

basis as a result of the discussions at the training conference; and

- To consider the types of crime, gaps in services and knowledge, coordination of service, and legislative mandates.

*Program Strategy:*

#### I. National Conferences

OVC will accept applications to support tracks of training at national conferences sponsored by medical, mental health, legal, and law enforcement communities as well as the clergy and other allied professions. OVC will support training tracks on general and specific victim-related topics such as understanding the trauma of crime victimization, providing services to survivors of homicide victims, crisis intervention, and advocacy.

#### II. Regional Conferences

OVC will continue to support regional training for victim assistance providers, program managers and advocates, crime victims, law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and other professionals who work with crime victims. By funding regional efforts, OVC expects to facilitate the exchange of relevant information and training, the coordination of victim assistance services, and interstate agreements.

#### III. State Conferences

OVC will support statewide efforts to provide training and technical assistance to state and local victim assistance providers and allied professionals. A portion of the training workshops must be devoted to Federal crime victim issues. These issues may include bank robbery, bias/hate crimes, white collar crime, and crimes occurring on Federal lands or in Indian Country.

The following provisions apply to each of the conferences described above. Applicants may select workshop topics from a broad menu of training topics recommended by OVC. These topics include training components for service providers working with victim populations, such as domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, victims of juvenile crimes, Native American crime victims, and victims of crime in rural areas.

At least 60 percent of each award must be used to finance workshop presentations approved by OVC and can be spent on such items as travel costs and consultant fees. Up to 20 percent of each award may be used to develop and reproduce conference materials, and up to 20 percent may be used to finance facility costs.

To maximize the benefit of the statewide and regional training conferences, it is recommended that

conference planning involve state Victim Assistance and Compensation Administrators, victim assistance service providers, representatives from private, non-profit organizations such as state coalitions on sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse; victim assistance coordinators from U.S. Attorney's offices, military bases and Indian reservations, and national victim organizations.

To ensure that the needs of victims of Federal crimes are served through these grants, all selected state and regional applicants will be required to involve their respective Federal victim-witness coordinators in the conference planning process.

Specific deliverables and activities that should be part of the applicant's program strategy include: The establishment of a conference planning committee or victim assistance advisory committee; an explanation of how recommendations from past conference assessments will be incorporated into conference planning as appropriate; a review of literature, products, policies, and/or practices that will be addressed in workshops; identification of future training needs that may be utilized by the national organization, states, and regions to provide training and/or technical assistance on crime victim issues; and a strategy for assessing the training by conference participants.

Deliverables should also include brochures announcing the conference or track of training to be offered in the case of national conferences; a tentative time/task plan for conference planning implementation; and identification of training personnel.

To obtain the menu of training topics and to discuss cost-related details, all interested applicants are strongly encouraged to contact OVC prior to submitting an application for funding.

*Eligibility Requirements:* In addition to the requirements of Sections VI–XI, eligible applicants, including national organizations, state agencies, or qualified private non-profit organizations, must demonstrate the capability to manage a national, statewide, or regional conference. To be eligible for funding, the state or regional applicant also must include with its application a letter of support from the state crime victim compensation and victim assistance administrator(s). State victim compensation and assistance agencies, with the concurrence of the state victim coalitions and the U.S. Attorneys office, are also eligible to apply for funding.

*Selection Criteria:* All applicants will be evaluated and rated based on the extent to which they respond to goals

and objectives and meet the weighted criteria as follows:

#### A. Organizational Capability (20 points)

Organizational capability is demonstrated at a level sufficient to support the project successfully. Previous experience in organizing and sponsoring victim assistance training events will be taken into account.

#### B. Project Strategy/Design (30 points)

The applicant's training needs are clearly stated and identified. Applications should reflect a responsiveness to the specific needs at the state and/or region, or the constituencies served by the national organizations. The goals and objectives of the proposed project are clearly identified. The strategy should include as wide a variety of training components as possible, to meet the needs at the national, state, or regional levels.

#### C. Qualifications of the Project Staff (10 points)

The qualifications of staff identified to manage and implement the program should be stated, with resumes included for each key staff person. Past experience related to training conference management should be included.

#### D. Program Implementation and Assessment Plan (20 points)

The project design must be sound, and the management structure must be adequate for the successful implementation of the project. This criterion includes adequacy of the project management structure, the feasibility of the tentative time/task plan, and the plan for assessing the impact of the project in accomplishing its goals.

#### E. Budget (20 points)

Budgeted costs are reasonable, allowable, and cost-effective for the activities to be undertaken.

#### F. Funding Preference

Funding preference will be given to applicants that have not previously participated in this OVC funding initiative, and to national organizations that have made a commitment to address crime victim issues.

Award Period: 12 months.

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National Symposium on Victims of Federal Crime (Cooperative Agreement)

*Award Amount:* Up to \$50,000 available for Phase I in FY 1995 and up to \$250,000 for Phase II in FY 1996.