

FY 2021 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act American Rescue Plan Supplemental Funding

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Office of Criminal Justice Services
Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Introduction and Agenda Overview

- Purpose of Funding
- How to Apply
- Grantee Selection Process
- Application Components
- Questions about the funding

OCJS and Grant Programs

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

By statute, OCJS is the lead justice planning and assistance office for the state, and is responsible for administering millions of dollars in state and federal criminal justice funding every year.

Federal FVPSA Program

Provides the primary federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents.

FVPSA ARP Supplemental Purpose

- Prevent,
- Prepare and,
- Respond to Covid-19

How to Apply

Read the FVPSA ARP RFP

Verify organization eligibility

Develop project strategy

Write application

Submit application

Applicants must submit an electronic version through

www.ocjsgrants.com

Assistance and Notification

- **Application:** For technical assistance on any part of the application process you may email Jacquetta Al-Mubaslat at JAL-Mubaslat@dps.ohio.gov or your regional grant coordinator. The Regional contact list is accessed at <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/grants.stm>
- **Award:** If awarded, notifications will be mailed electronically via the OCJS grants management system to selected projects; and before final approval, all required forms and pre-award conditions must be completed and returned to OCJS through the grants management system.

Eligibility

Distribution of Funding priority will be given to community based projects carried out by nonprofit, private organizations and that do the following:

- Operate shelters for victims of family violence, domestic violence and dating violence, and their dependents as their primary purpose; or
- Provide counseling advocacy, and self-help services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their dependents.

Eligibility

- ✓ System for Award Management Profile (SAM.gov)
- ✓ Reporting Requirements Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

Funding Information

- OCJS grants are reimbursement grants
- All costs must directly relate to preparation for, prevention of and/or response to COVID-19
- OCJS reserves the right to modify project budgets or provide partial funding
- Funding of projects through OCJS is subject to availability of federal pass-through funding resources

Funding Requirements

- Additional funding requirements will be issued as Pre-Award Conditions if funding is approved
- A list of the requirements is provided in the RFP under the Notification section
- Failure to complete forms and/or properly complete forms could result in funding being revoked
- Review the Federal Subgrant Conditions Handbook on www.ocjs.ohio.gov

FVPSA ARP– Length of Funding / Match

- Applicants may apply for an 18-month project period from:

February 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023

Fiscal Considerations

- Match is not required
- No funding cap, however budgets should reflect costs that are realistic and allowable.
- All budget items must relate to COVID-19 prevention, preparation and response

Fiscal Considerations

Unallowable Costs:

- Direct payment to survivors;
- Moving expenses
- Construction costs; and
- Renovation costs

Fiscal Considerations

Do not include hotel/motel costs in the budget.

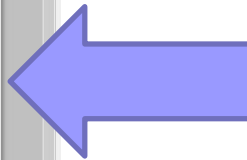
ODVN is coordinating hotel/motel needs and applicants are referred to ODVN for funding support.

Submission

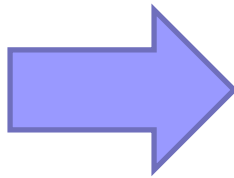
- **Applications are due by 5:00 pm EST on September 30, 2021**
 - Proposals must be in **Application Submitted** status to be considered for review
 - Late applications will not be reviewed

Format and Submission

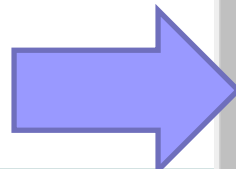
The screenshot shows the login page of the Online Grants System. The header includes the system name and logos for OECJS and DRC. A login form is present with fields for Username and Password, and a LOGIN button. Below the form are links for New User? and Forgot Password?. The main content area contains a welcome message and a 'New Users/How to get started:' section with instructions for new users.



The screenshot shows a 'Global Errors' page. It features a 'Back' button, a 'Details' link for document information 2015-JG-D01-00005, and two error messages: 'You must complete this page Budget Request By Receipts' and 'Information populated on this page is derived from other pages that were changed. Please review this page for accuracy. Title Page'. The footer includes 'Powered by IntelliGrants™' and a copyright notice.



The screenshot shows the 'Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2015 Menu - Status Options' page. It includes a 'Back' button, a 'Details' link for document information 2015-JG-D01-00005, and a section for 'Possible Statuses' with two options: 'APPLICATION SUBMITTED' and 'APPLICATION CANCELLED', each with an 'APPLY STATUS' button. The footer includes 'Powered by IntelliGrants™' and a copyright notice.



Narrative

- Provide local data/statistics that show how the community/population you serve has been impacted by Covid-19. **Responses should include the following:** _____
 - Population size, location, geography
 - Population composition in terms of race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, and other important demographic information
 - Calls for service (immediate shelter and/or related supportive services)
 - Number of people served (immediate shelter and/or related supportive services)
 - Number of people who request services who are turned away (explain why)

Narrative

- Provide information to explain how your agency has been impacted by COVID-19. _____
- Explain why other resources in the community are not sufficient to address the problem you are experiencing. _____
- Describe what you are requesting funding for, and how your request is related to COVID-19 prevention, preparation, or response. _____

Narrative

- Who on your staff will be responsible for overseeing the project? **Responses should include staff managing the proposed project activities and staff implementing project activities. If staff have not been hired describe positions and roles within the project.**

- Discuss how/whether you have worked with local/state/federal health departments, the CDC, or other entities in developing Covid-19 related policies and practices. If you have not, please explain why. _____

Budget

Presents a clear and detailed budget with a narrative that explains and justifies

Justifies the costs of the proposed program and that the costs are considered reasonable and cost-effective in view of the types and range of activities to be conducted, the number of participants to be served, and the expected results and benefits

Includes information on related funding the agency may be applying for or receiving

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Hotel Program & Guidelines

- Purpose of the Program
 - To allow DV programs & shelters to remain operational during COVID-19
 - To de-congregate shelters to ensure social distancing
 - To minimize exposure and potential outbreaks in communal settings
 - To continue providing services to survivors with high-risk health conditions or those that need to quarantine due to exposure or positive COVID-19 test

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- DV Program & Shelter Expectations
 - Program advocates/case managers must leave 24-hour program contact information with hotel management for after hours emergencies
 - Any services offered through the program or shelter must be provided to survivors and families utilizing the hotel (supportive services, case management, food, transportation, etc.) Daily monitoring/check in with survivor to assess needs and services
 - Must be a safe option for survivor/family with initial and ongoing safety planning
 - Access to program through 24 hour crisis line or virtual support

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- Populations to be served:
 - Individuals and families who can perform activities of daily living in a hotel setting (ie. Able to manage on their own and more independently)
 - Those who agree to abide by all ODVN & Hotel policies & guidelines
 - Those survivors with severe behavioral health or other needs may not be appropriate. These survivors should be served in the shelter setting.
 - Must agree to not allowing visitors and/or abusers in the hotel

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- How to Access ODVN's Hotel Program:
 - Contact hotelprogram@odvn.org
 - Submit Emergency Fund Request Form
 - Submit Hotel Essential Expenses Form if applicable
 - Submit to ODVN for approval
 - Materials and guidelines can also be sent upon request to see all guidelines

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- **Relocation & Safety Assistance Program**

- Purpose of Program:

- Safely relocate survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking &/or human trafficking
- Reduce as many barriers for survivors as possible
- Assist Survivors secure safe housing alternatives
- Relocate survivors to another city or state
- Assist with security deposit, up to 3 months rental assistance
- Assistance with utility start up, payment or back balance payments
- Back balance payments to Metro Housing Authorities
- Assist with moving expenses, storage units & pet boarding
- This is not an exhaustive list

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- DV Program & Shelter Expectations
 - Must be a VOCA funded program (we can connect survivors/advocates with a VOCA funded program if necessary)
 - Survivors **must** work with an advocate through a DV or related program
 - Applications must be submitted by an advocate (no direct survivor referrals)
 - Advocates must provide case management, safety planning, resources, referrals, support groups, advocacy, etc. if the survivor desires any/all services
 - Work with the Relocation & Safety Assistance Coordinator to complete all application requests

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- Populations To Be Served
 - Survivors of DV, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking
 - Survivors needing to relocate; move; seek safe, affordable housing for safety reasons; are in need of pet boarding; storage facilities, etc.
 - Survivors can utilize relocation funds whether they are in shelter or seeking other non-residential services
 - Relocation can be used for single survivor's or families
 - In some instances, relocation funds can be used to keep survivor's in their homes if they feel it is a safe location
 - Private funds can be used to reduce additional barriers not covered by VOCA (eg. Court fines/fees, license fees/reinstatement, car repairs)

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- How to Access ODVN's Relocation Program
 - Requests can be up to \$1200 per survivor in a 1 yr period
 - Applications must be submitted by an advocate from a VOCA funded program
 - Supportive services must be offered to survivors but must be voluntary
 - Applications and requests must be submitted to:
relocation@odvn.org
 - All application & requests must be approved prior to service
 - Programs can provide the necessary funding and be reimbursed by ODVN

Additional Questions?

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OCJS Grants Coordinators

Regional Contacts: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/grants.stm>

