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VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT

The Law Enforcement Planning Commission through the US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, makes **Victims of Crime Assistance (2020)** funds available to non-profit victim services and government agencies to provide direct services to assist crime victims recover from victimization. The Victims of Crime Act funding was established by the Crime Victim Funds in 1984. A repository of federal criminal fines, penalty assessments and bond forfeitures collected by US Attorney's Offices and the US Courts from federal offenders. Under this program, convicted federal criminals help pay for critical services for victims of child abuse, child sexual abuse including incest, drunken driving, domestic violence, adult sexual abuse, elder abuse, adult molested as children, survivors of homicide victims, robbery, assault, fraud, financial exploitation, kidnapping and other violent crimes. Funding is subject to appropriations by Congress. VOCA funds will be awarded to support programs that provide direct services to crime victims to include: crisis counseling, follow-up, therapy, group treatment/support, shelter/safe house, information/referral, personal advocacy, assistance filing for victim compensation, criminal justice support/advocacy, and emergency legal advocacy; not all inclusive. Applications are available at the Law Enforcement Planning Commission. For information or to request an application package, call the office at (340) 774-6400, ext. 203 or email sherri.abbott@lepc.vi.gov.

Proposals are due by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. The Law Enforcement Planning Commission reserves the right to accept or deny any or all proposals.