Crime Victim Services (CVS) Grant Program Funds
Announcement for Calendar Year 2027

Description

The Office for Victims Programs (OVP), a unit of the Division of Criminal Justice within the Colorado Department of Public Safety, announces the estimated availability of approximately $1 million for one year in Crime Victim Services (CVS) Grant Funds. Unlike previous years, the available CVS Funds will only be comprised of one funding source: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

This funding cycle is only open to applicants NOT awarded CVS funds for Calendar Year 2026. If you have questions regarding whether your agency is eligible to apply for this funding opportunity, please contact cvsgrants@state.co.us.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: All applications and required attachments must be received by 11:59 p.m., March 2, 2026, in the new Fluxx Grant Management System. Late Applications will not be accepted. Applications may be deemed incomplete and denied if all required application sections are not completed or if required attachments are not submitted.

Crime Victim Services Grant Funds

The Office for Victims Programs is committed to:
- the physical and emotional recovery of crime victims
- the restoration of victims' confidence in the criminal justice system.

CVS Funds will be allocated following state and federal requirements and the intended uses of the grant programs. Funding recommendations made by the Crime Victims Services Advisory Board (CVSAB) will be for one year (calendar year 2027). Grant application information should reflect a one-year grant period. Financial obligations of the State of Colorado are contingent upon funds being appropriated,

budgeted, and otherwise made available. As the state administering agency for these grant funds, OVP can exercise additional restrictions.

Application Process

Applicants will apply for funding by submitting an application and required attachments in the Fluxx Grant Management System. Applicants should review the VOCA requirements listed in the VOCA Funding Summary chart below as well as the full description of VOCA requirements in the Appendix of the Application Instructions.

Schedule of Events

- **January 20, 2026** Announcement/Application for the CY 2027 Crime Victim Services (CVS) Grant Program Funds Released and Available in Fluxx Grant Management System

- **January and February 2026** Grant Application Webinars held. A list of grant application workshop dates is available on our website.

- **February 23, 2026** Recommended deadline to create Fluxx Account (if applicable)

- **March 2, 2026** Application Deadline

- **June 2026** Full CVS Advisory Board Funding Meeting & Reconsideration Meeting* for denied applicants (denied applicants notified)

- **July 2026** Final Award & Final Denial Notifications

- **Fall 2026** CVS Grant Staff will work with awarded agencies to finalize Statements of Work and Budgets to complete contracting.

- **November 2026** Signed Grant Agreements and additional required documents are due.

- **January 1, 2027** CVS Grant Awards Begin

*If your Application is denied, you will be notified and will have the option to request a reconsideration of the CVSAB's decision.

Award Period

The award period for grants funded under this Announcement is January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027. Agencies will receive one grant agreement per award for this one-year grant period. Information provided in the [Application](#) should be based on a 12-month grant period.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Applicants

This funding cycle is only open to applicants NOT awarded CVS funds for Calendar Year 2026. If you have questions regarding whether your agency is eligible to apply for this funding opportunity, please contact cvsgrants@state.co.us.

Eligible applicants include units of local government, criminal justice agencies, departments of state government, non-governmental nonprofit victim services agencies, tribal governments, statewide crime victim services coalitions, and nonprofit agencies that enhance or improve crime victim services.
Agencies must have a [Unique Entity ID](#) (UEI) and must obtain and maintain a current registration in the [SAM (System for Award Management)](#). For assistance with these requirements, please contact cvsgrants@state.co.us.

Agency Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate that they can meet all the requirements of this funding source. In addition to specific VOCA requirements, ALL agencies must meet the following organizational requirements:

- **Non-Supplanting:** CVS grant funds must be used to supplement existing state or local funds for program activities and may not replace or supplant state or local funds that have been appropriated or allocated for the same purpose.

- **Ability to Comply with Programmatic and Financial Reporting Requirements:** You will be required to complete and submit programmatic and financial reports every quarter.
- **No Charge to Crime Victims for CVS-Funded Projects/Services:** CVS grant-funded projects must provide services to crime victims at no charge.
- **Confidentiality and Personally Identifying Information:** Awarded agencies must comply with applicable laws, regulations, special conditions, grant requirements, etc. regarding confidentiality and/or personally identifying information.

VOCA Funding Summary

Intent
- Provides funding for direct services for victims of crime.

Victimizations Served
- View a [Full List of Eligible VOCA Crime Types](#)

Ages Served
- Any age

Additional Eligibility Requirements
- Have a history of providing victim services (at least two years) **OR** has substantial funding from non-VOCA sources (i.e. VOCA funds cannot represent more than 75% of an agency's budget)
- Must use volunteers in some manner
- Cannot be for-profit organization or individual
- Must assist victims with applying for or accessing Crime Victim Compensation

Types of Projects/ Services Funded
These lists do not include every type of eligible service and some service types may have additional requirements.

Direct victim services, including:

- Crisis intervention
- Emergency services
- Counseling
- Legal advocacy
- Criminal justice and court support
- Training and coordination of volunteers who provide direct services to crime victims

Allowable/Unallowable Costs

These lists do not include all unallowable costs/activities.

- **Allowable:** Personnel providing eligible services, project-related operating costs associated with eligible services, eligible services skills training, supervision of project-related staff and activities, well-justified travel, and professional services/consultants providing eligible services, supplies, and equipment.
- **Unallowable:** Lobbying, fundraising, most food and refreshments for staff and meetings, most Victim Compensation eligible costs, most medical costs other than SANE exams and those listed in the VOCA Assistance rule, property loss, and inherently religious activities.

Match Requirements

- The Office for Victim Programs (OVP) has waived the match requirement for applicants applying for CY 2027 funding due to continued depletion of state, local and donated funds that assists most programs in meeting the Federally mandated match requirement. Applicants have the right to decline any match waiver issued by OVP. Review the [VOCA Matching Funds Requirement and Waiver Policy](#) and contact OVP if you wish to deny this waiver.

Funding Philosophy, Review Criteria, and Funding Priorities

Funding Philosophy

The funding philosophy of the Crime Victim Services Advisory Board (CVSAB) is to support access to victim/survivor-centered services across all judicial districts in Colorado by distributing state and federal grant funds.

Through continuous reflection and process improvement, we strive to:
- implement an accessible, equitable, criteria-based process;
- involve statewide, multi-disciplinary reviewers, victims and survivors of crime, & representatives of communities impacted by inequity;
- fulfill state & federal requirements and the intended uses of the funds.

Criteria for Review of Applications

Applications are reviewed based on a set list of criteria (below) by OVP staff and members of the CVSAB. All applicants will be evaluated on the same overarching review criteria, but systems-based and community-based organizations will not be directly compared to each other. Review Criteria include:
- **Eligibility:** The project meets the eligibility criteria of the funding source administered by OVP.
- **Organizational Capacity:** The applicant is qualified to carry out the proposed project. This could include:
  - Past performance as a grantee (if applicable)
  - Completeness and accuracy of the Application, including Attachments.
  - Organizational and administrative experience
  - Service delivery experience
  - Subject matter expertise
  - Standing in and relationship to the community

- ○ Demographics, lived experiences, etc. of staff and leadership
- ○ Cultural Responsiveness
- ○ Other organizational characteristics
- ○ Inside experiential understanding/knowledge of the culture being served by the project (culturally specific)

- **Need:** The applicant demonstrates that their project, the proposed services and activities, and the requested expenses are necessary to meet the specific victim/survivor needs in their community and account for unique challenges or barriers affecting project implementation.

- **Victim/Survivor-Centered Services:** Project activities and services are informed by and designed to meet the unique needs of victims/survivors.

- **Demonstrated Impact:** The project is measured and is making progress in meeting the identified victims'/survivors' need(s). Progress can be shown through formal and/or informal efforts, data, and/or by how the perspectives of clients and the community are used in program design and delivery. Examples of measurement tools include:
  - ○ Surveys of clients or partnering agencies
  - ○ Client testimonials
  - ○ Client-defined goals
  - ○ Pre- and post-tests
  - ○ Listening sessions/focus groups
  - ○ Specific tools (e.g. MOVERS)
  - ○ Qualitative or quantitative data

- **Collaboration:** The project builds relationships with other groups and the community to increase the project's impact and/or improve services for survivors and victims. Examples of collaboration include but are not limited to:
  - ○ Formal or informal partnerships (MOUs, shared grant proposals, etc.) with other victim services or allied groups

- ○ Cost-sharing initiatives (shared staff, co-locating office spaces, donated office space, etc.)
- ○ Multi-disciplinary teams (SART, MDT, CCR, etc.)
- ○ Cross-training of other agencies at low or no-cost

Funding Priorities

Applications that include the following activities (see below) will receive special consideration during the review process:

1. Direct services for crime victims
2. Services that actively address the needs of hard to reach communities

Rejection of Proposals

The State of Colorado reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received, and to accept any portion of a proposal or all items proposed if deemed in the best interest of the State of Colorado to do so. Failure of the applicant to provide information requested in the Application shall be the responsibility of the applicant agency and may result in disqualification of the applicant. The fact that an applicant meets the eligibility requirements and applies for eligible services does not guarantee funding. CVS funding sources are limited, and proposals may be rejected based on a lack of available funds.

Late Applications will not be accepted. Applications may be deemed incomplete and denied if all required application sections are not completed or if required attachments are not submitted.

Additional Information

Program Website

The Announcement and Application Instructions, and other resources for the CY 2027 Crime Victim Services (CVS) Grant Program Funds are available on the OVP website.

Contact Information

For accommodations, including requesting this information in an alternate format, please contact the Office for Victims Programs at (303) 239-5719 or cdps.ovpconnect@state.co.us.

Grant application questions:

We highly suggest reviewing the Announcement, Application Instructions, and FAQs for the CY 2027 Crime Victim Services (CVS) Grant Program Funds, as well as the OVP website. Please review these documents for the answers to many of your questions. If, after reviewing them, you still have questions, please contact OVP at cvsgrants@state.co.us, (303) 239-5719.

Fluxx Questions:

You must have or create a free Fluxx Account to apply.

- If you already have a Fluxx account, review the *Create and Submit an Application* Job Aid.
    - If you have forgotten your username and/or password, review the *Forgot Username or Reset Password* Job Aid
- If you do not have a Fluxx account, review the *New Organizations* Job Aid.
- If you have questions about Fluxx, contact the Customer Support Coordinator at DCJGMS@state.co.us.

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