

applicants must demonstrate knowledge of probation and parole practices, and victim rights and services within the criminal justice system.

Award Period: 12 months.

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Promising Strategies and Practices for Corrections Agencies/Training and Technical Assistance (Cooperative Agreement)— Award Amount: \$150,000

Purpose: To identify and disseminate innovative policies, procedures, and programs developed by institutional corrections agencies and paroling authorities to respond to the needs of crime victims, to encourage their replication by prison and jail personnel and parole board members.

Background: In 1988, the American Correctional Association's Task Force on Crime Victims issued a set of recommendations for improving the treatment of victims by correctional agencies. The recommendations fall into four major areas: (1) Training on victim issues and victim awareness for correctional staff; (2) direct services to victims; (3) victim assistance programs for correctional staff; and (4) victim awareness programs for offenders. Responding to the call from the corrections profession to become more victim oriented, OVC awarded a grant for a project entitled, "Crime Victims and Corrections" in 1989. The grantee surveyed the needs of the field, and developed and pilot-tested a training curriculum with protocol and related materials focusing on promising and innovative victim-related programs and practices. In two subsequent phases of the project, the grantee provided training and technical assistance to a number of jurisdictions, working intensively in eight states, as well as with Department of Defense (DoD) and Federal Bureau of Prisons correctional personnel. A final phase of the project provided training solely to DoD personnel.

During the last four years, the demand from the field for both basic and advanced training and technical assistance on victim topics has increased. Requests have come from institutional corrections, paroling authorities, and more recently, jail officials. This project will allow OVC to respond to these requests.

Goal: To improve the correctional system's response to the needs and rights of crime victims by providing training and technical assistance on promising victim-related practices and programs.

Objectives:

- To determine the current level of victim services provided by correctional agencies;
- To identify promising practices and programs used by correctional agencies to address victim needs;
- To produce up-to-date training materials for institutional corrections, paroling authorities, and jail personnel;
- To provide training and technical assistance to selected correctional agencies and jurisdictions;
- To disseminate information about promising practices to correctional personnel; and
- To evaluate the impact of the training and technical assistance activities on individual agencies and the field.

Program Strategy: This solicitation invites applications from eligible organizations to refine and expand existing training curricula and materials, to provide both intensive and short-term training and technical assistance on promising practices to select correctional agencies, and to extend the training to target the specific victim-related needs of jail personnel.

The grantee will conduct the following activities:

- Conduct an overview of victim-related policies and services in jails, state institutional corrections agencies, and paroling agencies;
 - Update OVC's "Crime Victims and Corrections" training curriculum manual with information on newly identified promising practices, programs, and overview results;
 - Adapt the training manual and materials to address specific needs of jail personnel;
 - Identify qualified professionals who can provide high quality training and technical assistance and, if necessary, conduct train-the-trainer workshops;
 - Identify at least one jail jurisdiction for pilot assessment and intensive training and technical assistance;
 - Identify two states for assessment and intensive training and technical assistance;
 - Conduct an on-site assessment process in selected sites;
 - Conduct customized, intensive training conferences and provide follow-up technical assistance; and
 - Evaluate the impact of the project.
- Interim documents and final products include:
- Overview Plan and Report;
 - Training Curriculum Manual, with related training materials;
 - Modified Training Curriculum Manual for Jail Personnel;
 - Outreach Package and Selection Criteria for Intensive Sites;
 - Site Assessment Reports;

- Training Conference Agendas;
- Training and Technical Assistance Reports;
- Promising Practices Report, to be published as an OVC Bulletin;
- Final Report, including project assessment; and
- A dissemination plan.

OVC intends to fund another phase of the project for a second 18 month period, based on the findings and accomplishments of this project. During the second period, additional jail jurisdictions and state corrections agencies would be selected for intensive training and technical assistance, and follow-up assistance would be provided to sites from previous years.

Eligibility Requirements: In addition to the requirements of Sections VI-XI, applicants must demonstrate knowledge of institutional corrections, parole, and jail policies and practices, as well as victim rights and services related to the criminal justice system. Eligibility for any continuation of this project is contingent upon satisfactory work performance and product development under this phase of the grant.

Award Period: 18 months.

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Promising Strategies and Practices for the Judiciary

Award Amount: \$100,000.

Purpose: To identify and document innovative policies, procedures, practices, and programs used by the judiciary to respond to the needs of crime victims and to develop a plan for their dissemination.

Background: Judges play a central, vital role in the entire criminal justice process. Their decisions, actions, and attitudes affect the practices of all other criminal justice professionals. For this reason, it is crucial for judges to understand the impact of crime on victims and how the victimization experience creates special needs for victims that can only be addressed by a balanced and fair system of justice. Many judges are aware of the needs of the victims in the cases they adjudicate, and they make every effort to ensure that victims are informed, present, and heard at key decision points in the judicial process. However, judicial training regarding victim-sensitive policies, procedures, and practices in courtrooms is needed. This project would identify these approaches and recommend appropriate avenues for disseminating information about them to judges throughout the country.

Goal: To increase judicial understanding about the unique needs of crime victims and how those needs