should be named “L&PS High-Risk Grantee Applicant Disclosure and Justification”. Upon approval of project narrative and budget, applicants will receive subaward contract documents for approval and signature. Subrecipients must comply with programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements for approval and/or reimbursement of costs incurred during the project period. **All subrecipients will be required to supply matching funds of twenty percent towards their project. Grant extensions are not permitted.** The submitted applications may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

The address* of the office receiving the application:

Erin Zippel, Chief Administrative Officer
Division of Administration
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

*The complete application must be returned by email to voqa@njoag.gov.

Award notifications will be made on or about June 3, 2024.

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

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