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2025 STATE SERVICES TO VICTIMS FUND (SSVF) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Workshop March 1, 2024



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2025 SSVF PROJECT PERIOD

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

(Please note: this is a <u>ONE year</u> subward!)

REGISTRATION

New ORGANIZATIONS must register for a WebGrants account to apply

- New organizations are those that have never registered for a WebGrants account
- If in doubt, e-mail <u>cvsu@dps.mo.gov</u>, we can help
- Register at <u>https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do</u>

New <u>USERS</u> may be added to an existing account at any time by the organization

Instructions for adding a new registered user can be found at the end of this presentation

DEADLINES

New Organizations MUST REGISTER for a WebGrants account no later than Wednesday March 27, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Applications MUST BE SUBMITTED no later than Wednesday April 10, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

- Required information/documents must be submitted with the final application via WebGrants.
- Missing or late information/documents will not be accepted
- DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT!
- Webgrants will automatically lock the NOFO at 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2024.

WEBGRANTS "UPDATES"

Passwords

- Expire every 180 days (approx. every 6 months)
- Must be at least 6 characters long
- May <u>not</u> reuse previous five (5) passwords

SAM/CCR CAGE Code expiration dates

- Must be submitted to DPS
- Agencies are not able to edit profile information

WHAT IS SSVF?

- The State Services to Victims Fund (SSVF) consists of monies collected from court fees, pursuant to section <u>595.045, RSMo</u>
- Upon appropriation, this money shall be used solely for the administration of contracts for services to victims of crime

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SSVF

The primary purpose of the SSVF Funds are to provide:

- Direct services to victims of crime
- Emergency Services
- Crisis Intervention Counseling Services
- Victim Advocacy

ELIGIBILITY

Any subrecipient of SSVF Funds is responsible for the development & implementation of a record keeping system to verify the eligibility of the crime victims receiving services provided by SSVF funds. The subrecipient must keep records to ensure the following criteria are met:

- Crime must have been committed in Missouri or the crime victim must be a resident of Missouri
- Crime must have involved the threat, or the use of force or violence
- Victim of crime cannot be the perpetrator or principal/accessory involved in the commission of the crime
- Injuries sustained cannot be a result of the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or airplane unless the same was used as a weapon, or a result of the crime of driving while intoxicated or vehicular manslaughter

ELIGIBILITY, CONT.

- Services must be provided free of charge
- Agencies are encouraged to assist crime victims in seeking available Crime Victim Compensation benefits
- Coordinate with other community agencies when providing services
- Provide effective services to victims
 - Agencies must comply with either the MOCADSV Service Standards and Guidelines, or the MO OVC Program Standards and Guidelines

EXAMPLES OF ALLOWABLE SERVICES

Direct Services

Transportation, funeral arrangements, child care, shelter, etc.

Emergency Services

 Crisis intervention services; accompanying victims to hospitals for medical examinations; hotline counseling; safety planning, etc.

Crisis Intervention Counseling Services

Mental health counseling, support groups, etc.

Victim Advocacy

Personal advocacy; emotional support; identifying victim's needs; case management; etc.

ELIGIBLE BUDGET CATEGORIES

- Personnel/Benefits
- Travel/Training
- Equipment
- Supplies/Operations
- Contractual

UNALLOWABLE COSTS

- Training not directly related to services for crime victims
- Workshops/Trainings associated with grant writing opportunities
- Crime prevention activities/programs
- Construction/Renovation costs
- Indirect costs
- Vehicles, purchased or leased
- Professional dues, subscriptions, and memberships

UNALLOWABLE COSTS

- Employee bonuses
- Lobbying activities
- Research and studies
- Active investigation and/or prosecution of criminal activities
- Fundraising
- Capital expenses
- Medical care
- Salaries and expenses of management

Refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity packet for more examples of Unallowable Costs

SUBAWARD PERFORMANCE PERIOD

Approved projects will be awarded for <u>12 months</u> July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

APPLICATION PROCESS & REVIEW

Competitive bid

- Two-part process
 - Administrative review for technical merit by DPS staff
 - External peer review
 - Professionals without personal or financial interest
 Panels change for each funding opportunity
- Projects may be awarded as requested, partial funding, or denied
- Final approval provided by the Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS), or his/her designee

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) PACKET

- Program Description and Guidelines
- WebGrants Application Instructions

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Missouri Department of Public Safety WebGrants System https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov

REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR WEBGRANTS

- Acquire a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) if your agency does not already have one
- Ensure your SAM CAGE code is up-to-date
 - You must contact the Federal Service Desk (FSD) directly for assistance with UEI and/or SAM
 - <u>https://sam.gov</u>
 - ▶ 866-606-8220

IF THE AGENCY SAM CAGE CODE IS NOT UP TO DATE, IT'S STRONG RECOMMENDEDTHAT YOUR ADDRESS THIS SOONER THAN LATER

REGISTERING WITH WEBGRANTS

- Again, <u>NEW</u> agencies must register for a WebGrants account in order to apply
 - https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do
 - New registrations must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday March 27, 2024
- Each agency should designate <u>one</u> individual for the purposes of registering and assigning new users
 - Agencies are encouraged to have at least two registered users

THE APPLICATION

- Must be completed in the WebGrants system
- Comprised of individual "forms"
- Instructions are provided for each form
 - Please follow the on-screen instructions provided, as well as the instructions included in the Notice of Funding Opportunity packet

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

- Provides general information about the agency/project:
 - System ID (will auto-populate)
 - Project Title
 - Must be <u>brief</u>, as well as <u>unique</u> to the agency/project
 - THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE: "2025 SSVF Project" is very generic and <u>is not</u> unique to an agency or project
 - THIS IS ACCEPTABLE: "Hometown Victim Advocate" is unique to a specific project
 - Primary Contact
 - Organization

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Individuals who are responsible for the agency/project:

- Authorized Official*
- Project Director*
- Fiscal Officer
- Project Contact Person
- Non-Profit Chairperson (if applicable)

*Please note: the Authorized Official and Project Director <u>cannot</u> be the same person

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

	City Government	County Government	Nonprofit Agency	Law Enforcement Agency
Authorized Official	Mayor or City Administrator	Presiding Commissioner/ Administrator	Board President/Chair or person able to enter agency into a contract	City Mayor or Administrator/ Presiding Commissioner
Project Director	Person overseeing project	Person overseeing project	Person overseeing project	Police Chief/Sheriff
Fiscal Officer	City Treasurer or Comptroller	County Treasurer or Comptroller	Board Treasurer / CFO	City/County Treasurer or Comptroller

PROJECT SUMMARY FORM

Provides further general information about the agency and project:

- Application Type
- Current Contract Number(s) (if applicable)
- Program Category
- Project Type
- Geographic area(s) to be served
- Brief Summary
 - This should be kept <u>brief</u>. No more than a few sentences, based upon the project you are requesting
- Program Income

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM FORM

<u>Please note that this form has been updated to include</u> <u>questions with individual text boxes</u>

- Defines the problem the project will attempt to impact
- Addresses need for grant funds to support the proposed project
- Presents quantitative evidence to demonstrate the problem and the need for grant funds
 - Local crime statistics from law enforcement
 - Must be current
 - Population & demographic information
 - Agency Statistics



TYPE OF PROGRAM FORM

- Briefly describes your agency
- Explains what services will be provided with this project, including:
 - Who will provide the services
 - How the services will be accessed
 - Who will benefit from the services
- Addresses <u>how, not if</u>, the agency is in compliance with either MOCADSV or MO OVC Service Standards
 - Do <u>not</u> simply state your agency is in compliance!
 - Provide examples and explain <u>how</u> the agency is in compliance

COORDINATION OF SERVICES FORM

- Explains <u>how</u> your agency coordinates activities with:
 - Other local service providers
 - Law Enforcement
 - Prosecuting Attorney offices
 - Courts
 - Other community based agencies
- Do not simply list agencies you make referrals to; you <u>must describe</u> coordination efforts

CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE FORM

- Describes <u>how</u> your agency provides information and assistance to crime victims regarding Crime Victims Compensation
 - Who provides assistance
 - When is information provided
 - What type of assistance is provided

NUMBER OF VICTIMS TO BE SERVED FORM

- Indicate anticipated number of victims to be served by this one (1) year project
- Provide basis for estimates (i.e. prior years numbers, relevant crime statistics, number of unmet requests for services)
- Break out the number of women, children, and men separately
- Numbers should match the "SSVF Data Form"
- If serving multiple counties, provide a breakdown by each county
- This section is project specific, <u>not</u> agency wide

GOAL AND MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES FORM

Subrecipients of SSVF funding will contribute to the overall goal of the SSVF program:

The goal of the SSVF program is to support victims of crime and assist in their recovery.

- Objectives for this goal are provided in a drop down menu
 - Choose at least five (5) <u>different</u> objectives

EVALUATION PROCEDURE FORM

- Must correlate outcomes, completion of the objectives, and accomplishment of the goal
- Must list each selected objective, and the outcome anticipated for each
- For each objective, <u>explain</u> how data will be collected to measure the outcome
 - Examples may include: pre- and post-testing, surveys, client satisfaction evaluations, etc.
 - Evaluation instruments should be included in the Other Attachments

REPORT OF SUCCESS

- If a current sub-recipient, Objectives and Objective Percentages from the <u>current</u> SSVF subaward <u>must</u> be listed
- Results/outcomes for each objective must be provided "to-date"
 - Outcomes must provide actual numbers, in addition to percentages
- New projects do not have a Report of Success
 - If a new project, type "n/a" in this section

BUDGET FORMS

- Calculates funding amounts for requested categories
- Each category is assigned a section for justification
- Budget lines must be added prior to justification being completed

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

- Do not simply re-list items you are requesting
 - Justify the need for each item
 - Justify & Explain the expense of each item
 - Justify why each cost is requested
- If an increase and/or new line item is requested (i.e. current expense not currently funded by SSVF), explain how the agency has paid for the expense in the past, and why it is necessary for SSVF to assume the cost
 - If a brand new cost to the agency, as well as to SSVF, justify why the expense is necessary

Personnel Budget

- Minimum 10% grant funded time may be requested
- Actual gross salary <u>per pay period</u> is required
 - Salary based on number of <u>pay periods</u> requested (i.e. not based on annual salary)
 - If a raise is anticipated during the contract period, add multiple budget lines to reflect each salary rate
- Fringe benefits must be itemized; prorate based on percentage of grant funded time requested

Travel/Training

Related costs may include, but are not limited to:

- Conference
 Registration fees
- Airfare/baggage
- Airport parking
- Hotel parking
- Shuttle Service
- Rental Car

Lodging

- based upon state per diem rate
- Meals
 - based upon state meal per diem rate

Mileage

State rate \$0.655/mile
 <u>or</u> applicant agency
 rate (whichever is less)

TRAVEL/TRAINING CONT.

- Meals and lodging
 - Per diem rates should be used to estimate costs; rates can be found at:

https://oa.mo.gov/accounting/state-employees/travel-portalinformation/state-meals-diem

- If requesting meals and/or mileage, attach agency travel policy in "Attachments"
- Registration fees conferences and/or trainings should be listed in Travel/Training budget
- If an increase and/or new line item is requested, explain why it is being requested and how the agency has paid for this expense in the past

EQUIPMENT

- Equipment is defined as tangible property, having a useful life of more than one year, and an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more per unit.
- Equipment should be reasonable & necessary to the proposed SSVF project
- If used for purposes other than SSVF, cost must be prorated accordingly
 - Proposed SSVF budget vs. total agency budget, <u>or</u>
 - % of time requested for employee using equipment
- Vendor quotes supporting the cost may be uploaded in "Other Attachments"

SUPPLIES/OPERATIONS

- Must be prorated based on proposed SSVF budget vs. total agency budget
- Office Supplies:
 - Items included in the "Office Supply" listing (located in the NOFO Application Packet) can be shown as one line item and generically labeled "Office Supplies"
 - Items not provided in this list must be listed as <u>separate</u> line items
- If an increase and/or new line item(s) is requested, explain why it is being requested and how the agency has paid for this expense in the past

CONTRACTUAL

- Contract must be submitted with the application
 - Draft is sufficient for application
 - If approved, agency will be required to submit a final signed contract prior to expenses being reimbursed
 - Hourly rate cannot exceed \$81.25/hour & \$650 per day
- Outline the following
 - Who will perform the requested contractual services
 - What services will be performed by the contractor
 - ► When services will be performed
 - Rate at which they will be performed
- If an increase and/or new line item, explain why it is being requested and how the agency has paid for this expense in the past

BUDGET FORMS CONT.

- If increases and/or new line items are being requested in any of the budgets
 - Explain **why** the increase or new line item is being requested through SSVF
 - Explain **how** the agency has paid for this expense in the past

NOTE: "new" line items include expenses that are new to SSVF, but not necessarily new to the agency

SSVF DATA FORM

- Prorate funds requested by type(s) of victims to be served by this project
 - Provide your best estimate
 - Total Percent must equal 100%
 - Prorate amounts dedicated to Total Underserved & Other category (if applicable)
 - Total Percent of **this section** must also equal 100%
 - Provide anticipated number of victims to be served
 - Must equal Number of Victims to be Served narrative
 - Indicate anticipated breakdown of Women, Children, and Men to be served
 - Indicate number of Bed Nights anticipated (if applicable)

AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FORM

- Addresses federal and state funding received by the agency
 - Audit is required to be submitted when \$375,000 or more in State funds are expended during the agency fiscal year (from **any** State source)

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FORM

Required

- Agency Organizational Chart
- Policy & Procedures Relating to Internal Controls
- Agency's Current Budget (itemized)
- Employee Allocation form
- Current Letters of Collaboration/MOU's (at least 3)

Required, if applicable

- Job Descriptions & Payroll Records for individuals funding is requested for
- Agency's Profit/Loss Statement for last 2 fiscal years
- Board of Directors List
- Documentation of Not-for-Profit Status
- Contractual Agreement (executed or draft)

OTHER ATTACHMENTS FORM

- Optional, samples of "Other Attachments" may include:
 - Copy of client surveys
 - Redacted client feedback letter
 - Tables and/or charts to help illustrate information provided in the narrative

SELF-EVALUATION RISK ASSESSMENT

- Weighted form used to determine if the agency will be subject to special conditions, if awarded
- Form should be completed by the Authorized
 Official or Executive Director of agency

APPLICATION CERTIFIED ASSURANCES

Read the Certified Assurances

- See the link in the application and as an attachment in the NOFO announcement
- Certified Assurances should be read/agreed to by the <u>Authorized Official</u> and/or <u>Executive</u> <u>Director</u> of the project agency
 - Certify the Certified Assurances have been read, and agency agrees to the terms
 - Form should be completed by the Authorized Official or Executive Director of agency

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted by
 5:00 p.m. (CST) on Wednesday April 10, 2024
 WebGrants will automatically lock at 5:00 p.m.
 DO NOT wait until the last minute

All information/documents must be submitted with the application via DPS WebGrants

Missing or late information/documents <u>will not</u> be accepted

FINAL TIPS

- Contract period is for one (1) year
 - 12 months worth of funding
 - Keep this in mind when budgeting
- Read instructions thoroughly, both in the NOFO application packet and onscreen within WebGrants forms
- Ensure all necessary attachments are included and can be opened
- Have a peer or someone else review/proof your application
- Every! Single! Component! of the application is reviewed by DPS and the Review Panel—be clear, concise and consistent
- Be cautious with cut & paste from previous applications

FINAL TIPS

Remember these important deadlines!

WebGrants Registration

(Applicable to NEW Agencies ONLY)

Wednesday March 27, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Applications are DUE Wednesday April 10, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

It is <u>OK</u> to submit EARLY!!! We <u>encourage</u> you to do so!

ONLINE RESOURCES

https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/ssvf-cont.php

- 2025 SSVF Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- NOFO Workshop Power Point Presentation
- WebGrants Subgrantee Manual
- DPS Sub-Recipient Travel Policy
- DPS Financial and Administrative Guide
- MOCADSV Service Standards for DV and SV Programs
- MO OVC Standards & Code of Ethics
- Link to WebGrants Grants Management System





- **Q:** Will the PowerPoint be posted?
 - A: Yes, the PowerPoint will be available on our SSVF webpage for access by all.
- Q: How much funding is available, and how does it compare to last year?
 A: We do not have a final amount at this time. We do anticipate that the amount available will be less than the current amount.
- **Q:** Is substance use disorder counseling provided for domestic violence shelter residents an allowable "mental health counseling" expense?
 - A: If a client requests services for their victimization, and it is discovered substance use counseling would also benefit them in their recovery from violence, the counseling is allowable.

- Q: Are benefits for advocates who are providing direct services covered under this grant?
 A: Yes
- Q: Can a supervisor who does not provide direct service but supervises direct service staff/volunteers be an allowable expense?
 - A: Payment of salaries and expenses of supervisory staff in a project can be allowable <u>if</u> the supervisory staff are necessary to effectively facilitate the provision of direct services.
- **Q:** What is the difference between primary and secondary victims?
 - A: The primary victim is the individual who was the victim of the crime. If family members also receive services, those individuals would be considered secondary victims.
- **Q:** What is earliest we can submit an application?
 - A: The application should be available in WebGrants March 4, 2024. You can submit as soon as you get the application completed. However, please ensure to review to ensure accuracy.

- Q: If we receive VOCA and DVSS are we allowed to apply for the SSVF?A: Yes.
- **Q:** Is there a recommended request range? Or a typical award amount for SSVF? Is there a max that can be requested?
 - A: There is <u>no</u> maximum on the amount you may request. Apply only for what you <u>need and believe you can actually spend</u>. OVC has no way of projecting the amount or number requests we will receive for any funding opportunity.
- **Q:** May funds be used to pay for relocation of the victim and family if threatened with eviction or experiencing trauma?
 - A: SSVF could pay for relocation expenses when <u>necessary</u> to ensure the <u>safety</u> of the victim.

- **Q:** Would medical services be eligible expenses?
 - A: No. Medical expenses are not eligible; however, an advocate attending a medical appointment/exam to provide support to a victim, would be allowable time. If applicable, the victim should be assisted with completing a Crime Victims' Compensation Application. CVC is an application process; meaning eligibility must first be determined. CVC is a payor of last resort. For more information or to request a training for your staff/community please visit <u>https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvc/</u>
- Q: Does there have to be an active police report to be considered a victim?
 - A: Reporting to the proper authorities is encouraged; however it is not a requirement and should not prevent a SSVF subrecipient from providing services to victims.

Q: Can SSVF funds be used for burials or cremations?

- A: No. Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) accepts applications for funeral expenses. This is an application process; meaning eligibility must first be determined. CVC is a payor of last resort. For more information or to request a training for your staff/community please visit <u>https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvc/</u>
- Q: May funds be used to pay for repairs necessary as a result of the crime?
 - A: SSVF could reimburse for emergency services such as window, door, and lock replacement or repair, and other repairs necessary to ensure a victim's safety.
- **Q:** Will this be a reimbursable grant?
 - A: Yes, funds are awarded on a reimbursement basis only. The agency must incur and pay the cost up front, then submit a reimbursement request for allowable expenses.

- Q: Is this grant specifically for victim advocates, or can this be used to assist victims? Such as emergency hotel placement, gift cards for gas/food/etc.
 - A: Emergency hotel placement is allowable. Gift cards are not allowable, as there is no way to track whether a gift card is used for eligible expenses.
- **Q:** The agency would need to pay the bill for emergency placement, and then we would submit it for reimbursement?
 - A: Correct. Invoices/receipts, and proof of payment would need to be submitted for reimbursement.
- **Q:** Who qualifies as a victim?
 - A: Victim a person who suffers personal injury or death as a direct result of a crime, as defined in subdivision (5) of RSMo 595.010.

Q: Are you able to work on the application in sections? For example, log in, start on the app, save, come back later and do more?
A: YES! The application is a series of "forms"; in order to save each form, you must first complete the required fields (marked with *).

You may use "placeholders" for required fields, just be sure to come back and update the fields prior to submission!

You can edit/update the information entered at any time (even if the form is marked "Complete"), up until the application is actually submitted. Once it is submitted, it cannot be changed.

Q: Are Batters' Intervention Programs (BIP) eligible for funding?A: Unfortunately, no. SSVF is for direct victim services only.

- **Q:** Can we download the application with all the dropdown menus for the objectives?
 - A: Unfortunately, no.
- Q: Will SSVF pay for services to witnesses who are in danger?
 - A: SSVF can only reimburse for services <u>to crime victims</u>. If you are looking for services regarding witnesses, the agency will need to coordinate with local Law Enforcement.

All local law enforcement agency's are eligible to register for the **Protection Program for Victims/Witnesses of Violent Crime (PPVVC)**. See the PowerPoint and NOFO at <u>https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/jj/ppvvc.php</u>

If you or your local law enforcement agency have questions or need more information on the victim/witness protection program contact Michelle Parks at 573-751-5954.