

- Experience in and knowledge of trauma reactions of victims of violent and nonviolent crimes;

- Demonstrated knowledge in assessing the emotional and financial needs, rights and concerns of white-collar crime victims; and

- Demonstrated knowledge in researching and applying appropriate strategies for effective assistance to white-collar crime victims as they participate in the criminal justice process.

Selection Criteria: All applicants will be evaluated and rated based upon the extent to which they meet the following criteria:

A. Utility of the project: (10 Points)

Project's purpose, goals, and objectives are clearly stated and the usefulness of the project to the field is clearly defined by the applicant.

B. Project Strategy/Design: (25 Points)

Project's plan for undertaking activities is sound and specific, and includes how the applicant intends to achieve the purpose, goals, and objectives of the project.

C. Implementation Plan: (25 Points)

Project's implementation plan is sufficiently thorough and is appropriately tied to the project's strategy so that adequate time lines and staff resources can be identified.

D. Qualifications of Organization/Project Staff: (25 Points)

Applicant possesses the necessary management, staff, and financial capabilities to complete the project successfully.

E. Budget: (10 Points)

Applicant's proposed budget directly relates to the project strategy and implementation plan, includes reasonable and allowable costs, and provides narrative detail on the project's budget cost.

F. Assessment Plan: (5 Points)

Applicant includes a strategy for testing the effectiveness of the materials as the products are developed.

Award Period: 18 months.

Contact: Laura Federline, (202) 616-3576.

Promising Strategies and Practices for Healing Through Community Service (Cooperative Agreement)—Award Amount: \$50,000

Purpose: To create a document that describes how community involvement by individual crime victims has assisted them in reorganizing their lives following the trauma of victimization and sets forth a step-by-step therapeutic plan to assist victims to heal.

Background: Victims of violent crime experience a variety of profound, long-lasting effects resulting from their

victimization. In the wake of crime, many victims have been moved to reach out and help other victims and their communities. This help may take the form of either prevention or assistance activities. Some victims decide to get involved with an activity or a program designed to prevent further crime, such as serving on a victim impact panel or participating in a crime victims conference. Often victims offer assistance to other victims to ease their sense of dislocation and personal devastation. In either case, the victim who gets involved in helping others can hasten his or her own healing process.

Many victims and service providers, including mental health professionals, are unaware that this type of involvement can benefit crime victims. Moreover, little is known about the most appropriate timing for these kinds of activities. This document will illustrate, through the use of case examples of community service by crime victims, how these victims have helped themselves by helping others.

Goal: To support the use of promising strategies for addressing the needs of crime victims.

Objectives:

- To identify activities in which victims can participate to aid their recovery process;
- To profile individuals who have productively engaged in these activities;
- To provide guidance to victims and victim advocates about these types of victim involvement; and
- To provide step-by-step strategies to assist crime victims in the healing process.

Program Strategy: This grant will support the development, publication, and dissemination of a monograph on the role of victim activism as a victim assistance strategy. The grantee will review and assess the principal crime prevention and victim assistance activities that victims commonly participate in after they have been victimized. This process will explore the major issues involved in victim activism, such as the length of time that victims should wait before they become involved in these activities and what type of involvement is likely to be most suitable for different types of people. In examining these and related issues, the grantee will conduct extensive interviews with activists who have been crime victims, victim advocates, and mental health professionals who work with them.

During the review and assessment process, the grantee will identify individuals who have used diverse victimization experiences to fuel creative and effective activities or

programs to benefit others. The histories and accomplishments of at least ten of these outstanding individuals will be profiled and produced as case studies.

The final major task of the grantee is to produce a monograph. This will catalogue the variety of ways victims become active in helping others, illustrated by profiles of exceptional individuals. It should include a presentation of the issues involved in this type of activism and how they can best be addressed, as well as detailed recommendations for addressing common victim reactions to crime.

Major products include:

- Catalogue of victim involvement activities;
- Discussion paper on major issues involved in victim activism;
- Case studies of at least ten victims whose community service has benefited themselves and others. These should be based upon taped "oral history" type interviews;
- Monograph to be used as an OVC Bulletin; and
- Recommendations for expanding this grant into an oral history project regarding crime victims whose community service following their victimization has benefited both them and their community.

OVC may decide to fund this project in the future through a continuation grant to compile additional case studies.

Eligibility Requirements: In addition to the requirements of Sections VI–XI, applicants must demonstrate an understanding of the victimization experience, knowledge of victim assistance practices and programs, and expertise in writing and producing publishable documents.

Award Period: 12 months.

Contact: Jackie McCann Cleland, (202) 616-2145.

Guidelines for Victim/Offender Mediation and Dialogue (Cooperative Agreement)—Award Amount: \$50,000

Purpose: To establish criteria for effective victim/offender mediation programs that are victim-oriented and sensitive.

Background: Programs bringing victims face to face with their offenders have sprung up across the country. While some victims strongly prefer not to interact with their assailants, for other victims, these types of personal meetings provide the opportunity to describe the impact of the crime and seek answers to unanswered questions regarding the nature of the crime directly from the attacker.

While some of these programs may be effective, others appear to be offender-oriented. In these, the mediation