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Meeting Notice

*Budget Committee*

Thursday, April 17, 2025  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*Locations:*

555 W. Monroe, Lincoln Room - 4th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60661  
ICJIA Offices, 524 South 2nd Street, Suite 220, Springfield, Illinois 62706

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**ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

The Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle, Room N-502, Chicago, Illinois  
ICJIA Offices, 524 South 2nd Street, Suite 220, Springfield, Illinois

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Budget Committee Chair  
Ahmadou Dramé called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. ICJIA Deputy General  
Counsel Scott Risolute called the roll. Meeting attendance was as follows:

<b>Budget Committee Member Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Nicole Kramer for Cook County State's Attorney Eileen O'Neill Burke	X		
Jason Hernandez for Cook Co. Sheriff Tom Dart			X
Illinois Justice Project Director Ahmadou Dramé (Budget Committee Chair)	X		
Dan Likens for Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly	X		
Rory McHale for Cook Co. Public Defender Sharone Mitchell Jr.		X	
Loyola CJRPP Director David Olson (Authority Chair)	X		
John Carroll for Attorney General Kwame Raoul	X		
<b>Other Authority Member Attendance</b>			
DuPage County Circuit Court Clerk Candice Adams			X
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Director Keith Calloway		X	
Scott F. Main for State Appellate Defenders Office Director James Chadd	X		
Dr. Vickii Coffey	X		
GRO Community Director Jerry Davis-El		X	
State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office Director Patrick Delfino			X
Peoria Police Department Chief Eric Echevarria			X
Lake County Public Defender Keith Grant			X

Shelith Hansbro for Illinois Department of Corrections Acting Director Latoya Hughes			X
Ryan Goodwin for Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Director Heidi Mueller		X	
Senior Director of Inclusive Engagement for the University of Illinois at Chicago Kendal Parker			X
Ali Abid for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle			X
Steve Spagnolo for Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart			X
Fred Waller for Chicago Police Department Superintendent Larry Snelling			X
Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Mariyana Spyropoulos			X
Dr. Janice Phillips for Illinois Dept. of Public Health Director Dr. Sameer Vohra			X

Also in attendance were:

ICJIA Executive Director Delrice Adams  
Matt Barrington, Adler University  
ICJIA Program Manager Samuel Hadley  
ICJIA Program Manager Shataun Hailey (via teleconference)  
Erica Koegler, Illinois Department of Human Services  
ICJIA Federal & State Grant Unit Administrative Assistant Jude Lemrow  
ICJIA Federal & State Grant Unit Administrative Assistant Vanessa Morris  
ICJIA Acting Program Manager Lajuana Murphy  
ICJIA Deputy General Counsel Scott Rislute  
ICJIA Grant Specialist Luisa Salazar  
ICJIA Federal & State Grants Unit Director Greg Stevens  
ICJIA Program Director Webster Vital  
ICJIA Program Manager Aisha Williams  
ICJIA Program Manager Cydney Wessel

Other Authority staff members and guests were present.

### **Executive Director's Remarks**

Director Adams said that the Governor gave his budget address the day before and that ICJIA would present on the final ICJIA budget at a later date. She said that to sustain programming and staffing, ICJIA requested an appropriation of about \$5.1 million. She said the ICJIA budget, as submitted and approved, stood at \$4.91 million or about 4.5% less than requested. She said ICJIA should be able to maintain current funding at a flat level throughout SFY26.

### **1. Minutes of the December 19, 2024, Budget Committee Meeting**

**Motion:** Ms. Kramer moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024, Budget Committee meeting. Mr. Olson seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote, with an abstention by Ms. Coffey due to her absence at that meeting.

## **2. Institute 2 Innovate**

### **A. New Notice of Funding Opportunity**

Mr. Vital said that staff recommended setting aside \$1.25 million in Institute 2 Innovate (i2i) funding for a SFY25 notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) to support capacity building programming. He said that i2i was established in 2021 to serve as a hub for capacity building and technical assistance within ICJIA. He said that it supports organizations, especially new and emerging ones, in developing sustainable systems and improving their ability to deliver community services focused on preventing and reducing violence. He said that this assistance includes strengthening operations, administration, and management while fostering community relationships. He said that the i2i Planning and Capacity Building Grant is designed to help grassroots organizations advance their mission, improve outcomes, and adapt to challenges and opportunities in the nonprofit and community service sectors. He said that the program supports projects focused on building capacity in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- **Infrastructure improvements** include upgrading IT systems or improving facilities to support organizational growth.
- **Operational development**, including advancements in financial management, strategic planning, and human resources.
- **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL)** include developing a system for data collection, analysis, and reporting to assess program effectiveness and inform decision-making.
- **Programmatic improvements** include improving service delivery and maximizing the impact of organizational initiatives within their communities.
- **Resource development and fundraising** include improving strategies for financial sustainability and donor engagement.

Mr. Vital said that staff anticipates making four or five awards of up to \$250,000 from this NOFO. He said that performance periods would run from April 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026. He said the funds would support organizations that had not yet received funding and that the funds would support efforts to build capacity among grassroots organizations to help them become eligible for state funding by building their administrative and organizational structures.

Director Adams said the funds would support service delivery while building capacity. She said that \$250,000 may seem like a lot for a small organization, but that they would use some funds for infrastructure development while providing services

Mr. Vital said the NOFO would be available to organizations located throughout Illinois. He said that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds would support the opportunity.

**Motion:** Ms. Kramer moved to approve the recommended i2i NOFO fund set-aside using ARPA funds. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote:** The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

*B. New Designation*

Mr. Vital said that at a previous meeting, the Budget Committee authorized release of a NOFO using ARPA SFY24/25 funds to support the Government Alliance for Safe Communities (GASC) Capacity Building Network for Community Safety. He said that the NOFO was designed to identify an anchor organization capable of providing technical assistance, training, and resource coordination for community-based organizations (CBOs) in violence prevention. He said the NOFO was released on October 29, 2024, and closed on December 2, 2024. Staff received 19 applications, which underwent a merit-based review process by a team of reviewers. He said based on scoring and evaluation, staff recommended designating \$2.5 million in ARPA funds to one successful applicant to serve as the central hub for capacity-building efforts under this initiative. He said that the GASC Capacity Building Network for Community Safety was developed to strengthen the infrastructure of CBOs working in violence prevention.

He said many organizations faced challenges securing funding, sustaining operations, and implementing best practices. He said that through this initiative, ICJIA plans to support a centralized model in which an anchor organization will provide direct technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities to improve organizational effectiveness and sustainability. He said that the GASC Capacity Building Network for Community Safety supports community-based organizations by strengthening their operational capacity in key areas such as:

- Organizational leadership and governance
- Financial management and sustainability planning
- Program evaluation and data-driven decision-making
- Strategic partnerships and community engagement
- Training and technical assistance for violence prevention programming

He said that staff recommended designating \$2.5 million in SFY24/25 ARPA funds to the United Community Action Network (UCAN) to support GASC programming. He said that the performance period for this designation will begin March 1, 2025, and end February 28, 2026.

Director Adams said the program included the City of Chicago, Cook County, and the Illinois Department of Human Services as partners and that they would be working with up to 350 individual organizations.

Mr. Dramé said that he appreciated the fact that GASC has emerged because there is a need for some real coordination, not only between the government and community partners, but between the community partners themselves and the different levels of

government who are investing resources in these programs to make sure that they are effective and efficient.

**Motion:** Ms. Coffee moved to approve the recommended i2i designation using ARPA SFY24/25 funds. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **3. Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act**

Ms. Murphy said that ICJIA is required to pass through Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) funds to Illinois State Police, the agency designated by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. She said staff recommended designating \$252,492 in FFY24 SORNA funds to the ISP to hire contractual personnel who will provide project management as the ISP develops a new records management system. She said that the records management system is designed to improve community notification of registered sex offenders, which is a requirement of SORNA and a feature that is not available with Illinois's current system.

Mr. Carroll said that per the most recent substantial SORNA implementation review in 2016, most of Illinois's noncompliance was due to legislation and would require legislative action to come into compliance. He said that, for example, Illinois has two tiers of sex offenders, 10 years and lifetime, whereas SORNA requires three tiers and that would require a different registration scheme.

Mr. Stevens said that the JAG funds that Illinois loses in noncompliance penalties return to Illinois in the form of SORNA funds to help facilitate compliance.

**Motion:** Mr. Carroll moved to approve the recommended SORNA FFY24 designation. Mr. Olson seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **4. Justice Assistance Grants**

Mr. Hadley said that the ICJIA Budget Committee approved funding the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's (UIUC) dating violence prevention program from two separate funding sources, including \$200,000 in FFY20 JAG grants and \$83,334 in FFY21 JAG grants, totaling \$283,334. He said when JAG FFY20 funds lapsed at the expiration date in September 2024, FFY21 funds supported the program. He said an evaluation of the impact of the lapsed FFY20 funds on UIUC and on their subgrantee Between Friends showed the impact was significant, and that staff recommended the designation of additional \$33,324 in FFY21 JAG funds to continue program support.

Ms. Salazar said that Between Friends administers program activity focusing on youth leadership with adult allies while UIUC is the research partner responsible for monitoring

and evaluation. She said that the grant would be active until the end of February 2025 and that the additional FFY21 funds would backfill the lapsed FFY20 funds. She said that UIUC had outcome data on the impacted participants and Between Friends.

**Motion:** Ms. Kramer moved to approve the recommended FFY21 JAG designation. Mr. Olson seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **5. Restore, Reinvest, and Renew**

Ms. Williams said that at the request of Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) grantee National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP), and in the interest of efficiently directing programming funds, ICJIA staff recommended making the following designation revisions to three current R3 grants awarded to NYAP. This revision will reduce funds for grants 923399 in Peoria and 923387 in Rockford to increase funds to grant 923381 in Champaign, where NYAP has determined that the need for their services is higher.

<b>Grant ID Number</b>	<b>Previous Designation</b>	<b>Change to Previous Designation</b>	<b>Recommended Designation</b>
923399	\$786,674	(\$37,030)	\$749,644
923387	\$768,154	(\$30,000)	\$738,154
923381	\$466,607	\$67,030	\$533,637

**Motion:** Mr. Carroll moved to approve the recommended R3 designation adjustments. Mr. Main seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **6. Victims of Crime Act**

### *A. Designation Reductions*

Ms. Hailey said that the following Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds were returned to ICJIA, and staff recommended making the returned funds available for future programming.

<b>Designee / Program</b>	<b>Reason for Lapse / Recission</b>	<b>FFY22 Funds</b>
Heartland Human Care / Services for Victims of Human Trafficking	Staff was never hired.	\$200,000
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation / Legal Assistance for Victims of Crime	Less contractual spending than expected.	\$9,145



Legal Aid Chicago / Legal Assistance for Victims of Crime	Funds remained at performance period end.	\$2,526
OSF Health Care System, dba St. Francis Medical Center / Trauma Recovery Centers	Delay in hiring.	\$38,654
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$250,325</b>

*B. New Designation*

Ms. Hailey said that in February 2022, ICJIA introduced a restorative justice pilot program to serve survivors of violent crime in Illinois, to promote healing and restoration for survivors. She said the program has two main components: an apology letter band and a restorative conference process known as Long Dialogues. She said that the program's objective is to create the infrastructure to support hundreds of apology letters from the offenders to the survivors. She said that through these efforts, survivors can restore clarity, understanding, and closure. She said that staff recommended designating \$191,100 in FFY23 VOCA funds to Adler University for the Restorative Justice Pilot Program to support the program for 18 months.

Ms. Hailey said the Goals chart in the Designation Recommendation Form incorrectly included figures representing results in the Performance Measure column. She said those spaces should have been left blank and the figures in the Objective column represented desired achievements for the new grant.

**Motion:** Ms. Kramer moved to approve the recommended FFY22 VOCA designation reductions and the FFY23 VOCA designation. Ms. Coffey seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Old Business**

*Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative*

Ms. Wessel said that at the October 24, 2024, Budget Committee Meeting, the Committee approved additional Year 1 grant funding in an incorrect amount to four Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) applicants. She said the corrected additional Year-1 funding amounts were described in the materials (below). She said that the columns colored in green represented the corrected designated amounts for the first year.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Original Year-1 Designation</b>	<b>Additional Funds Year-1 Corrected</b>	<b>Year 1 Designation</b>	<b>Year 2 Designation (Yr. 2)</b>	<b>Total Designation</b>
New Eclipse Community Alliance	\$270,844	<del>\$23,559</del> \$23,647	\$294,441	\$319,523	\$614,014
Lawndale Christian Legal Center	\$226,167	<del>\$19,673</del> \$19,746	\$245,913	\$266,816	\$512,729
Roseland Ceasefire	\$163,206	<del>\$14,196</del> - \$14,249	\$177,455	\$192,539	\$369,994
Build, Inc.	\$239,783	<del>\$20,857</del> \$20,934	\$260,717	\$282,878	<del>\$543,518</del> \$543,595
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$78,576</b>	<b>\$978,576</b>	<b>\$1,061,756</b>	<b>\$2,040,332</b>

**Motion:** Mr. Likens moved to approve the recommended CVIPI designation adjustments.  
Mr. Olson seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote:** The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Adjourn**

**Motion:** Mr. Olson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dramé seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Budget Committee Members

**FROM:** Cydney Wessel, Violence Prevention Program Administrator,  
Federal and State Grants Unit

**Date:** April 17, 2025

**RE:** **SFY26 Community Trauma Recovery Centers Designation**

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This memo describes proposed designations of SFY26 Community Trauma Recovery Centers (CTRC) appropriations. Staff will be available to answer any questions.

**RECOMMENDED DESIGNATIONS**

*Community Trauma Resource Centers*

In February 2022, the Budget Committee approved \$1,900,000 in State Fiscal Year 2023 General Revenue funds for Live Free Chicago dba Live Free Illinois. That grant had a start date of February 1, 2023, to provide 17 months of service. An additional \$3,176,200 was designated SFY25 to provide another 12 months of service. Staff now recommend designating an additional \$1,852,783 in SFY26 funds to support the program through January 31, 2026.

Live Free Illinois has operated as a pass-through entity to begin and expand the Community Trauma Resource Center Program with a clinical partner and coalition of 13 sites across Illinois. The CTRC Program provides holistic, trauma-informed care services and promotes community healing in communities most impacted by gun violence. Further detail is provided in the attached Grant Recommendation Report.

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Recommended Designation</b>
Live Free Chicago dba Live Free Illinois	\$1,852,783

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Live Free Chicago dba Live Free Illinois

**Program Agency UEI:** GNUAKMAXVKF7

**Funding Source:** SFY26 Trauma Recovery Centers: \$1,852,783

**Request Type:** NOFO #3049-2447

### **Program Description**

Live Free Illinois began operating as a pass-through entity in SFY23, launching the Community Healing Resource Center (CHRC) Program with a clinical partner and coalition of 13 sites across Illinois. The CHRC Program provides holistic, trauma-informed care services and promotes community healing in communities most impacted by gun violence. First, the CHRC sites provides services not only to victims and their families but to the entire community. Second, these CHRC sites have dedicated trauma outreach specialists who build relationships in the community, cultivate trust, and demonstrate the care and cultural competency that black communities are not consistently offered in healthcare spaces.

### **Program Activities**

The CHRC sites are in Cook, Champaign, Peoria, Sangamon, St. Clair, and Winnebago counties. In alignment with the Illinois Reimagine Public Safety Act, selected cities outside of Chicago rate the highest in firearms victimization. CHRC sites offer comprehensive services to communities impacted by violence. Services include trauma-informed clinical case management, outpatient clinical assessments, crisis intervention, evidence-based individual and group psychotherapy, medication management, safety and self-care guidance, support and advocacy groups, legal advocacy and support, and assistance accessing victim services and funds. Each site staffs a site coordinator, program coordinator, outreach trauma specialist, and case manager. GRO Communities staffs a program coordinator to manage all clinical services by hiring qualified mental health professionals to be stationed at each site.

### **Program Funding Detail- Multiple Years**

This designation would continue supporting program services through January 31, 2026.

<b>Goal: To implement CHRC Program to provide holistic healing services and promote community healing in communities impacted by violent crime.</b>	
<b>Process Objectives</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>
Program preparation and launched: *	# 10 CHRC subcontracts executed

CHRC site assisted with staff recruitment. CHRC site assisted with outreach and marketing materials. CHRC site assisted with site base launch events. 100% of the CHRC host sites will be operational by July 2025.	# 10 CHRC host sites fully staffed
	# 100% CHRC staff on-boarding trainings
	# 1 subcontract executed to provide mental health clinical care coordination provider services to participants referred from CHRC network, provide training for CHRC network staff and expand mental health provider's network.
Community / public awareness outreach: Hold 210 public awareness events to provide community members with information about CHRC programs, trauma resources and services to the community.	210 # public awareness events will be held to provide information about CHRC programs and services to community residents.
	5250 # community residents will attend informational events about CHRC program, trauma resources and services.
Capacity building CHRC infrastructure for sustainability beyond the grant period*	85% of CHRC staff participate in on-going capacity building training with quarterly training courses, Sep 25, Dec 25, March 26, June 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of CHRC site outreach implementation plan.</li> <li>Resource community healing interventions and case management supportive services.</li> <li>Developed CHRC monitoring reporting tool with North Park University, revise as necessary to gather additional information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 # of CHRC sites implementation outreach implementation plan.</li> <li>10 # of CHRC sites participating in community healing events, such as, trauma informed approach training, support groups, art therapy, music therapy, healing circles, prayer vigils, prayer walks.</li> <li>10 # CHRC site complete weekly &amp; monthly reports.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome Objectives</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>
Mental health clinical care coordination support providers will serve 140 Mental Health referrals from the CHRC network for outpatient mental health care services , and provide training for mental health awareness, and network provider development.	80% ( 112 ) of the mental health referrals will complete mental health referrals placement in community mental health center to obtain outpatient mental health services, support groups or telehealth services, for people who are referred.
Provide mental health awareness capacity building training for CHRC network staff. Create a CHRC mental health provider network database for mental health referrals for CHRC sites. Provide CHRC site visits for CHRC sites and clinical care provider meetings and CHRC site staff.	# 2 – hold two mental health trainings, Sep 25 and Dec 25 for CHRC network staff for mental health awareness.
	Create a database for CHRC sites for referrals for mental health services per CHRC site.
	Service coordination for mental health care through on site visits, email, phone and email communications.
Community Healing Training Events: # 70 Community members trained to respond to violence and trauma in their communities.	Hold # 70 training/ community healing events facilitated to train community remembers to recognize and respond to violence and trauma in their communities
	# 1050 community residents attended training sessions to recognize and response to violence and trauma in their communities.
Establish one data driven evaluation framework using resident surveys, CHRC staff surveys and progress surveys in partnership with ICJIA.	Create CHRC site driven evaluation tools and tactics to develop CHRC measurements program impact on community wellness with input from ICJIA using resident surveys and interviews of CHRC staff and residents who were served in the program by Dec 25

	# 80% of participants will express satisfactory scores in the client satisfaction surveys.
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### Goals

Performance Metrics : Community Healing Resource Centers : Live Free Illinois  
Community Healing Resource Center July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 , 7- Month

<b>Sub Awardee Deliverables &amp; Milestones ( SFY 26 Community Trauma Recovery Center)</b> <b>July 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026 ( 7- Month )</b>		
<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Clinical Provider</b>
CHRC host site fully staffed 1 – Site Coordinator FTE 100% 2 – Trauma Outreach Specialist FTE 100% 1 – Trauma Outreach Specialist PTE 50% 1 – Executive Director PTE 20%  4 Tier 1 CHRC Sites <b>Austin – Excel CDC</b> <b>Garfield Park – New Landmark</b> <b>Kankakee – Second Baptist</b> <b>Waukegan – Jesus Name</b>	CHRC host site fully staffed 1- Site Coordinator FTE 100% 1- Trauma Outreach Specialist FTE 100% 1 Trauma Outreach Specialist PTE 50% 1 – Executive Director PTE 20%  6 Tier 2 CHRC Sites <b>Englewood – CBFM</b> <b>Morgan Park/ Roseland- APC</b> <b>Rockford – Brooke Road</b> <b>Humboldt Park – San Lucas</b> <b>Lawndale – Firehouse</b> <b>South Suburban – VCIM</b>	Mental Health Program support providers will be fully staffed to provide clinical services coordination to CHRC host sites.  1 – Clinical Care Coordinator FTE 100%
Attend CHRC new staff onboard training – as needed for new CHRC sites staff.	Attend CHRC new staff onboard training - as needed for new CHRC sites staff.	Attending weekly CHRC site check – in meetings July 2024 – June 2025.
All CHRC staff FTE attend biweekly CHRC network meeting.	All CHRC staff FTE attend biweekly CHRC network meeting.	All CHRC staff FTE attend biweekly CRC network meeting.
Attend quarterly CHRC staff training.	Attend quarterly CHRC staff training.	Attend quarterly CHRC staff training.
Hold 84 <b>public awareness events</b> to provide community members with information about CHRC programs, trauma and services to the community by Jan 2026. Total events for Tier 1 CHRC sites = 3 per CHRC site x 7 months = 21 x 4. <b>CHRC sites = 84</b>	Hold 126 <b>public awareness events</b> to provide community members information about CHRC programs and services to the community by June 2025. Total events for Tier 2 CHRC sites = 3 per CHRC site x 7 month = 21 x 6. <b>CHRC sites = 126</b>	Clinical Care coordinator will provide 2 behavioral health training for CHRC network staff ( August 25, November 25) on mental health care coordinating topics, i.e., trauma awareness, peer to peer support facilitation.
Reach 2100 <b>community members</b> through 84 public awareness events to provide community members information about	Reach 3150 <b>community members</b> through 126 public awareness events to provide community members with information about CHRC program,	Mental health support provider staff <b>provide 3 behavioral health training for CHRC site staff (October 2024 – June 2025).</b>

<b>Sub Awardee Deliverables &amp; Milestones ( SFY 26 Community Trauma Recovery Center)</b> <b>July 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026 ( 7- Month )</b>		
<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Clinical Provider</b>
CHRC programs, trauma with 25 people at each event , $84 \times 25 = 2100$ residents reached by Jan 2026, total for 4 Tier 1 CHRC sites = 2100.	trauma, with 25 people at each event, $126 \times 25 = 3150$ residents reached by Jan 2026, total for 6 CHRC sites = 3150.	
Provide case management services to 112 community members (July 2025- Jan 2026). 4 per month, per CHRC site $4 \times 7$ months = 112. Total 112	Provide case management services to 126 community members (July 2025 – Jan 2026). 3 per month, per CHRC site $6 \times 7$ months = 126. Total for 6 CHC sites = 126	Receive 140 referrals from CHRC sites for mental health services coordination, from July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 – January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026, 2 per month per CHRC site.  Place 112 people who have been referred from CHRC sites to mental health services ( outpatient, support groups, individual, family , services include in-person and telehealth options).
Provide 56 behavioral health referrals to mental health support providers by Jan 2026, 3 per month $\times 7$ months $\times 4$ tier 1 sites = Total for tier 1 CHRC sites = 56.	Provide 84 behavioral health referrals to mental health support providers by Jan 2026. 2 per month $\times 7$ months $\times 6$ CHRC tier 2CHRC sites = 84.	Submit Monthly fiscal invoices monthly from July 2025 through Jan 2026, by the 5 <sup>th</sup> of the month.
		Submit a monthly referral report to CHRC sites and LFI by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the month.
Hold 28 community healing events/training for community residents to recognize and respond to violence and trauma in their community. Total 7 per sites $\times 4$ CHRC sites = 28 tier 1 CHRC sites.	Hold 42 community healing events/training for community residents to recognize and respond to violence and trauma in their community. Total 7 $\times 6$ CHRC sites = 42 total events for 6 CHRC sites tier 2.	
Provide community healing events/training to 420 community members by Jan 2026. 28 community healing events $\times 15$ residents at each event = 420 residents reached by Jan 2026.	Provide community healing events/training to 630 community members by Jan 2026. 42 community healing events $\times 15$ residents at each event = 630 resident reached by Jan 2026.	
Complete weekly and monthly program monitoring reports July 2025 – Jan 2026.	Complete weekly and monthly program monitoring reports July 2025 – Jan 2026.	Complete weekly and monthly program monitoring reports July 2024 – Jan 2026.
Complete monthly expense invoice by the 5th of each month July 2025 – Jan 2026.	Complete monthly expense invoice by the 5th of each month July 2025 – Jan 2026).	

<b>Sub Awardee Deliverables &amp; Milestones ( SFY 26 Community Trauma Recovery Center)</b> <b>July 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026 ( 7- Month )</b>		
<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Clinical Provider</b>
CHRC network staff attend quarterly CHRC Retreats , Sep 2025, Dec 2025.	CHRC staff to attend quarterly CHRC retreats, Sep 2025, Dec 2025.	Mental health clinical care coordinator provider staff to attend quarterly CHRC retreats, Sep 2025, Dec 2025.
Complete monthly Time Certifications for CHRC Staff and submit by the 5 <sup>th</sup> of the month.	Complete monthly Time Certifications for CHRC staff and submit by the 5 <sup>th</sup> of the month.	
Attend Executive directors monthly meeting.	Attend Executive directors monthly meeting.	

### **Priorities**

By statute, ICJIA’s violence prevention responsibilities include distributing grants to community and statewide organizations, units of local and state government, and public-school districts that address victim services and violence prevention in a comprehensive and collaborative manner.

### **Budget Detail**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personnel (2.4 FTE)</b>	\$127,747
<b>Fringe</b>	\$25,102
<b>Travel</b>	\$4,697
<b>Supplies</b>	\$4,920
<b>Contractual Services – Event logistics</b>	\$31,146
<b>Subawards – 13 CHRC sites and mental health provider</b>	\$1,656,630
<b>Indirect</b>	\$33,687
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$1,852,783</b>





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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Budget Committee Members

FROM: Cydney Wessel, Program Manager, Federal and State Grants Unit

DATE: April 17, 2025

RE: **SFY26 Institute 2 Innovate (i2i) Capacity Building Violence Prevention Program Increased Designations**

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This memo describes proposed designations of SFY26 Institute 2 Innovate (i2i) Capacity Building Violence Prevention Program appropriations. Staff will be available to answer any questions.

**RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION**

In February 2024, the Budget Committee approved \$1.5 million in State Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 ARPA funds for the entities listed in the table below. Staff recommends designating an additional \$1.5 million in SFY26 ARPA funds for a second year of funding support.

**i2i Background**

Established in 2021, i2i is designed to help organizations, especially new and emerging organizations, increase their ability to achieve their missions and build long-term organizational sustainability so that they can effectively provide community services to prevent and reduce violence. This assistance can involve improving an organization's operations, administration, and management, and building relationships within their communities.

Through the i2i Planning and Capacity Building Grant, ICJIA seeks to empower nonprofits to excel in their mission delivery, achieve optimal outcomes, and adapt to the ever-evolving challenges and opportunities within the sector. The capacity-building initiatives supported by this grant opportunity will play a pivotal role in strengthening the nonprofit landscape and fostering positive impacts on individuals and communities statewide. By investing in the growth and resilience of community-based organizations, ICJIA reaffirms its dedication to building a thriving and resilient nonprofit sector that can effectively address pressing social issues like improving the criminal justice system and contributing to a brighter future for all residents of Illinois.

Staff recommends additional grant designations as listed in the following table.

<b>AGENCY NAME</b>	<b>Existing Designation SFY24/25</b>	<b>Proposed Designation SFY26</b>	<b>Total</b>
Reassemble Education and Support Training	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
True Believers Community Connections	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Public Narrative	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Metro East Organizing Coalition	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Vision of Restoration, Inc	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Urban Male Network	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Reassemble Education and Support Training NFP

**Program Agency UEI:** X3V9CAPVBVG5

**Funding Source:** ARPA SFY26 i2i Capacity Building VP Programs: \$250,000

**Agency Budget:** \$270,000

**Request Type:** Year 2 Designation

### **Program Description**

Reassemble Education and Support Training NFP (REST) is dedicated to reducing violence on the South Side of Chicago, with a primary focus on Englewood, West Englewood, Chatham, Avalon, and Grand Crossing. The organization faces challenges in securing funding to expand its Anti-Violence Prevention Training services. REST seeks to address the urgent need for increased outreach, education, prevention, and training in communities heavily impacted by violence.

### **Program Activities**

The funding will specifically support the expansion of REST's Anti-Violence Program, encompassing six cohorts. These cohorts will deliver comprehensive violence awareness, trauma-informed care practices, prevention of substance use disorders, and targeted employment training. The program empowers young adults to emerge as violence reduction ambassadors within their respective communities. The activities within each cohort will focus on addressing the root causes of violence through targeted education and skill-building sessions, equipping participants with the necessary tools to make a positive impact. By integrating employment training, the initiative not only enhances participants' career prospects but also contributes to building a sustainable foundation for violence reduction in the long term.

### **Goals**

The overarching goal of the funding is to enhance REST's capacity to provide essential violence prevention services to communities plagued by violence. By expanding education and training, REST aims to stop the killing of youth and young adults, thus preserving the future of the community. The funding will enable REST to strengthen its programs, contribute to community engagement, and address the urgent need for violence prevention initiatives.

### **Priorities**

This funding aligns with the ICJIA priority of expanding violence prevention initiatives, advancing equity and addressing systemic barriers in violence prevention efforts, particularly in economically disadvantaged areas.

**Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 24 months of program performance. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be pursuant to staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total FTE 9.0	\$238,322
Fringe	\$25,263
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$17,560
Contractual	\$190,762
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$471,907</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** True Believers Community Connections

**Program Agency UEI:** GW3FLNYGCBY3

**Funding Source:** ARPA SFY26 i2i Capacity Building VP Programs: \$500,000

**Agency Budget:** \$181,000

**Request Type:** Year 2 Funding

### **Program Description**

Empower+ is a 12-month violence prevention and capacity building initiative implemented by True Believers Community Connections (TBCC) to address critical violence challenges in high-crime areas in the Auburn Gresham, Chatham, West Englewood, Englewood, and Greater Grand Crossing communities. The program aims to boost community resilience and interrupt the cycle of violence by combining targeted violence prevention peer group programs with strengthened case management services.

### **Program Activities**

Empower+ will conduct comprehensive community needs assessments, develop trauma-informed curricula for victimization, and increase community participation through strategic outreach. Simultaneously, the program will strengthen case management services by conducting targeted recruitment, providing intensive training in trauma-informed care, and achieving a 30% increase in case management capacity through strategic onboarding.

### **Goals**

The primary goal of Empower+ is to significantly contribute to violence prevention in the specified high-crime areas by increasing community engagement, offering tailored support through case management, and fostering resilience and empowerment. The program seeks to break the cycle of violence by addressing specific challenges faced by victims, teen mothers, and justice-involved youth through customized interventions.

### **Priorities**

Empower+ aligns with the ICJIA priority of addressing violence prevention needs in underserved communities.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 24 months of program performance. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be pursuant to staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total FTE 4.0	\$318,240
Fringe	\$66,512
Supplies	\$22,104
Travel	\$0.00
Contractual	\$93,144
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

<b><u>Program Name:</u></b>	<b>Public Narrative   Advocating for Public Safety and Violence Prevention through Narrative Change and Storytelling</b>
<b><u>Program Agency (UEI):</u></b>	<b>NJVYU9VV2N83</b>
<b><u>Funding Source:</u></b>	<b>ARPA SFY26 i2i Capacity Building VP Programs: \$500,000</b>
<b><u>Agency Budget:</u></b>	<b>\$1,115,857</b>
<b><u>Request Type:</u></b>	<b>Year 2 Designation</b>

### **Program Description**

Public Narrative's program aims to enhance violence prevention initiatives by building capacity through narrative change strategies. Engaging stakeholders such as researchers, law enforcement, youth, and media makers, the program seeks to amplify violence prevention work, bridge gaps between different entities, and promote community safety.

### **Program Activities**

Funding will support various capacity-building activities, including narrative change workshops, media literacy training, storytelling campaigns, surveys, focus groups, and policy advocacy initiatives. Additionally, the program involves hiring a full-time public safety project manager to coordinate and lead these efforts.

### **Goals**

The program strives to fortify Public Narrative's violence prevention initiatives, ensuring sustained commitment and preventing external constraints. By leveraging media, the program aims to create impactful narratives that resonate with diverse stakeholders, contributing to informed violence prevention strategies and community safety.

### **Priorities**

This funding aligns with ICJIA's priority of promoting violence prevention strategies to reduce crime.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 24 months of program performance. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be pursuant to staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total FTE	\$381,250
Fringe	\$60,367
Supplies	10,670
Travel	\$0.00
Contractual	\$47,713
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>



## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Metro East Organizing Coalition

**Program Agency UEI:** E99CJGMHYR6

**Funding Source:** ARPASFY26 i2i Capacity Building VP Programs: \$500,000

**Agency Budget:** \$250,000

**Request Type:** Year 2 Designation

### **Program Description**

The Metro East Community Violence Intervention and Capacity-Building Program is a comprehensive initiative aimed at reducing community violence and enhancing resilience in East St. Louis and Cahokia Heights. The program encompasses youth development, work readiness, reentry support, mental and emotional well-being, housing stability, social support systems, violence intervention, mediation, and crisis support for families.

### **Program Activities**

Funding will specifically support implementing youth mentorship programs, after-school enrichment, violence intervention and mediation, job skills training, reentry assistance, counseling, trauma-informed care, crisis support for families, housing assistance, and community mediation services.

### **Goals**

The funding aims to reduce violent incidents, increase youth engagement, improve job placement rates, reduce recidivism, enhance mental well-being, ensure housing stability, and increase community involvement. The program seeks to create a safer, more resilient, and prosperous community.

### **Priorities**

This funding directly aligns with the ICJIA priority of supporting comprehensive violence prevention initiatives, empowering youth, facilitating successful reentry, and effectively intervening in community violence. It further contributes to the ICJIA's emphasis on capacity building, ensuring the long-term sustainability of impactful programs, and addressing historical disinvestment in grassroots organizations.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 24 months of program performance. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be under staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total FTE 7.0	\$243,870
Fringe	\$32,232
Travel	\$7,566
Supplies	\$71,832
Contractual: <a href="#">Jorja Leap-UCLA Evaluation</a> ; <a href="#">National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform</a>	\$144,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Vision of Restoration

**Program Agency UEI:** NG7AHB3LRHS8

**Funding Source:** ARPA SFY26 i2i Capacity Building VP Programs: \$250,000

**Agency Budget:** \$300,000

**Request Type:** Year 2 Designation

### **Program Description**

Vision of Restoration's initiative in Proviso Township and neighboring areas is designed to comprehensively address community violence by fostering holistic youth development, workforce readiness, effective reentry services, mental health support, housing stability, and targeted violence intervention. These efforts collectively contribute to building safer, resilient communities.

### **Program Activities**

Funding will support youth mentorship, after-school programs, violence intervention, job skills training, reentry assistance, counseling, trauma-informed care, crisis support, and community mediation services.

### **Goals**

The organization aims to make significant progress in reducing violence, increasing youth engagement, improving job placement, lowering recidivism, enhancing mental well-being, ensuring housing stability, and promoting community involvement.

### **Priorities**

This grant request aligns with ICJIA's priorities by supporting comprehensive violence prevention initiatives, empowering youth, facilitating successful reentry, and intervening effectively in community violence. It also contributes to capacity building, ensuring long-term sustainability, and addressing historical disinvestment in grassroots organizations.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 24 months of program performance. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be pursuant to staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total FTE 7.0	\$ 200,793
Fringe	\$ 19,262
Travel	\$4,720
Equipment	\$0.00
Supplies	\$3,940
Contractual: DBL Basketball; Forecast Community Development Corp	\$225,900
Indirect cost	\$35,258
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$489,873</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Urban Male Network | Redefining the Urban Male

**Program Agency UEI:** J6THPNY7LG81

**Funding Source:** ARPA SFY26 i2i Capacity Building VP Programs: \$500,000

**Agency Budget:** \$1,400,639

**Request Type:** Year 2 Designation

### **Program Description**

Urban Male Network's initiative is a comprehensive youth development and violence prevention program targeting young men of color in the Chicagoland area. The program spans eight to 10 weeks, encompassing group mentoring sessions, health and wellness activities, social-emotional learning, and personal and professional development, as well as supportive services, such as case management, mental health support, job training, and academic assistance.

### **Program Activities**

The funding will specifically support the implementation of evidence-based violence prevention initiatives, including curriculum enhancements, workshops on conflict resolution and community engagement, and the introduction of comprehensive support services such as case management, mental health services, job training, and academic support.

### **Goals**

Urban Male Network aims to achieve a reduction in violence rates among young men in Chicago, foster a resilient and supportive community, and provide holistic support that addresses the multifaceted needs of the participants. The overarching goal is to empower young men with the skills and resources needed to navigate the challenges they face.

### **Priorities**

This funding aligns with ICJIA's priority of supporting violence prevention efforts that include evidence-based strategies.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 24 months of program performance. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be pursuant to staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

**Past Performance**

Not applicable.

**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total FTE 7.0	\$357,000
Fringe	\$27,310
Supplies	\$5,817
Consultant Services and Expenses	\$64,200
Indirect / Other Costs	\$45,433
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$499,760</b>



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Budget Committee Members

**FROM:** Sam Hadley, Program Manager, Federal & State Grants Unit

**Date:** April 17, 2025

**RE:** **Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Justice Assistance Grants Plan Adjustment**  
**Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Justice Assistance Grants Plan Adjustment**

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**RECOMMENDED DESIGNATIONS**

*Violent Crime Reduction in Illinois Communities*

In June 2021, ICJIA issued a competitive notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) to support evidence-informed or promising violent crime reduction initiatives that target underlying drivers of violence and are tailored to the unique characteristics of violence occurring in Illinois communities.

On April 14, 2022, Budget Committee members awarded a violence reduction grant to Acclivus to develop a community-wide, collaborative planning and research effort to address gun violence in Washington Park.

On October 19, 2023, Budget Committee members awarded a second-year grant to Acclivus to continue the violent crime reduction programming.

ICJIA staff now recommends awarding Acclivus the following Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) designations to support 12 months of programming for a third and final year, as provided by the NOFO.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>FFY21</b>	<b>FFY22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Acclivus	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000

ICJIA staff recommends that the program be supported by funds from two separate JAG Federal Fiscal Year awards, FFY21 and FFY22. FFY21 JAG funds will expire September 30, 2025. The anticipated start date for the program is May 1, 2025, allowing for the first five months to be funded from FFY21. The recommendation of \$100,000 of FFY21

funds exceeds the amount that would be pro-rated for the first five months to allow for any opportunity to spend more on the front end of the 12-month grant. In the case that Acclivus is unable to spend the full \$100,000 of FFY21 before it expires, ICJIA staff would present a recommendation for a designation adjustment at the October 16, 2025, Budget Committee meeting. This would allow for Acclivus to still receive the total awarded amount of \$200,000 for the 12-month period.

The attached Grant Recommendation Reports provide program descriptions.

### **SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

<b>Currently Available</b>	<b>FFY21</b>	<b>FFY22</b>	<b>FFY23</b>	<b>FFY24</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Local</b>	\$0	\$1,888,881	\$4,471,404	\$3,781,087	\$10,141,372
<b>State / Discretionary</b>	\$175,747	\$1,125,970	\$1,346,893	\$1,130,780	\$3,779,390
<b>Local Formula Fund Allocation</b>	\$0	\$873,223	\$932,853	\$843,548	\$2,649,624
<b>Interest Available as of 1/1/2025</b>	\$251,980	\$723,441	\$487,147	\$56,970	\$1,519,538
<b>Total</b>	\$427,727	\$4,611,515	\$7,238,297	\$5,812,385	<b>\$18,089,924</b>
<b>Original Federal Award</b>	\$6,959,059	\$6,931,195	\$7,501,278	\$6,394,906	
<b>Expiration</b>	9/30/2025	9/30/2025	9/30/2026	9/30/2027	

Note: A 12-month extension for FFY22 has been requested.

Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.



## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Violent Crime Reduction in Illinois Communities –  
Acclivus, Inc.

**Program Agency DUNS:** 078544388

**Funding Source:** FFY21 and FFY22 Justice Assistance Grants - \$200,000

**Agency Budget:** \$22,380,116.00

**Request Type:** NOFO #2094-1732

### **Program Description**

The U.S. Department of Justice, along with many other gun violence reduction experts, call for community-wide, collaborative efforts as a promising strategy to reduce gun violence.<sup>1</sup> In response, Acclivus Inc. partnered with Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) to reduce gun violence in Washington Park by facilitating a community-wide planning initiative called CONNECTS@Washington Park.

CONNECTS@Washington Park spent the first year building community-wide participation and developing a strategic plan to reduce gun violence. Grant funding was requested to plan and coordinate the CONNECTS@Washington Park program and perform research that aided in the development of the strategic plan. The program implemented a Public Safety Planning Committee (PSPC) tasked with developing the strategic plan. NEIU and Washington Park residents participated in a collaborative research exchange to collect, code, analyze data, and write the strategic plan. The strategic plan was reviewed and approved for funding by ICJIA research staff.

In its second year, CONNECTS@Washington Park implemented and evaluated targeted violence reduction activities. NEIU conducted quantitative and qualitative data of hot spots in Washington Park and held community-based research exchange with Washington Park residents.

In its third year, program is committed to addressing social impacts of violence by leveraging community resources through its PSPC membership and enhancing the targeted violence reduction activities by monitoring progress via research. To address the social impact of violence the program will seek to improve access to behavioral health resources for Washington Park residents. The programs will enhance Safe-Spots & Safe-Ways violence reduction strategies through civic engagement of the resident population to activate and monitor these strategies. Lastly, continuous data analysis will ensure the program is responsive to the evolving dynamics of gun violence in Washington Park.

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<sup>1</sup> Promising strategies to reduce gun violence. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

## **Program Activities**

Acclivus will lead the PSPC, a consortium of residents (including high-risk youths) criminal justice, community, and human service partners who live in or serve Washington Park. PSPC will implement the targeted activities of the strategic plan. Targeted activities will include Safe-Ways passages where residents can take different and safer routes to and from school, work, and recreational spaces. Along these routes, Safe-Spots, or youth-friendly safety centers, were created to provide secure locations for young people. This expansion builds on the second year's focus on engaging high-risk youth but broadens the scope by integrating physical safety measures within the community.

Additionally, the third year will place a stronger emphasis on community engagement, aiming to increase participation in community planning meetings. The project coordinator and PSPC will target local behavioral health providers, encouraging them to attend monthly coalition meetings to provide public education on mental health services, programs, and resources, ensuring all are accessible to community members.

Funding will support a full-time project coordinator responsible for integrating the resources of people and institutions that influence gun violence and perceptions in the neighborhood to uncover more strategic and effective remedies for safety problems. The project coordinator will serve as liaison between residents, NEIU, police, City of Chicago departments, businesses, churches, service agencies, and other entities, and coordinate the efforts of residents, community organizations, developers, and law enforcement to address safety and crime issues.

Funding will also support network building with stakeholders to facilitate the community-wide implementation and participation in the PSPC.

The program funding will also support data analysis and research through NEIU as principal investigator. NEIU will serve as the lead researching the targeted hot spots in Washington Park. The principal investigator will lead the evaluation of the Washington PSPC targeted gun violence reduction activities as well as assist in the analysis of crime drivers and resident surveys.

## **Goals**

The overall goal of this program is to establish network of community-based organizations and residents to develop and implement an evidence-based strategy for the reduction of gun violence in Washington Park.

## **Priorities**

This funding achieves the JAG goal of reducing violent crime in Illinois communities, particularly domestic and gun violence. Under this goal, funding could be used to support evidence-informed crime reduction initiatives that target the underlying drivers of violence and their unique characteristics occurring in Illinois' diverse communities.

## **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 12 months of funding, representing Year-3 of three years of programming.

## **Past Performance**

Acclivus developed and lead a community-wide planning and research process that included partnership with local stakeholders, community-based researchers, and principal researchers from NEIU. The program garnered support from a coalition of community stakeholders that included strong voices from youth participants. The program carried out a data-driven approach to planning by fostering a successful and positive engagement with researchers.

## **Budget Detail:**

Personnel: 1FTE	\$50,004
Fringe: for 1FTE	\$11,114
Travel: n/a	\$0
Equipment: n/a	\$0
Supplies: Youth Stipends and Food for Violence Prevention Events	\$29,900
Contractual: NEIU subaward, payroll, planning committee subcontracts, and violence prevention events contractual services	\$108,982
Indirect Costs: n/a	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Budget Committee Members

**FROM:** Greg Stevens, Director, Federal & State Grants Unit

**Date:** April 17, 2025

**RE:** **State Police Metropolitan Enforcement Group and Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Fund**

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**DESIGNATIONS**

The State Police Metropolitan Enforcement Group and Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Fund (MEGTF) was established under Public Act 100-0987. The moneys deposited into the fund are appropriated to and administered by ICJIA for equal distribution to Illinois State Police drug task forces and metropolitan enforcement groups. (MEG/TFs). This funding supports MEG/TF unit missions.

The monies in the fund are generated by assessing a \$25 penalty on persons having been adjudged guilty of a drug-related offense as defined in the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act.

The last disbursement of these funds was in May 2020 and ICJIA was able to distribute without the requirement of a grant agreement. GATA rules now require a grant agreement before distribution of these funds. The MEGTF Fund totals \$430,086. Equal distribution for these funds would total \$19,549 per unit. This grant period of performance will be specific to the requested program and budget. The funding support period will not exceed 12 months.

Further detail is provided in the attached Grant Recommendation Report. Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** ISP MEG/TF Fund

**Program Agency EIN:** Various

**Funding Source:** Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund \$430,086

**Agency Budget:** N/A

**Request Type:** Statutory Designation

### **Program Description**

Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund (CJIPF) was established under Public Act 100-0987. The moneys deposited into the Fund under Sections 15-15 and 15-35 of the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act are appropriated to and administered by ICJIA for distribution to fund Department of State Police drug task forces and Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEG/TFs) by dividing the funds equally by the total number of these units.

### **Program Activities**

GATA rules now require a grant agreement be in place for the distribution of MEG/TF Fund dollars. The Fund is currently at \$430,086. Dividing these funds equally by the total number of MEG/TFs, the distribution will be \$19,549 per unit. Staff have asked each of the eligible units to submit a proposed use of the funds. The requests are detailed below.

Unit	Request
Blackhawk Area Task Force (BATF)	Vehicle
Central Illinois Enforcement Group (CIEG)	Pole camera, vehicle camera system
DuPage MEG (DUMEG)	Vehicle lease program
East Central Illinois Task Force	Desktop and tablet computers, GPS trackers, document shredder, and surveillance equipment
Joliet MANS (JMANS)	Vehicle
Kankakee Area MEG (KAMEG)	Vehicle
Kendall County CPAT (KCPAT)	Vehicle
Lake County MEG (LCMEG)	Insurance, vehicle equipment vaults, truck bed cap, printing costs
MEG of Southwestern Illinois (MEGSI)	DVRs, drone, button camera
North Central Narcotics Task Force (NCNTF)	Vehicle
Multi-County MEG (MCNEG/PMEG)	Liability Insurance
Quad City MEG (QCMG)	Computers and accessories, inventory storage bins
South Central Illinois Drug Task Force (SCIDTF)	Drone, button camera, DVR and accessories
Southeastern Illinois Drug Task Force (SEIDTF)	Liability insurance
Southern Illinois Drug Task Force (SIDTF)	Liability insurance
Southern Illinois Enforcement Group (SIEG)	Portable radios

State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT)	Raid jackets and kits; surveillance equipment; laptop and tablet computers; drug test kits; covert transmitter
Task Force 6 (TF6)	Liability insurance
Vermillion County MEG (VMEG)	Surveillance equipment; radios; ballistic vests; cell phones; shredder
West Central Illinois Task Force (WCITF) - Quincy	Surveillance camera, insurance

Note – The Narcotics & Currency Interdiction Team and the Will County Police Assistance Team have declined the funding opportunity.

The grant agreement length of time for these funds will be dependent on the period of performance specific to the program and budget items. No grant will exceed twelve months.

### **Goals**

The program goal is to provide resources to support the ongoing operations of the MEG/TF units across the state.

### **Program Funding Detail**

Twenty MEG/TF units will each unit receive a maximum of \$19,549.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Budget Committee Members

**FROM:** Aisha Williams, R3 Program Manager

**Date:** April 17, 2025

**RE:** Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Grant Designation Revision

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**DESIGNATION REVISIONS**

At the February 20, 2025 Budget Committee meeting, the committee approved adjustments to three existing Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) designations to the National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP) per the chart below.

<b>Grant ID Number</b>	<b>Previous Designation</b>	<b>Change to Previous Designation</b>	<b>Recommended Designation</b>
923399	\$786,674	(\$37,030)	\$749,644
923387	\$768,154	(\$30,000)	\$738,154
923381	\$466,607	\$67,030	\$533,637

These adjustments were made to more efficiently direct funds designated to NYAP. These revisions reduced funds for grants 923399 in Peoria and 923387 in Rockford to increase funds to grant 923381 in Champaign, where NYAP has determined the need for their services is higher.

Staff has since determined that errors were made in these adjustments. With the same goal of efficiently directing programming funds awarded to NYAP, staff now recommends that the adjustments described in the table above and approved at the February 20, 2025 Budget Committee meeting be rescinded and revised adjustments be made according to the table below.

<b>Grant ID Number</b>	<b>Previous Designation</b>	<b>Change to Previous Designation</b>	<b>Recommended Designation</b>
923307	\$779,823	(\$37,030)	\$742,794
923387	\$768,154	(\$30,000)	\$738,154
923381	\$466,607	\$67,030	\$533,637

These revised adjustments reduce funds for grants 923307 in Decatur and 923387 in Rockford and increase funds to grant 923381 in Champaign, where NYAP has determined the need for their services is higher. The revised adjustments also restore the \$37,030 that had been taken from grant 923399 in Peoria.

Please see the attached Grant Recommendation Report for more information.

NYAP representatives and ICJIA staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.



## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP)

**Program Agency:** National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP)

**Funding Source/Award:** Restore, Reinvest, Renew (R3)

923307	\$779,823
923387	\$768,153
923381	\$466,606

**Request Type:** Designation Revision

### Program Description:

National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. (NY AP) is a multi-state not-for-profit organization founded in 1978 to provide in-home and community-based services to youth and families as an alternative for young people placed in group homes, hospitals, detention centers, or other institutions of juvenile confinement. NY AP provides in-home and community-based services for youth and families through 60+ federal, state, and local contracts. NY AP believes in the power of families and communities to solve problems, with client-centered care being principles that are paramount to our overall program philosophy. NY AP is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and certified as a trauma-informed organization.

Over the years, NY AP has evolved and now provides an array of services to adults, youth, and families. At present, we have approximately 1200+ employees that serve over 17,000 families annually, as well as a senior management team comprised of over 200 years of collective experience in public and private child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice. We are distinguished from other community organizations not only by the breadth and depth of our experience but by our strong commitment to the provision of person-centered services that are both strength-based and trauma-informed.

NY AP is excited about the opportunity to provide the R3 Program in Macon. NY AP comes with experiences, the organizational strength and the subject matter knowledge with the necessary community collaboration that should lead to reimagining violence reduction. NY AP will partner with the juvenile court system, probation departments, local schools, and community residents through the R3 Program. Building on expertise working with justice involved youth, coupled with our restorative justice approach and trauma-informed practices, NY AP-IL has the experience necessary to serve at risk youth and communities affected by violence. The program aligns with NY AP's current scope of programs and services. NY AP currently serves this target population through various local and state contracts.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** ICJIA Budget Committee Members

**FROM:** Samuel Hadley, JAG/SCIP Program Manager  
Michael Lynch, Strategic Project Administrator  
Maureen Brennan, Technical Advisor

**DATE:** April 17, 2025

**RE:** Federal Fiscal Year 2024 State Crisis Intervention Program Plan

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In September 2024, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) was awarded \$5,424,041 in Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (FFY24) State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) funding. This award was contingent upon a convening of the SCIP Advisory Committee to establish priorities for the use of these funds and federal approval of the SCIP plan based on these priorities.

**Update on FFY22-23 Funding Priorities**

At its June 20, 2023, meeting, the SCIP Advisory Committee established three priorities for the use of federal SCIP funding. Under each priority is an update on the status of related ICJIA grant making activity.

Centering community voice and incorporating research and evaluation throughout:

1. FRO training for system partners.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), Firearm Restraining Order (FRO) Outreach and Training, posted in February 2024.
  - b. The Illinois State Police's application was selected and recommended for an Outreach and Training award of \$344,259 at the June 2024 ICJIA Budget Committee meeting.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> NOFO posted in July 2024 due to additional funding available. No additional applications were received.

2. Solicitation to support local government FRO implementation, treatment linkages, develop community infrastructure, and follow-up.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> NOFO, Local FRO Implementation Support, posted in May 2024.
  - b. The Office of the Lake County State’s Attorney application was selected and recommended for an award of \$717,823 at the August 2024 ICJIA Budget Committee meeting.
  - c. The Office of the Cook County Sheriff’s application was selected and recommended for an award of \$900,000 at the August 2024 ICJIA Budget Committee meeting.
  - d. ICJIA intends to release another related NOFO in early 2025.
3. FRO compliance and enforcement.
  - a. ICJIA staff is drafting a NOFO to be released in early 2025.

Illinois’ Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requires that grant funding is made available through competitive NOFOs to support programs for a maximum of 36 months.

### **FFY24 Funding Priorities**

At its meeting in December 2024, the advisory committee reaffirmed its support for the existing funding priorities and approved the attached FFY24 State Crisis Intervention Plan for the State of Illinois and the initial funding plan detailed below.

Please note: A minimum of 40% of grant funds must be awarded to local agencies. While the compliance and enforcement NOFO is detailed here as state funds, we anticipate that at least some of these grants will be made to local agencies.

The funding plan detailed on the following page allocates projected new funding across each of the existing funding priority areas through the release of related NOFOs.

If approved by the Budget Committee, this SCIP Plan and initial funding plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for its required review and approval. SCIP guidance also requires BJA review before grant activity may commence.

Staff plan to reconvene the advisory committee annually to review progress toward fund objectives and consider adjustments to the plan and funding allocation.

*FFY24 State Crisis Intervention Program Plan  
April 17, 2025*

FFY	2022-23	2024	2025*	2026*	Total
Award end date	9/30/2026	9/30/2027	09/30/2028*	09/30/2029*	
<b>Total Award</b>	\$9,527,496	\$5,424,041	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	\$25,751,537
<b>State Dollars - maximum 60%</b>	\$5,174,375	\$2,930,807	\$2,916,000	\$2,916,000	\$13,937,182
Research & Analysis staff **	\$89,565	\$93,150	\$96,875	\$100,750	\$380,340
Data Consultant	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
NOFO: Targeted Outreach & Training – Illinois State Police	\$344,259	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	\$1,044,259
NOFO: Targeted Outreach & Training #2	\$1,017,156	\$0	\$0	\$2,815,250	\$3,832,406
NOFO: Compliance & Enforcement	\$3,573,395	\$2,487,657	\$2,469,125	\$0	\$8,530,177
<b>Local Dollars - at least 40%</b>	\$3,449,584	\$1,953,872	\$1,944,000	\$1,944,000	\$9,291,456
NOFO: Local Implementation Support – Cook County – Lake County	\$1,601,189	\$1,620,000	\$1,620,000	\$0	\$4,841,189
NOFO: Local Implementation Support #2	\$1,848,395	\$333,872	\$324,000	\$1,944,000	\$4,450,267

\* Estimated award amount

\*\* Estimated 4% annual salary increase

# Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Plan FFY 2024

State of Illinois  
February 2025



## **STATE OF ILLINOIS BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PLAN**

Originally submitted for FFY 2022-2023 to The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance in November 2023  
Updated FFY 20224 plan to be submitted February 2025

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The federal Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) provides funding to “implement state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to, extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs that work to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others, mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans treatment courts.”

In Illinois, ERPOs are referred to as firearms restraining orders (FROs). FROs are civil orders that allow for temporary removal of firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that can be assembled into a firearm, and surrender of firearm owner’s identification (FOID) card when an individual is deemed a potential danger to themselves or others.

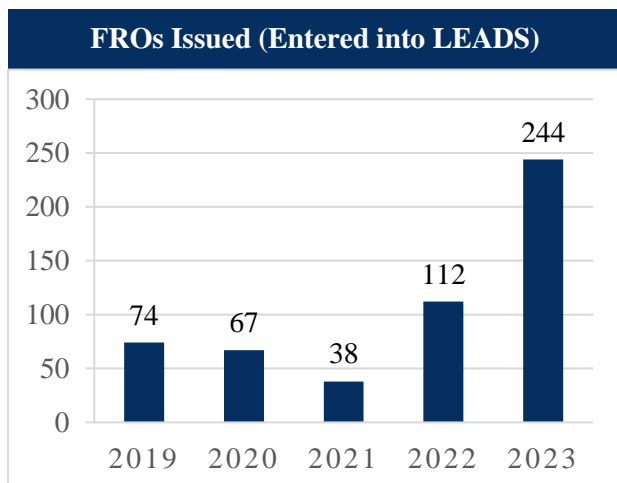
In accordance with SCIP guidance, ICJIA convened a SCIP Advisory Committee to establish funding priorities and to approve a SCIP plan for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022-2023. The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) approved that first SCIP plan and funding strategy in November 2023. This full plan can be found in the section below titled FFY22-23 SCIP Plan. ICJIA will update this plan for each FFY it receives SCIP funding.

This FFY 24 SCIP Plan describes updates on the initiatives and resources affecting the implementation of FROs and related programs in Illinois and lays out the proposed uses of SCIP funding to reduce the threat of gun violence.

## DATA UPDATES

### FRO USE

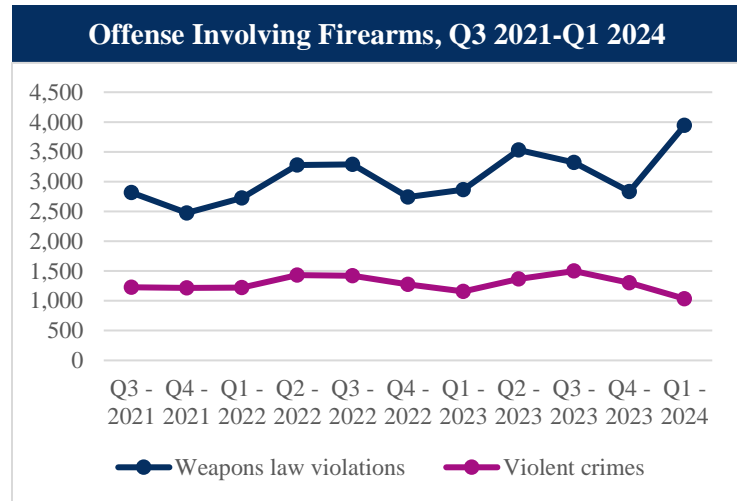
Based on Law Enforcement Agency Data System (LEADS) data from the Illinois State Police, FROs issued increased by 118% from 2022 (112) to 2023 (244). **More FROs were issued in 2023 than the previous three years combined.** 40% of all FROs issued in 2023 were in the collar counties of DuPage, Lake, and McHenry, despite having just 15% of the state’s population. Almost a quarter (23.36%) of all FROs issued in 2023 were in Cook County. Although Cook County had among the least FROs issued per capita.



## OFFENSES INVOLVING FIREARMS

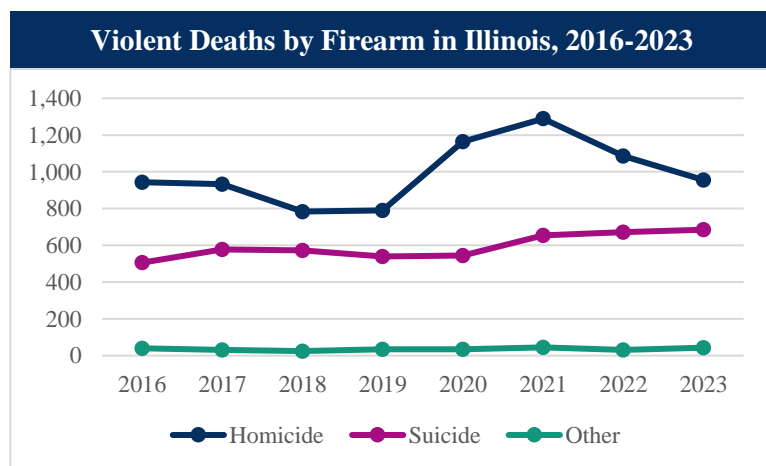
In 2021, the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) and federal UCR programs transitioned from summary reporting to incident-based reporting through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). A substantial strength of the new NIBRS reporting system is that it collects information about weapon type, allowing identification of firearm violence that was not possible with I-UCR summary data or Criminal History Record Information arrest records.<sup>1</sup>

The figure to the right shows the quarterly trend for violent offenses that are committed with a firearm, as well as arrests for weapons law violations reported to NIBRS. Weapons law violations include weapon possession laws and unlawful discharge of a firearm, but do not include offenses against a person. Violent offenses committed with a firearm include assault, battery, sexual assault, robbery and homicide, where a firearm was used. In 2023, the only full year available thus far, 12,553 weapons law violations and 5,323 violent crimes involving firearms were entered into NIBRS.



## FIREARM DEATHS

The Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS) is a collaborative project of Northwestern University and the Illinois Department of Public Health that tracks violent deaths (Northwestern University, n.d.). While IVDRS data on firearm deaths provided an incomplete picture of firearm violence, as many incidents are non-fatal, they did provide a reliable indicator of the worst impact of firearm violence. As seen in the chart, there was an increase in firearm



Source: Illinois Violent Death Reporting System

fatalities over time due to both crime (homicide) and suicides. The most frequently used weapon in the homicide-suicide incidents was a firearm.

From 2015 through 2020, IVDRS tracked weapons used in homicide-suicide cases throughout the state.<sup>2</sup> IVDRS focused on 96 suicide victims/suspects in homicide-suicide cases. In such cases, the homicide suspect died by suicide within 24 hours. An overwhelming 79.1% of tracked suicide victims/suspects died due to firearm use, making firearms the most common weapon related to these deaths. Over 43% of suicide victims/suspects were in their 40s and 50s, as well, making this age group the largest demographic. Nearly nine out of 10 suicide victims/suspects were men.<sup>3</sup> Veteran deaths attributed to suicide were also analyzed, showing that 72.8% of these involved a firearm in 2021.<sup>4</sup>

The IVDRS also analyzed suicide deaths in older adults aged 65 and older. According to their analysis, the distribution of older adult suicide decedents does not follow the population distribution in Illinois.<sup>5</sup> Small urban and rural areas have a disproportionate share of these deaths compared to their share of population. Firearms were the most common means of older adult suicide (58.7%) followed by hanging/strangulation/suffocation (16.7%).

#### UPDATE ON SCIP FUNDED EFFORTS

The following are updates to SCIP-funded activities. In 2024, ICJIA hired a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) / SCIP program manager and three grant specialists that will be supporting the grants administration of ICJIA's SCIP funds.

#### ICJIA NOTICES OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

ICJIA issued multiple SCIP notices of funding opportunity (NOFOs) in 2024. Each addressed one of the three funding priorities established by the Advisory Committee. Please reference Appendix C for an update on the status of ICJIA grant making activity in 2024 broken out by each funding priority.

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#### OUTREACH AND TRAINING

ICJIA issued two outreach and training NOFOs for up to \$1 million in grants to state agencies to develop and implement effective and equitable targeted public information, outreach, and training strategies.<sup>6,7</sup> These NOFOs asked applicants to focus on outreach to system partners, to potential FRO petitioners who are at a higher-risk, and to those with barriers impacting support and use of FROs. NOFO applicants were to use trusted messengers both to help craft targeted, meaningful, effective content and to facilitate delivery of training. Applicants could propose a pass-through model in which they would subaward grants to such trusted messengers

These NOFOs were intended to address one of the key priorities identified by the SCIP Advisory Committee: stakeholder awareness and training as essential means for ensuring safe, equitable, and

effective implementation and execution of FROs. Additionally, NOFOs were intended to help address inequities in the support and use of FROs.

ICJIA received three applications. One of them was submitted after the deadline, and the remaining two were reviewed via ICJIA's GATA-compliant merit-based review (MBR) process.

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## ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

The Illinois State Police's application was selected and recommended for an Outreach and Training award of \$344,259 at the June 2024 ICJIA Budget Committee meeting. The program will provide training and education on the implementation and filing of FROs to all law enforcement agencies, school administrators, and community resource centers within the state of Illinois. The intents of the program are to increase awareness of FROs as a tool and to train potential petitioners and practitioners in identifying the appropriateness of an individual for a FRO and in effectively implementing and executing a FRO. This program will promote statewide consistency in FRO implementation, especially by addressing inequities in the use of FROs among those who are at a higher risk of harm to themselves or others and/or among groups who may have barriers impacting the support and use of FROs.

The detailed budget and program plan were submitted to the Department of Justice for approval in late summer 2024. Implementation is projected to begin in early 2025.

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## LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

ICJIA issued a Local FRO Implementation Support NOFO for up to \$3,810,999 in grants to local agencies for FRO implementation support.<sup>8</sup> The NOFO detailed best practices and key components for successful local FRO implementations. It also asked applicants to assess the local resources already in place and identify the resources needed to fully implement FROs. This NOFO is intended to address one of the key priorities identified by the SCIP Advisory Committee: support for local government FRO implementations and treatment linkages and the development of community infrastructure and follow-up.

ICJIA received two applications, which were reviewed via ICJIA's GATA-compliant merit-based review (MBR) process. The staff plans to release a second FRO Implementation Support NOFO in early 2025 with the remaining \$2,010,999 of the previously approved \$3,810,999 in FFY23 SCIP state funding. Like the first NOFO, this NOFO will provide grants to local agencies for FRO implementation support.

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## LAKE COUNTY

The Office of the Lake County State's Attorney application was selected and recommended for an award of \$717,823 at the August 2024 ICJIA Budget Committee meeting. Funding will support the

implementation of a comprehensive program developed to complement its existing Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI). In addition, SCIP funding will support the hiring of the following staff and resources:

- A Firearm Risk Reduction Coordinator, who will be responsible for building out, leading, and convening the Firearm Restraining Order Coordinating Council.
- A social worker/FRO navigator, who will assist in crafting messaging and education materials in a trauma-informed way to translate the complexity of the FRO to lay audiences.
- A part-time bilingual therapist, who will be placed on the Victim Services team of the GVPI.
- A FRO trainer, who will work in partnership with the Illinois State Police SCIP program and current efforts at the Office of the Attorney General and IDPH to design and lead FRO trainings for Lake County practitioners from key disciplines, including law enforcement, lawyers, physicians, behavioral health providers, community partners.
- Translation consultants, who will translate existing materials from English to Spanish, Russian, and Korean, which are the top three languages spoken in Lake County after English.
- Data collection and analysis resources.

Detailed budgets and program plans were submitted to the Department of Justice for approval in fall 2024. Implementation is projected to begin in early 2025.

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## COOK COUNTY

The Office of the Cook County Sheriff's application was selected and recommended for an award of \$900,000 at the August 2024 ICJIA Budget Committee meeting. The funding will support the implementation of a comprehensive program to foster the use of FROs and build linkage of petitioners and respondents to human services. Cook has the largest and most diverse population of Illinois' 102 counties and operates six municipal district courts. Because of its size and diversity, uniform and sufficient access to programs and services is challenging. SCIP funding will support the hiring of the following staff:

- Project Manager, who will be responsible for a robust, standardized implementation of the program, will oversee all members of the program, and will review training and data to ensure equitable implementation of the program using best practices.
- Four Firearm Coordinators, who will be law enforcement officers well versed in firearm restraining laws. Each Coordinator will ensure that the gap between the potential petitioners and the court system is bridged, and each will act as a trusted liaison between the Cook County

Sheriff's Office, other law enforcement agencies, and the community. In addition, Coordinators will carry out firearm seizure orders, collect firearms, assist with firearm disposition records, collect FOID and CCL cards, and ensure the proper inventory and chain of custody of all seized items.

- Two Community Outreach Managers, who will work in partnership with the ISP outreach program and FRO trainers from the Office of the Attorney General to identify and meet with Cook County community members, including church leaders, mental health professionals, violence intervention groups, social service agencies, hospital emergency departments, crisis intervention clinics, hotline centers, domestic outreach groups, justice system partners, and school board officers.
- A Legal Advisor, who will review orders and file extensions when necessary. The Advisor will ensure that the respondent receives due process and that the Constitutional rights of all parties are protected.
- A Behavioral Health Specialist, who will work with the Coordinators to implement and provide training on identifying individuals experiencing a crisis. The Specialist will work as a liaison for the Cook County Sheriff's Office with social service agencies, veteran's affairs, medical and hospital professionals, elderly patient services, mental health agencies, suicide and mental health support groups, and any other group who will benefit from the firearm restraining order program.

Detailed budgets and program plans were submitted to the Department of Justice for approval in Fall 2024. Implementation is projected to begin in early 2025.

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## COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

ICJIA plans to issue a FRO Compliance and Enforcement NOFO for up to \$3,573,395 in grants to state and local agencies to increase their capacity to enforce FROs and store seized firearms. This funding is intended to help ensure timely service of FROs, seizure, storage or transfer of firearms, and respondent compliance. These funds are intended to address one of the key priorities identified by the SCIP Advisory Committee: FRO compliance and enforcement.

This NOFO is projected to be released in early 2025.

## RESEARCH AND DATA ANALYSIS

One of the priorities identified by the SCIP Advisory Committee is the robust analysis of FRO data and data on implementations of funded programs. To this end, ICJIA hired a full-time research and analysis unit staff member who started in December 2024. This individual will provide the Advisory Committee

with information on current research on FRO implantation and best practices and works with ICJIA grant staff to develop and track strong grant performance measures.

In addition, ICJIA is in the process of procuring a contractor to assess current systems for tracking both FRO petitions filed and granted and to make recommendations regarding the need for and possible development of comprehensive centralized FRO data collection. Implementation of the project is expected in early 2025. Through conversations with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) and ISP, ICJIA continues to learn more about the State's move to an integrated data system that will impact FRO data collection. ICJIA's contractor will seek to complement that work.

## UPDATE ON RELATED EFFORTS

The following are updates to programs and initiatives that address issues related to but not directly funded by SCIP.

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) promotes and protects the health of the people of Illinois through the prevention and control of disease and injury.

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### PAUSE TO HEAL

Illinois HB1092 of 2021 tasks IDPH with developing a FRO public awareness program. Furthermore, the Safe Gun Storage Public Awareness Campaign Public Act 102-1067 tasked IDPH to develop and implement a comprehensive two-year statewide safe gun storage public awareness campaign. In April 2024, IDPH launched the "Pause to Heal" public information campaign. Produced in partnership with the Ad Council Research Institute and Brady: United Against Gun Violence, the campaign focuses on FROs as a tool to temporarily remove guns from the hands of loved ones, protecting them in moments of crisis. Using radio, video, print, and outdoor advertising, the campaign stresses that family and household members can come to the aid of loved ones in crisis by learning about the law and filing an FRO petition when necessary.

The legislation also requires "production of materials that can be given to health care workers that assist in identifying people who may benefit from awareness of the Firearms Restraining Order Awareness law; and specific information on circumstances in which a firearms restraining order may be appropriate, such as with situations of domestic violence, a mental health crisis, or anyone who is at risk of injuring themselves or others."

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## VETERANS GUN LOCK PROGRAM

As part of Together for a Safer Illinois efforts to save lives and reduce firearm related injuries, local health departments can now order free cable gun locks and supporting educational materials. The program was made possible due to a partnership between the Illinois Department of Public Health’s Violence and Injury Prevention Section and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. At the 2024 State Fair, distributed gun locks and information about suicide prevention and the 988 Suicide Hotline.

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## SUICIDE PREVENTION

IDPH recently received a federal SAMHSA grant supporting school-based youth depression screening program implementation. “The program is expected to begin providing services in late 2023.” IDPH routinely updates its Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan that outlines related efforts.<sup>9</sup>

## BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

The BJA also provides the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). It provides federal funding for states to administer criminal justice-related programs, practices, or initiatives. States are required to submit a five-year strategic plan, drawing from a comprehensive group of criminal justice system stakeholders for input. Stakeholders may include local governments and representatives from an array of criminal justice system sectors, including judges, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, and corrections personnel as well as providers of indigent defense services, victim services, juvenile justice delinquency prevention programs, community corrections, and reentry services. In 2024, these stakeholders formed a JAG Ad Hoc Committee that participated in listening sessions designed to identify issues, strengths, and challenges within the criminal justice system. The listening sessions served as the basis for a survey that gathered additional input from a broader group of stakeholders. The stakeholders included individuals drawn from the judiciary, victim services, public health, behavioral health, lived experience, and juvenile justice.

To supplement stakeholder feedback, staff analyzed crime and justice system data in Illinois and summarized related literature. They compiled data-driven evidence and relevant literature supporting the suggestions from listening sessions and survey participants. The emerging themes were then discussed by the Ad Hoc Committee, and priorities were set for the JAG Strategic Plan in June 2024. A key priority focused on the reduction of violent crime and firearm violence in Illinois communities.

Stakeholders emphasized that efforts to prevent firearm violence were necessary to tackle illegal firearm possession and to reduce overall violence. Of the JAG purpose areas, Prevention and Education elicited the highest agreement on the stakeholder survey about previous priorities that should continue to be JAG



priority areas. Specifically, for future JAG funding, the prevention of firearm violence ranked third highest of all JAG priorities (only behind mental health and behavioral health interventions).

Research supports these stakeholder views. Overall conclusions have shown that community violence negatively affects millions each year in the United States. In addition to physical injuries, community violence is connected to depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and anxiety for individuals who experience it. Violence can cause an increased risk of chronic diseases for community members. Also, because it slows community progress, it can limit business growth and prosperity. Further, violence can hamper community participation as well as exclude members from healthy spaces, such as their neighborhood parks and other recreational areas.<sup>10</sup>

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, overall violent crime volume decreased 1.7% in the United States from 2021 to 2022.<sup>11</sup> Of reported known weapons in 2022, firearms were the weapons used most in violent crime offenses. Reports of an estimated 488,900 violent crime offenses involved one or more firearms, a 0.6% increase compared to the 486,100 violent crime offenses involving firearms in 2021. In Illinois, data showed that between 2015-2020 firearm-related suicides and homicides increased in recent years, particularly homicides.<sup>12</sup>

Interpersonal gun violence continues to be a significant issue in both Illinois and the United States. Most homicide victims are Black (55%). Specifically, the homicide rate for Black individuals is nearly 10 times that of non-Hispanic White persons.<sup>13</sup> Black adolescents aged 13-17 years are disproportionately affected by interpersonal gun violence due, in part, to the socioeconomic risk factors present in certain communities.<sup>14</sup>

Research has shown that gun violence usually has been concentrated among groups of serious offenders and that conflicts between street gangs have long been found to fuel much of the serious street violence in major cities. For example, a study of more than 20 cities found that gangs and other criminally active groups, on average, represented less than 1% of a city's population; yet they were connected to more than half of a city's shootings and homicides.<sup>15</sup> This pattern of concentration also appeared in Chicago, where 70% of all fatal and nonfatal gunshot injuries occurred in identifiable networks composed of individuals arrested in previous years. These persons constituted less than 6% of the city's total population.<sup>16</sup>

## FFY24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SCIP Advisory Committee met virtually on December 10, 2024. Beginning with a review of the draft FFY24 SCIP Plan prepared by ICJIA staff, members discussed the current FRO-related data and progress toward the FFY22-23 priorities.

Updates included that hiring has been completed for a SCIP Manager, three grant specialists and a research and analysis partner. To date, Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) have been issued for Outreach and Training and Local Implementation Support, resulting in the designation of three grants which are in the final stages of federal approval. A third NOFO for Compliance and Enforcement will be issued in early 2025.

Staff noted that the Outreach and Training NOFO was reissued and received no additional applications. Furthermore, the Local Implementation Support NOFO received only two applications from Lake and Cook counties. Committee members discussed possible reasons for the low response. Members noted that FROs are a relatively new process and some jurisdictions may have not yet received sufficient training on their use or project that the demand for FROs will be insufficient to require development of a program to foster their use. In addition, FROs are one of a number of tools that law enforcement and courts may use to remove firearms, including Orders of Protection and Clear and Present Danger reporting. Staff indicated they will be thinking through new strategies to increase applications for future SCIP NOFOs.

Staff also provided an update that they are in the processes of refining a request for proposal (RFP) to select a state university contractor to assess the current status of Firearm Restraining Order (FRO) data and make recommendations for increased centralization and analysis of this information. Staff have had multiple conversations with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) and ISP regarding movement toward development of integrated data management system. This contractor will serve as a complement to these efforts.

## DRAFT FFY24 SCIP PLAN REVIEW

In considering the draft plan, staff noted the dramatic increase in the use of FROs. Staff provided vital records reporting data to supplement the Illinois Violent Death Reporting system data included in the draft plan. These data indicate that homicides by firearms are still higher than suicides by firearms, but the number of suicides is rising over the period reported. The final plan includes this updated data.

Members discussed the new firearm injury and death reporting dashboard that will be available soon.<sup>17</sup> This tool will provide a more complete picture of the magnitude of both injury and death by firearm.

Because the data will be available on the county level, final clearances are being obtained to assure the data cannot be used to identify individuals in smaller jurisdictions.

Staff reviewed other related efforts underway, including the IDPH Pause to Heal public information campaign, the IDPH partnership with the Veterans Administration and local health departments to distribute gun locks, and the recently completed Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) strategic planning process. The three highest priorities identified through that planning process were prevention and education, mental and behavioral health interventions, and prevention of firearm violence.

#### IDENTIFICATION OF FFY24 PRIORITIES

Staff reviewed two funding tables which projected the current and anticipated SCIP awards that could be used to support the maximum 36-months of funding for the three currently approved programs as well as the upcoming compliance and enforcement NOFO. The end dates detailed for each federal fiscal year award are the dates by which all funds must be expended. State statute dictates that each grant must be closed out within 45 days of the end of the grant period of performance. Each federal award must be closed out and any unspent funds returned to BJA within three months of the end date of the award.

The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) registration, AmpliFund NOFO application, merit-based review, ICJIA Budget Committee designation, and internal ICJIA grant approval processes were reviewed. Staff noted the length of time necessary to complete these processes and the number of systems potential applicants must navigate to submit an application.

Members also noted that the local implementation support NOFO was focused on development of local processes that foster cooperation between law enforcement, the courts and service providers to support the use of FROs. As a sixty-day application period may not have been sufficient to lay the groundwork for that cooperation, members suggested that ICJIA provide advance notice of NOFO release dates to allow jurisdictions to build necessary buy in.

Staff noted the difficulties in assessing the impact of the current priorities as the response to compliance and enforcement NOFO and the effectiveness of the three outreach and local implementation programs are not yet known.

Members affirmed continued support of the three priorities identified in the FFY22-23 plan. Members supported continuing to spend down the FFY22-23 allocation across each of the existing priority areas and to allocate the FFY24 funding across the same priority areas through the release of related NOFOs.

## ILLINOIS SCIP PRIORITY AREAS AND FUNDING PROJECTIONS

The SCIP funding priorities and the associated funding projections that the Advisory Committee approved for FFY24 are listed below.

Centering community voice and incorporating research and evaluation throughout:

1. FRO training for system partners
2. FRO compliance and enforcement
3. Support for local government FRO implementation, treatment linkages, development of community infrastructure, and follow-up.

FFY	2022-23	2024	Total
Award end date	9/30/2026	9/30/2027	
<b>Total Award</b>	\$9,527,496	\$5,424,041	\$14,951,537
<b>State Dollars - maximum 60%</b>	\$5,174,375	\$2,930,807	\$8,105,182
Research & Analysis staff *	\$89,565	\$93,150	\$182,715
Data Consultant	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
NOFO: Targeted Outreach & Training – Illinois State Police	\$344,259	\$350,000	\$694,259
NOFO: Targeted Outreach & Training #2	\$1,017,156	\$0	\$1,017,156
NOFO: Compliance & Enforcement	\$3,573,395	\$2,487,657	\$6,061,052
<b>Local Dollars - at least 40%</b>	\$3,449,584	\$1,953,872	\$5,403,456
NOFO: Local Implementation Support – Cook County – Lake County	\$1,601,189	\$1,620,000	\$3,221,189
NOFO: Local Implementation Support #2	\$1,848,395	\$333,872	\$2,182,267

\* Estimated 4% annual salary increase

# FFY22-23 SCIP PLAN

## FFY22-23 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This plan describes current legislation, initiatives and resources affecting the implementation of FROs and related programs in Illinois and lays out the proposed uses of SCIP funding to reduce the threat of gun violence.

## PRELIMINARY THEMES

While conducting initial research and conversations with stakeholders including from law enforcement, relevant State agencies, and advocacy groups, several preliminary themes emerged:

- **Existing initiatives:** Illinois initiatives related to the components of SCIP include the [Commission on Implementing the Firearms Restraining Order Act](#), implementation of other mandates of the [Firearms Restraining Order Act](#), and state, local, and non-profit efforts. The work of these initiatives can be leveraged to help guide and supplement SCIP funding.
- **Firearms Restraining Order versus Clear and Present Danger:** Illinois employs two processes aimed at keeping firearms out of the hands of those who pose a significant threat to themselves or to others. A FRO allows state courts to temporarily prohibit someone from possessing or purchasing a gun. Clear and present danger (C&PD) reports are used by the Illinois State Police (ISP) to deny or revoke FOID cards. Both are tools to remove firearms from those who pose a significant threat to themselves or to others, but the use case of each varies depending on the specific scenario and may be confusing to stakeholders.
- **FRO usage currently varies across the state:** Data indicates FROs may be underutilized in Illinois. Between January 1, 2019, when the FRO Act took effect, and August 3, 2022, or roughly 43 months, 228 FROs were entered into the Law Enforcement Agency Data System (LEADS). FROs were not frequently used in many Illinois counties, with DuPage accounting for the majority statewide. However, both awareness and use of FROs has grown since July 2022. By August 31, 2023, a total of 441 FROs were entered into the LEADS system, including 150 in the first eight months of 2023.<sup>18</sup>
- **Implementation support and stakeholder training is important:** Stakeholder (e.g., law enforcement, judges, court clerks) training is essential to ensure the safe, equitable, and effective implementation and execution of FROs. Furthermore, local FRO “champions” can drive uptake.<sup>19</sup>

- **Addressing inequities in support and use of FROs:** Support for and personal willingness to file FROs may be lower among Black and Hispanic/Latinx adults. Studies have cited a lack of knowledge about the orders, distrust in the criminal justice system, and the desire to manage presenting issues as personal/family matters. In one California survey of 193 ERPO respondents between 2016-2018, no Black and Hispanic/Latinx respondents served as ERPO petitioners.<sup>20</sup> Additionally, people living in rural areas may be less likely to support FROs. In a survey of 5,054 people nationally, people in rural areas were more likely than people in urban areas to think ERPOs will be used inappropriately (46%), think it's a rights violation (42%), believe it's difficult to trust that the laws are temporary (56%), and believe it would damage trust with the petitioner (53%).<sup>21</sup> Furthermore, firearm ownership and firearm related suicide rates are higher in rural than urban areas.<sup>22,23</sup> SCIP Advisory Committee members stressed that infusing unrepresented community voices early on in policy making and implementation is critical to driving equitable usage. In the coming months, ICJIA anticipates adding three members with lived experience to the ICJIA Board. These members will be invited to join the SCIP Advisory Committee and help add community input.
- **Messaging is critical:** Awareness of the law is imperative, yet many stakeholders have little knowledge of FROs.<sup>24</sup> Public support for FROs use is relatively high. Out of 313 people surveyed in Illinois, 80% had an extremely or somewhat positive view toward FROs as defined by the research team.<sup>25</sup> Among the 2,870 adults surveyed in California, support for the appropriateness of and willingness to use an ERPO at least some of the time was high at about 70% across selected risk scenarios, particularly among firearm owners and those with firearms in their household. Approximately two-thirds of respondents cited a lack of awareness of ERPOs for their unwillingness to use one.<sup>26</sup> Public awareness should focus on promoting ERPOs as a way to prevent tragedies before they happen.<sup>27</sup> SCIP Advisory Committee members emphasized that both the message and messenger are important to ensure the message will resonate, especially in communities of color and in areas with high firearms ownership. Both the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General have had public awareness efforts underway and can continue to serve as important messengers in educating the public about the use of FROs. Furthermore, ISP and the Cook County Sheriff's Office have been educating their law enforcement and justice system partners on FROs.
- **Focus on suicide:** Research suggests that FROs may have the greatest impact on suicides. Suicides accounted for the largest single category of gun deaths among U.S. adults in 2021 (55%).<sup>28</sup> A California study found that among ERPO cases in 2016-2018, with follow-up for 379 respondents, one died by firearm injuries sustained in a suicide attempt that prompted the order to

be requested. No other respondents died by suicide using firearms or other means after being issued an ERPO.<sup>29</sup>

- **Data limitations:** Because ERPO/FRO laws are relatively new, the research measuring their effectiveness is limited. Other limitations include inconsistent data collection and the absence of comprehensive centralized data collection and reporting tools to record how the laws are used. ISP LEADS tracks overall FROs issued (i.e., FROs judges have signed off on) by county in Illinois, but there is currently no mechanism to flag FRO petitions filed with the courts but not approved. Illinois lacks a centralized tool for the collection of data on FRO petitions filed as well as petitioner and respondent demographics.<sup>30</sup> This information would help uncover, analyze, and address patterns that result in FRO denials and inequities in usage. Furthermore, researchers face barriers accessing existing ISP LEADS data.

## SCIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In January 2023, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) was awarded \$9,547,496 in Federal Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 SCIP funding to develop and implement this plan. As required by SCIP program guidance, ICJIA formed and convened an advisory committee that includes law enforcement, prosecution, courts, victim services, behavioral health providers, legal counsel, and community representation. While the composition of the ICJIA Board would satisfy these requirements, ICJIA sought instead to create an advisory group that included representatives of partner agencies working with different groups whose clients and members may be affected by implementation of FROs.

In June 2023, the Chairman of the ICJIA Board appointed the members of the committee, drawing from both members of the ICJIA board as well as clinicians, academics, advocates, the judiciary, and providers of legal and human services. At the first committee meeting June 20, 2023, members reviewed briefing information on current firearms privileges in Illinois, ERPO research, current FRO implementation initiatives, and available crisis intervention and human services resources to identify priorities for the use of SCIP funding.

SCIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

<b>Advisory Committee Member</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Component</b>
<b>Aisha Cornelius Edwards, Executive Director</b>	Cabrini Green Legal Assistance	Defense
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<b>Andy Wade, Executive Director</b>	National Alliance on Mental Illness – IL	Mental Health
<b>Brendan Kelly, Director; James Piper, Major Case Counsel</b>	Illinois State Police	Law Enforcement
<b>Candice Adams, Court Clerk</b>	18th Judicial Circuit Court	Courts
<b>Cara LeFevour Smith, Statewide Pretrial Services Director</b>	Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts	Courts
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<b>David Olson, Ph.D., Director</b>	Loyola University Chicago Center for Criminal Justice	Academia
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<b>Rev. Ciera Bates-Chamberlain, Executive Director</b>	Live Free Illinois	Mental Health
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<b>Sheriff Tom Dart; Jason Hernandez, Executive Director, Intergovernmental Relations</b>	Office of the Cook County Sheriff	Law Enforcement
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## STATUS OF FIREARMS RESTRAINING ORDER IMPLEMENTATION

### ILLINOIS FIREARM OWNER'S IDENTIFICATION

Illinois residents must possess a valid, Illinois State Police issued firearm owner's identification (FOID) card to legally purchase and possess a firearm or ammunition in Illinois. Illinois residents may apply for a FOID card online or by mail. Applicants under the age of 21 need the written permission of a parent or legal guardian to apply. The application requires a valid driver's license or state identification card, a completed criminal history questionnaire, and a passport-sized photo. A FOID card costs \$10 and is valid for 10 years. An overview of the lifecycle of a FOID application is [here](#). FOID statistics are available [here](#). As of September 2023, there are over 2.4 million FOID cards in Illinois.<sup>31</sup>

The Illinois State Police (ISP) has authority to deny an application for or revoke and seize a FOID card only if the ISP finds that the applicant or card holder has one of the firearms prohibitors listed under 430 ILCS 65/8, which includes but is not limited to:

- A person convicted of a felony under Illinois law or any other jurisdiction.
- A person convicted of domestic battery, aggravated domestic battery, a violation of a protection order, or a similar offense where a firearm was used or possessed.
- A person subject to a firearm-prohibiting court order.
- A person with a narcotics addiction.
- A person who was a patient of a mental health facility in the past five years or who was a patient in a mental health facility more than five years prior and had not received a mental health evaluation certifying they are not a clear and present danger to themselves or others.
- A person with a mental condition that is found to pose a clear and present danger to themselves, or others, as evidenced by serious threats of violence or threatening physical or verbal behavior. A person adjudicated as mentally, intellectually, or developmentally disabled as defined by Illinois law.
- A person under 21 years of age convicted of a misdemeanor or adjudged delinquent, other than for a traffic offense, who is not an active duty member of the Armed Forces, does not have written consent from a parent or guardian or the parent or guardian does not qualify for a FOID card, or is subject to a petition filed under Section 5-520 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

### REVOCATIONS AND DENIALS

(April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023)

- ISP received 166,955 applications for new FOID cards and 168,787 applications for FOID card renewal.
- 15,705 (9.4%) new applications and 631 (0.4%) renewal applications were denied.
- 10,892 FOID cards were revoked.

## FIREARMS RESTRAINING ORDER

According to the federal [Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2022](#), ERPOs empower certain individuals to petition a court to temporarily prevent a person from accessing firearms if they are found to be a danger to themselves or others. In Illinois, FROs became available in 2019 with the passage of the Illinois [Firearms Restraining Order Act](#).

FROs are civil orders that allow for temporary removal of firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, as well as suspension of an individual's FOID card when the individual is deemed a potential danger to themselves or others. Additionally, an individual cannot purchase or possess firearms while the order is in effect.

Emergency FROs can last for up to

14 days or can be granted for up to one year, after court proceedings. The goal of the action is to protect an individual from harming themselves or those around them with a firearm. In addition to law enforcement, only certain individuals with a specific relationship (e.g., blood relatives, spouses, parents, children, persons who have a child in common, household members) to those who are at risk are eligible to file a FRO petition. FROs can be pursued in response to various actions, including brandishing of a firearm, threatened use of a firearm, and violation of an order of protection, among others. Although an FRO is not a criminal process, criminal charges may be filed if the respondent is found to be illegally in possession of firearms and a violation of an FRO is a class A misdemeanor. The ICJIA publication, [Firearm Restraining Orders in Illinois](#), further outlines the structure and requirements of FROs.<sup>32</sup>

FRO petitions that are approved are entered into the state's Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS), a statewide computer system operated by the Illinois State Police, which connects virtually all local police departments to each other and various State agencies. Currently, Illinois lacks a centralized system to collect information on FRO petitions that have been filed but not granted. To gather statewide FRO petition information, a request would need to be filed with each of the county clerks serving the 102 counties in Illinois.

### LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE

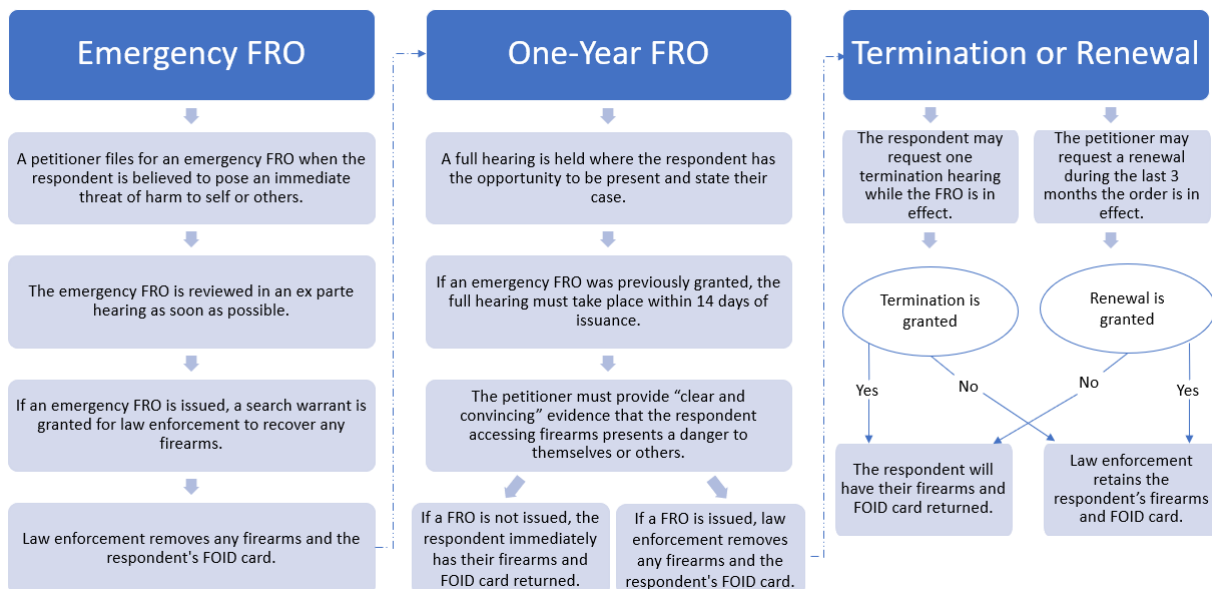
- **July 1968:** Illinois FOID Act ([430 ILCS 65](#)) takes effect.
- **April 1990:** Clear and present danger reporting takes effect.
- **Jan 2019:** FRO Act ([PA 100-0607](#)) takes effect.
- **May 2021:** Illinois [PA 102-0345](#) is passed, expanding the FRO law and creating the [Commission on Implementing the FRO Act](#).
- **June 2022:** Federal Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 authorizes SCIP to provide formula funds to implement state crisis intervention court proceedings and related initiatives.
- **July 2022:** Rule changes to broaden the use of clear and present danger reports in FOID card applications.
- **Jan 2023:** Illinois passes Protect Illinois Communities Act ([PA 102-1116](#)) extending the duration of FROs from 6 mos to a year.

## CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS AND DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

SCIP guidance details the following minimal mandatory requirements for funded FRO programs to safeguard the constitutional rights of an individual subject to a crisis intervention program or FRO initiative. Illinois' FRO statute meets each of the mandatory provisions required by Pub. L. No. 90-351 to fund ERPO programming.

- Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation due process rights that prevent any violation or infringement of the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights and due process rights. Such programs must include steps to prevent constitutional rights violations and, at minimum notice, the right to an in-person hearing, an unbiased adjudicator, and the rights to know opposing evidence, present evidence, and confront adverse witnesses.
- The right to be represented by counsel at no expense to the government.
- Heightened evidentiary standards and proof at pre-deprivation and post-deprivation. These heightened standards and proof must prevent any violation of any constitutional right and, at minimum, prevent reliance upon evidence that is unsworn or unaffirmed, irrelevant, based on inadmissible hearsay, unreliable, vague, speculative, and lacking a foundation.
- Penalties for abuse of the program.

## ILLINOIS EMERGENCY AND ONE-YEAR FRO PROCESSES



NOTE: FIGURE ADAPTED FROM EMERGENCY FRO: A GUIDE TO THE PROCESS IN ILLINOIS<sup>33</sup>

## CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER

Clear and present danger (C&PD) reporting was established by Illinois law in 1990 and is distinct from FROs. Changes to the FOID Act in 2013 added this definition: “Clear and present danger” means a person who:

- (1) communicates a serious threat of physical violence against a reasonably identifiable victim or poses a clear and imminent risk of serious physical injury to himself, herself, or another person as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner; or
- (2) demonstrates threatening physical or verbal behavior, such as violent, suicidal, or assaultive threats, actions, or other behavior, as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, qualified examiner, school administrator, or law enforcement official.

In 2022, the corresponding administrative rule was amended to reflect the statutory definition. As the definition states, C&PD reporting allows physicians, clinical psychologists, qualified examiners, school administrators, and law enforcement officials to report to ISP anyone they determine meets the definition above for purposes of revoking or denying a valid FOID card.<sup>34, 35</sup>

C&PD reporting is distinct from the judicial process of FROs. Physicians, clinical psychologists, qualified examiners, school administrators, and law enforcement officers file clear and present danger reports directly with ISP, then ISP personnel process those reports and take the appropriate action denying or revoking the FOID card. Whereas, FRO petitions are filed in Illinois circuit courts, and can be filed only by law enforcement officers, or family/household members.

Upon receipt of a C&PD report, ISP reviews all information submitted to ensure there is sufficient evidence of threatening behavior to meet statutory requirements. If the C&PD determination reported to ISP meets the statutory threshold, and the person has a valid FOID card or FOID application, the card will be revoked or denied by ISP. In addition, the subject of the C&PD prohibitor is required to turn over their FOID card and their firearms to either another valid FOID card holder, or law enforcement.

Similarly, if a FRO is granted by an Illinois court, the subject of the FRO is required to surrender their FOID card and remove their firearms. However, one clear distinction between these two processes is that the subject of a FRO must turn any firearms over to a local law enforcement agency, or petition the court to transfer them to a valid FOID-holder. As family or household members can file them, FROs are more accessible to more potential petitioners. The other biggest distinction between a C&PD determination and a FRO is that the subject of a FRO is entitled to a hearing on the matter within 14 days of the FRO being

issued. Subjects of C&PDs can appeal to the FOID Card Review Board, but the C&PD process does not have the same due process protections of the FRO process as required by SCIP.

While there are important distinctions between the two laws, similar factors will be considered whether someone files a C&PD report with ISP or a FRO petition with the court, and there may be reasons for law enforcement officers to consider filing both.

Year	C&PD Reports Received by ISP			FOID Cards Denied or Revoked by ISP Based on C&PDs
	From Law Enforcement	From Schools	Total	
<b>2019</b>	NA	NA	4,457	1,320
<b>2020</b>	NA	NA	3,492	1,900
<b>2021</b>	NA	NA	3,866	2,390
<b>2022</b>	5,397	800	6,980	4,584
<b>(Jan-May)</b>	2,772	325	4,183	2,202

## ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

The Illinois State Police (ISP) is a full-service law enforcement agency with approximately 1,800 sworn officers and 1,000 civilian employees dedicated to promoting public safety and creating safer communities throughout Illinois. ISP plays a vital role in removing firearms from those who cannot legally possess them.

## COMMISSION ON IMPLEMENTING THE FIREARMS RESTRAINING ORDER ACT

The [Commission on Implementing the Firearms Restraining Order Act](#) was created through [Public Act 102-0345](#) and appointed on June 8, 2022, to advise on education and implementation of the Firearms Restraining Order Act. The Commission is tasked with:

- Developing a model FRO policy that will serve as the overall framework for timely relinquishment of firearms whenever a firearms restraining order is issued.
- Submitting an annual report to General Assembly that may include summary information about firearms restraining order use, challenges to Firearms Restraining Order Act implementation, and recommendations for increasing and improving implementation.

In October 2022, the Commission approved a [model policy](#) to provide an overall framework law enforcement can follow to secure and execute a FRO. The model policy addresses procedures for law enforcement in the following areas among others:

- Petitioning for a FRO (either emergency or one-year)
- Serving a FRO issued by the court

- Securing firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts surrendered by subject of the FRO
- Executing a FRO search warrant
- Returning firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts
- Attending court hearings
- Training

The Commission identified and submitted to the Illinois legislature a number of FRO implementation issues to ensure that FROs and accompanying search warrants are served expeditiously while minimizing danger to law enforcement and the petitioner. These recommendations included giving State's Attorneys notice and legal standing in court for filing of FROs should petitioners need assistance, clarifying the proper evidentiary standards in the statute, and providing a list of evidence the court shall consider when determining whether to issue an emergency FRO.

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## FIREARM SAFETY ENFORCEMENT AND REVOCATION

The ISP Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) recently established a gun liaison officer (GLO) program creating a primary GLO in each of the seven ISP investigative zones which includes a Statewide gun liaison officer coordinator and a firearm trafficking special projects officer.<sup>36</sup> Among other firearm related responsibilities, GLOs work alongside local law enforcement in placing Illinois citizens into compliance with the FOID Act if deemed a clear and present danger, and coordinating both small-scale and zone wide firearm safety enforcement.

The ISP Division of Justice Services (DJS) includes the Firearms Services Bureau which oversees and administers FOID. The Firearms Services Bureau (FSB) works in conjunction with the ISP, which administers the clear and present danger reporting process and is overseen by the Firearms Safety Council. Effective February 1, 2023, the ISP transitioned to using an online portal for submission of C&PD reports by school administrators and law enforcement officers. All C&PD reports coming from physicians, qualified examiners or clinical psychologists are submitted via the IDHS Portal and then transmitted to the ISP by IDHS.

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## VIOLENT CRIME INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCE

The Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force is a statewide multijurisdictional task force established in 2022 by ISP consisting of 32 local law enforcement agencies to:

- Conduct enforcement operations to bring into compliance persons whose FOID cards have been revoked or suspended and yet have failed to comply with the requirements of Section 9.5 of the FOID Act.

- Enforce provisions of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, the Firearm Dealer License Certification Act, and Article 24 of the Criminal Code of 2012.

The Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force is supported by grants from the [State Police Revocation Enforcement Fund](#) which helps agencies conduct enforcement operations for individuals whose FOID Cards have been revoked or suspended and have failed to comply with the FOID Act. The enforcement details focus on individuals who have become the subject of a firearm restraining order or clear and present danger, or received a criminal conviction, among other reasons. Detailed monthly statistics of the Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force and ISP FOID enforcement data can be found [here](#).

#### Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force: September 2022 – June 2023

<b>Details</b>	310
<b># of Compliance Checks</b>	3,557
<b># Brought into Compliance</b>	1,151
<b>Firearms Seized</b>	176
<b>Firearms Transferred</b>	292
<b>Arrests</b>	10

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#### METROPOLITAN ENFORCEMENT GROUPS (MEG) & ISP TASK FORCES (TF)

The nine Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEGs) and 13 ISP Task Forces (TFs) across Illinois work with the Statewide Terrorism Intelligence Center and Illinois National Guard Counterdrug analysts, as well as the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Marshals Service, and other agencies to reduce crime through intelligence-led policing, which focuses enforcement efforts on felony-level drug distribution and trafficking. Effective January 1, 2022, the statute governing MEGs and TFs was amended by the Illinois General Assembly to expand their jurisdictions to include investigation and enforcement of firearms offenses and violations of FOID.<sup>37</sup>

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#### ILLINOIS GUN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION ACT

Effective January 18, 2019, the [Illinois Gun Trafficking Information Act](#) (5 ILCS 830/10-5) requires ISP to provide key information on a regular and ongoing basis related to firearms used in the commission of crimes in Illinois, including, but not limited to:

- Firearm restraining order dispositions
- Reports on crimes committed with firearms
- The number of persons killed or injured in commission of the crimes
- The locations where the crimes occurred
- The state where the firearms used originated
- The federal firearms licensee that sold the firearm
- The type(s) of firearms used



- Annual statistical information concerning FOID card and concealed carry license applications and revocations
- Compliance with section 9.5 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act
- Firearm dealer license certification inspections

In addition, ISP is required to study and compile reports on the number of FOID card checks to determine firearms trafficking or straw purchase patterns.

### COOK COUNTY SHERIFF GUN SUPPRESSION TEAMS

Cook County is home to approximately 41% of the state's population and 30% of current FOID card holders. In 2013, the Cook County Sheriff established gun suppression teams to perform gun compliance checks and seize weapons in the control of FOID card holders whose privileges have been revoked. As of May 2023, the Sheriff's office reported a backlog that more than 27,000 people in Cook County have had their Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card revoked, often for felony convictions or mental health concerns, but have not turned over their firearms and FOID cards as the law requires. Among those who have not complied are 1,863 people who have been deemed a clear and present danger, 5,368 who have a serious mental health concern, and 5,574 who have an order of protection against them. The unit has recovered more than 1,000 firearms and worked more than 7,100 cases since its creation.<sup>38</sup>

### ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) is mandated to promote and maintain a high level of professional standards for law enforcement and correctional officers.

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#### FRO TRAINING

[HB1092](#), passed by the Illinois legislature in May 2021, requires ILETSB to develop a police training curriculum on using FROs, with a specific provision on promoting the use of FROs in domestic violence situations. ILETSB created and published an online FRO training course for law enforcement in 2022.

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#### CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING

Since 2003, ILETSB has provided state-certified [Crisis Intervention Team](#) (CIT) training to law enforcement officers throughout Illinois. The 40-hour program provides intensive training on assisting individuals in the community who have a mental illness or other behavioral disability. In a crisis, CIT-trained officers and first responders are prepared to:

- Understand the signs and symptoms of a mental health issue and co-occurring disorder.



- Recognize when the signs and symptoms of a mental illness signify a crisis.
- Carefully de-escalate individuals in crisis.
- Use diversion strategies and community resources to help individuals in crisis receive the care they need.

In addition to ongoing requests for state-certified CIT training, demand for additional CIT courses is increasing. Course offerings include the CIT Refresher, CIT Juvenile, CIT Corrections and CIT Dispatch.

A study published in Psychiatric Services found that CIT training seems to increase the likelihood individuals in crisis will be transported to a mental health facility and decrease their chances of being arrested. The study also found that in 20% of encounters with CIT-trained officers, the highest level of

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*ILETSB has certified over  
8,125 officers from more than  
560 agencies in CIT.*

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force used was verbal engagement or negotiation. In contrast, verbal engagement was the highest level of force in only 11% of encounters with untrained officers. This suggests that CIT training helps officers apply de-escalation techniques.<sup>39, 40</sup>

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is charged with ensuring that Illinois has a strong human services system to support individuals, families, neighborhoods, and communities – advancing human dignity and economic strength and growth in the State of Illinois.

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### OFFICE OF FIREARM VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The IDHS Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP) was created by the Reimagine Public Safety Act (RPSA) to employ a public health approach to stop the cycles of violence in disproportionately impacted communities. The RPSA addresses firearm violence through increased community capacity to address root causes of violence, provide those most at-risk access to evidence-based and trauma-informed services, and advance equity and racial justice.

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### FIREARM VIOLENCE RESEARCH GROUP

The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention's Firearm Violence Research Group's (FVRG) was created by the RPSA to identify the outcome measures for RPSA-funded programs and informs on metrics and data collection practices that best measure impact at a community level. The FVRG is comprised of research experts experienced in examining data trends related to firearm violence prevention and interpreting the trends to identify interventions that support impacted communities.

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## LIVING ROOM PROGRAMS

IDHS supports 21 [Living Room programs](#) across the state. Living Room programs provide short-term crisis respite within a safe, inviting, home-like atmosphere that offers non-clinical services provided by recovery support specialists. The Living Room Program operates from the [Crisis Now](#) approach, designed to divert individuals in self-defined crises from emergency departments and jails by developing services that match people's needs. The Crisis Now approach promotes services built on recovery-oriented practices, trauma-informed care, significant use of recovery support staff, a commitment to Zero Suicide/Suicide Safer Care, strong commitments to safety for individuals served, and staff providing services, and collaboration with law enforcement.

Guests may self-refer (walk in) to the program or may be referred by outside entities, including 988, hotlines, warm lines, and mobile crisis response teams first responders including police, fire, and EMT personnel. All guests are screened for homicide and suicide risk. Although Living Rooms do not fulfill all necessary criteria to be considered Crisis Stabilization Centers according to SAMHSA's [National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care: Best Practice Toolkit](#), they serve as an important component in Illinois' crisis continuum.

An effectiveness study of the Skokie Living Room found that 93% of the 228 Living Room visits resulted in a deflection of the guest from the emergency and a return to the community post-stabilization, saving the State of Illinois approximately \$550,000 for uninsured guests.<sup>41</sup>

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## 988 CRISIS LINE

The [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) connects trained crisis counselors to anyone experiencing mental health-related distress, including family, friends, and/or caregivers. Callers who are connected with the Illinois Lifeline receive specialized, individualized support by certified crisis workers trained in suicide prevention, de-escalation and stabilization, and resources. The Illinois Lifeline works closely with the mobile crisis outreach teams across the state to support anybody who needs in-person intervention by a crisis-trained person.

### 988 CRISIS LINE

- A suicide prevention and mental health crisis lifeline.
- Does not automatically trigger a police response.
- Veterans Crisis Line and Spanish language Crisis Line options.
- Confidential, free, and available 24/7/365.

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) promotes and protects the health of the people of Illinois through the prevention and control of disease and injury. IDPH recently received a federal SAMHSA grant supporting school-based youth depression screening program implementation. The program is expected to begin providing services in late 2023.

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### FRO PUBLIC AWARENESS

Illinois [HB1092](#) of 2021 tasks IDPH with developing a FRO public awareness program with online resources or pamphlets. IDPH is also required to create materials that increase awareness of situations where a FRO may be appropriate, including domestic violence and mental health crises or when someone is at risk of harming themselves or others. Additionally, IDPH is tasked with producing materials to help health care workers identify victims of domestic violence who may benefit from a FRO and how to discreetly discern if an abuser possesses a firearm.

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### COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

IDPH operates [Community Mental Health Centers](#) across the state. Centers provide:

- Outpatient services, including specialized outpatient services for children, the elderly, individuals who are chronically mentally ill, and residents of the CMHC's mental health service area who have been discharged from inpatient treatment at a mental health facility.
- 24 hour-a-day emergency care services.
- Day treatment, or other partial hospitalization services, or psychosocial rehabilitation services; and screening for patients being considered for admission to state mental health facilities to determine the appropriateness of such admission.

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### VETERANS GUN LOCK PROGRAM

As part of Together for a Safer Illinois efforts to save lives and reduce firearm related injuries, local health departments can now order free cable gun locks and supporting educational materials. The program was made possible due to a partnership between the Illinois Department of Public Health's Violence and Injury Prevention Section and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

## ADDITIONAL FRO RESOURCES

Since the enactment of the FRO legislation, a number of resources have been developed to increase public awareness of and access to FRO information and materials. The Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice approved [a set of simplified standard forms](#) that are posted on the website of the

Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts along with a tool to find the local circuit court. All local courts must accept these forms. Additional FRO resources for the public and system partners include:

- [Getting a Firearms Restraining Order against someone | Illinois Legal Aid Online](#)
- [Speak for Safety Illinois | Firearm Restraining Order \(FRO\)](#)
- [FRO Commission Model Policy website.pdf \(illinois.gov\)](#)

## FRO USAGE

### EARLY FRO USAGE

Between January 1, 2019, when the FRO Act took effect, and June 1, 2023, 374 FROs were entered into the Law Enforcement Agency Data System (LEADS). **FROs were not frequently used in many Illinois counties during that time, with a single county (DuPage) accounting for the majority of orders filed.**

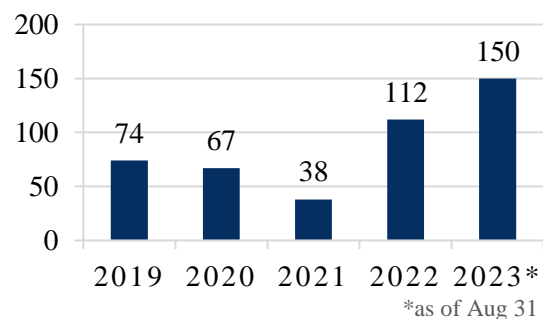
Speak for Safety Illinois, an advocacy group, further tracked statewide usage of FROs for 2019 and 2020.<sup>42</sup> The majority of FROs in 2019 were filed by a law enforcement officer (25); just five were filed by family members, including spouses and children. Similarly, in 2020, four FROs were filed by family or household members and 30 were initiated by law enforcement or sealed.

In 2019 and 2020, fourteen FROs were sought claiming the respondent was exhibiting suicidal behavior, twelve respondents were alleged to be dangerous to others, and four were thought to be a danger to themselves and/or others. Additionally, five FROs were filed in response to mental health issues or dementia, two were in response to domestic violence, and two cited “shots fired”.

Two 2019 FRO respondents were women, while the rest were male; in 2020, all respondents were male (when sex was known). When race of the respondent was known, all were reported as white in both 2019 and 2020. In 2019, the ages of respondents ranged from 19 to 88, with an average of 52 years old. Ages of respondents were only available for three 2020 FROs; respondents were 47, 54, and 82 years of age.

Nine FROs filed in 2019 and 2020 resulted in an emergency order followed by a six-month order. In both years, five filed FROs resulted in a six-month order with no emergency order sought. Twelve emergency FROs were granted and in those cases either no six-month order was sought, or the status of the six-month order was unknown. In two instances,

### FROs Issued (Entered into LEADS)



an emergency FRO was granted, and the six-month order was denied. In three instances, an emergency FRO was sought, and the order was denied or dismissed. No information was available on order types and outcomes for 22 petitions filed in the years examined. The numbers of firearms temporarily seized in 2020 ranged from one to 156 per FRO, with an average of 16.5 and a median of six firearms recovered.

## EXPANDING FRO USE

Since the July 2022, mass shooting in Highland Park, Illinois, awareness and use of FROs has grown. Based on LEADS data, FROs issued increased by 195% from 2021 (38) to 2022 (112). The number of FROs issued through the first eight months of 2023 (150) has already surpassed 2022's annual total (112). DuPage county accounts for 25% of all petitions granted though only 6% of FOID cards are held by DuPage residents. In contrast, while Cook County makes up approximately 41% of the state population and 30% of FOID cards are held by its residents, only 17% of the petitions approved were in Cook.

## DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING ISSUES

### LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA

In a [January 2023 report](#), ISP communicated its determination that the lack of a centralized and uniform data collection tool for use by all Illinois law enforcement agencies has created barriers to mandated collection and reporting.

ISP is seeking a comprehensive data collection tool capable of the detailed data capture mandated by the Illinois Gun Trafficking Information Act. ISP has examined internal and external data sources, including National Incident-Based Reporting System, Uniform Crime Reporting Data, Commanding Operational Policing Strategies, Traffic and Criminal Software, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, ISP Division of Criminal Investigation investigative zone(s) data, and ISP Division of Patrol Operations district(s) data.

ISP has determined current data collection sources do not collectively capture the information mandated by the Act and, as such, are not viable sources of information. All Illinois law enforcement agencies, including ISP, utilize diverse records management, report writing, and evidence management systems, resulting in inconsistent, inaccurate, or non-translatable data collection. When complete, statewide implementation of NIBRS will address many but not all of these data needs.

## ILLINOIS FIREARM PROHIBITOR AND RECORDS IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

In 2022, [Public Act 102-0237](#) created the [Firearm Prohibitors and Records Improvement Task Force](#) to improve statewide collection of information for assessing firearm ownership and licensure eligibility. The

task force is charged with identifying gaps in firearm prohibitor data collection and reporting, as well as identifying all available grants that may be applied for and used by entities responsible for reporting federal and state firearms prohibitors to ISP and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Firearm prohibitors are factors prohibiting the transfer or possession of a firearm, firearm ammunition, a FOID card, or a concealed carry license.

The task force is required to submit annual reports to the General Assembly describing progress in completing statutory responsibilities. The first task force annual [report](#) includes a plan for collecting information that will guide statewide planning for record improvement.

### COMPREHENSIVE FRO DATA

FRO petitions may be filed in Illinois counties using uniform petition materials published by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and widely circulated by the courts, law enforcement, and advocacy organizations. While aggregated data on FROs that have been approved are available to law enforcement agencies through the LEADS system, it does not include petitioner and respondent demographics. Additionally, there is currently no centralized, uniform system to collect data on FRO petitions that have been filed through the circuit courts. Without petition data, the state lacks the capacity to assess the effectiveness of public information efforts and the denials and inequities in usage that may exist. In the absence of a centralized system, statewide data can only be collected by requesting data from each of the 102 county clerks. Furthermore, researchers face barriers accessing existing FRO data, presenting an obstacle to conducting research to analyze and support implementation.

### RESPONDENT TREATMENT RESOURCES

Committee meeting materials included information on some of the existing agencies and programs that provide treatment services to those in crisis.

### COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

A Community Mental Health Board or “708 Board” is established by a county, municipality, or township for the purposes of planning and funding mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services.<sup>43</sup> Each of the 90 boards in Illinois work to develop a comprehensive local mental health plan in collaboration with local providers to ensure that preventive and therapeutic programs are accessible for all residents in the community. Mental Health Boards are funded by a levy which is capped at the level identified in the referendum passed by voters but not exceeding 0.15% of the equalized assessed property value, though actual levies vary year to year.<sup>44</sup>

## NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

Through its 19 Illinois chapters, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), provides advocacy, support, and education to people living with mental illness and their families in 50 of Illinois' 120 counties. Chapters provide a range of services free of charge, including the Ending the Silence education program, family education and support groups, Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supportive Employment services, and peer support services. NAMI chapters operate four Living Room programs in suburban Cook County.

## TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTERS

Trauma Recovery Centers (TRCs) are health care-based violence intervention programs that provide services and resources to survivors of intentional trauma with a focus on compassion, respect, and care. TRCs aid individuals who have experienced trauma in rebuilding, restoring, and strengthening their sense of safety by providing access to trauma-informed care that acknowledges how past and present traumatic experiences and stress may impact the individuals and families who are victims of violence. A team of specially trained behavioral health clinicians and trauma recovery specialists support the unique needs of survivors and their families. Services include individual and group therapy, support and advocacy groups, outpatient clinical assessments, medication management, safety and self-care guidance, and case management. ICJIA supports trauma recovery centers through both State of Illinois General Revenue and federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding.

## FUNDING FOR RESPONDENT TREATMENT

The true total of all public and private resources, including Medicaid and private insurance, available for respondent treatment would be extremely difficult to ascertain. The table below summarizes some of the targeted state resources that would support treatment for those at risk of harming themselves and others.

Program	Current Funding
<b>Illinois Department of Public Health Local Community Health Depts.*</b>	\$22,000,000
<b>Illinois Department of Human Services Living Rooms</b>	\$4,500,000
<b>Illinois Department of Human Services First Responder Suicide Prevention</b>	\$4,113,816
<b>Local Community Mental Health Boards</b>	Varies
<b>ICJIA Trauma Recovery Centers</b>	\$2,547,814
<b>ICJIA Co-responder Pilot Program</b>	\$9,600,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,711,630</b>

\*Total funding for all health department services

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SCIP Advisory Committee held its first meeting on June 20, 2023, in Chicago. Beginning with a review of the SCIP Briefing Book prepared by ICJIA staff, members discussed the funding parameters, specifically that a minimum of 40% of SCIP funds may be granted to local agencies and that funds were to be disbursed on a reimbursement basis only. Members reviewed the current status of FRO implementation and identified critical issues to foster use of FROs.

## TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

Public awareness and knowledge of firearms restraining orders was identified as a critical need. While the Attorney General's Office will expand its FRO training staff from one to three in State Fiscal Year 2024 and courts and other partner agencies share FRO information and materials online, general public awareness of firearms restraining orders remains low. Members agreed that targeting specific at-risk populations and honing specific messaging is more cost effective than broad campaigns. Furthermore, members discussed the need for trainings that cover the distinction between mental illness and risk of harm and that clearly define when FROs are appropriate.

The committee noted the lack of racial diversity in firearms restraining order usage and discussed the need for community education that is centered in the needs of the community and is not top-down driven. Both the message and messenger are important to ensure the message will resonate. Members suggested that community engagement early in the implementation process and providing access to information in safe spaces in the community would facilitate use of FROs.

The lack of trust in law enforcement and the justice system by communities of color was identified as a barrier to FRO use. Firearms restraining orders need to function and be seen as a positive tool for the community and not a punitive measure. While FROs alone do not lead to criminal charges, family members and other potential petitioners may hesitate to pursue FROs to avoid potential charges, other criminal violations or breaching the trust of the respondent. While arrest and criminalization are not the goals of FROs, law enforcement does have the responsibility to determine if guns seized from respondents were used in commissions of previous crimes.

Members reviewed the ease, effort, and potential barriers to accessing information and filing FROs. While the common practice of providing access to FRO information and petition filing online can facilitate access, the digital divide requires that access must be assured through other means for different communities with less access to online resources.

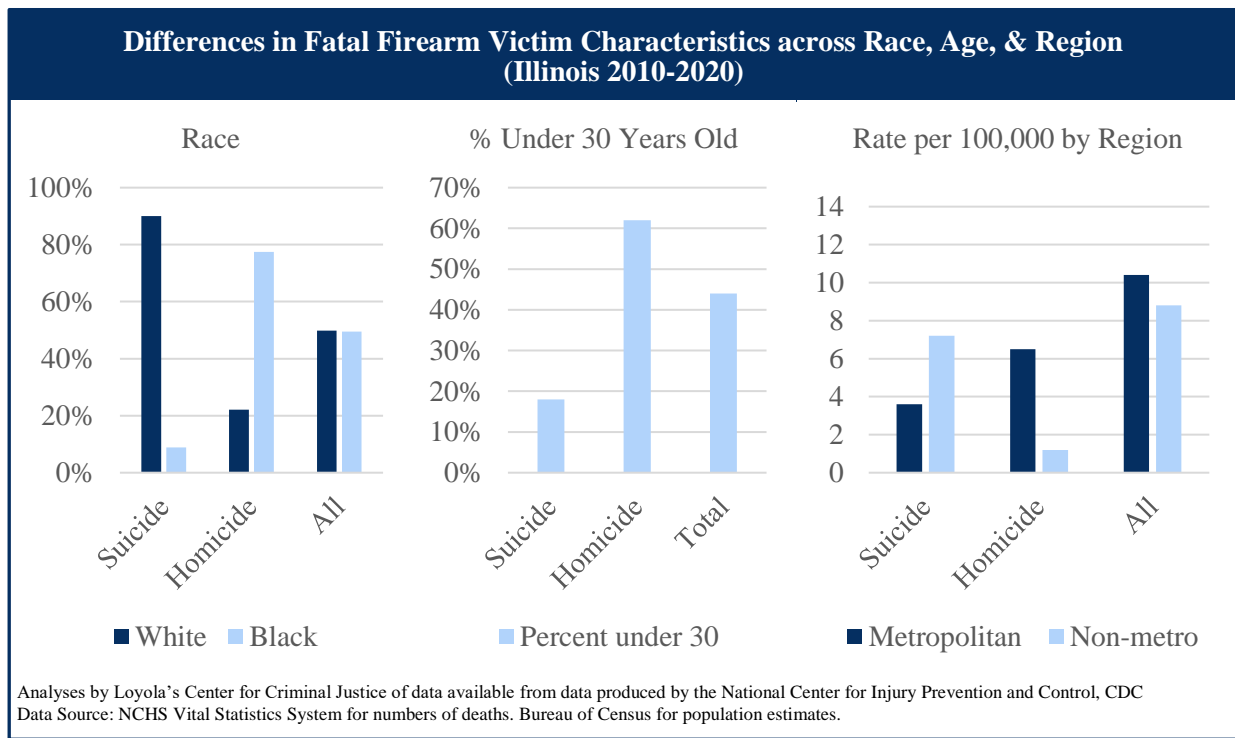


The committee discussed the interaction between Illinois problem solving courts and firearms restraining orders, noting that while problem solving courts cannot take gun crimes, FROs may be an important tool available in domestic violence, mental health, and veterans courts. Training for mental health professionals was again highlighted as a critical component of FRO implementation.

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

In Illinois, firearms are the most prevalent means of committing suicide, accounting for 46% of all suicides in 2022. Members suggested that FROs may have the most significant impact on suicides. Furthermore, focusing public awareness on FROs as a tool to prevent suicide and link respondents to services may help overcome gun rights concerns. Members agreed that broadening to a focus on families in crisis may be an effective strategy. In Illinois, the firearm suicide rate is much higher in non-metropolitan areas than in metropolitan areas of the state. Data for the years 2010-2020 indicate that in Illinois, firearm suicide was more likely to involve older white men in non-metropolitan areas.

	2021	2022	Change
<b>Firearm</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>8.2%</b>
<b>Suffocation</b>	446	463	3.8%
<b>Poisoning</b>	185	196	5.9%
<b>Fall</b>	53	44	-17.0%
<b>Cut/pierce</b>	18	44	144.4%
<b>All other</b>	83	85	2.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>7.0%</b>



## COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT

Serving FROs and seizing guns from people in crisis is a dangerous law enforcement responsibility. The ISP, Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force members, MEGs and Task Forces, and Cook County Sheriff's Office have built specialized teams to conduct or assist local law enforcement in conducting compliance details for all 10,892 FOID revocations from April 2022 to March 2023. Additional resources are needed to assure timely service of FROs, seizure, storage or transfer of firearms and respondent compliance.

## DATA COLLECTION

Committee members identified the importance of quality and reliable data for research and evaluation. Better data could help prioritize training, education and implementation efforts by assessing FRO awareness and use in different communities and understanding the barriers to wider implementation; make state FRO data available to the public and researchers, to the maximum extent practicable on a regular basis; and seek opportunities to work with researchers to further research and evaluate FRO's implementation in Illinois. Members discussed the current inadequacy of many criminal justice data sources across the state and the challenges of collecting data. Improving data collection needs to be incorporated into each component of SCIP programming.

## LOCAL RESOURCES

Research suggest that FROs are most effectively implemented when both criminal justice and human services partners work in concert to make filing an FRO with the courts an accessible process with clear guidance and expectations, when law enforcement has the training and resources to serve FROs and seize or transfer respondent firearms in a safe and timely manner, and when respondents can be linked to appropriate human services. Co-responder programs that pair law enforcement and social workers and court-based FRO navigators to walk petitioners through the process and link them to supportive services were identified as two models that could foster local FRO implementation. But little is known about the availability of local resources to provide these coordinated components. Members agreed that an effective tool to building comprehensive models across the state would be a SCIP funding opportunity that would provide a menu of model components and ask applicants to request the program elements needed in their community.

## PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED

Members approved the following set of priorities for the use of SCIP funding:

### Illinois SCIP Funding Priorities

Centering community voice and incorporating research and evaluation throughout:

1. FRO training for system partners
2. FRO compliance and enforcement
3. Solicitation to support local government FRO implementation, treatment linkages, develop community infrastructure, and follow-up

Given the range of allowable SCIP activities, members affirmed that the focus of these SCIP priorities is support for the implementation of FROs rather than broader efforts.

## PROPOSED SCIP PLAN

Based on the discussion and approved priorities, ICJIA proposes four initial SCIP tasks:

1. Research and Data Contracts
2. Training and Public Information Notice of Funding Opportunity
3. Compliance and Enforcement Notice of Funding Opportunity
4. Local Implementation Support Notice of Funding Opportunity

## RESEARCH AND DATA CONTRACTS

In order to better understand the effectiveness and equity of FRO implementation, ICJIA will hire a contractual researcher to support the development and tracking of robust performance measurement for funded programs, to provide information on ERPO/FRO research and best practices and collect and assess current use of FROs. In addition, ICJIA will engage a contractor to assess and propose solutions to the state's data needs related to FROs.

#### TARGETED PUBLIC INFORMATION, OUTREACH, AND TRAINING NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Currently, a number of agencies promote public awareness of FROs and participate in the training of system partners on the use of FROs. While these efforts have expanded awareness and may have contributed to greater use of FROs across the state, the state lacks a comprehensive plan to reach potentially vital partner agencies and build community awareness through targeted messaging and trusted messengers. ICJIA will issue a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) available to state and local agencies to develop and implement effective and equitable targeted public information, outreach, and training strategies across the state. Grant recipients may subaward SCIP funds to non-profits to implement funded programs but must comply with ICJIA subaward standards requiring fiscal and programmatic monitoring of subaward agencies.

#### COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

While ISP and the Office of the Cook County Sheriff have developed dedicated teams for gun compliance and enforcement, current resources are insufficient to assure ongoing compliance for a significant number of gun owners whose FOID have been revoked. In addition, local law enforcement agencies may lack the capacity to adequately store seized firearms. ICJIA will issue a NOFO available to state and local agencies to increase their capacity to enforce FROs and store seized firearms.

#### LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Successful use of FROs requires the coordinated work of court clerks, courts, law enforcement and community treatment resources. Use of FROs has grown across the state, but little information is available about the adequacy of local resources to provide comprehensive services for full implementation. ICJIA will issue a NOFO available to local agencies to provide the resources necessary for comprehensive local implementation.

## IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Task	Projected Date
ICJIA staff send draft SCIP Plan to SCIP Advisory Committee for comment	August 2023
ICJIA staff incorporate feedback and send revised draft SCIP Plan to SCIP Advisory Committee	September 2023
SCIP Advisory Committee approves draft SCIP Plan at meeting	September 2023
ICJIA Board approves draft SCIP Plan at meeting	October 2023
ICJIA staff send SCIP Plan to DOJ for approval	October 2023
ICJIA staff draft SCIP NOFOs	November 2023
ICJIA Budget Committee approve NOFOs at meeting	December 2023
ICJIA staff post NOFOs	January 2024
NOFO applications scored	February 2024
ICJIA Budget Committee approve funding designations at meeting	February 2024
ICJIA staff submit funding designations to DOJ for approval	March 2024
Grant programs begin	May 2024
ICJIA staff send draft SCIP annual report to SCIP Advisory Committee for approval	June 2024
SCIP Advisory Committee reconvenes, considers approval of annual report	June 2024

## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A: FIREARMS RESTRAINING ORDER FACTS

#### ERPO / FRO FACTS

- Firearm restraining orders are civil orders that allow for temporary removal of an individual's firearms, ammunition, firearm parts that could be assembled into an operable firearm, and surrender of the firearm owner's identification card when the individual is deemed a potential danger to themselves or others.
- An emergency order/ex parte that lasts up to 14 days and a one-year order, but only after court proceedings.
- A court shall consider the following in deciding to issue an FRO, including but not limited to:
  - A recent threat of violence towards self or others.
  - History of use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against others.
  - History of or current misuse of controlled substances and/or alcohol.
  - Any prior felony arrest.
  - Unlawful and reckless use, display, or brandishing of a firearm.
  - Violation of an emergency order of protection
  - A pattern of violent acts or violent threats, including those directed towards self or others.
- Eligible petitioners include police, blood relatives, parents, ex/spouses, persons who have a child in common, children and household members (e.g. roommates, unmarried partners).
- FROs are based on respondent's past and current actions.
- FROs are a civil process, not criminal. Does not bring about any criminal charges unless the respondent violates the order.
- Violation of an FRO is a Class A misdemeanor
- Creates safer circumstances for the individual to seek treatment, services, or otherwise access resources to address the underlying causes of their dangerous behaviors.
- Orders are temporary and subject to due process protections.
- Process based on domestic violence protection orders.
- Opportunity for subject of order to contest or petition to terminate early.

APPENDIX B: FROS ENTERED INTO LEADS

Firearms Restraining Orders Entered into LEADS: Provided by the Illinois State Police

COUNTY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
ADAMS	0	0	0	0	4	4
BOONE	0	0	0	0	1	1
BROWN	0	0	0	0	2	2
BUREAU	0	0	0	3	1	4
CASS	0	1	0	0	0	1
CHAMPAIGN	2	4	2	1	7	16
CHRISTIAN	0	0	2	0	0	2
CLINTON	0	0	0	0	2	2
COOK	3	5	11	29	57	105
CRAWFORD	0	0	0	0	1	1
DEKALB	1	0	0	0	0	1
DUPAGE	29	29	7	11	48	124
FULTON	2	0	0	0	1	3
GRUNDY	0	0	0	0	1	1
HENRY	0	0	1	0	0	1
JACKSON	0	2	2	0	3	7
JERSEY	2	0	1	0	0	3
JO DAVIESS	0	0	0	1	0	1
JOHNSON	0	0	0	0	3	3
KANE	1	2	2	6	10	21
KANKAKEE	2	1	1	4	2	10
KENDALL	2	0	1	4	8	15
LAKE	4	8	2	25	31	70
LASALLE	2	0	0	0	0	2
LEE	0	2	0	0	1	3
LIVINGSTON	2	2	0	0	0	4
MACON	6	2	2	0	0	10
MADISON	1	0	0	3	3	7
MASSAC	0	0	0	0	2	2
MCDONOUGH	2	0	1	0	0	3
MCHENRY	2	2	0	3	18	25
MCLEAN	2	0	0	0	6	8
MENARD	2	0	0	0	0	2
MERCER	0	0	0	0	1	1
MONROE	1	1	0	0	0	2
RICHLAND	1	0	0	0	2	3
ROCK ISLAND	0	0	0	0	1	1
SANGAMON	3	0	0	4	6	13
St. CLAIR	0	0	0	1	2	3
STEPHENSON	0	0	0	0	2	2
TAZEWELL	1	0	2	6	3	12
UNION	0	0	0	1	0	1
WABASH	0	0	0	0	1	1
WHITESIDE	1	1	1	1	0	4
WILL	0	5	0	5	11	21
WILLIAMSON	0	0	0	0	2	2
WINNEBAGO	0	0	0	3	1	4
WOODFORD	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	74	67	38	112	244	535

## APPENDIX C: SCIP RELATED ICJIA GRANT MAKING ACTIVITY IN 2024

In accordance with SCIP guidance, ICJIA convened a SCIP Advisory Committee to establish priorities for the use of the funding and to approve a SCIP plan. The Advisory Committee established the three priorities listed below for the use of federal SCIP funding. Under each priority is an update on the status of related ICJIA grant making activity in 2024.

1. FRO training for system partners
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), FRO Outreach and Training, posted in February 2024.
  - b. The ICJIA Budget Committee approved the designation for the related successful applicant in June 2024.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> NOFO posted in July due to additional designated funding available. No applications were received.
2. Solicitation to support local government FRO implementation, treatment linkages, develop community infrastructure, and follow-up
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> NOFO, Local FRO Implementation Support, posted in May 2024.
  - b. The ICJIA Budget Committee approved the designations for the related two successful applicants in August 2024.
  - c. ICJIA staff plan to release a related NOFO in early 2025 due to additional designated funding available. Designation recommendations resulting from this funding opportunity will be presented at a future ICJIA Budget Committee meeting.
3. FRO compliance and enforcement
  - a. ICJIA staff plan to release a related NOFO in Q4 2024.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Budget Committee Members

**FROM:** Shataun Hailey, Program Manager, Federal & State Grants Unit

**Date:** April 17, 2025

**RE:** **FFY24 Violence Against Women Act Plan**

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**RECOMMENDED DESIGNATIONS**

Approval was granted at our previous Budget Committee meeting held on April 13, 2023, to utilize \$1,410,000 in Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding to support lead entity services to oversee subgrants to organizations that provide services to underserved victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) and the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) both received awards in the amount of \$705,000 to provide lead entity services to subgrantees providing services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence to victims in underserved areas and victim groups. Lead entity services include providing fiscal oversight and quality assurance of its sub-grantees, structured monitoring, and providing subject matter expertise and technical assistance to subgrantees.

The following recommended designations for the two lead entities are for their final year of programming. These designation recommendations will support 12 months of subgrantee services.

**Lead Entity Services for Underserved Areas and Victim Groups**

*Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV):* Staff recommends designating \$705,000 in FFY24 funds to ICADV for service provider subgrants. ICADV is a statewide network of service providers that provide direct services to victims to alleviate trauma and suffering resulting from domestic violence. These providers offer counseling, advocacy, outreach services, training, and other support to victims of domestic violence in general and to child victims of domestic violence. Please see the attached Grant Recommendation Report for more information.

Lead Entity Services for Underserved Areas and Victim Groups

*Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA):* Staff recommends designating \$705,000 in FFY24 VAWA funds to ICASA for service provider subgrants. ICASA is a statewide network of service providers that provides direct services to victims to alleviate trauma and suffering resulting from sexual assault. These providers offer counseling, advocacy, outreach services, training, and other support services to victims of sexual assault in general and underserved sexual assault victim populations. Please see the attached Grant Recommendation Report for more information.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Lead Entity Services for Underserved Areas and Victim Groups / Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Program Agency DUNS:** 604291997

**Funding Source:** FFY24 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) / \$705,000

**Agency Budget:** \$3,420,000

**Request Type:** Notice of Funding Opportunity #1744-2438

### **Program Description**

The Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) will act as the lead entity for their partner agencies that provide services to victims of domestic violence in underserved communities and victim groups.

### **Program Activities**

Subgrants will be made to support direct services to unserved/underserved victims of domestic violence across Illinois. Services include crisis intervention, information and referral, legal advocacy and safety planning, individual and group counseling, access to safe housing, assistance in accessing and utilizing other community resources, outreach, and education in the unserved/underserved communities.

### **Goals**

**GOAL:** Through the oversight of sub-grantees, provide domestic violence victims with core services that 1) respond to their emotional, psychological, or physical needs; 2) help victims stabilize their lives after victimization; 3) help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and 4) provide victims with a measure of safety and security.

Objectives	Process Performance Measures
Designate <u>100</u> % of the grant toward RFPs for innovative pilots, demonstration projects or programs for <b>underserved areas or populations</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of RFPs directed toward innovative pilots, demonstration projects or programs for underserved areas or populations.</li> </ul>
Develop review panel conflicts of interest protocol and objective scoring system to select sub-grantees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit summary of any revisions to the review panel protocol previously approved by ICJIA</li> </ul>

	<p>approval or letter indicating no changes were made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit summary of any revisions to the objective scoring system previously approved by ICJIA or letter indicating no changes were made.</li> </ul>
Detail the plan/protocol for monitoring grantee performance, including submission of quarterly data reports and quarterly fiscal reports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit summary of any revisions to the agency plan/protocol for monitoring of sub-grants previously approved by ICJIA or letter indicating no changes were made.</li> <li>● Percentage of sub-grantees submitting quarterly fiscal reports on time.</li> <li>● Percentage of sub-grantees submitting quarterly data reports on time.</li> </ul>
Perform a minimum of 50% site visits per sub-grantee during award period (some sub-grantees may require more than the established minimum).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit site visit schedule to ICJIA for approval.</li> <li>● Percentage of sub-grantees subjected to the minimum number of site visits during their award period.</li> <li>● Percentage of sub-grantees exceeding the minimum number of site visits.</li> </ul>
Complete a Risk Assessment for all sub-grantees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Number of sub-grantees provided with a Risk Assessment</li> </ul>
Provide a Plan of Corrective Action for all sub-grantees that require such, with <u>80</u> % of sub-grantees verifying the correction action was taken within <u>90</u> days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Number of sub-grantees identified as requiring corrective action.</li> <li>● Number notified and provided with a Plan of Corrective Action.</li> <li>● Percentage rectifying the corrective action within required timeframe.</li> </ul>

### **Priorities**

The designations recommended in this memo are consistent with the priorities outlined in the VAWA FFY22-FFY25 Multi-Year Implementation Plan.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 12 months of funding, representing the third and final year of 36 months of funding support allowed through the notice of funding opportunity for this program. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be under a staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

### **Past Performance**

ICADV is a longtime ICJIA partner in grant programming and has consistently met its goals as a lead entity to ensure programs are conducted properly and in the best interest of the victims they were serving.

### **Budget Detail**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personnel Total .51%</b>	\$30,217
<b>Fringe</b>	\$6,614
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>	
<b>Travel</b>	\$1,724
<b>Contractual</b>	\$661,984
<b>Indirect / Other Costs</b>	\$4,461
<b>Total Federal &amp; Match:</b>	<b>\$705,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Lead Entity Services for Underserved Areas and Victim Groups / Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault

**Program Agency DUNS:** 604291997

**Funding Source:** FFY24 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA): \$705,000

**Agency Budget:** \$3,420,000

**Request Type:** Notice of Funding Opportunity #1744-2438

### **Program Description**

The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) will act as the lead entity for rape crisis centers that provide services to victims of sexual assault in underserved areas and victim groups.

### **Program Activities**

ICASA will subcontract with statewide rape crisis centers to provide direct sexual assault intervention services, including 24-hour crisis intervention, medical advocacy, criminal and civil justice advocacy, counseling, case management, and information and referral for survivors of sexual assault. Additionally, funded rape crisis centers have provided professional training to those in the community that respond to victims of sexual violence including medical personnel, law enforcement officers, and school personnel. Concurrent with these services, rape crisis centers will conduct institutional advocacy, awareness, and outreach efforts to connect with underserved populations including ensuring service policies and available resources reduce access barriers.

### **Goals**

**GOAL:** Through the oversight of sub-grantees, provide sexual assault victims with core services that 1) respond to their emotional, psychological, or physical needs; 2) help victims stabilize their lives after victimization; 3) help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and 4) provide victims with a measure of safety and security.

Objectives	Process Performance Measures
Designate <b>100</b> % of the grant toward RFPs for innovative pilots, demonstration projects or programs for underserved areas or populations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of RFPs directed toward innovative pilots, demonstration projects or programs for underserved areas or populations.</li> </ul>



Develop review panel conflicts of interest protocol and objective scoring system to select sub-grantees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit summary of any revisions to the review panel protocol previously approved by ICJIA approval or letter indicating no changes were made.</li> <li>● Submit summary of any revisions to the objective scoring system previously approved by ICJIA or letter indicating no changes were made.</li> </ul>
Detail the plan/protocol for monitoring grantee performance, including submission of quarterly data reports and quarterly fiscal reports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit summary of any revisions to the agency plan/protocol for monitoring of sub-grants previously approved by ICJIA or letter indicating no changes were made.</li> <li>● Percentage of sub-grantees submitting quarterly fiscal reports on time.</li> <li>● Percentage of sub-grantees submitting quarterly data reports on time.</li> </ul>
Perform a minimum of 50% site visits per sub-grantee during award period (some sub-grantees may require more than the established minimum).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit site visit schedule to ICJIA for approval.</li> <li>● Percentage of sub-grantees subjected to the minimum number of site visits during their award period.</li> <li>● Percentage of sub-grantees exceeding the minimum number of site visits.</li> </ul>
Complete a Risk Assessment for all sub-grantees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Number of sub-grantees provided with a Risk Assessment</li> </ul>
Provide a Plan of Corrective Action for all sub-grantees that require such, with <b>95</b> % of sub-grantees verifying the correction action was taken within <b>90</b> days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Number of sub-grantees identified as requiring corrective action.</li> <li>● Number notified and provided with a Plan of Corrective Action.</li> <li>● Percentage rectifying the corrective action within required timeframe.</li> </ul>

### **Priorities**

The designations recommended in this memo are consistent with the priorities set forth in the VAWA FFY22-FFY25 Multi-Year Implementation Plan.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 12 months of funding, representing the third and final year of 36 months of funding support allowed through the notice of funding opportunity for this program. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be under a staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

### **Past Performance**

ICASA is a longtime ICJIA partner in grant programming and has consistently met its goals as a lead entity to ensure programs are conducted properly and in the best interest of the victims they are serving.

### **Budget Detail**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personnel Total FTE .38</b>	\$23,156
<b>Fringe</b>	\$7,790
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>	\$947
<b>Travel</b>	
<b>Contractual</b>	673,107
<b>Indirect / Other Costs</b>	
<b>Total Federal &amp; Match:</b>	<b>\$705,000</b>



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Budget Committee Members

**FROM:** Shataun Hailey, Program Manager, Federal & State Grants Unit

**Date:** April 17, 2025

**RE:** **Federal Fiscal Year 2024 VAWA Sexual Assault Services Program Plan Recommendation**

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**Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)**

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) provides funding to states for the support of rape crisis centers and other non-profit, non-governmental organizations that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault.

**Recommended Designation**

At the June 22, 2023, Budget Committee meeting, the Committee approved using funding to the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) for the VAWA SASP lead entity sexual assault services program. The lead entity will distribute funds to subgrantees, conduct structured monitoring and provide sexual assault expertise and technical assistance that align with ICJIA grant policies and procedures, as required by the Office on Violence Against Women.

The program is now entering its third and final year of funding. Staff recommends designating a total of \$770,515 in FFY24VAWA SASP funds to ICASA. Please see the attached Grant Recommendation Report for more information.

AGENCY NAME	FFY24
ICASA	\$770,515

Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT****Program Name:** Sexual Assault Services Program / Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault**Program Agency EUI:** CTSQFBVRFL81**Funding Source:** Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY24: \$770,515**Agency Budget:** \$3,420,000**Request Type:** NOFO # 1743-2502**Program Description**

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) directs grant dollars to states to assist them in supporting rape crisis centers that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. Rape crisis centers and other nonprofit organizations, such as dual service programs providing both domestic violence and sexual violence interventions play vital roles in assisting sexual assault victims through the healing process, as well as assisting victims through the medical, criminal justice, and other social support systems. Funds SASP program funds are meant to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing sexual assault.

**Program Activities**

In Illinois, VAWA SASP funds are distributed to local sexual assault service providers through an interagency agreement between ICJIA and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA). Under the SASP program, ICASA will make funds available to 32 member agencies for the provision of hotline, advocacy, counseling, and outreach services to adults and children. Funded agencies will be selected through a competitive application process in which applicants will be evaluated based on demonstrated need in the service area, previous and proposed performance, reasonableness of program plan, consistency of budget and program plan, and compliance with ICASA's service standards.

**Goals**

Each agency must ensure that victims of sexual assault receive fair, supportive treatment from hospital emergency room personnel and the criminal justice system.

**Goal:** Through the oversight of sub-grantees that provide sexual assault victims with core services that 1) respond to their emotional, psychological, or physical needs; 2) help to stabilize their lives after victimization; 3) help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and 4) provide victims with a measure of safety and security.

Objectives	Performance Measures
Utilize a competitive bidding process open to all sexual assault service providers via an RFP.	Submit RFP for review to ICJIA Provide process for review and selection of applicants. Provide ICJIA with technical assistance schedule for subgrantees.
Provide a Plan of Corrective Action for all sub-grantees with medium to high risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees identified as requiring corrective action.</li> <li>➤ Number notified and provided with a Plan of Corrective Action</li> <li>➤ Percentage rectifying the corrective action within required timeframe</li> </ul>
Provide fiscal and programmatic technical assistance to all sub-grantees that request such assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Type of fiscal and programmatic technical assistance offered by applicant</li> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees that requested fiscal and technical assistance</li> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees receiving such assistance</li> </ul>
Provide trauma-based skills training for staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of trauma-based skills trainings provided to staff</li> </ul>
Attend all required trainings hosted by ICJIA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of trainings offered</li> <li>➤ Number of trainings attended (attach summary of training and attendees)</li> </ul>

### **Priorities**

This funding opportunity addresses the following victim service priority funding areas approved by ICJIA's Victim Services Planning Committee:

- Fund direct core direct services to victims of all crime types.
- Expand trauma-informed and trauma-focused services.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 12 months of funding, representing the third and final year of 36 months of funding support allowed through the notice of funding opportunity for this program. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be under a staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

### **Past Performance**

ICASA is a longtime ICJIA partner in grant programming and has consistently met its goals as a lead entity to ensure programs are conducted properly and in the best interest of the victims they were serving.

**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total (FTE: .24)	\$14,783
Fringe Benefits	\$6,107
Travel	\$0
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$520
Contractual Services:	\$749,105
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$770,515</b>



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Budget Committee Members

**FROM:** Shataun Hailey, Program Manager, Federal & State Grants Unit

**Date:** April 17, 2025

**RE:** **Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Victims of Crime Act Grant Plan Adjustment**

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**RECOMMENDED DESIGNATIONS**

During the Budget Committee meeting on April 13, 2023, the committee approved funding to the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA), and Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI) to provide lead entity services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

The lead entity policy states that lead entities can distribute funds to subgrantees to implement federal and state-supported programs. When ICJIA identifies a lead entity, the entity is responsible for the fiscal oversight and quality assurance of its subgrants. Lead entities conduct structured monitoring and provide subject matter expertise and technical assistance to subgrantees. ICJIA monitors its grants to lead entities via periodic progress reports.

The following recommended designations for three lead entity programs are consistent with the priorities set forth by the Victim Services Planning committee. These designations will support the third and final 12 months of programming.

**Lead Entity Services for Victims of Domestic Violence**

*Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV):* ICADV is a statewide network of service providers that provides direct services to victims to alleviate trauma and suffering resulting from domestic violence. The coalition's service providers offer counseling, advocacy, outreach services, training, and other support to victims of domestic violence in general and to child victims of domestic violence. Staff recommends designating \$10,060,000 in FFY23 VOCA funds to ICADV. Please see the attached Grant Recommendation Report for more information.

Lead Entity Services for Victims of Sexual Assault

*Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA):* ICASA is a statewide network of service providers that provides direct services to victims to alleviate trauma and suffering resulting from sexual assault. The coalition's service providers offer counseling, advocacy, outreach services, training, and other support services to victims of sexual assault in general and to underserved sexual assault victim populations. Staff recommends designating \$9,526,000 in FFY23 VOCA funds to ICASA. Please see the attached Grant Recommendation Report for more information.

Lead Entity Services for Victims of Child Abuse in a Child Advocacy Center

*Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI):* CACI is a statewide association of child advocacy centers that provide direct services to child victims to alleviate trauma and suffering resulting from child abuse. Staff recommends designating \$7,095,628 in FFY23 VOCA funds to CACI. Please see the attached Grant Recommendation Report for more information.

Legal Assistance for Victims of Crime Recommendations

At its June 22, 2023, Budget Committee Meeting, the Committee approved funding for the Legal Assistance for Victims of Crime program. Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

Staff recommends designating \$4,459,894 of VOCA FY23 to support the following programs for their third and last 12 months of programming. Please see the attached Grant Recommendation Reports for more information.

Agency Name	FFY23 Amount
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation	\$312,869
Highland Park Legal Aid	\$500,000
Legal Aid Chicago	\$500,000
Ascend Justice	\$478,400
Life Span Legal Services	\$500,000
Mil Mujeres	\$168,625
Land of Lincoln/Central	\$500,000
Land of Lincoln Legal/Southern	\$500,000
Prairie State Legal Services/Central	\$500,000
Prairie State Legal Service/Northern	\$500,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4,459,894</b>

Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.



## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Services for Victims of Domestic Violence / Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Program Agency EUI:** RKN5T3B6TD56

**Funding Source:** FFY23 Victims of Crime Act: \$10,060,000 / Match \$2,515,000

**Agency Budget:** \$3,420,000

**Request Type:** Notice of Funding Opportunity #1745-2486

### **Program Description**

ICJIA will contract with the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) to monitor 55 subcontracted VOCA grants. ICADV will manage and administer VOCA grant funds to victim service providers while complying with VOCA guidelines. ICADV supports programs that provide counseling, advocacy, outreach services, training, and other support to victims of domestic violence in general and to child victims of domestic violence.

### **Program Activities**

Services will include court advocates, art therapist, children's counselors, mental health service providers, advocates for homeless women, and youth support specialists. VOCA-funded staff members and contracted professionals will offer several services including education on the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, providing information and referrals, making follow-up contacts, advocating within the criminal justice system, helping in obtaining orders of protection, assisting in filing compensation claims, counseling in crisis situations, providing childcare, conducting evaluations and group therapy, and other VOCA allowable core services necessary for victims to achieve safety, including securing VOCA-eligible shelter services.

Clients served may be disabled, homeless, or living in shelters. They also may be non-offending parents of teens victimized by dating violence or children living in homes where their mothers are domestic violence victims. Programs are located throughout the state. ICADV subcontracts with agencies selected through a competitive process.

### **Goals**

**Goal:** Through the oversight of sub-grantees, provide victims with core services that 1) respond to their emotional, psychological, or physical needs; 2) help victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; 3) help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and 4) provide victims with a measure of safety and security.

Objectives	Performance Measures
Review accuracy of sub-grantee data reports and enter aggregate data into the federal Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) system on a quarterly basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantee data reports received and reviewed</li> <li>➤ Percentage of data reports received that were included in the aggregate PMT report</li> <li>➤ Was PMT submission on time?</li> </ul>
Perform a minimum of 50% site visits per sub-grantee during award period (some sub-grantees may require more than the established minimum).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Submit site visit schedule to ICJIA for approval</li> <li>➤ Percentage of sub-grantees subjected to the minimum number of site visits during their award period</li> <li>➤ Percentage of sub-grantees exceeding the minimum number of site visits</li> </ul>
Provide a Plan of Corrective Action for all sub-grantees with medium to high risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees identified as requiring corrective action.</li> <li>➤ Number notified and provided with a Plan of Corrective Action</li> <li>➤ Percentage rectifying the corrective action within required timeframe</li> </ul>
Provide fiscal and programmatic technical assistance to all sub-grantees that request such assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Type of fiscal and programmatic technical assistance offered by applicant</li> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees that requested fiscal and technical assistance</li> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees receiving such assistance</li> </ul>
Provide trauma-based skills training for staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of trauma-based skills trainings provided to staff</li> </ul>
Attend all required trainings hosted by ICJIA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of trainings offered</li> <li>➤ Number of trainings attended (attach summary of training and attendees)</li> </ul>

## **Priorities**

While this funding opportunity responds to several priorities established by the 2022 ICJIA Victim Services Planning Committee, it most directly addresses Priority #6: Fund direct core direct services to victims of all crime types; Priority #10: Expand trauma-informed and trauma-focused services; and Priority #11: Promote the use of evidence-informed (or promising) and evidence-based practices and programming that have been successfully implemented with diverse victim populations.

## **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 12 months of funding, representing the third and final year of 36 months of funding support allowed through the notice of funding opportunity for this program. Any future designation

recommendations for this program will be under a staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

### **Past Performance**

ICADV is a longtime ICJIA partner in grant programming and has consistently met its goals as a lead entity to ensure programs are conducted properly and in the best interest of the victims they were serving.

### **Budget Detail**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personnel Total FTE: 4.0</b>	\$214,395
<b>Fringe</b>	\$46,966
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>	\$2,500
<b>Travel</b>	\$9,811
<b>Contractual (including match)</b>	\$9,752,795
<b>Indirect / Other Costs</b>	\$33,533
<b>Total Federal &amp; Match:</b>	<b>\$10,060,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Services for Victims of Sexual Assault / Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault

**Program Agency EUI:** CTSQFBVRFL81

**Funding Source:** FFY23 Victims of Crime Act: \$9,526,000 / Match \$2,381,500

**Agency Budget:** \$3,420,000

**Request Type:** Notice of Funding Opportunity #1745-2441

### **Program Description**

The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) VOCA Lead Entity Sexual Assault Services program supports victim services for the statewide network of rape crisis centers established, developed, and maintained by ICASA. A total of 30 agencies will provide direct essential sexual assault services throughout the state, with offices covering 96 of 102 Illinois counties, which are accessible to 99.7% of residents.

### **Program Activities**

ICASA VOCA funds support a statewide sub-grantee network of 30 rape crisis centers that provide comprehensive sexual violence services to victims, significant others, and communities. Each sub-grantee provides low-barrier, victim-centered, culturally responsive, trauma-informed services as outlined in the ICASA Service Standards. These organizations provide 24-hour crisis counseling by phone and in person, follow-up contacts, ongoing individual and group sexual assault counseling/therapy, information and referral related to sexual violence, medical advocacy, civil and criminal justice support and advocacy, assistance in filing compensation claims, personal advocacy, and case management.

### **Goals**

**Goal:** Through the oversight of sub-grantees, provide victims with core services that 1) respond to their emotional, psychological, or physical needs; 2) help victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; 3) help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and 4) provide victims with a measure of safety and security.

Objectives	Performance Measures
Review accuracy of sub-grantee data reports and enter aggregate data into the federal	➤ Number of sub-grantee data reports received and reviewed

Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) system on a quarterly basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Percentage of data reports received that were included in the aggregate PMT report</li> <li>➤ Was PMT submission on time?</li> </ul>
Perform a minimum of 50% site visits per sub-grantee during award period (some sub-grantees may require more than the established minimum).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Submit site visit schedule to ICJIA for approval</li> <li>➤ Percentage of sub-grantees subjected to the minimum number of site visits during their award period</li> <li>➤ Percentage of sub-grantees exceeding the minimum number of site visits</li> </ul>
Provide a Plan of Corrective Action for all sub-grantees with medium to high risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees identified as requiring corrective action.</li> <li>➤ Number notified and provided with a Plan of Corrective Action</li> <li>➤ Percentage rectifying the corrective action within required timeframe</li> </ul>
Provide fiscal and programmatic technical assistance to all sub-grantees that request such assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Type of fiscal and programmatic technical assistance offered by applicant</li> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees that requested fiscal and technical assistance</li> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees receiving such assistance</li> </ul>
Provide trauma-based skills training for staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of trauma-based skills trainings provided to staff</li> </ul>
Attend all required trainings hosted by ICJIA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of trainings offered</li> <li>➤ Number of trainings attended (attach summary of training and attendees)</li> </ul>

## **Priorities**

While this funding opportunity responds to several priorities established by the 2022 ICJIA Victim Services Planning Committee, it most directly addresses Priority #6: Fund direct core direct services to victims of all crime types; Priority #10: Expand trauma-informed and trauma-focused services; and Priority #11: Promote the use of evidence-informed (or promising) and evidence-based practices and programming that have been successfully implemented with diverse victim populations.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 12 months of funding, representing the third and final year of 36 months of funding support allowed through the notice of funding opportunity for this program. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be under a staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

### **Past Performance**

ICASA is a longtime ICJIA partner in grant programming and has consistently met its goals as a lead entity to ensure programs are conducted properly and in the best interest of the victims they were serving.

### **Budget Detail**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personnel Total FTE: 13.45</b>	161,277
<b>Fringe</b>	54,270
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>	3,470
<b>Travel</b>	
<b>Contractual- subawards</b>	9,306,983
<b>Indirect / Other Costs</b>	
<b>Totals Federal / State and Match:</b>	<b>\$9,526,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Child Advocacy Center Services to Victims Child Abuse /  
Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois

**Program Agency UEI:** C19JN6FQQJN7

**Funding Source:** FFY23 Victims of Crime Act: \$7,095,628 / Match \$1,773,907

**Agency Budget:** \$1,973,236

**Request Type:** Notice of Funding Opportunity #1745-2442

### **Program Description**

CACI will provide services to child victims and non-offending caregivers throughout Illinois. Through grants to child advocacy centers, CACI seeks to ensure that all victims of child sexual and physical abuse throughout the state have full access to quality CAC services necessary both for accreditation and for community-based needs.

As a lead entity, CACI will distribute funds to sub-grantees and be responsible for the fiscal oversight and quality assurance of its sub-grants. CACI will conduct structured monitoring of all sub-grantees and provide subject matter expertise and technical assistance to sub-grantees. CACI will conduct programmatic and fiscal performance reviews to ensure compliance with the grant. CACI shall monitor sub-grantees to ensure compliance with state and federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the sub-grant. All sub-grantees must comply with Grant Accountability and Transparency Act requirements and submit monthly fiscal and quarterly data reports to CACI and will be subject to site visits by CACI. CACI will make programmatic and fiscal technical assistance available to all sub-grantees during the grant period.

### **Program Activities**

*Crisis counseling* in the realm of CACs is counseling that immediately is available at the time of referral or during/after the forensic interview. Often, a child and/or non-offending caregiver are in immediate need of services. Crisis counseling is short-term in nature; many CACs offer six- to eight-week crisis counseling sessions. Crisis counseling through CACs must meet certification standards as per the National Children's Alliance (NCA) guidelines.

*Follow up contacts* are made by CACs advocates throughout the process of the case. Most CACs schedule the first contact upon completion of the CAC interview. Typically, contact is made the next day or within one week. The NCA standards are in place for follow-up contacts and advocacy.

*Mental health treatment* is defined as formal mental health and ongoing therapy for a child or non-offending caregiver or family therapy. Therapists must meet requirements through NCA; for example trauma-informed peer review, and clinical supervision.

*Group treatment* is offered in some CACs and also may be defined as girls' groups or teen groups.

*Forensic interviewing* is a structured conversation with a child intended to elicit detailed information about a possible event(s) that the child may have experienced or witnessed. Only qualified and well-trained personnel, who are working with an MDT may conduct these interviews.

*Information and referral through a CAC* or in person, depending on the age of the child victim, may be done with the non-offending caregiver or an older child. Examples include referrals for housing or food stamps.

*Criminal justice support/advocacy* is provided by CACs through an advocate in the form of court preparation, court school, attending the legal proceedings with the child, and working with the prosecutor's office for court proceeding prep.

*Emergency financial assistance* may be provided in the form of food or rental expenses and transportation assistance. Many CACs have on hand emergency food, diapers, and pajamas for children.

*Legal advocacy* is given, in most cases, to the non-offending caregiver or an older teenager. In most situations, legal advocacy is done within the frame of child family advocacy.

*Assistance in filling in compensation claims* is done normally with an advocate. Advocates also may assist with medical or any other court-related forms related to the courts.

*Personal advocacy* may include working through difficulties with parents, family members, or even the offender.

*Telephone contacts* are routinely made for follow up and information referral. Advocates keep a contact log of calls with issues and dates. Taking calls from children and non-offending family members/caregivers also is a possibility.

*Advocate assessment* is an accreditation component. To determine what service(s) might be best for the child, an assessment tool is used to gauge the needs of the child and/or caregiver.

*Family child advocate (FCA)* is most referred to by CACs. CACs for the most part do not have legal or medical advocates; so, in these situations the FCA will represent the child.



## Goals

<b>Goal:</b> Through the oversight of sub-grantees, provide victims with core services that 1) respond to their emotional, psychological, or physical needs; 2) help victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; 3) help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and 4) provide victims with a measure of safety and security.	
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>
Review accuracy of sub-grantee data reports and enter aggregate data into the federal Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) system on a quarterly and timely basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantee data reports received and reviewed. <u>X</u></li> <li>➤ Percentage of data reports received that were included in the aggregate PMT report. <u>X</u></li> <li>➤ # of PMT reports submitted on time</li> </ul>
Perform a minimum of 50% site visits per sub-grantee during award period (some sub-grantees may require more than the established minimum).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Submit site visit schedule to ICJIA for approval.</li> <li>➤ Percentage of sub-grantees subjected to the minimum number of site visits during their award period. <u>X</u></li> </ul>
Provide a Plan of Corrective Action for all sub-grantees with medium to high risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees identified as requiring corrective action. <u>X</u></li> <li>➤ Number notified and provided with a Plan of Corrective Action. <u>X</u></li> <li>➤ Percentage rectifying the corrective action within required timeframe <u>X</u></li> </ul>
Provide fiscal and programmatic technical assistance to all sub-grantees that request such assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Type of fiscal and programmatic technical assistance offered by applicant. <u>X</u></li> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees that requested fiscal and technical assistance. <u>X</u></li> <li>➤ Number of sub-grantees receiving such assistance. <u>X</u></li> </ul>
Provide trauma-based skills training for staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of trauma-based skills trainings provided to staff. <u>X</u></li> </ul>
Attend all required trainings hosted by ICJIA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of trainings offered X</li> <li>➤ Number of trainings attended (attach summary of training and attendees)</li> </ul>

## Priorities

While this funding opportunity responds to several priorities established by the 2022 Victim Services Planning Committee, it most directly addresses Priority #6: Fund direct core direct services to victims of all crime types; Priority #10: Expand trauma-informed and trauma-focused services; and Priority #11: Promote the use of evidence-informed (or promising) and evidence-based practices and programming that have been successfully implemented with diverse victim populations.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 12 months of funding, representing the third and final year of the 36 months of funding support allowed through the notice of funding opportunity for this program. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be under a staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

### **Past Performance**

CACI is a longtime ICJIA partner in grant programming and has consistently met its goals as a lead entity to ensure programs are conducted properly and in the best interest of the victims they were serving.

### **Budget Detail**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personnel Total FTE: 1.75</b>	\$110,000
<b>Fringe</b>	\$30,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>	\$500
<b>Travel</b>	\$1,500
<b>Contractual</b>	\$6,930,000
<b>Indirect / Other Costs</b>	\$23,628
<b>Totals Federal / State and Match:</b>	\$7,095,628

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Legal Assistance for Victims of Violent Crime - Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

**Program Agency UEI:** JAJZDMN2QLU8

**Funding Source:** Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY23: \$312,869 / Match Funds \$78,217

**Agency Budget:** \$2,599,009

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

### **Program Activities**

CAASE seeks to continue to serve survivors of sexual assault or sex trafficking with free victims' rights enforcement, civil legal assistance, and emergency legal services. CAASE attorneys assist such survivors with filing a petition with the court for an emergency protective order and speaking to the judge, assist survivors in filing police reports, attending law enforcement and prosecutor interviews, meeting with clients to provide confidential and privileged legal advice and ensure that their rights as crime victims are respected as they seek to have their perpetrator charged, and advocating for additional reviews where investigations are lacking or charges are denied.

### **Goals**

<b>GOAL:</b> To provide comprehensive legal services to victims of crime.	
Process Objectives	Process Performance Measures
Provide (40) clients with comprehensive legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for legal services.
	Number of clients who received legal services.
	Number of clients ineligible for legal services.

Provide comprehensive legal services to (40) clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of eligible clients with unaddressed legal needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients placed on a waiting list for legal services.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers.
<b>Emergency legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement emergency legal services</i>	
Provide (5) clients with emergency legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for emergency legal services.
	Number of clients who received emergency legal services.
Provide emergency legal services to (5) clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed emergency legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for emergency legal service needs.
(5) clients will receive assistance with emergency orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency protective orders.
(0) clients will receive assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.
<b>Victim rights enforcement training to staff and services to clients:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement victim rights enforcement training to staff and services to clients</i>	
Provide (20) clients with victim rights enforcement services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for victim rights enforcement services.
	Number of clients who received victim rights enforcement services.
Provide victim rights enforcement services to (20) clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed victim rights enforcement needs due to organizational capacity.

	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for victim rights enforcement needs.
(5) clients will receive assistance with completing a victim impact statement.	Number of clients assisted with completing a victim impact statement.
(20) clients will receive assistance with exercising other victim rights.	Number of clients assisted with exercising other victim rights.
<b>Civil legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement civil legal services</i>	
Provide (20) clients with civil legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for civil legal services.
	Number of clients who received civil legal services.
Provide civil legal services to (30) clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed civil legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for civil legal service needs.
(10) clients will receive assistance related to plenary orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with court-issued plenary protective orders.
(2) clients will receive legal assistance related to housing matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to housing matters.
(5) clients will receive legal assistance related to employment matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to employment matters.
(10) clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with schools/colleges in addressing the consequences of victimization.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with schools/colleges in addressing the consequences of victimization.
(0) clients will receive assistance related to filing a motion to vacate and/or expunge certain convictions based on their status of being victims	Number of clients assisted with vacating and/or expunging convictions.
<b>Other client support services and staff training</b>	

(5) clients with limited English proficiency will receive assistance with language interpretation.	Number of clients enrolled in program with limited or no English proficiency.
	Number of clients who received assistance with language interpretation.
(5) clients will receive crisis intervention services	Number of clients who received crisis intervention services.
(40) clients will receive assistance completing a crime victim compensation application	Number of clients offered assistance with completing a crime victim compensation application.
	Number of clients who received assistance completing a crime victim compensation application.
Coordinate additional support services for (60) clients	Number of clients referred to a victim or social services agency for additional support services.
	Number of clients receiving additional support services from a victim or social service agency.
Provide (1) trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training.
Provide (10) specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings.

## **Priorities**

This program supports the victim service priorities of addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs.

## **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 12 months of funding, representing the final 12 months of 36 months of funding support allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program.

**Past Performance**

CAASE has met its goals and continues to meet the program requirements.

**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total (FTE: 2.55 )	\$218,145
Fringe Benefits	\$50,000
Travel	\$551
Equipment	N/A
Supplies	\$2,680
Contractual Services: Legal Server Database system; Training for program staff on Legal Server Database system; Vicarious Trauma Training; Program Occupancy	\$13,862
Indirect Costs	\$27,631
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$312,869</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Legal Assistance Services for Victims of Crime

**Program Agency/UEI:** Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic DBA North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic / EHBEG3FPJJA5

**Funding Source:** Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), FFY23: \$500,000

**Agency Budget:** \$4,575,743

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

### **Program Activities**

Civil legal assistance for victims of crime generally falls under the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic's domestic violence practice. Legal assistance includes plenary orders of protection, stalking, divorce, custody, child support, and other family law matters relating to domestic violence. For emergency assistance, the clinic pursues emergency orders of protection. The immigration practice handles Violence Against Women Act petitions and U-Visas, as well as cases of asylees who may also be survivors of domestic violence. The housing practice can assist survivors who need alternative housing due to violence occurring at home or get help breaking a lease to move out of an abusive home.

### **Goals**

The Domestic Violence Practice, which this program will fund, focuses on cases involving personal safety for survivors and their children including emergency and plenary orders of protection, divorce, custody, and other family law matters.

<b><u>Process Objectives</u></b>	<b><u>Process Performance Measures</u></b>
Provide 275 clients with comprehensive legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for legal services.
	Number of clients who received legal services.



Provide comprehensive legal services to 275 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients ineligible for legal services.
	Number of eligible clients with unaddressed legal needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients placed on a waiting list for legal services.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers.
Provide 180 clients with emergency legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for emergency legal services.
	Number of clients who received emergency legal services.
Provide emergency legal services to 180 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed emergency legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for emergency legal service needs.
150 clients will receive assistance with emergency orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency protective orders.
60 clients will receive assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.
Provide 205 clients with civil legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for civil legal services.
	Number of clients who received civil legal services.

Provide civil legal services to 205 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed civil legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for civil legal service needs.
65 clients will receive assistance related to plenary orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with court-issued plenary protective orders.
5 clients will receive assistance related to campus administrative protection/stay-away orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with campus protective orders.
60 clients will receive legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters, including divorce, custody, support and dependency.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters.
25 clients will receive legal assistance related to housing matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to housing matters.
50 clients will receive legal assistance related to immigration matters.	Number of clients who received assistance related to immigration matters.
100% of clients with limited English proficiency will receive assistance with language interpretation.	Number of clients enrolled in program with limited or no English proficiency.
	Number of clients who received assistance with language interpretation.
Coordinate additional support services for 160 clients.	Number of clients referred to a victim or social services agency for additional support services.
	Number of clients receiving additional support services from a victim or social service agency.
Provide 4 trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response.	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training.

Provide 4 specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services.	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings.

### **Priorities**

This program supports the victim service priorities of addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support the third and final 12 months of funding, representing the final year of 36 months of funding support allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program.

### **Past Performance**

The Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic's program is below projected goals in a few measures but is on track to meet or exceed projections for most of them and is slightly ahead of schedule in spending.

### **Budget Detail (Grant/Match):**

Personnel Total (FTE: 6.74)	\$378,260
Fringe Benefits	\$64,304
Travel	\$5,735
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual Services: Contractual consist of rent and utilities for clients, as well as contractual legal assistance and childcare.	\$20,217
Indirect Costs	\$31,484
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Legal Aid Chicago

**Program Agency UEI:** YCCJDNSBW236

**Funding Source:** FFY23 Victims of Crime Act: \$500,000

**Agency Budget:** \$24,753,154

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

### **Program Activities**

Under this project, Legal Aid Chicago will provide emergency legal assistance and civil legal assistance. Legal Aid Chicago provides assistance to clients seeking emergency orders of protection, civil no contact orders, stalking no-contact orders, and emergency motions in extended litigation cases, including visitation and support issues. The vast majority of cases involve civil legal assistance. Legal Aid Chicago represents victims on all civil legal issues resulting from their victimization including housing, immigration, family/domestic relations, consumer, employment, public benefits, and crime victims' compensation. Each of these areas relates to short and long-term safety and economic stability, and helps victims get back on their feet after experiencing trauma.

### **Goals**

Services encompass protective orders, immigration, family/domestic relations, crime victims' compensation, and more. By addressing these challenges, Legal Aid Chicago supports survivors in attaining stability and independence.

<b>GOAL:</b> To provide comprehensiveness legal services to victims of crime.	
<b>Process Objectives</b>	<b>Process Performance Measures</b>
Provide _400_ (#) of clients with comprehensive legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for legal services
	Number of clients who received legal

	services
<b>Emergency legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement emergency legal services</i>	
__40__ (#) of clients will receive assistance with emergency orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency protective orders
__2__ (#) of clients will receive assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights
<b>Civil legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement civil legal services</i>	
__100__ (#) of clients will receive assistance related to plenary orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with court-issued plenary protective orders
__140__ (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters, including divorce, custody, support and dependency.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters
__65__ (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to immigration matters.	Number of clients who received assistance related to immigration matters
__10__ (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with creditors, law enforcement (e.g., to obtain police records), or other entities on behalf of victims of identity theft and financial fraud.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with creditors, law enforcement (e.g., obtaining police records), or other entities on behalf of victims of identity theft and financial fraud
__2__ (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with schools/colleges in addressing the consequences of victimization.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with schools/colleges in addressing the consequences of victimization
<b>Other client support services and staff training</b>	
__30%__ (# or %) of clients with limited English proficiency will receive assistance with language interpretation.	Number of clients enrolled in program with limited or no English proficiency –
	Number of clients who received assistance with language interpretation.

__15__ (#) of clients will receive assistance with transportation.	Number of clients who received assistance with transportation
Provide __2__ (#) of trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training
Provide __2__ (#) of specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff
	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings

### **Priorities**

This program supports the victim service priorities of addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support the third and final 12 months of funding allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be based on staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

### **Past Performance**

The Legal Aid Chicago program has met its goals and continues to meet the program requirements.

### **Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total (FTE: 5.35)	\$331,038
Fringe Benefits	\$105,932
Travel	\$1,501
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual Services: Contractual consist of rent and utilities for clients, as well as contractual legal assistance and childcare.	\$16,074
Indirect Costs	\$45,455
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Legal Assistance Services for Victims of Crime

**Program Agency/UEI:** Ascend Justice / C1B5DQDMSXB7

**Funding Source:** Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), FFY23: \$478,400

**Agency Budget:** \$4,810,563

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

### **Program Activities**

Ascend Justice provides holistic legal services to survivors of gender-based violence. In addition to the funded services, they provide representation in orders of protection, family defense, and a wide range of civil legal services to incarcerated survivors of gender-based violence. These services are coordinated via a unified intake process, the use of a client database, and regular holistic services meetings to address the issues and needs of shared clients.

Ascend Justice seeks support to deliver a complete continuum of civil legal services to survivors of domestic violence, including underserved or hard-to-serve populations. Recognizing that a wide range of long-term legal services is necessary to allow survivors to move beyond the aftermath of a crisis into long-term stability and independence, they continue to provide coordinated, holistic representation to survivors of domestic violence. Their family law, immigration, and economic justice practice areas build on the order of protection representation they provide at the domestic violence courthouse with augmented legal services to a group of victims that largely lacks connections to the social services safety net.

### **Goals**

Ascend Justice works to increase the safety and independence of survivors of gender-based violence with skilled, compassionate legal representation. We offer both emergency representation in orders of protection at the DV Courthouse, and longer-term legal assistance related to common needs of survivors at our second office on State Street. This program will fund representation in the family law, immigration, and economic justice matters that are linked to the long-term safety of survivors.

<u>Process Objectives</u>	<u>Process Performance Measures</u>
Provide 175 clients with comprehensive legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for legal services.
	Number of clients who received legal services.
Provide comprehensive legal services to 175 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients ineligible for legal services.
	Number of eligible clients with unaddressed legal needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients placed on a waiting list for legal services.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers.
Provide 175 clients with civil legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for civil legal services.
	Number of clients who received civil legal services.
Provide civil legal services to 175 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed civil legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for civil legal service needs.
60 clients will receive legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters, including divorce, custody, support and dependency.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters.
25 clients will receive legal assistance related to housing matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to housing matters.
3 clients will receive legal assistance related to employment matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to employment matters.
95 clients will receive legal assistance related to immigration matters.	Number of clients who received assistance related to immigration matters.



12 clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with creditors, law enforcement (e.g., to obtain police records), or other entities on behalf of victims of identity theft and financial fraud.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with creditors, law enforcement (e.g., obtaining police records), or other entities on behalf of victims of identity theft and financial fraud.
2 clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with other organizations in addressing the consequences of a person's victimization.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with other organizations in addressing the consequences of victimization.
100% of clients with limited English proficiency will receive assistance with language interpretation.	Number of clients enrolled in program with limited or no English proficiency.
	Number of clients who received assistance with language interpretation.
30 of clients will receive assistance with transportation.	Number of clients who received assistance with transportation.
5 clients will receive assistance completing a crime victim compensation application.	Number of clients offered assistance with completing a crime victim compensation application.
	Number of clients who received assistance completing a crime victim compensation application.
Coordinate additional support services for 50 clients.	Number of clients referred to a victim or social services agency for additional support services.
	Number of clients receiving additional support services from a victim or social service agency.
Provide 1 trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response.	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training.
Provide 4 specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services.	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff.

	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings.
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### **Priorities**

This program supports the victim service priorities of addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support the third and final 12 months of programming allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program.

### **Past Performance**

The Ascend Justice program is below projected goals in a few measures but is on track to meet or exceed projections for the majority of them and is on schedule in spending.

### **Budget Detail (Grant/Match):**

Personnel Total (FTE: 5.85)	\$310,326
Fringe Benefits	\$63,393
Travel	\$0
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$5,690
Contractual Services: Contractual consist of rent and utilities for clients, as well as contractual legal assistance and childcare.	\$63,004
Indirect Costs	\$35,987
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$478,400</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Legal Assistance Services for Victims of Crime

**Program Agency / UEI:** Life Span / C8UNRCJVT4

**Funding Source:** Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), FFY23: \$500,000

**Agency Budget:** \$ 4,690,032

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

### **Program Activities**

Life Span will use project funds to provide immigration services to victims of human trafficking. The bulk of the human trafficking family law work will be done by an unfunded attorney.

### **Goals**

Life Span will use project funds to provide victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking the highest quality of legal representation. These services will be in the form of protective order, family law, and immigration matters, increasing the safety of both the survivor and her children over the long term.

<b><u>Process Objectives</u></b>	<b><u>Process Performance Measures</u></b>
Provide 825 clients with comprehensive legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for legal services.
	Number of clients who received legal services.
Provide comprehensive legal services to 825 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients ineligible for legal services.
	Number of eligible clients with unaddressed legal needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients placed on a waiting list for

	legal services.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers.
Provide 125 clients with emergency legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for emergency legal services.
	Number of clients who received emergency legal services.
Provide emergency legal services to 25 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed emergency legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for emergency legal service needs.
50 clients will receive assistance with emergency orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency protective orders.
100 clients will receive assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.
Provide 10 clients with victim rights enforcement services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for victim rights enforcement services.
	Number of clients who received victim rights enforcement services.
Provide victim rights enforcement services to 10 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed victim rights enforcement needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for victim rights enforcement needs.

5 clients will receive assistance with completing a victim impact statement.	Number of clients assisted with completing a victim impact statement.
10 clients will receive assistance with exercising other victim rights.	Number of clients assisted with exercising other victim rights.
Provide 600 clients with civil legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for civil legal services.
	Number of clients who received civil legal services.
Provide civil legal services to 600 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed civil legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for civil legal service needs.
45 clients will receive assistance related to plenary orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with court-issued plenary protective orders.
500 clients will receive legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters, including divorce, custody, support and dependency.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters.
15 clients will receive legal assistance related to housing matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to housing matters.
3 clients will receive legal assistance related to employment matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to employment matters.
250 clients will receive legal assistance related to immigration matters.	Number of clients who received assistance related to immigration matters.
30 clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with creditors, law enforcement (e.g., to obtain police records), or other entities on behalf of victims of identity theft and financial fraud.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with creditors, law enforcement (e.g., obtaining police records), or other entities on behalf of victims of identity theft and financial fraud.

5 clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with other organizations in addressing the consequences of a person's victimization.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with other organizations in addressing the consequences of victimization.
350 clients with limited English proficiency will receive assistance with language interpretation.	Number of clients enrolled in program with limited or no English proficiency.
	Number of clients who received assistance with language interpretation.
25 of clients will receive assistance with transportation.	Number of clients who received assistance with transportation.
150 clients will receive crisis intervention services.	Number of clients who received crisis intervention services.
5 clients will receive assistance completing a crime victim compensation application.	Number of clients offered assistance with completing a crime victim compensation application.
	Number of clients who received assistance completing a crime victim compensation application.
Coordinate additional support services for 150 clients.	Number of clients referred to a victim or social services agency for additional support services.
	Number of clients receiving additional support services from a victim or social service agency.
Provide 4 trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response.	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training.
Provide 4 specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services.	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings.

### **Priorities**

This program supports the victim service priorities of addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support the third and final 12 months of programming allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program.

### **Past Performance**

The Life Span program is below projected goals in a few measures but is on track to meet or exceed projections for the majority of them and is on schedule in spending.

### **Budget Detail (Grant / Match):**

Personnel Total (FTE: 6.35)	\$363,313
Fringe Benefits	\$55,125
Travel	\$0
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual Services: Contractual consist of rent and utilities for clients, as well as contractual legal assistance and childcare.	\$81,562
Indirect Costs	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Legal Assistance Services for Victims of Crime

**Program Agency / UEI:** Mil Mujeres, Inc / DR5JJXVE5E26

**Funding Source:** Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), FFY23: \$168,625

**Agency Budget:** \$ 3,258,866

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

### **Program Activities**

Mil Mujeres provides civil legal services to Latina immigrants who have experienced violence and focuses on survivors of intimate partner violence. Specifically, Mil Mujeres provides direct legal services and assists survivors in filing for immigration relief such as the U visa and the VAWA petition.

### **Goals**

With this grant funding, Mil Mujeres will provide comprehensive free legal services to 35 survivors by filing U visas and VAWA petitions.

Provide 40 clients with civil legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for civil legal services.
	Number of clients who received civil legal services.
Provide civil legal services to 40 clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed civil legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for civil legal service needs.



34 clients will receive legal assistance related to employment matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to employment matters.
40 clients will receive legal assistance related to immigration matters.	Number of clients who received assistance related to immigration matters.
34 clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with creditors, law enforcement (e.g., to obtain police records), or other entities on behalf of victims of identity theft and financial fraud.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with creditors, law enforcement (e.g., obtaining police records), or other entities on behalf of victims of identity theft and financial fraud.
40 clients with limited English proficiency will receive assistance with language interpretation.	Number of clients enrolled in program with limited or no English proficiency.
	Number of clients who received assistance with language interpretation.
5 of clients will receive assistance with transportation.	Number of clients who received assistance with transportation.
3 clients will receive assistance completing a crime victim compensation application.	Number of clients offered assistance with completing a crime victim compensation application.
	Number of clients who received assistance completing a crime victim compensation application.
Provide 3 trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response.	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training.
Provide 5 specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services.	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings.

## **Priorities**

This program supports the victim service priorities of addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support third and final 12 months of programming allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program.

### **Past Performance**

The Mil Mujeres program is below projected goals in a few measures but is on track to meet or exceed projections for the majority of them and is on schedule in spending.

### **Budget Detail (Grant):**

Personnel Total (FTE: 3.37)	\$152,432
Fringe Benefits	\$16,193
Travel	\$0
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual Services: N/A	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$168,625</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, Inc. – Central Program

**Program Agency UEI:** UQFXXG7L1T73

**Funding Source:** FFY23 Victims of Crime Act: \$500,000

**Agency Budget:** \$12,532,803

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims’ rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of victims, including victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, and sexual violence.

### **Program Activities**

Land of Lincoln’s VOCA program provides civil legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, including advice, brief services and court representation to survivors to obtain interim and plenary orders of protection or civil no contact orders. In addition, VOCA services include assisting survivors with divorce, and for clients with children, our assistance includes maintenance, child support, custody, and visitation. Advocates also work closely with law enforcement, state’s attorneys, and social service providers to provide enhanced services and ensure access to justice for survivors.

### **Goals**

<b>GOAL:</b> To provide comprehensiveness legal services to victims of crime.	
<b>Process Objectives</b>	<b>Process Performance Measures</b>
Provide <u>1100</u> (#) of clients with comprehensive legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for legal services
	Number of clients who received legal services

<b>Civil legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement civil legal services</i>	
600 (#) of clients will receive assistance related to plenary orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with court-issued plenary protective orders
800 (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters, including divorce, custody, support and dependency.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters
<b>Other client support services and staff training</b>	
Provide 1 (#) of trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training
Provide 2 (#) of specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff
	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings

### **Priorities**

The program supports the following priorities addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs, established by the Victim Services Planning Services Committee in March 2022.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support the third and final 12 months of programming allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program. Any future designation recommendations for this program will be pursuant to staff analysis of program performance and will depend on fund availability.

### **Past Performance**

This program has met its goals and continues to meet the program requirements.

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**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total (FTE: 4.87)	\$332,139
Fringe Benefits	\$91,011
Travel	\$11,402
Equipment	N/A
Supplies	N/A
Contractual Services: Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO): contractual services by ILAO to enhance digital services, applications, and referrals.	\$20,000
Indirect Costs	\$45,448
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Legal Assistance for Victims of Violent Crime - Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, Inc. – Southern Program

**Program Agency UEI:** UQFXXG7L1T73

**Funding Source:** Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY23: \$500,000 / Match Funds \$125,000

**Agency Budget:** \$12,532,803

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

### **Program Activities**

Land of Lincoln's VOCA program provides civil legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including advice, brief services, and court representation to survivors to obtain interim and plenary orders of protection or civil no contact orders. In addition, VOCA services include assisting survivors with divorce, and for clients with children, our assistance includes maintenance, child support, custody, and visitation. Advocates also work closely with law enforcement, state's attorneys, and social service providers to provide enhanced services and ensure access to justice for survivors.

### **Goals**

<b>GOAL:</b> To provide comprehensiveness legal services to victims of crime.	
<b>Process Objectives</b>	<b>Process Performance Measures</b>
Provide <u>1100</u> (#) of clients with comprehensive legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for legal services.
	Number of clients who received legal services.
<b>Civil legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement civil legal services</i>	
<u>600</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance related to plenary orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with court-issued plenary protective orders.

800 (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters, including divorce, custody, support and dependency.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters.
<b>Other client support services and staff training</b>	
Provide 1 (#) of trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training.
Provide 2 (#) of specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings.

### **Priorities**

This program supports the victim service priorities of addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support the third and final 12 months of programming allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program.

### **Past Performance**

This program has met its goals and continues to meet the program requirements.

### **Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total (FTE: 5.23)	\$333,101
Fringe Benefits	\$87,891
Travel	\$18,568
Equipment	N/A
Supplies	N/A
Contractual Services	N/A
Indirect Costs	\$60,440
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Legal Assistance for Victims of Violent Crime - Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. (PSLS) – Central Program

**Program Agency UEI:** DZK4HGN78LS4

**Funding Source:** Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY23: \$500,00 / Match Funds \$125,000

**Agency Budget:** \$19,502,675

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

### **Program Activities**

Prairie State Legal Services (PSLS) will provide emergency legal assistance in the form of legal advice and legal representation to obtain protective orders and emergency visitation or custody changes. Attorneys will provide direct civil legal services for victims, communicate with formal and informal partners, participate in planning activities related to victim services, and enter case data for reporting. The advocacy assistant will be available for non-legal consultation on cases on specific issues, such as safety planning. The program intends to serve survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence.

### **Goals**

<b>GOAL:</b> To provide comprehensiveness legal services to victims of crime.	
<b>Process Objectives</b>	<b>Process Performance Measures</b>
Provide <u>685</u> (#) of clients with comprehensive legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for legal services.
	Number of clients who received legal services.
Provide comprehensive legal services to <u>685</u> (#) of clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients ineligible for legal services.
	Number of eligible clients with unaddressed legal needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients placed on a waiting list for legal



	services.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers.
<b>Emergency legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement emergency legal services</i>	
Provide <u>45</u> (#) of clients with emergency legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for emergency legal services.
	Number of clients who received emergency legal services.
Provide emergency legal services to <u>45</u> (#) of clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed emergency legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for emergency legal service needs.
<u>45</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance with emergency orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency protective orders.
<u>2</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.
<b>Civil legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement civil legal services</i>	
Provide <u>635</u> (#) of clients with civil legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for civil legal services.
	Number of clients who received civil legal services.
Provide civil legal services to <u>635</u> (#) of clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed civil legal service needs due to organizational capacity.
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for civil legal service needs.
<u>335</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance related to plenary orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with court-issued plenary protective orders.
<u>1</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance related to campus administrative protection/stay-away orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with campus protective orders.
<u>255</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters, including divorce,	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters.

custody, support and dependency.	
<u>15</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to housing matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to housing matters.
<u>15</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to employment matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to employment matters.
<u>1</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with schools/colleges in addressing the consequences of victimization.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with schools/colleges in addressing the consequences of victimization.
<u>3</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with other organizations in addressing the consequences of a person's victimization.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with other organizations in addressing the consequences of victimization.
<b>Other client support services and staff training</b>	
<u>15</u> (# or %) of clients with limited English proficiency will receive assistance with language interpretation.	Number of clients enrolled in program with limited or no English proficiency.
	Number of clients who received assistance with language interpretation.
<u>2</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance with transportation.	Number of clients who received assistance with transportation.
Provide <u>1</u> (#) of trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training.
Provide <u>1</u> (#) of specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff.
	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings.

## **Priorities**

This program supports the victim service priorities of addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs.

## **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support the third and final 12 months of programming allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program.

**Past Performance**

The PSLS Central program has met its goals and continues to meet the program requirements.

**Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total (FTE: 5.35 )	\$322,208
Fringe Benefits	\$90,217
Travel	\$7,236
Equipment	N/A
Supplies	N/A
Contractual Services: Court filing fees; litigation related expenses (interpreters, transcription fees, etc.); program occupancy costs; domestic violence training for program staff.	\$19,900
Indirect Costs	\$60,439
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

## BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Program Name:** Legal Assistance for Victims of Violent Crime - Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. PSLS – Northern Program

**Program Agency UEI:** UQFXXG7L1T73

**Funding Source:** Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY23: \$500,000 / Match Funds \$125,000

**Agency Budget:** \$19,502,675

**Request Type:** NOFO # 1745-0423

### **Program Description**

Legal assistance services fall into three categories: emergency legal assistance, victims' rights enforcement, and civil legal assistance. Applicants were required to propose services in at least one of those categories, serving one population of domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation, human trafficking, or sexual violence victims.

### **Program Activities**

Prairie State Legal Services (PSLS) will provide emergency legal assistance in the form of legal advice and legal representation to obtain protective orders and emergency visitation or custody changes. Attorneys will provide direct civil legal services for victims, communicate with formal and informal partners, participate in planning activities related to victim services, and enter case data for reporting. The advocacy assistant will be available for non-legal consultation on cases on specific issues, such as safety planning. The program intends to serve survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence.

### **Goals**

<b>GOAL:</b> To provide comprehensiveness legal services to victims of crime.	
<b>Process Objectives</b>	<b>Process Performance Measures</b>
Provide <u>500</u> (#) of clients with comprehensive legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for legal services
	Number of clients who received legal services
Provide comprehensive legal services to <u>500</u> (#) of clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients ineligible for legal services
	Number of eligible clients with unaddressed legal needs due to organizational capacity

	Number of clients placed on a waiting list for legal services
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers
<b>Emergency legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement emergency legal services</i>	
Provide <u>65</u> (#) of clients with emergency legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for emergency legal services
	Number of clients who received emergency legal services
Provide emergency legal services to <u>65</u> (#) of clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed emergency legal service needs due to organizational capacity
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for emergency legal service needs
<u>60</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance with emergency orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency protective orders
<u>2</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights.	Number of clients who received assistance with emergency custody or visitation rights
<b>Civil legal services:</b> <i>only complete if applicant is proposing to implement civil legal services</i>	
Provide <u>500</u> (#) of clients with civil legal services.	Number of clients who contacted provider for civil legal services
	Number of clients who received civil legal services
Provide civil legal services to <u>500</u> (#) of clients at provider's full capacity.	Number of clients with unaddressed civil legal service needs due to organizational capacity
	Number of clients referred to other legal providers for civil legal service needs
<u>260</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance related to plenary orders of protection, civil no contact orders, or stalking no contact orders.	Number of clients who received assistance with court-issued plenary protective orders
<u>1</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance related to	Number of clients who received assistance with

campus administrative protection/stay-away orders.	campus protective orders
<u>189</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters, including divorce, custody, support and dependency.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to non-emergency family matters
<u>30</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to housing matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to housing matters
<u>10</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to employment matters.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to employment matters
<u>1</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to immigration matters.	Number of clients who received assistance related to immigration matters
<u>1</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with schools/colleges in addressing the consequences of victimization.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with schools/colleges in addressing the consequences of victimization
<u>5</u> (#) of clients will receive legal assistance related to intervention with other organizations in addressing the consequences of a person's victimization.	Number of clients who received legal assistance related to intervention with other organizations in addressing the consequences of victimization
<b>Other client support services and staff training</b>	
<u>45</u> (# or %) of clients with limited English proficiency will receive assistance with language interpretation.	Number of clients enrolled in program with limited or no English proficiency
	Number of clients who received assistance with language interpretation.
<u>1</u> (#) of clients will receive assistance with transportation.	Number of clients who received assistance with transportation
Provide <u>1</u> (#) of trauma skills trainings with staff to improve trauma-informed response	Number of trauma skills trainings held with staff
	Number of staff who successfully completed trauma skills training
Provide <u>1</u> (#) of specialized trainings with staff to enhance delivery of program services	Number of specialized trainings provided to staff
	Number of staff who successfully completed specialized trainings

### **Priorities**

This program supports the victim service priorities of addressing victims' fundamental needs, offering core direct services, serving underserved victims, expanding trauma-informed and trauma-focused services, and meeting long-term needs.

### **Program Funding Detail**

This designation would support 12 months of funding, representing the final 12 months of 36 months of funding support allowed by the notice of funding opportunity for this program.

### **Past Performance**

The PSLS program has met its goals and continues to meet the program requirements.

### **Budget Detail:**

Personnel Total (FTE: 5.12)	\$331,712
Fringe Benefits	\$92,880
Travel	\$3,518
Equipment	N/A
Supplies	N/A
Contractual Services: Court filing fees; litigation related expenses (interpreters, transcription fees, etc.); program occupancy costs; domestic violence training for program staff	\$11,450
Indirect Costs	\$60,440
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>