



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Council Session

Item G-14

**#2023-68 - Approving 2023-2024 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
Grant Award for Police Department**

Staff Contact: Kevin Denney

Council Agenda Memo

From: Chief Kevin Denney, Police Department

Meeting: March 14, 2023

Subject: Approving 2023-2024 VOCA Grant Award for Police Department

Presenter(s): Chief Kevin Denney, Police Department

Background

The Grand Island Police Department has applied for a 2023 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant in the amount of \$146,339.00 from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. This is a two-year grant and application and funding for the second year is yet to be determined. There is no city and county match (cash and in-kind) for this grant however occasionally, in the past, the City of Grand Island has met any financial shortfalls related to the program needs. The program period for this grant is from 7-1-2023 through 6-30-2024.

Discussion

A requirement for acceptance of the grant is that the grant application and special conditions document is signed by the Mayor. The Grand Island Police Department is requesting that the listed grant application be signed for the acceptance of the award.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the award application and accept the 2023 VOCA grant funding in the amount of \$146,339.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the award application and accept the 2024 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Federal Grants & Programs Division Standard Grant Application

1. Applicable Grant Program:	<i>Select one from the menu:</i>	
2. If Awarded, These Funds Will:	<i>Check only one</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Service/Activity <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Existing Program <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Existing Program <input type="checkbox"/> Expand or enhance an existing project not funded under the Applicable Grant Program in the previous year <input type="checkbox"/> Start up a new victim services project <input type="checkbox"/> Start up a new Native American victim services project <input type="checkbox"/> Expand or enhance an existing Native American project <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (explain)	
3. Applicant Legal Name: The applicant <u>must</u> be the agency that will receive and disburse the grant funds.		
4. Applicant Physical Address: (Include zip code + 4 digits)		
5. Applicant Telephone & Fax #:	Telephone#:	Fax#:
6. Applicant Federal Employer ID & DUNS #:	Employer ID#: <i>must be 9 digits</i>	DUNS#:
7. Project Title:		
8. Project Point of Contact (PPOC): (Main contact. Responsible for all correspondence regarding grant award and project.)	Name: Title: Email: Work Phone#:	
	Address: <small>(Include zip code + 4 digits)</small>	

9. Fiscal Point of Contact (FPOC): (Responsible for fiscal oversight and fiscal reports. Cannot be same as the PPOC)	Name:	
	Title:	
	Email:	Work Phone#:
	Address: (Include zip code + 4 digits)	
10. Authorized Official: (NOTE: The Authorized Official is the Mayor, Chair of County Board or City Council or the Board Chair of a Private Non-profit Agency, or Designee through Tribal Resolution)	Name:	
	Title:	
	Email:	Work Phone#:
	Address: (Include zip code + 4 digits)	
11. Type of Agency (check only one) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Government Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Federally Recognized Tribal Government, Agency, or Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Technology </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (explain) </div> </div>		

COMMUNITY OR SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTION:

1. Areas served by this project (Counties/Cities/Statewide):

2. Geographic size of the service area indicated:

- Identify the service area designation(s) as rural, urban, and/or frontier. If more than one designation explain and include the percentage of each designation within the service area.

- Complete the table for service area described in #1 by using US Census data available at:
<http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045215/00>

Race	Number	% of Total Population
American Indian/Alaska Native		
Asian		
Black/African American		
Hispanic or Latino		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		
White Non-Latino/Caucasian		
Multiple Races		
Some Other Race		
<u>Total Population:</u>		100%
Ethnicity	Number	% of Total Population
Hispanic or Latino		
Not Hispanic or Latino		

5. Complete the chart for service area described in #1. Do not repeat populations identify in above table. Add populations as needed.

<u>Marginalized / Underserved Populations</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total Population</u>
LGBTQ+		
Elders (55+ years)		
Veterans		
Persons w Mental Health Issues		
Persons w Substance Abuse Issues		
Limited English Proficiency Individuals		
Rural		
Undocumented		
Person with Disabilities		
Deaf or Hard of Hearing		
Homeless		
Low to No Income		
Child and Youth		

SUSTAINABILITY:

1. Mission and Purpose Statement: (150 words)
2. Length of time agency has been in operations: (150 words)

3. Agency paid staff and unpaid volunteers:

	<u>Total #</u>	<u># FTEs</u>
Agency volunteers (<i>excluding board members</i>)		
Agency board member volunteers		
Paid agency staff		

4. Describe organization's structure: (250 words)

5. Describe agency's current scope of services or operations: (250 words)

6. List agency accreditations, licenses, and membership associations relevant to provision of services: (250 words)

7. List at least three milestones or achievements from the most recently completed 12-month budget period related to sustaining the agency or the agency's services. (500 words)

Supplemental Funding:

1. Supplemental Funding Chart (complete for the agency's most recently completed 12-month budget period).

Budget Period: (month/day/year) From: To:	
Agency's total operating budget: \$	
Funding Sources	Amount Received
JAG	
Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)	
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)	
Sexual Assault Services (SAS) VAWA	
STOP VAWA	
VOCA	
OTHER FEDERAL (list below)	
STATE (list below)	
LOCAL (list below)	
OTHER (list below)	

Applicant Disclosures of Pending Applications:

Applicants are to disclose any pending applications, submitted within the last 12 months for federally and or state funded grants that include requests for funding to support the same project proposed under this solicitation and will cover the identical cost items outlined in the budget in the application under this solicitation. **Mark none if there are no pending applications.**

Federal or State Funding Agency	Solicitation Name / Project Name	Name/Phone/E-mail for Point of Contact at Funding Agency

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certifications and requirements listed below that apply to federal funds are not subject to applicants applying for state funding under the OVP Grant Program.

1. Certification of Application

I hereby certify the information in this application is accurate and, as the authorized official for the project, hereby agree to comply with all provisions of the grant program and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Applicant certifies that during the development of this grant application victim services providers were consulted with in order to ensure proposed activities and requests are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality and economic independence of victims of intimate partner violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Authorized Official Initials: _____

2. Discrimination & Harassment Policy Certification

My signature below hereby acknowledges my review of the Nebraska Crime Commission's Discrimination & Harassment Policy located at:

<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/OI%2342.pdf>

Authorized Official Initials: _____

3. Certified Assurances

- A. The applicant assures that federal grant funds made will not be used to supplant existing funds.
- B. The applicant assures that fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, and such evaluation procedures as may be necessary to keep such records as the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Crime Commission) shall prescribe will be provided to assure fiscal control, proper management, and efficient disbursement of funds received under the Act.
- C. The applicant assures that they and all subawards under this award have a DUNS number and are registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and OVW).
- D. The applicant assures that it shall maintain such data and information and submit such reports, in such form, at such times, and containing such information as the Crime Commission may require.
- E. The applicant certifies that the proposed project fulfills all program requirements; that all the information is correct; that there has been and will be throughout the life of the grant, appropriate coordination with affected agencies; and, that the applicant will comply with all provisions of the Applicable Grant Program as well as all other applicable federal and state laws.
- F. The applicant assures that it will comply, and all its contractors will comply, with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements *which may include*, among other relevant authorities, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322 and the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 as amended, 42 U.S.C.

3711 et seq., the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 109-162, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, P.L. 113-4, and OVW's implementing regulations at 28 CFR Part 90.

- G. The applicant assures it will comply with the Department of Justice Guidance pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d. Applicant will take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP).
- H. The applicant assures that in the event a federal or state court or administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing the subrecipient of funds will forward a copy of the finding to the Office of Civil Rights Compliance of the Office of Justice Programs in Washington, D.C. Additionally, a copy of the findings will be sent to the Crime Commission.
- I. The applicant assures that, if required, it will formulate an equal employment opportunity program (EEOP) in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301 et. seq., and submit a certification to the state that it has a current EEOP on file which meets the requirements therein.
- J. The subgrantee assures that it and its contractors and any subawards will comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 CFR Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2 CFR Part 2800 (together, the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), and the current edition of the DOJ Grants Financial Guides as posted on the OVW website to include any amendments made throughout the course of the grant period.
- K. The applicant, if a non-Federal entity assures that if it expends \$750,000 or more in Federal funds (from all sources including pass-through subawards) in the organization's fiscal year it will arrange for a single organization-wide audit to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Title 2 CFR Subpart F. If less than \$750,000 is expended in a year then the agency is exempt from Federal audit requirements. In this case, the non-Federal entity assures that financial records will be maintained in an acceptable accounting system and be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of Federal, state or local agencies.
- L. The applicant agrees to attend training as required by the Crime Commission.
- M. The applicant agrees to establish and maintain a Drug Free Workplace Policy.
- N. **VAWA Grant Program Applicants:** Applicant assures that it and any subawards will document their compliance with the confidentiality and privacy provisions required under the VAWA SAS and STOP Grant Programs.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read and reviewed the above assurances, that the Applicant will comply with all provisions of the Applicable Grant Program selected on page one of this application and all other applicable federal laws and state laws, and the Applicant will implement the project as written if approved by the Crime Commission.

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Authorized Official Initials: _____

5. Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Acceptance of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 2 CFR Part 2867, "DOJ Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension," and 28 CFR Part 83, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension," and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

A. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

B. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DIRECT RECIPIENT)

Pursuant to Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, implemented at 2 CFR Part 2867, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 2 CFR Section 2867.20(a), and other requirements:

1. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Have not within a two-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, unless such felony criminal conviction has been disclosed in writing to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov, and, after such disclosure, the applicant has received a specific written determination from OJP that neither suspension nor debarment of the applicant is necessary to protect the interests of the Government in this case.

(d) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise

criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and

(e) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

C. FEDERAL TAXES

1. If the applicant is a corporation, the applicant certifies that either (1) the corporation has no unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, or (2) the corporation has provided written notice of such an unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to OJP at Ojpcmpliancereporting@usdoj.gov, and, after such disclosure, the applicant has received a specific written determination from OJP that neither suspension nor debarment of the applicant is necessary to protect the interests of the Government in this case.

2. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

D. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 83, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Sections 83.620 and 83.650:

1. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace

and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 810 7th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against

such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

Authorized Official Initials: _____

My signature below indicates I have read and initialed each of the certifications contained in this application for funding document, and I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with these certifications as outlined for and relevant to the Applicable Grant Program.

Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

Authorized Official Name: _____

Authorized Official Title: _____

Signature of Authorized Official: _____

Date Signed (month/day/year): _____

RESOLUTION 2023-68

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Justice has provided funding for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants and instituted a 12-month grant award process; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Police Department has a Victim / Witness Unit that serves as a valuable resource to victims of crime in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Police Department has received VOCA grant funding in past years to support the Victim / Witness Unit; and

WHEREAS, the VOCA grant application requesting \$146,339.00 in funding must be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department must have Council approval to submit a VOCA grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, to approve the Police Department 12-month Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant application to the Nebraska Crime Commission requesting an amount of \$146,339.00 to fund the Victim / Witness Unit.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 14, 2023.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

Jill Granere, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 10, 2023	☐ City Attorney