

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

#### **Notice of Availability and Award of Funds**

#### **Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Discretionary Training and Technical Assistance Program for VOCA Victim Assistance Grantees**

Take notice that in compliance with the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984, 34 U.S.C. §§ 20103, et seq., the Department of Law and Public Safety (Department) announces the availability and award of the following non-competitive subaward funded by FFY18 Discretionary Training and Technical Assistance Program for VOCA Victim Assistance Grantees program funds:

#### **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey \$849,832**

Under this program, \$849,832 in grant funding will be offered to Rutgers University's New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA) to expand training for victim assistance providers. The NJVAA, established in 2008, provides entry-level victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice personnel, and allied professionals with a comprehensive foundation-level 40-hour training of victim rights and services as well as specialized trainings through its Advanced Academies and Skill Sessions.

The program will increase the knowledge, skills and evidence-based practices of victim assistance providers through targeted education about victimization, and the rights and services available to support the needs of individuals who have experienced a crime. The program will be

guided by a statewide steering committee that will work to significantly enhance the NJVAA and fund new training initiatives based on the latest data and trends in victim support.

The program will be informed by a comprehensive needs assessment. The needs assessment will be facilitated through an online survey to be distributed to organizations serving crime victims and through focus groups targeted at the various system professionals i.e. domestic violence, law enforcement, and elder abuse. Existing training services will be documented and gaps will be identified.

The NJVAA will manage the operations, quality and efficacy of all education provided through the project by coordinating the schedules, registration, evaluation, and learning outcomes for training courses provided. The NJVAA will expand its course offerings and increase its pool of qualified trainers. Core content for the NJVAA will be translated into online modules to allow for wider access for victim services professionals.

A comprehensive evaluation component will be developed for all education provided through the plan using course satisfaction surveys, pre- and post- test assessments, trainer feedback reports, and learner follow-up surveys that assess application to professional work with victims. The grant period will conclude with a report on the New Jersey victim assistance workforce's educational needs and the methods and efficacy of services provided by this program in meeting them.

The subgrant period will run from October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Application documents will be provided to the subrecipient via e-mail. Application documents are to be returned via e-mail to the address provided directly to the subrecipient. Award documents will be processed and executed shortly thereafter.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change.

Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the Department of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue to such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Department to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Department or an event of default under a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the Department beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the Department to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.