



VSTOP: Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution

New Director Orientation

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Today's Agenda:

- Background Information
- Overview of Grant Programs
- Reporting Requirements
- Questions
- Resources



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VSTOP Grant Program

- In 1994, the United States Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act (codifies at 42 U.S.C. 3796gg through 3796gg-5). VAWA includes the Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (STOP) grant program.
- DCJS is the administering agency for the STOP Violence Against Women grant in Virginia, known as V-STOP.
- V-STOP offers grant funds to successful applicants for activities which increase the apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of persons committing violent crimes against women.





Categories of VSTOP

- Law Enforcement (25%)
- Prosecution (25%)
- Courts (5%)
- Victim Services (30%)- a 10% set aside is required for culturally-specific community-based organizations
- Discretionary (15%)





Updated Definitions

Youth- is defined as persons 0-10 years of age. VSTOP funds can only be used to serve victims that are 11 years and older.

Victim Service Provider- non profit, non-governmental, tribal, or rape crisis center covered by 30% victim service set aside (includes coalitions and organizations that assist and advocate for DV/SV/ST and dating violence victims)

Victim Services- hotline, advocacy, shelter, accompaniment, etc. (now includes advocacy through medical, civil or criminal justice)





Updated Definitions

Culturally specific- includes ethnic and racial minority groups. Does not include LGBTQ, disability, etc.

Population specific- applies to non-profit, nongovernmental organization that serves certain underserved populations, such as LGBTQ.

Rape crisis center- adds government agencies if, 1) they are not a part of the criminal justice system, and 2) can offer the same level of confidentiality as other traditional programs.





VSTOP Unallowables

- Cannot serve victims that are younger than 11 years old
- Cannot serve more than 15% male victims
- Cannot be used to pay for:
 - any criminal defense work (women who assault or kill partner)
 - moving household goods to a new location or acquiring furniture or housing in a new location
 - voucher programs for housing or counseling
 - substance abuse counseling
 - automobiles
 - immigration fees for battered immigrant women
 - Renovations, construction, land acquisition, lobbying, fund-raising, or formation of corporations





Grant Period

- ***2-Year Grant Cycle:*** January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.
- **Second year awards are contingent upon:**
 - funds allocated to support the Violence Against Women Act,
 - program performance, and
 - the availability of funds.





Match Requirements

- The match requirement is waived for programs funded from the victim services category or for tribal subgrantees
- All other grantees are required to provide a 25% match, which has the same restrictions as federal funds





In Kind Match

In-kind match may include:

- donations of expendable equipment (cell phones, computers),
- office supplies,
- workshop or classroom materials,
- work space, or
- the monetary value of time contributed by professional and technical personnel and other skilled and unskilled labor (including volunteers), if the services they provide are an integral and necessary part of a funded project.





Reporting

- Operates on a Calendar Year
- Requires two (2) bi-annual reports **to include** narrative (DUE 15th of the month after the end of the reporting period 2nd and 4th Quarter)
- Requires one (1) Annual cumulative report **no narrative** required (DUE January 31)
- Ensure that Grantees use the correct reporting form
- Only complete the sections that correspond with the funded staff or project
- Be sure to validate form to identify reporting errors





Remember to....

Validate





Additional Narrative

- Due with both bi-annual reports
- Not required with annual cumulative report
- All grantees must complete all questions





List objectives, performance measures, and progress

- For current reporting period
- This can be done in chart form
- Evaluate (analyze and discuss) the impact of your project
- Two page maximum
 - **S** Specific
 - **M** Measurable
 - **A** Attainable
 - **R** Relevant
 - **T** Time-bound





Case Studies

- Describe two significant cases from the reporting period
- Cite cases that required a significant amount of staff time or had a significant impact on your community.
- One-two paragraphs maximum per case
- **Please be particularly careful that you are not including any identifying victim information in the case studies that you provide.**





Media Coverage

- Specify the type and date of coverage
- For example, WCVE television interview with V-STOP Prosecutor regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities





Training Received

Be sure to include:

- ✓ Training Event
- ✓ Date
- ✓ Location
- ✓ VSTOP-funded staff in attendance



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Things to remember...

- Always **VALIDATE** your report
- If you have questions when completing the report, refer to:
 - ✓ Helpful hints for subgrantees document
 - ✓ Instructions for Annual Progress Report document
 - ✓ If you still have questions, reach out to your grant monitor





Civil Rights Certification of Compliance

Required Modules:

- ✓ Civil Rights Overview
 - ✓ Standard Assurance Modules
 - ✓ Services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals.
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- The sub-grantee must review these training modules at least **once per grant cycle.**





On-line Grant Management System (OGMS) Training & Resources Page:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/ogms-training-resources>

- Grants
- Expired Grant Opportunities
- GMIS Online
- Forms
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- OGMS Training & Resources
- DCJS Funding Profiles
- Grant Requirements

OGMS Training & Resources

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is excited to announce the official launch of the new On-line Grant Management System (OGMS)! To ensure that future grant applicants and existing grantees have the training and resources need to navigate the new website successfully, DCJS will create a series of self-guided videos and training materials to be on this page. These training resources will provide a global overview of OGMS functionality as well as high-level instructions how to perform various tasks.

To access the On-line Grants Management System (OGMS) click here <https://ogms.dcjs.virginia.gov/>. For questions at technical assistance, contact ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov. Please include your grant number and grant program as the Subject line (Example: 20-A1234CC20 - CCCA/PSA Grant Program).

In addition, DCJS will host a series of virtual program specific webinars geared towards more in depth training with question answer sessions and live technical assistance to supplement the self-guided training materials. All sessions will be recorded the links will be posted below.

Training Documents

- Completing your registration in OGMS
- Terminology Crosswalk Between the Old and New System

Training Videos

Training Videos





Additional Information

- <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/grants/violence-against-women-v-stop>
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