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**Violent Crime Witness Protection Program
NOFO # 3118-2507**

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS

There were no questions for the week of: Friday, March 8 – Thursday, March 7, 2024

Friday, February 23 – Thursday, February 29, 2024

Question

I need to verify some information before we begin the VCWPP grant application process. In the technical assistance presentation, it was said that funding is for entities that have already established violent crime witness protection programs. I work for a States Attorney's Office; however, we do not have a witness protection program or anything similar. We have taken measures to assist victims and witnesses with seeking new housing through HUD, but we do not have an established program. Does that mean we are not eligible to apply?

Answer

This VCWPP grant funding opportunity is intended for entities that have established violent crime witness protection programs. The VCWPP will provide financial assistance to state's attorneys' offices, the Office of the Attorney General, and local law enforcement agencies for reimbursements associated with payments to eligible persons (page 11 of the VCWPP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Instructions).

The legislation for the Violent Crime Witness Protection Act also provides financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies to establish local violent crime witness protection programs under a separate NOFO, which has not yet been developed. We hope to release a NOFO intended for agencies to create/establish VCWPPs in the future.

Friday, February 16 – Thursday, February 22, 2024

Question

I was hoping you could confirm for me the maximum award amount available through the Violent Crime Witness Protection Program. According to page 3 of

the NOFO available online at <https://icjia.illinois.gov/grants/funding/violent-crime-witness-protection-program-nofo-3118-2507/>, the maximum award amount is \$1.5 million; however, page 15 indicates that the maximum award amount is \$5 million. Could you please let me know which is the correct figure?

Answer

We apologize for the error. Applicants may request a minimum of \$100,000 and a maximum of \$1,500,000 in grant funding.

We are updating the NOFO to reflect the correction to this error.

There were no questions for the week of: February 12 – 16, 2024