



Lumpkin County, Georgia

Finance Department

Date: September 24, 2015

Agenda Item: Agreement for Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program
Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia
Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney
Victims' Assistance Program

Item Description: The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC) recently announced the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) has approved the 2015 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Statewide Continuation Application as submitted by PAC. The Enotah Judicial Circuit's Victims' Assistance Program has been selected by PAC to receive \$53,030.00 in VOCA funding.

Facts & Historical Information:

The Enotah Judicial Circuit's Victims' Assistance Program was created in July of 1993 for the purpose of providing services to victims of crime within the four counties comprising the circuit. The goals of the program are to provide victims of crime with knowledge of victims' rights and available community resources; provide victims with education about the criminal justice system; and assist victims in gaining a sense of closure as they transition from "victim" to "survivor."

The program provides emotional support to victims of crime and assistance to help reduce the trauma of victimization. The program also provides services to child victims of crime and their families, victims of sexual assault, surviving family members of homicide victims, adult survivors of incest or child abuse, victims of robbery, victims of elder abuse, and victims of DUI crashes.

The program operates as part of the Enotah Judicial Circuit's District Attorney's Office. There are two paid staff members and a number of volunteers who assist in providing services to victims. The following services are provided by the program: information about the status of a case; information and explanation about court proceedings, and accompaniment to proceedings with victims and their families. The program also provides information about and referrals to other agencies

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September 28, 2015

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, I wish to again request that you consider and approve our continued participation in the VOCA grant program through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) and the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia (PAC) through which we fund our victim assistance program and the two staff members in our office which assist victims. Your approval would not involve any new financial cost to Lumpkin County.

This funding is vital for our fulfillment of our responsibilities under the Victim's Bill of Rights and our general duty to provide for the best interest of and good service to the victims of crime in our community.

Last year our office had contact with 1150 crime victims and so far in 2015 we have already had contact with 924 victims and their families.

Thank you for your assistance and steadfast support of our office.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey Langley
District Attorney



PAC

Prosecuting
Attorneys'
Council of Georgia

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CHARLES A. SPAHOS
Executive Director

September 14, 2015

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Honorable Jeff Langley
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STEPHANIE WOODARD
Vice Chair
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Hall County

Re: 2015-2016 VOCA Continuation Award – October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016

LEIGH PATTERSON
Secretary
District Attorney
Rome Judicial Circuit

Dear **Mr. Langley**:

HAYWARD ALTMAN
District Attorney
Middle Judicial Circuit

On behalf of Executive Director Chuck Spahos, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) has approved the 2015 VOCA Continuation Application as submitted by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC).

SHERRY BOSTON
Solicitor-General
DeKalb County

Therefore, your office has been selected to receive a portion of those funds. Below are the specifics with regard to **Lumpkin County's** portion of the statewide grant distribution.

GEORGE HARTWIG
District Attorney
Houston Judicial Circuit

County: **Lumpkin County**
Implementing Prosecuting Attorney: **District Attorney Jeff Langley**
Federal Funds: **\$53,030**
Match Funds: **\$13,258**
Continuation Grant Period: **October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016**

TASHA MOSLEY
Solicitor-General
Clayton County

BERT POSTON
District Attorney
Conasauga Judicial Circuit

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Kemp at (770) 282-6364 or kkemp@pacga.org.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Carla M. Rieffel
Victims' Services Coordinator & Grants Administrator
Prosecuting Attorneys' Council

ASHLEY WRIGHT
District Attorney
Augusta Judicial Circuit

STATE OF GEORGIA
PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL OF GEORGIA
Agreement for Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program
CJCC Grant No. _____

County: Lumpkin
Implementing Prosecuting Attorney: Jeff Langley, District Attorney - Enotah Judicial Circuit
Federal Funds: \$ 53,030.00
Matching Funds: \$ 13,258.00
Total Funds: \$ 66,288.00
Initial Grant Period: 10-01-2015 to 09-30-2016

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") is made by and between the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "PACGA"), an agency of the Judicial Branch of the State of Georgia, legally empowered to contract pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 15-18-40, et. seq., the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), a political subdivision of this State and the (District Attorney) (Solicitor-General) for the Enotah (Judicial Circuit) (County) (hereinafter referred to as the "Prosecuting Attorney").

1. Between the PACGA and the County, this Agreement shall constitute an intergovernmental agreement within the meaning of subsection (a) of Paragraph I of Section III of Article IX of the Georgia Constitution which authorizes intergovernmental agreements and contracts "for any period not exceeding 50 years with each other . . . for the provision of services" provided that such agreements and contracts "must deal with activities, [or] services which the contracting parties are authorized by law to undertake or provide."
2. Period of Agreement: This agreement shall be effective on October 1, 2015 and shall continue in effect for a period of one (1) year, unless terminated earlier under other provisions of this Agreement.
3. Purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement.
 - (a) The parties acknowledge and agree that the PACGA has received a subgrant from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) under the Federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program (hereinafter referred to as "VOCA"). The VOCA Grant Program supports direct services to crime victims, i.e. persons who have suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) awards annual formula grants, which in turn are subgranted to local organizations for states to ensure crime victims' rights are upheld and play a meaningful role in the criminal justice process. In Georgia, that

organization is CJCC, an agency of the Executive Branch of state government. O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-1, et. seq.

- (b) Effective October 1, 2013, PACGA has been awarded a VOCA subgrant by CJCC to serve as the centralized subgrant recipient on behalf of all prosecuting attorneys in the state. PACGA, in turn, is required to enter into an MOA with participating Counties and the Prosecuting Attorneys for those counties or judicial circuits.
- (c) The CFDA number for this grant program is 16.575.
- (d) Participating Counties and Prosecuting Attorneys are required to fulfill all programmatic and financial reporting requirements by submission through PACGA. PACGA has responsibility for consolidating individual reporting into a single report and submitting to CJCC. Unless specifically referenced in the Agreement or this document, all terms, conditions and policies of CJCC related to performance and reporting remain in full force and effect.

4. PACGA, County and Prosecuting Attorney Contact Information:

- (a) Exhibit "A" contains the name of the point of contact, mailing address, e-mail address(es) and telephone number(s) for all correspondence, reports and other matters relative to this Agreement for the PACGA, the County and the Prosecuting Attorney.
- (b) Change of contact information:

The parties agree if there is a change in the point of contact, the mailing address(es), telephone number(s), and e-mail address(es), PACGA will be notified in writing. The County and Prosecuting Attorney will notify PACGA by submitting a Subgrant Adjustment Request (SAR).

5. Scope of Project:

- (a) The purpose of this Agreement shall be to facilitate efficient allocation of VOCA funding for victims' services by the Prosecuting Attorney within the County.
- (b) The Prosecuting Attorney will make mandated victims' services available throughout the Prosecuting Attorney's territorial jurisdiction. At a minimum, the Prosecuting Attorney and the County agree that the Prosecuting Attorney will provide those services specified in PACGA Policy 11.2 (see Exhibit "B")
- (c) The Prosecuting Attorney will expand provision of services into areas where victims are un-served and/or underserved by utilizing PACGA resources to:
 - (1) Facilitate statewide data collection regarding the type and number of services provided by VOCA advocates;
 - (2) Identify areas where victims are un-served and/or underserved and redirect

VOCA funds accordingly.

- (d) PACGA shall, upon the terms and conditions contained herein, grant to County, and the County hereby accepts, an amount not to exceed the amount designated in the award letter to be used solely for the purposes of providing victims services as defined by the approved budget (see 9a).
- 6. Budget Limitation: The approved budget total (see 9a) may not be exceeded without the written approval of PACGA. The County is responsible for any expenditure that exceeds the approved budget. Any such expenditure may be credited toward meeting the matching fund requirements of the Grant (see 7a) provided those expenditures are included in the approved budget.
- 7. Matching Funds Requirement:
 - (a) The Federal Grant Program that is the source of the funds used to support this Agreement requires grant recipients to provide matching funds as set forth below. The County agrees to provide such matching funds and to account for the expenditure of such matching funds to PACGA.
 - (b) The matching funds requirement for this MOA is 20% of the total approved budget amount.
 - (c) 25% of the 20% matching funds MUST be in the form of a volunteer in-kind match for each funded office unless the requirement is waived in writing by PACGA and CJCC.
- 8. Programmatic Reporting Requirements:

During the course of a grant period, the County and the Prosecuting Attorney are required to submit periodic programmatic and financial reports to PACGA. These reports include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Quarterly and Bi-annual Activity Reports - Victim Services Statistical Reports (VSSR); and

The Victim Services Statistical Report (VSSR) programmatic reporting deadlines are as follows:

Quarter 1	October 1 – December 31	Due: January 15, 2016
Quarter 2	January 1 – March 31	Due: April 15, 2016
Quarter 3	April 1 – June 30	Due: July 15, 2016
Quarter 4	July 1 – September 30	Due: October 15, 2016

- (b) Outcome Performance Measurement Surveys (Bi-annual).

- (1) The Outcome Performance Measurement Survey (OPM) programmatic reporting deadlines are as follows:

Period 1	November 1 – April 30	Due: May 30, 2016
Period 2	May 1 – October 31	Due: November 30, 2016

- (2) NOTE: OPM Survey reports are to be submitted directly to CJCC following the instructions as provided at the following website:
<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/outcome-performance-tools-1>.

9. Financial Reporting Requirements:

- (a) The County will submit a budget worksheet to PACGA no later than November 3, 2015. The budget should include funding for Personnel only. A personnel action form and job description for each position funded by the subgrant must be submitted with the budget.
- (b) The County will submit to PACGA a Subgrant Expenditure Report (SER) form within 15 days of the end of each quarter requesting reimbursement for expenses incurred during the grant period. Deadlines are as follows:

Quarter 1	October 1 – December 31	Due: January 15, 2016
Quarter 2	January 1 – March 31	Due: April 15, 2016
Quarter 3	April 1 – June 30	Due: July 15, 2016
Quarter 4	July 1 – September 30	Due: October 15, 2016

- (c) Counties and Prosecuting Attorneys must document volunteer in-kind match hours and submit the documentation with their request for reimbursement as well as the time record reporting form. A volunteer contract for each volunteer must be submitted.
- (d) Counties must submit a Subgrant Adjustment Request (SAR) to notify PACGA of the need to change any of the following:
- (1) The point of contact information ;
 - (2) Request to modify budget within currently approved categories;
 - (3) Request for a no-cost extension;
 - (4) Personnel changes (changes in salary/benefits, new hires/terminations, changes in percentage of time spent by such personnel on the grant, etc.).

10. Payment Schedule: PACGA shall pay the County on a reimbursement basis. These funds will be reimbursed by PACGA upon receipt of proper documentation from the County, subject to approval by CJCC. Proper documentation includes copies of all invoices, sales receipts and/or cancelled checks for the items approved. Payment shall be issued to the county in the form of

check or Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payment.

11. Accountability: The County agrees to expend said funds granted herein solely in conformance to this Agreement and the Special Conditions set forth by CJCC and in PACGA Policy 11.2 and to account for said funds in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. An initialed copy of the Special Conditions must be returned to PACGA with the first request for reimbursement (SER #1).
12. Audit: County will allow, obtain and cooperate with any audit or investigation of grant administration requested or undertaken by PACGA, CJCC or the State Auditor. Upon request, the County agrees to provide PACGA with any information, documents and/or photographs PACGA deems necessary to monitor performance of this Agreement. The County further agrees these funds shall be included in the audit or financial statement of the County until all expenditures have been accounted for. A copy of the audit or financial statement will be returned with the contract. Federal grant dollars will be reported separate from other grant dollars.
13. Records Retention: The County agrees to maintain proper and accurate books, records and accounts reflecting its administration of Agreement funds and compliance with all applicable laws and the Retention Schedules adopted by the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-90 et seq. Such documentation shall be retained for at least three years from the completion of said project and shall be made available to PACGA upon request. Personnel records for grant funded positions must be retained as provided by the state retention schedule for Personnel records.
14. Liability to Others: The County shall hold PACGA, their officials and employees harmless from any and all claims including, without limitations, damage claims for injury to persons and/or property arising from the Grant.
15. Conflicts of Interest: The undersigned certify they will in all respects comply with state laws pertaining to conflicts of interest and to all laws related to PACGA officials and employees conducting business with PACGA.
16. Termination:
 - (a) Suspension or termination of this Agreement may occur if the County materially fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement. The Agreement may also be terminated:
 - (1) Due to non-availability of funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event that either of the sources of payment for services under this contract (appropriations from the governing authority of contracting County, appropriations from the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, a Federal agency or the Congress of the United States of America) no longer exist or in the event the sum of all obligations of the PACGA incurred under this and all other contracts entered into for this VOCA Grant Program exceeds the balance of such contract sources, then this Agreement shall immediately terminate without further obligation of the PACGA as of that moment.

Certification by the Executive Director of the PACGA of the occurrence of either of the events stated above shall be conclusive.

- (2) Due to default or for cause. This agreement may be terminated for cause, in whole or in part, at any time by PACGA for failure of the County to perform any of the provisions hereof. Should PACGA exercise its right to terminate this agreement under the provisions of this paragraph, the termination shall be accomplished in writing and specify the reason and termination date. The County will be required to submit the final agreement not later than 45 days after the effective date of written notice of termination. Upon termination of this agreement, the County shall not incur any new obligations after the effective date of the termination and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The above remedies are in addition to any other remedies provided by law or the terms of this agreement.
 - (3) For Convenience. This Agreement may be canceled or terminated by either of the parties without cause. This Agreement may be terminated by the County for any reason upon 60 days prior written notice to PACGA. This Agreement may be terminated by PACGA for any reason upon 30 days prior written notice to the County and the Prosecuting Attorney.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, this Agreement may be immediately terminated without any opportunity to cure if any of the following events occurs:
- (1) County violates or fails to comply with any applicable provision of federal or state law or regulation.
 - (2) County knowingly provides fraudulent, misleading or misrepresentative information to PACGA.
 - (3) County has exhibited an inability to meet its financial or services obligations under this agreement.
 - (4) An assignment is made by the County for the benefit of creditors.
 - (5) A proceeding for the appointment of a receiver, custodian, trustee, or similar agent is initiated with respect to the County.
- (c) Any funds allocated to the County under this Agreement, which remain unobligated or unspent upon such termination, shall automatically revert to PACGA.

17. Victims of Crime Act - Funding Conditions:

- (a) County and the Prosecuting Attorney agree to comply with PACGA Policy 11.2 - Victims of Crimes Act - Funding Conditions.

- (b) County and the Prosecuting Attorney shall be subject to all applicable rules, regulations and conditions of the Victims of Crime Act.
- (c) The County hereby assures and certifies that it:
 - (1) Complies with and will continue to comply with all Federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements, including OMB Circulars No. A-21, A-110, A-122, A-128, A-133, A-87; E.O. 12372 and Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements --- 28 C.F.R., Part 66, Common Rule, that govern the application, acceptance and use of Federal funds for this federally assisted project;
 - (2) Will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act if applicable;
 - (3) Will comply with all applicable provisions of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, 42 USC 3789 (d), or Victims of Crime Act (as appropriate); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; as amended; Subtitle A, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (1990); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Department of Justice Non-Discrimination Regulations, 28 CFR Part 42, Subparts C, D, E, and G; and the Department of Justice regulations on disability discrimination, 28 CFR Part 35 and Part 39.
- 18. Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among and between parties. There are no representations, oral or otherwise, other than those expressly set forth herein. No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be binding unless all parties have agreed to said modification in writing.
- 19. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above,

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY EXECUTION:

Signature

Date signed by Prosecuting Attorney

The Honorable
District Attorney, Jeff Langley Judicial Circuit
Solicitor-General, Lumpkin County

COUNTY EXECUTION:

Signature

Chairman

Title
Designee for Lumpkin County

Date signed by County

PACGA EXECUTION:

Signature

Date signed by Council

Charles A. Spahos
Executive Director
Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
1590 Adamson Parkway, Fourth Floor
Morrow, Georgia 30260-1755

EXHIBIT A

PACGA, County and Prosecuting Attorney Contact Information

1. The PACGA mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number for correspondence, reports and other matters relative to this contract, except as otherwise indicated, are:

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
Attn: Kathy Kemp
1590 Adamson Parkway, Fourth Floor
Morrow, Georgia 30260-1755
(770) 282-6300
Email: kkemp@pacga.org

2. The County's mailing address, email address and telephone number for correspondence, reports, and other matters relative to this contract are:

Lumpkin County Commission
Attention: Mark French, Budget & Grant Analyst
99 Courthouse Hill - Suite D
Dahlonega, GA 30533
Telephone No.: (706) 482-2552
Email: mark.french@lumpkincounty.gov

3. The PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S mailing address, email address and telephone number for correspondence, reports, and other matters relative to this contract are:

Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney
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EXHIBIT B

PACGA Policy 11.2

 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia		
Policies & Procedures		Approved October 2, 2013; amended April 15, 2015.
11.2	Victim Services	Victims of Crimes Act - Funding Conditions

1. Purpose.

This Policy establishes policies, procedures and conditions that apply to all prosecution-based victim services programs that receive funding through the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council (PACGA or "the Council") as specified in Section 3.

2. Authority.

- (a) Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA), 42 U.S.C. Chapter 112.
- (b) O.C.G.A. §§ 15-18-14.2; 15-18-40(c); 15-18-73(b).

3. Scope.

- (a) This policy applies to all district attorneys and solicitors-general offices that receive federal funding under the Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA), 42 U.S.C. Chapter 112, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as "funded offices") that are administered by PACGA pursuant to one or more grants from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
- (b) The provisions of this policy constitute binding special conditions that must be adhered to as a condition of the receipt of grant funds and are in addition to any other special conditions that may apply to the federal grant program.

4. Definitions.

- (a) "CJCC" means the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
- (b) "Funded office" means a district attorney's office or a solicitor-general's office that is receiving VOCA funds through the Council.
- (c) "OJP" means the Office of Justice Programs of the United States Department of Justice.
- (d) "VOCA" means the Victims of Crime Act, 42 U.S.C. Chapter 112.
- (e) "VWAP" means a prosecution-based victim-witness assistance program operated by a funded office.

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5. Role of the Council.

- (a) The Council is the fiscal officer for the prosecuting attorneys and the recipient of federal funds under VOCA. The Council is responsible to the CJCC, and through them to the federal grantor agency, for providing administrative oversight and insuring that all prosecuting attorneys' offices receiving VOCA funds comply with all state and federal statutes, rules, regulations applicable to such grant as well as any special conditions that apply to the grant.
- (b) The Executive Director is responsible to the Council for the proper administration of the grant and timely making any reports required by the grant. The Executive Director may designate one or more employees to perform any function necessary to administer the grant or which necessarily appertain thereto.

6. Responsibilities of District Attorney's Offices or Solicitor-General's Offices.

- (a) The district attorney or solicitor-general of a funded office is responsible for the proper administration of the funds received by their office and compliance with this Policy.
- (b) The district attorney or solicitor-general of a funded office may designate, in writing, an employee to be responsible for the administration of the grant fund and making any reports required by this policy or the grant. A copy of such designation shall be submitted to the Executive Director or his or her designee.
- (c) Each funded office agrees to adhere to the Program Guidelines for the Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant Program available at
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/voca/vaguide.htm>
- (d) Each funded office agrees to fully cooperate with any monitoring or evaluation activities, and any related training activities initiated and/or conducted by the Council or CJCC during and subsequent to the grant award period.
- (e) Each funded office agrees to obtain and maintain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and to provide that number to the Council.

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7. Delivery of Services to Victims.

- (a) No cost for Services. Funded offices must provide services to crime victims at no charge.
- (b) Core Services. Funded offices must, at a minimum, abide by the provisions of the "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights," O.C.G.A. § 17-17-1, et seq., including, but not limited providing the following core services:
 - (1) Educating victims about their role in the criminal justice process.
 - (2) Stabilizing Lives:
 - (A) Funded offices shall:
 - (i) Coordinate crime scene clean-up services;
 - (ii) Provide information and assistance with the return of stolen/damaged property;
 - (iii) Provide referrals to and coordinate services with agencies that provide food, shelter, support groups, medical care, and crisis/emergency intervention and long-term therapy/counseling;
 - (iv) Provide assistance with information, application, and document collection for Crime Victim Compensation, ensuring that all victims understand their rights to receive compensation, all applicable eligibility requirements, and all application procedures;
 - (v) Provide assistance with information, application, and document collection for restitution in order to ensure that restitution is made a part of every applicable criminal sentence; and
 - (vi) Provide assistance with other applications (TANF, Immigration, leases, etc.) and/or other paperwork relating to acquiring services as a direct result of the crime.

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(B) Funded offices may:

- (i) Assist victims requesting assistance in working with bill collectors/creditors, where expenses directly resulted from the crime or loss of wages due to the crime; and
- (ii) Assist victims with employers and/or school administrators when victims lose wages, employment, or time as a direct result of the crime or cooperation with the prosecution.

(3) Meeting Emotional/Physical Needs: Funded offices shall:

- (i) Ensure advocates' availability to victims and law enforcement around the clock, ensuring provision of both information about victim options immediately following the crime and first-response emotional support & crisis intervention (homicide, aggravated assault and domestic/family violence cases, and crisis response);
- (ii) Assist with death and serious injury notifications for families of victims;
- (iii) Provide assistance with preparation of Victim Impact Statements and presentation of the Statements in court;
- (iv) Provide assistance with letters, victim impact statements, registration for Georgia Victim Impact Panel, facilitation of/accompaniment to Visitor's Day, clemency hearings and executions, etc.;
- (v) Provide follow-up services to victims at hospital facilities, coroner's offices, and/or funeral homes;
- (vi) Provide personnel availability during interviews to help victims feel more comfortable;



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- (vii) Provide emotional support to victims and their families throughout the judicial process;
- (viii) Provide practical assistance to ensure necessary court appearances of victims (e.g., services for disabled victims and translators); and
- (ix) Provide appropriate post-sentence referrals and intervention if needed.

(4) Meeting Safety & Security Needs. Funded offices shall:

- (i) Assist victims with safety planning;
- (ii) Coordinate communication with necessary professionals with on-going activities of the defendant that is putting the victim in fear and/or physical jeopardy;
- (iii) Prompt necessary actions to expedite a stage of the case for victim protection (i.e., alert prosecutors if a case is dismissed in Magistrate Court to initiate the indictment/bond process for victim protection);
- (iv) Prompt necessary actions to initiate the process for probation revocation if defendant violates the sentence terms and jeopardizes victim safety, etc.);
- (v) Provide information and advocacy regarding Temporary Protective Orders;
- (vi) Assist victims with notification requests to the county jail/Department of Corrections and Parole regarding the defendant's release from incarceration; and
- (vii) Provide a comfortable waiting area apart from defendant's family and acquaintances;

(5) Assisting with the Criminal Justice System. Funded offices shall:



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- (i) Assist the victim and family members with understanding the criminal justice system and what to expect at each stage of the process;
- (ii) Assist the victim and family members with understanding all legal terminology and strategy during processing of the case;
- (iii) Advocate for restitution at time of sentencing (this can become part of the sentence and if payment is not rendered, it may be a probation violation);
- (iv) Coordinate victim needs for transportation and travel that may include; air, train, bus, auto, accommodations, and meals;
- (v) Assist victims with warrant application processes and attend pre-warrant court hearings;
- (vi) Serve as liaison between victims, investigators, prosecutors and court personnel;
- (vii) Provide assistance to investigators and prosecutors for initial and ongoing contact with victims (e.g., interviews and scheduling of interviews);
- (viii) Ensuring that contact information and the physical location of the victim is maintained and accurate for continuation of services;
- (ix) Provide courtroom orientation and pre-trial preparation to testifying victims;
- (x) Escort victims to court and related hearings;
- (xi) Provide ongoing communication and information regarding status of the case, bond hearings, grand jury decisions, disposition options, appellate decisions, etc.;
- (xii) Attend hearings with victims or on behalf of victims when their presence is not required;

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- (xiii) Assist victims with making contact with the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Department of Corrections to request notification regarding a defendant's entry into the prison system and offering avenues for opinions on early parole release;

(6) Education/Collaboration:

(A) Funded offices shall have personnel:

- (i) Serve on community victim advocacy committees, boards of directors, and task forces, acting as liaison for prosecutor's offices and judicial system (i.e., shelters, rape-crisis centers, etc.);
- (ii) Represent the office on various victims service bodies including; child fatality review, domestic violence fatality review, elder abuse task force, domestic violence task force, various multi-disciplinary teams, etc.;
- (iii) Provide training to community, law enforcement, educational facilities and other professionals on victim assistance and victim related issues including, but not limited to, family violence, identity theft, sexual assault, child abuse, teen dating violence, elder abuse, the criminal and civil justice process, stalking, and crime prevention; and
- (iv) Provide ongoing information and literature to educate victims about the Victim Assistance Program, crime, and other relevant issues through pamphlets, handouts, presentations, referrals, internet, etc.

(B) Funded offices may have personnel serve on a Victim Impact Panel as member or coordinator, and hold monthly meetings, and assist in recruiting, training and maintaining victim panel members and speakers.

(7) Prosecutorial Assistance: Funded offices shall:

- (i) As needed, assist investigators and prosecutors with obtaining reports from DFACS, child advocacy and assessment centers, and other agencies;



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- (ii) As needed, assist investigators and prosecutors with completing referral forms and setting up forensic interview at child advocacy and assessment centers;
- (iii) Upon request from investigators, prosecutors, or child advocacy and assessment center personnel, will attend forensic interviews and multidisciplinary team meetings (MDT);
- (iv) As needed, assist investigators and prosecutors with documentation in domestic and family violence cases (pictures of victim's injuries, statements, etc.).

(8) Post conviction. If the accused is found guilty and sentenced to incarceration in the custody of the Georgia Dept. of Corrections (GDOC), funded offices will connect the victim with the GDOC victim services division and assist the victim with registering for offender status notifications.

(c) Limited English Proficient Victims.

- (1) Funded offices will provide services and literature in Spanish and other languages.
- (2) Each funded office must have a written plan that insures that victims who are not proficient in the English language are afforded access to services as required by Executive Order 13166. At a minimum, the plan must meet the requirements set forth in U.S. Dept. Of Justice, Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons. 67 Fed. Reg. 41455-41472 (June 18, 2002).
- (3) In addition, funded offices that provide hotline services will provide PACGA documentation of a contract for 24-hour language interpretation services for callers who do not speak English. Subgrantees that provide hotline services will ensure that its TTY machine is operable at all times and that all staff, volunteers and interns who answer the hotline receive training and ongoing review of TTY answering procedures.

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(4) For information and resources for providing services to LEP or disabled individuals, visit LEP.gov or Georgia's Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator's Office, <http://ada.georgia.gov>. You may also contact CJCC for technical assistance with questions or concerns.

(d) Equal Opportunity.

(1) Funded offices shall provide services to all victims without regard to the victim's race, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability. Any person who believes that they have been discriminated against based on his or her race, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability has the right to file a civil rights complaint with the Office of Justice Programs.

(2) Each funded office shall display the following statement in a prominent location where it will be visible to visitors to the office and include it in any publications provided to members of the public:

The Victim Witness Assistance Program does not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability. If you believe you have been the target of discrimination, you have the right to file a civil rights complaint. Information on how to file a civil rights complaint can be found on the Office of Justice Programs website. <http://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/complaint.htm>

(e) Immigration status.

Funded offices that rely on in-kind (non-cash) services necessary to protect life or safety without charge based on the recipients' income shall not deny these services to any crime victim who seeks their protection based on the victim's immigration or legal status, nor shall the agency require any victim who contacts them in good faith to verify their immigration status prior to delivering services. See Department of Justice (2001), Final Specification of Community Programs Necessary for Protection of Life or Safety Under Welfare Reform Legislation, (A.G. Order No. 2353-2001) 66 FR 3613.

(f) Victims of Federal Crimes.



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Funded offices must provide services to victims of federal crimes on the same basis as victims of state and/or local crimes. A victim of federal crime is a victim of an offense that violates a federal criminal statute or regulation. Federal crimes also include crimes that occur in an area where the federal government has jurisdiction, such as Indian reservations, some national parks, some federal buildings, and military installations.

(g) Victims of Crimes Committed by Juveniles.

Beginning January 1, 2014, funded offices must provide services to a victim of a delinquent act committed by a child which would constitute a crime if committed by an adult as required by O.C.G.A. § 15-11-481. If the funded office opts out of prosecuting delinquency cases in one or more counties in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-18-6.1, the funded office must provide the Council with documentation showing how victims of delinquent acts in those counties will receive services required by O.C.G.A. § 15-11-481 and this Policy.

8. Use of Volunteers.

- (a) Funded offices must use volunteers unless CJCC determines there is a compelling reason to waive this requirement. A “compelling reason” may be a statutory or contractual provision concerning liability or confidentiality of counselor/victim information, which bars using volunteers for certain positions, or the inability to recruit and maintain volunteers after a sustained and aggressive effort.
- (b) 25% of the 20% VOCA-required matching funds must be in the form of volunteer in-kind match for each funded office unless the requirement is waived, in writing by CJCC.
- (c) Funded offices seeking a waiver from this requirement because they are unable to recruit or maintain volunteers will have to document and demonstrate the efforts they undertook to find volunteers.
- (d) Funded offices shall furnish a listing of all project volunteers that provide direct services, a copy of the contract or agreement between each volunteer and the funded office identifying responsibilities for both parties, and a written job description indicating what types of direct services the volunteer will provide.



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- (e) Funded offices will satisfy 25% of the required match (20%) through the in-kind donation of volunteer hours. The standard rate for the provision of direct services by a volunteer is \$12.00 per hour. Higher rates must be pre-approved by CJCC . Any request for deviation from this requirement must be submitted in writing to CJCC utilizing the volunteer requirement waiver request form. A copy of the request must be provided to PACGA.

9. Non-Discrimination in Service Provision.

- (a) As recipients of federal funds from the Department of Justice, all funded offices are subject to the following federal non-discrimination laws:
- (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - 42 U.S.C. § 2000d;
 - (2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - 29 U.S.C. § 794;
 - (3) The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 - 42 U.S.C. § 3789d(c)(1);
 - (4) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act - 42 U.S.C. § 12132;
 - (5) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 - 20 U.S.C. § 1681 (applicable to all funded offices that conduct training);
 - (6) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 - 42 U.S.C. § 6101; and,
 - (7) Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations - 28 C.F.R. Part 38 (prohibits discrimination based on religious affiliation during service delivery).
- (b) In the event that a federal or state court or federal or state administrative agency makes an adverse finding of discrimination against a funded office, after a due process hearing, on the ground of race, color, national origin or sex, the funded office must submit a copy of the finding to the Council, the CJCC and the OJP Office of Civil Rights.
- (c) Any publications or brochures about the funded office that are distributed should contain the following statement:

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The [funded office] does not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, immigration status, or disability. If you believe you have been the target of discrimination, you have the right to file a civil rights complaint. Information on how to file a civil rights complain can be found on the Office of Justice Programs website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/complaint.htm>.

10. Local Victim Assistance Program Funding, a/k/a Five Percent (5%) Funding, Certification & Reporting.

- (a) Funded offices must be certified and eligible to receive 5% funds by CJCC. Funded offices that are not certified as of the date that the funded office enters into the memorandum of agreement with Council, the county and the prosecuting attorney, must complete certification requirements prior to drawing down funds.
- (b) Funded offices are required by O.C.G.A. § 15-21-132 to submit an annual report through the Council to CJCC detailing the receipt and expenditure of 5% funds by January 15 of each year. This report must include the total amount of funds received pursuant to this Code section, the purposes for which the funds were expended, and the total number of victims served in each county for which the funds were received. A copy of the annual report shall also be submitted to each county governing authority from which funds were received pursuant to this Code section.

11. Other Required Certifications.

- (a) As recipients of federal funds, funded offices are required to verify certain conditions and behaviors by completing certification requirements provided in the common rules for lobbying, drug-free workplaces, and suspension and debarment of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP).
- (b) Funded offices must complete and submit OJP Form 4061/6 entitled “Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements” to the Council with the memorandum of agreement. A copy of the form can be found at:

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12. Political Activity.

- (a) The restrictions of the Hatch Act, Pub. L. 93-433, 5 U.S.C. Chapter III, (as amended), concerning the political activity of government employees are applicable to funded office staff members and other state and local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with activities financed, in whole or in part, by federal grants. Under a 1975 amendment to the Hatch Act, such state and local government employees may take an active part in political management and campaigns except they may not be candidates for office.
- (b) If any changes occur in the funded office's lobbying status or activities, a revised Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form must be submitted. Federal funds cannot be used, directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior approval of OJP.

13. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.

Funded offices must meet the requirements of 28 C.F.R. § 42.301 et seq., Equal Employment Opportunity Plans (EEOP). The plan must cover the grant period specified in the grant application submitted by PACGA. If your office needs technical assistance in preparing an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan, please contact the Office of Civil Rights Compliance Specialist, Office of Justice Programs, Washington, D.C., (202) 307-0690.

14. Training of Personnel.

- (a) All victim advocate staff must have completed 40 hours of training specific to providing direct victim services either through the Office for Victims of Crime, Victim's Assistance Training Online, the National Organization for Victim's Assistance (NOVA), CJCC, PACGA or an other organization approved by CJCC that provides training specific to serving crime victims. New staff must complete this training within 12 months of the start of employment as a victim advocate.
- (b) Each employee providing victim services in a funded office must attend and successfully complete at least eight (8) hours of training in victim assistance annually. As part of this



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requirement, victim services supervisors and all fully or partially grant-funded staff in a funded office must attend a victims' compensation training approved by CJCC during the grant year. New staff (whether funded by this grant program or not) must complete this training within six (6) months of the start of employment as a victim advocate.

- (c) Funded offices understand and agree that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding provided under this award must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at <http://www.ojp.gov/funding/ojptrainingguidingprinciples.htm>
- (d) The Executive Director may for good cause waive or defer the training requirements provided for in this section unless otherwise prohibited by CJCC or OJP.

15. Allowable Costs and Services.

The following costs and services may be supported by VOCA funds provided that they are included in the approved budget for the funded office:

- (a) Immediate Health and Safety. Those services which respond to the immediate emotional and physical needs (excluding medical care) of crime victims such as:
 - (1) Crisis intervention;
 - (2) Accompaniment to hospitals for medical examinations;
 - (3) Hotline counseling;
 - (4) Emergency food, clothing, transportation, and shelter (including emergency, short term nursing home shelter for elder abuse victims for whom no other safe, short-term residence is available); and
 - (5) Other emergency services that are intended to restore the victim's sense of security. This includes services which offer an immediate measure of safety to crime victims such as boarding-up broken windows, and replacing or repairing locks. Also allowable is emergency legal assistance such as filing restraining orders and obtaining emergency

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custody/visitation rights when such actions are directly connected to family violence cases and are taken to ensure the health and safety of the victim.

- (b) Mental Health Assistance - Those services and activities that assist the primary and secondary victims of crime in understanding the dynamics of victimization and in stabilizing their lives after a victimization such as counseling, group treatment, and therapy. "Therapy" refers to intensive professional psychological/psychiatric treatment for individuals, couples, and family members related to counseling to provide emotional support in crises arising from the occurrence of crime. This includes the evaluation of mental health needs, as well as the actual delivery of psychotherapy.
- (c) Assistance with Participation in Criminal Justice and Juvenile Proceedings.
 - (1) In addition to the cost of emergency legal services noted above, other costs associated with helping victims participate in the criminal justice system also are allowable. These services may include advocacy on behalf of crime victims; accompaniment to criminal justice offices and court; transportation to court; child care or respite care to enable a victim to attend court; notification of victims regarding trial dates, case disposition information, and parole consideration procedures; and assistance with victim impact statements. Projects devoted to restitution advocacy on behalf of specific crime victims must be specifically approved by CJCC.
 - (2) VOCA funds cannot be used to pay for non-emergency legal representation such as divorces or civil restitution recovery efforts.
- (d) Costs Necessary and Essential to Providing Direct Services - This includes prorated costs of rent, utilities (in certain situations, i.e. a shelter), transportation costs for victims to receive services, emergency transportation costs that enable a victim to participate in the criminal justice system and local travel expenses for service providers.
- (e) Special Services - Services to assist crime victims with managing practical problems created by the victimization, such as acting on behalf of the victim with other service providers, creditors, or employers; assisting the victim to recover property that is retained as evidence; assisting in filing for compensation benefits; and, helping to apply for public assistance.

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- (f) Personnel Costs - Costs that are directly related to providing direct services, such as staff salaries and fringe benefits, including malpractice insurance; the cost of advertising to recruit VOCA-funded personnel; and the cost of training paid and volunteer staff.

16. Other Allowable Costs and Services.

- (a) The following other allowable costs and services may be supported by VOCA funds provided that they are included in the approved budget for the funded office:
- (b) The services, activities, and costs listed below are not generally considered direct crime victim services but often are necessary and essential activities to ensure that quality direct services are provided.
- (c) Before these costs can be supported with VOCA funds, the funded office must certify to PACGA that they have no other source of support for them; and that only limited amounts of VOCA funds will be used for these purposes.
- (d) The following list provides examples of such items:
- (1) Skills training for staff -
- (A) VOCA funds designated for training are to be used exclusively for developing the skills of direct service providers including paid staff and volunteers, so that they are better able to offer quality services to crime victims. An example of skills development is training focused on how to respond to a victim in crisis, and the travel expenses associated with this training,
- (B) Reimbursement of expenses for training must meet the Statewide Travel Policy promulgated by the State Accounting Office (SAO) and the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-5B-5 and Chapter 6 of the PAC Rules.
- (C) Reimbursement of expenses for training will only be provided for staff approved in the budget and for volunteers.



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- (e) Training Materials - VOCA funds can be used to purchase materials such as books, training manuals, and videos for direct service providers within the VOCA-funded organization and can support the costs of a trainer for in-service staff development when the amounts do not exceed federal standards. Staff from other organizations can attend in service training activities that are held for the funded office.
- (f) Equipment and Furniture.
 - (1) VOCA funds may be used to purchase furniture and equipment that provide or enhance direct services to crime victims, as demonstrated by the funded office. VOCA funds cannot support the entire cost of an item that is not used exclusively for victim-related activities. However, VOCA funds can support a pro-rated share of such an item.
 - (2) Funded offices cannot use VOCA funds to purchase equipment for another organization or individual to perform a victim-related service.
 - (3) Examples of allowable costs may include beepers, typewriters, computers, video-tape cameras and players for interviewing children, two-way mirrors, equipment and furniture for shelters, work spaces, victim waiting rooms, and children's play areas. The cost of furniture, equipment such as Braille equipment or TTY/TTD machines for the deaf, or minor building alterations/improvements that make victim services more accessible to persons with disabilities are allowable.
 - (4) Title to all equipment and/or supplies purchased with federal funds shall vest in the Council and will be assigned for use by the funded office. An inventory of such property must be maintained in accordance with Council Policy 4.8. Such equipment and supplies will be maintained in accordance with Council Policy 4.8 long as the equipment and/or supplies are used for program related purposes. If the funded office ceases to provide victim services, the Council has the right to determine the future use of such property and to reallocate it to another funded office.
- (g) Purchasing or Leasing Vehicles - Funded offices may use VOCA funds to purchase or lease vehicles if they can demonstrate to Council and the state administrator at CJCC that such expenditure is essential to delivering services to crime victims. The VOCA administrator

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must give prior approval for all such purchases. Vehicles purchased or leased are subject to Council Policies 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3.

(h) Advanced Technologies.

- (1) At times, computers may increase an applicant's ability to reach and serve crime victims. For example, automated victim notification systems have dramatically improved the efficiency of victim notification and enhanced victim security.
- (2) In making such expenditures, the funded office must describe in the project budget how the computer equipment will enhance services to crime victims; how it will be integrated into and/or enhance the funded office's current system; the cost of installation; the cost of training staff to use the computer equipment; the on-going operational costs, such as maintenance agreements and supplies; and how these additional costs will be supported, as maintenance costs cannot be supported with VOCA funds.
- (3) Funding will not be approved for any computer system or software that is not capable of interfacing with the TRACKER case management system operated by PACGA.

(i) Contracts for Professional Services.

- (1) VOCA funds will not be used to support contract services except when it is necessary to contract for specialized services. Examples of these services include:
 - (A) Assistance in filing restraining orders or establishing emergency custody/visitation rights if the funded office can document to PACGA that the office has a demonstrated history of advocacy on behalf of domestic violence victims;
 - (B) Emergency psychological or psychiatric services; or
 - (C) Sign and/or interpretation for the hearing impaired or for crime victims whose primary language is not English.

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- (2) Applicants are prohibited from using VOCA funds for contracted services which contain administrative, overhead, or other indirect costs included in the hourly or daily rate.
- (j) Operating Costs - Examples of allowable operating costs include: supplies; equipment use fees, when supported by usage logs; printing; photocopying, and postage; brochures which describe available services; and books and other victim-related materials. VOCA funds may support administrative time to complete VOCA-required time and attendance sheets and programmatic documentation, reports, and statistics; administrative time to maintain crime victims' records; and the pro-rated share of audit costs.
- (k) Supervision of Direct Service Providers - CJCC may provide VOCA funds for supervision of direct service providers when they determine that such supervision is necessary and essential to providing direct services to crime victims. For example, CJCC may determine that using VOCA funds to support a coordinator of volunteers or interns is a cost-effective way of serving more crime victims.
- (l) Repair and/or Replacement of Essential Items - VOCA funds may be used for repair or replacement of items that contribute to maintaining a healthy and/or safe environment for crime victims, such as a furnace in a shelter. Funded offices wishing to use VOCA funds for these purposes must demonstrate the following:
- (1) That the building is owned by a state or local government and not rented or leased;
 - (2) All other sources of funding have been exhausted;
 - (3) There is no available option for providing the service in another location;
 - (4) That the cost of the repair or replacement is reasonable considering the value of the building; and
 - (5) The cost of the repair or replacement is pro-rated among all sources of income.
- (m) Public Presentations - VOCA funds may be used to support presentations that are made in schools, community centers, or other public forums and designed to identify crime victims and provide or refer them to needed services. Specifically, activities and costs

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related to such programs including presentation materials, brochures, and newspaper notices can be supported by VOCA funds.

17. Motor Vehicle Operations.

- (a) Seat Belt Use. Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 402 and 403, and 29 U.S.C. 668, funded offices, as a recipient of Federal contracts, subcontracts, and grants, shall encourage adoption and enforcement of on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for its employees, contractors, and subrecipients when operating government-owned, rented, or personally owned vehicles.
- (b) Text Messaging While Driving. Text messaging while driving is prohibited for all personnel funded by grants administered by the Council pursuant to grants from CJCC. See Council Policy 12.2(6)(f).

18. Reporting Fraud or Criminal Activity Involving Grant Funds.

- (a) Funded offices agree to promptly refer to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a false claim for grant funds under the False Claims Act; or 2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving grant funds.
- (b) Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by mail:

Office of the Inspector General U.S. Department of Justice Investigations Division
 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
 Room 4706
 Washington, DC 20530
 e-mail: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov
 hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish) (800) 869-4499
 hotline fax: (202) 616-9881

- (c) Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at:
<http://www.justice.gov/oig/hotline/>

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19. Use of psychologists, professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists.

- (a) Funded offices agree to abide by Georgia law regarding the utilization of professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists. (O.C.G.A. § 43-10A-1, et. seq).
- (b) Funded offices agree to abide by Georgia law regarding the utilization of psychologists. (O.C.G.A. § 43-39-1, et. seq).

20. Compliance with Federal Audit Requirements.

- (a) Funded offices must comply with the organizational audit requirements of the Single Audit Act as detailed in OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and further understand and agree that funds may be withheld, or other requirements may be imposed, if outstanding audit issues (if any) from OMB Circular A-133 audits (and any other audits of OJP grant funds) are not satisfactory and promptly addressed, as further described in the current edition of the OJP Financial Guide, Chapter 19.
- (b) The Council will provide each funded office with the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this grant program.

21. Access to Records.

Funded offices will provide the Council, the Office for Victims of Crime, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), CJCC and their representatives, access to and the right to examine all records, books, paper, or documents related to the VOCA grant.

22. Records & Reports; Use of TRACKER.

- (a) As used in this section:
 - (1) "TRACKER" means the Tracker Prosecutor Case Management System, a secure, on-line computer case management system operated by the Council;

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- (2) "VSSR Data" means data that documents the number of new and existing victims served, the demographics of victims, the type of crimes involved and the number and types of services provided to victims by funded offices.
- (b) Funded offices shall utilize TRACKER to document the number of new and existing victims served, the demographics of new victims, and the number and types of services provided victims of crime. Data shall be entered into TRACKER at or near the time services are provided.
- (1) Any funded office not on TRACKER on October 1, 2013 shall, as a condition of receiving funds, take all necessary steps to begin using TRACKER by the end of the first quarter.
- (2) Funded offices not on TRACKER as of October 1, 2013, must maintain and submit VSSR data to the Council in such form as the Director of the Information Technology Division shall prescribe until such time as TRACKER becomes available for use by that office.
- (3) When the Executive Director determines that TRACKER is available for use within a circuit or county, failure to utilize TRACKER may result in withholding of reimbursement of expenditures or void the memorandum of agreement.
- (c) Each funded office is responsible for the accuracy of data entered into TRACKER and reported to CJCC.
- (1) The victim assistance coordinator in each funded office shall review VSSR data for completeness and accuracy at least monthly.
- (2) For offices utilizing TRACKER to manage the preparation and disposition of criminal and civil cases, the victim assistance coordinator is only responsible for the completeness and accuracy of VSSR data related to those cases.
- (d) Any unauthorized use of TRACKER may result in the loss of access to the system, termination of employment, or criminal or civil prosecution.

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23. Prior Approval Required for Certain Contracts or Subcontracts.

Funded offices cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of any contract or subcontract to either the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries without the express prior written approval of CJCC and OJP.

24. National Environmental Policy Act.

Funded offices must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, 83 Stat. 852, 42 U.S.C. § 4321, et seq., and other related federal environmental impact analysis requirements of the funded office engages in one or more of the following activities and the activity needs to be undertaken in order to use grant funds:

- (a) New construction
- (b) Minor renovation or remodeling of a property that is either:
 - (1) Listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; or
 - (2) Located within a 100-year flood plain.
- (c) A renovation, lease, or other proposed use of a building or facility that will either:
 - (1) Result in a change in its basic prior use; or
 - (2) Significantly change its size.
- (d) Implementation of a new program involving the use of chemicals other than those:
 - (1) Purchased as an incidental component of a funded office; or
 - (2) Traditionally used, for example, in office, household, recreational or educational environments.

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1. The PACGA mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number for correspondence, reports and other matters relative to this contract, except as otherwise indicated, are:

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Morrow, Georgia 30260
(770) 282-6300
Email: kkemp@pacga.org

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Attention: Mark French, Budget & Grant Analyst
99 Courthouse Hill - Suite D
Dahlonega, GA 30533
Telephone No.: (706) 482-2552
Email: mark.french@lumpkincounty.gov

3. The PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S mailing address, email address and telephone number for correspondence, reports, and other matters relative to this contract are:

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GRANT NUMBER: _____

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DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

Approved by OMB

0348-0046

(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

1. Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. initial award c. post-award	3. Report Type: <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, <i>if known</i> : Congressional District, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: State of Georgia Criminal Coordinating Council 104 Marietta Street - Suite 440 Atlanta, GA 30303 Congressional District, if known: 9th	
6. Federal Department/Agency: US Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs	7. Federal Program Name/Description: Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program CFDA Number, <i>if applicable</i> : <u>16.575</u>	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i> Lumpkin County does not conduct lobbying activities.	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: <u>Chris Dockery</u> Title: <u>Chairman</u> Telephone No.: <u>(706) 864-3742</u> Date: _____	
Federal Use Only:		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.



STANDARD ASSURANCES

The Applicant hereby assures and certifies compliance with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements, including OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-102, A-110, A-122, A-133; Ex. Order 12372 (intergovernmental review of federal programs); and 28 C.F.R. pts. 66 or 70 (administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements). The applicant also specifically assures and certifies that:

1. It has the legal authority to apply for federal assistance and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
3. It will give the awarding agency or the General Accounting Office, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all paper or electronic records related to the financial assistance.
4. It will comply with all lawful requirements imposed by the awarding agency, specifically including any applicable regulations, such as 28 C.F.R. pts. 18, 22, 23, 30, 35, 38, 42, 61, and 63.
5. It will assist the awarding agency (if necessary) in assuring compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. § 470), Ex. Order 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. § 469 a-1 et seq.), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. § 4321).
6. It will comply (and will require any subgrantees or contractors to comply) with any applicable statutorily-imposed nondiscrimination requirements, which may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3789d); the Victims of Crime Act (42 U.S.C. § 10604(e)); The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. § 5672(b)); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-07); *see* Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations).
7. If a governmental entity—
 - a) it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and
 - b) it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-08 and §§ 7324-28, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.

Signature

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Commission



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying" and 28 CFR Part 67, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DIRECT RECIPIENT)

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510—

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a

public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67 Sections 67.615 and 67.620—

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will—

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Section 67, 630 of the regulations provides that a grantee that is a State may elect to make one certification in each Federal fiscal year. A copy of which should be included with each application for Department of Justice funding. States and State agencies may elect to use OJP Form 4061/7.

Check if the State has elected to complete OJP Form 4061/7.

**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
(GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67; Sections 67.615 and 67.620—

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

1. Grantee Name and Address:

Lumpkin County Commission

2. Application Number and/or Project Name

Enotah Circuit DA VWAP

3. Grantee IRS/Vendor Number

58-6000857

4. Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Chris Dockery, Chairman

5. Signature

6. Date

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of the Comptroller

**Federal Certification Regarding
Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
Lower Tier Covered Transactions
(Sub-Recipient)**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Chris Dockery, Chairman

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

Date

Lumpkin County Commission

Name of Organization

99 Courthouse Hill - Suite H

Address of Organization

Dahlonega, GA 30533

AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

State and local governments are governed by the Single Audit Act of 1984 and OMB Circular A-133, as amended, which is effective regarding audits beginning July 1, 1996 and thereafter. The type of audit required under the Circular is dependent upon the amount of total Federal funds expended in the sub-recipient's fiscal year.

State or local governments and non-profit organizations that expend \$500,000 or more a year in Federal funds shall have an audit made in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984 and OMB Circular A-133, as amended. This audit report is due in the State Administering Agency's office not later than nine (9) months after the end of the sub-recipient's fiscal year.

State or local governments that expend less than \$500,000 in federal funds yearly shall be exempt from compliance with the Single Audit Act and other Federal audit requirements.

[NOTE: This does not exempt you from the requirement to maintain, produce, and report financial and other records and documentation relative to the expenditure of these grant funds upon request of the State or Federal Agency administering this program.]

Please provide the following information:

Period of Fiscal Year:	<u>January 1st thru December 31st</u>
Date of Last Audit:	<u>December 31, 2014</u>
Date of Next Audit:	<u>December 31, 2015</u>
Anticipated Date Next Scheduled Audit Will Be Forwarded to the Council:	<u>June 30, 2016</u>

[NOTE: If the total amount of your agency's federal funds expenditures (including this grant) does not equal or exceed \$500,000 you may write "Not Applicable" in this space.

CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

Generally, employees and beneficiaries of agencies or organizations that receive federal funding are protected by civil rights laws. These laws prohibit certain types of discrimination in employment practices and in delivery of services. Please list the contact information of the person responsible for civil rights compliance within your organization.

- (1) **Civil Rights Contact Person:** Alicia Davis
- (2) **Title/Address:** Director of Community & Employee Services
99 Courthouse Hill - Suite A
Dahlonega, GA 30533
- (3) **Telephone Number:** (706) 482-2573
- (4) **Number of persons employed
by the organizational unit
(agency) responsible for
administering the sub-grant:** 173

For more information regarding civil rights requirements, go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr/

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity,
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust, and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

What is FATCA reporting? The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulation section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the U.S. federal tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation, as appropriate. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the *Exemptions* box, any code(s) that may apply to you. See *Exempt payee code* and *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3.

Exempt payee code. Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends. Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding:

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

- G—A real estate investment trust
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J—A bank as defined in section 581
- K—A broker
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

- 1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
- 2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.
- 3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
- 4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
- 5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The actual owner ¹
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The owner ³
	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.