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**Victims of Crime Act Lead Entity Services to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault,  
or Child Abuse in an Advocacy Center Programs  
NOFO # 1745-033126**

**RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS**

**NOFO Correction! On page 24 of the NOFO, it states the question deadline is March 26th; this is incorrect. The correct question deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>,2026**

**Day posted: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Question – received April 1<sup>st</sup>,2026

Page 16 of 35 in the VOCA Lead Entity Services to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Child Abuse in an Advocacy Center Programs (NOFO #1745-033126) Instructions provides the eligible de minimis rate of **10%** of modified total direct cost. I am writing to inquire if the lower rate is required. May we apply using the de minimis of up to **15%** of MTDC as provided in 2 CFR 200.414(f)?

Response

Our apologies that we did not catch this mistake. The de minimis rate is 15%

Question – received April 8<sup>th</sup>,2026

Prior applications have included a 5% set aside to serve underserved populations (primarily children) via the VOCA RISE Children’s Services program. The current application does not reference this 5% requirement. Can you please provide guidance on whether ICJIA still expects ICASA to fund RISE with approximately 5% of available VOCA funds? We are unclear whether this was an oversight or a change in funder requirements. Any assistance would be appreciated.

Response

This was an oversight in the NOFO. Yes, the 5% requirement is still expected for RISE.

Question – received April 8<sup>th</sup>,2026

- The NOFO references “core services for victims of domestic violence,” including information and referrals, advocacy, emotional support, and safety. Could you clarify whether definitions for sexual assault and child abuse services will be provided, as they are outlined in other guidance documents?

**You are to apply for your area of expertise (Sexual Assault). The Domestic Violence pertains to agencies who serve domestic violence agencies and the child abuse services are for agencies that serve children of sexual abuse/domestic violence.**

- Can you confirm whether the 5% administrative cost cap will be applied to subrecipients, or if subrecipients may charge reasonable and allocable costs in alignment with OJP guidance? **The 5% cap does not apply to the subrecipients.**
- Additionally, will subrecipients be permitted to use a federally approved indirect cost rate where applicable? **Yes.**
- The NOFO references a 10% de minimis rate. If the administrative cap is not passed through, would subrecipients be eligible to request the 15% de minimis rate, or will they be limited to 10%? **This was an oversight. The de minimis rate is 15%.**
- The NOFO indicates a requirement to conduct site visits for a minimum of 50% of subgrantees during the award period. Could you confirm the specific award period referenced? **The award period is July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.**
- We previously received approval for a revised monitoring schedule that includes conducting site visits for one-third of subrecipients annually (once every three years). Please confirm whether this approach remains acceptable under the current NOFO. **Yes, you may utilize the approved policy for conducting your site visits.**
- Are grantees required to track and report the number of trainings offered by ICJIA, in addition to those attended? **Yes, any trainings that a grantee attends should be tracked.**
- For required trainings hosted by ICJIA, could you confirm expectations regarding documentation (e.g., summaries, attendee tracking, etc.)? **This would be the same policy and procedure no matter who is hosting the training.**

The NOFO does not appear to reference Institutional Advocacy limits or related performance metrics. Could you confirm whether these restrictions and reporting requirements are still in effect? **While the NOFO does not specifically reference “Institutional Advocacy” or associated limits, funded programs are required to report data through the federal Performance Measurement Tool (PMT), as outlined in the Goals and Performance Metrics section.**

**Accordingly, all applicable federal PMT definitions, service categories, and reporting requirements remain in effect. Subgrantees should ensure that services are categorized and reported in accordance with PMT guidance, including Institutional Advocacy where applicable.**

- The NOFO includes several service categories that ICASA does not currently track in InfoNet. Could you provide guidance on expectations for collecting and reporting the following:
  - Number of clients provided with Crime Victims Compensation assistance
  - Number of clients provided with Mental Health services
  - Number of clients provided with Transportation
  - Number of clients provided with a Victim Sensitive Interview (VSI)
  - Number of clients provided with VSI Coordination assistance
  - Number of clients provided with Relocation Assistance
  - Number of clients provided with Interpreter Services

**Please note that it is not an expectation that a grantee must offer all services. However, it is mandated that all services provided must be tracked. Infonet is not the only reporting**

tool. There are two additional quarterly data reports that are mandated; which should record the other services that are provided.