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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Victims for Justice Extension of Victim Services

Project Location: Statewide, especially Matanuska Susitna Valley, Fairbanks, Juneau

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

VFJ is the only victim's service agency in the state that serves all victims of violent crime. While many communities have organizations which serve particular clients, such as victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, many other victims go unserved in much of the state.

VFJ would like to expand our services to include three other major population areas: the Matanuska Susitna Valley, Fairbanks, and Juneau.

Please see attached letter for more information.

Related Appropriations Bill: DOJ

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$575,000

Total funding to complete this project: Same

Number of years to fund this project: 1 - Funding in 2009

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: no

Matching funds from local and private entities:

Not for startup. Local and state funding anticipated for continuation of program.

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: none

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: none

Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Check all that apply:

- A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and other details of laws that need to be amended.)
- Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language.)



Request for Funding for Extension of Victims' Services

Victims for Justice is a non-profit agency working with victims of violent crime. Focused primarily in Anchorage, VFJ has expanded in recent years to include programs in rural Alaskan communities, particularly in Southwest Alaska, as well as the MatSu valley.

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VFJ would like to expand our services to include three other major population areas: the Matanuska Susitna Valley, Fairbanks, and Juneau. As we are already providing some services in the MatSu through our Anchorage office, we would like to begin by establishing a satellite office in the Palmer Wasilla area. This area of great population growth and its concomitant growth in violent crime now requires the services of a full time victim advocate. An office in the valley would provide more efficient use of resources because the two hours of travel required for a round trip from Anchorage could be eliminated.

Fairbanks would be our second target for additional services. We envision opening an office there in the second year of the expansion program, with one victim advocate trained and supervised by the Advocate Team Leader who is stationed in Anchorage. In the third year, we would extend our services to Juneau.

From each of these community offices, we would anticipate providing services to victims from neighboring rural areas, as well.

The attached budget describes the costs we would incur for this project, including salary and benefits for the additional staff, as well as for support staff in the main office who would provide training, supervision, and other logistical support. Other costs include travel for new staff and training and supervision; facilities expense for establishing small offices in each locale; and costs for equipment and supplies to support each office. The total cost is anticipated to be \$575,000 for the three year period of startup. The new offices would subsequently be maintained through local and state support.

Because we would be serving a wide variety of victims – all violent crimes, rural and urban, male and female – we propose that funding come through VOCA or other department, rather than VAWA, which limits spending to women victims of crime.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Victims for Justice
Extension of Services Budget

Victims for Justice				
Extension of Victim Services Budget				
Fiscal Year 2010-2012				
EXPENSES				
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	2010	2011	2012	Total
Administrative Support Services	27,000	35,000	42,000	104,000
Victim Advocate-MatSu	35,535	36,601	37,699	109,835
Victim Advocate- Interior		35,535	36,601	72,136
Victim Advocate- SouthEast			35,535	35,535
Violence Prevention	17,836	18,371	18,922	55,129
Total Personal Services	80,371	125,507	170,757	376,635
Taxes & Benefits	9,170	14,320	19,485	42,976
Health Insurance	3,200	6,400	9,600	19,200
Total Fringe Benefits	12,370	20,720	29,085	62,176
Total Personnel Expense	92,741	146,227	199,842	438,811
	2010	2011	2012	Total
Destination and Purpose				
Airfare To & From Central Office		3,000	6,000	9,000
Airfare To Outlying Communities		1,000	2,000	
Training Travel, p/d & Lodging		1,000	2,000	3,000
Conference Registration	500	1,000	1,500	3,000
Mileage	2000	3,000	4000	9,000
Total Travel Expense	2,500	9,000	15,500	27,000
	2010	2011	2012	Total
Rents/Leases	18,000	30,000	42,000	90,000
Communication	1,200	2,400	3,889	7,489
Total Facility Expense	19,200	32,400	45,889	97,489
	2010	2011	2012	Total
Office Supplies	1,000	2,000	3,000	6,000
Program Supplies	200	400	600	1,200
Total Commodities Expense	1,200	2,400	3,600	7,200
	2010	2011	2012	Total
Maintenance and Repair	3,600	7,200	10,800	21,600
Lease and/or Rental	200	400	600	1,200
Purchase	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,500
Total Equipment Expense	5,300	9,100	12,900	27,300
TOTAL COSTS	117,141	191,527	266,331	575,000

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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska State Victim Assistance Academy (ASVAA)

Project Location: Anchorage, Alaska - State-wide Project

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

With this application, Victims for Justice is requesting funding to supplement an anticipated OVC grant to establish an Alaskan Victim Assistance Academy. The OVC grant will be for \$195,000: \$65,000 for first year start up, \$100,000 for second year development and presentation of the First Academy; \$30,000 in the third year for modifications and holding the Second Academy. We estimate the OVC grant will cover about half of the costs of establishing the academy over the three year period, and are requesting \$200,000 to supplement the OVC funds. In coordinating this initiative in Alaska, VFJ anticipates working with numerous victim support organizations from around the state, many of whom have already indicated an interest in the project. (See attached list of supporters and ASVAA Project Description Continued.)

Related Appropriations Bill: _____

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$200,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$395,000

Number of years to fund this project: 3

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: _____

Matching funds from local and private entities: _____

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime State Victim Assistance Academy Initiative begun in 1998.

Check all that apply:

- A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended.)
- Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language.)

FY09 Appropriation Project – ASVAA – Project Description Continued

To fulfill its long-term goal of encouraging victim assistance courses of study across the country, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) of the U.S. Department of Justice introduced the State Victim Assistance Academy (SVAA) Initiative in Fiscal Year 1998. Currently, 31 states, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia have established State Victim Assistance Academies through the OVC program. SVAAAs provide state-specific training in victim assistance issues. They're modeled after the National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA), but tailor content to reflect the needs and laws of individual states.

A State Victim Assistance Academy is an annual, week-long, intensive foundation course of study in victimology and victims' rights and services. SVAAAs are operated in partnership with an academic institution and are designed to meet the entry-level, intermediate and advanced training needs of a broad range of victim service providers and allied professionals.

Alaskan victim service providers face a very high rate of violent crime. Alaska is 8th in occurrence of violent crime and 6th in aggravated assault¹. The state as a whole has double the rate of murder in comparison to states of similar population size (Vermont & Wyoming), three times the rate of violent crime and aggravated assault, and five times the rate of robbery². Certain rural areas of the state are especially impacted, for instance, the areas of Bethel and Dillingham, hub communities for most of South Western Alaska, including the Bristol Bay Borough. The combined area population is 9,790 people, 65% of whom are Alaskan Natives. Looking at the number of crimes per 1,000 people, this area exceeds Anchorage in rate of overall violent crime, as well as in rates of murders and aggravated assaults.³

They are further challenged by geographic isolation from professionals working in this field in the rest of the states, and often from their peers in other communities. Again considering the communities of Southwest Alaska, from Anchorage they can only be reached by plane, and surrounding villages commute to them by ATV, snowmobile, or boat.

Finally, victims assistance agencies seeking professional training for their staff are hampered by very limited budgets, that often provide very little in the way of travel outside their communities.

With this grant, VFJ intends to establish an SVAA that will address Alaska-specific victim assistance issues, as well as provide assistance with costs of travel to the Academy for rural victim service providers. Suggested report language is attached.⁴

VFJ will keep your office informed of developments over the next few months related to this grant, specifically acceptance of our proposal by OVC and possible participation by other entities in creating an Alaska Victims Assistance Academy.

¹ US State Crime 2004-2005, Crimes per 100,000 and Ranking, US Disaster Center, www.disastercenter.com/crime/.

² Crime in the United States 2005, US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/index.html

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⁴ See page 2, attached

**Victims for Justice
State Victims Assistance Academy Project**

1. Alaskan Victim Assistance agencies who have indicated their support for VFJ's project to create an Alaskan SVAA, as of 2/15/08:
 - Alaska State Office of Victims Rights
 - Alaska State Department of Law/Anchorage office of the District Attorney
 - Alaska Department of Corrections/Adult Probation-Parole Division
 - Alaska Violent Crimes Compensation Board
 - Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse.
 - Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse
 - Alaska CARES @ Providence Hospital
 - Standing Together Against Rape
 - University of Alaska, Anchorage/Justice Center

2. Suggested language for budget report document:

\$200,000 is appropriated to Victims for Justice in Alaska to establish a State Victims' Assistance Academy.

Alaska State Victim Assistance Academy Income and Expense Worksheet

Description	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	
Income Goal				
Federal SVAA Grant Funding	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
Federal Grant Support Funding	\$ 35,437.27	\$ 47,069.78	\$ 117,492.95	\$ 200,000.00
State Grant Support Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Rasmusson	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Conference fees for participants	\$ -	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Gross Income Goal (Total Overall)	\$ 100,437.27	\$ 164,569.78	\$ 172,492.95	

Salary/Benefits				
Project Lead @ 60%	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,720.00	\$ 25,461.60	
Development (PR, funding, website, advertising) @ 15%, 10%, 10%	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 4,635.00	\$ 4,774.05	
Executive Director @ 15%	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,587.50	\$ 11,935.13	
Administrative @ 20%	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,240.00	\$ 8,487.20	
Taxes and Benefits	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,075.01	\$ 9,248.46	
Salary/Benefits Total	\$ 59,330.00	\$ 58,257.51	\$ 59,897.44	

Rentals/Facilities				
Site Fee (UAA conference space 4 class rooms x 5 days)	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Rental of presentation equipment (projector, screen, etc./room)	\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	
participant food/refreshments	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	
rental space of Project Lead office	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00	
Rental/Facilities Total	\$ 520.00	\$ 20,820.00	\$ 20,820.00	

Conference Fees				
Presenters (18 people x \$500 for time)	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	
Participant Manuals (50 participants x \$15)	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	
Alaska specific curriculum research/development/production	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Name badges, pens, etc.	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
Conference Fees Total	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	

Travel				
Travel for Project Lead to an established SVAA	\$ 2,000.00			
airfare/mileage/rental car/cab for Project Lead	\$ 10,000.00		\$ -	
hotels	\$ 1,050.00		\$ -	
Stakeholder rural village travel	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Speaker Hotel, p/d and airfare		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Travel Total	\$ 24,050.00	\$ 42,105.00	\$ 51,381.25	

Equipment				
laptop (Microsoft Office, antivirus + bag)	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	
projector (carry case)	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	
desktop (Microsoft Office + antivirus)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
CD (100)/flash drives (3)	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Office furniture (file cabinets, etc.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Office supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	
Equipment Total	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	

Miscellaneous Expenses				
Phone (800# & business line)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
IT support (10% of yearly fees)	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	
postage (5 mailings/year)	\$ 852.27	\$ 852.27	\$ 852.27	
copier costs (25% of overall useage)	\$ 995.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 995.00	
Miscellaneous Total	\$ 4,587.27	\$ 4,587.27	\$ 4,587.27	

Media/Public Relations				
Consultation	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Production/Development (Graphic Artist)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
TV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Radio	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Newsletters/other ads	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	
Print - flyers, brochures, etc.	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	
Media/PR Total	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	

Gross Income	\$ 100,437.27	\$ 164,569.78	\$ 172,492.95	\$ 437,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 100,437.27	\$ 164,569.78	\$ 172,492.95	\$ 437,500.00
Net Income	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.00

\$ 200,000.00