

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**SUBJECT:** FY 2025 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Grant Funding

**DATE:** 2/11/25

**RECOMMENDATION**

**POLICY DISCUSSION**

**BUDGET INFORMATION:**

**STATUS REPORT**

~~ANNUAL-~~

**OTHER**

~~CAPITAL-~~

**PRESENTED BY:** Christina Morgan, Director of Victim Services

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON:** February 17, 2025

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**PURPOSE:** Consider/Approve ratifying Memorandum of Agreement with PACGA for FY 2025 Victims of Crime Act assistance grant program funding for the Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and designation of signing authority.

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**BACKGROUND / HISTORY:** The VOCA grant helps fund the salaries for the victim advocates in the Mountain Judicial Circuit's District Attorney's Office. Services provided by the victim advocates are required by law under the Crime Victims Bill of Rights.

Total amount of VOCA grant for the FY2025 is \$119,841. CJCC Sub-grant Number: C23-8-249

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**FACTS AND ISSUES:** This VOCA grant requires the Board's approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with PACGA for FY2025 and the designation of signing authority. We must submit a copy of the official minutes from the Board's meeting to PAC to meet the requirements of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

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**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve recommendation
  - 2) Deny recommendation
  - 3) Commission defined alternative
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**RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:** "Motion to Approve Ratifying Memorandum of Agreement with PACGA for FY2025 VOCA Grant for the Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office."

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**DEPARTMENT:**

Prepared by: Christina Morgan, Director of Victims Services

Director: District Attorney's Office, Mountain Judicial Circuit

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**ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMENTS:**

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County Manager

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**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL OF GEORGIA**  
**Agreement for Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program**

County: Habersham

Implementing Prosecuting Attorney: District Attorney George Christian

**Allocation 1: CJCC Grant No: C23-8-249**

A. Base Federal Funds:	\$ <u>119,841</u>
B. Matching Funds (waived for all offices):	\$ <u>29,960</u>

Initial Grant Period: October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

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 "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 Habersham County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), a political subdivision of this State and the (District Attorney) (Solicitor-General) for the Mountain Judicial Circuit (Judicial Circuit) (County) (hereinafter referred to as the "Prosecuting Attorney").

1. Between 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, 2024 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 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 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, allocate to County, and the County hereby accepts, an amount not to exceed the amount designated in the allocation letter to be used solely for the purposes of providing victims services as defined by the approved budget (see 10a).
6. Budget Limitation: The approved budget total (see 10a) 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 VOCA 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 Base funding budget.
  - (c) Match waivers may be granted by CJCC upon request of the Prosecuting Attorneys' office or based on an administrative decision by CJCC.
  - (d) The Prosecuting Attorney's office may choose to meet a portion or all of the required match in the form of volunteer hours valued at \$15 per hour. There is no minimum volunteer hour requirement.
8. Use of Volunteers:
  - (a) The Prosecuting Attorney's office must utilize volunteers unless a written waiver request is approved by both CJCC and the Federal Government. Volunteer hours are not required to be included in the budget.
9. 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, 2024	Due: <b>January 15, 2025</b>
Quarter 2	January 1 – March 31, 2025	Due: <b>April 15, 2025</b>
Quarter 3	April 1 – June 30, 2025	Due: <b>July 15, 2025</b>
Quarter 4	July 1 – September 30, 2025	Due: <b>October 15, 2025</b>

(b) Outcome Performance Measurement Surveys (Annual).

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

Annually	Oct. 1, 2024 -Sept. 30, 2025	Due: <b>October 30, 2025</b>

(2) NOTE: OPM Survey data is directly pulled by CJCC via the iMPRoVE Platform.

10. Financial Reporting Requirements:

(a) The County will submit budget worksheet(s) to PACGA no later than October 18, 2024. 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. Separate SER forms are required for Base funding and Victims Comp Advocate funding. Deadlines are as follows:

Quarter 1	October 1 – December 31, 2024	Due: <b>January 15, 2025</b>
Quarter 2	January 1 – March 31, 2025	Due: <b>April 15, 2025</b>
Quarter 3	April 1 – June 30, 2025	Due: <b>July 15, 2025</b>
Quarter 4	July 1 – September 30, 2025	Due: <b>October 15, 2025</b>

(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.).
- (e) All program staff, both paid and volunteers, must keep time sheets documenting total time worked, time worked on grant activities, and the percentage of total time spent on grant activities. Time worked on grant activities must be further broken down into CJCC approved categories.
11. 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.
  12. 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.
  13. 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 funds.
  14. 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 close of said project at the Federal level 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.
  15. 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.
  16. 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.

17. 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 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 PACGA as of that moment. Certification by the Executive Director of 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.
18. 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 and Prosecuting Attorney agree to comply with the most recent copy of CJCC's subgrantee manual available at:  
<https://cjcc.georgia.gov/grant-forms-publications/educational-tools-resources>
  - (d) The County and Prosecuting Attorney agree to comply with all Special Conditions set forth by CJCC and PACGA.
  - (e) The County and Prosecuting Attorney agree to comply with the most recent edition of the OJP Financial Guide available at: <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/index.htm>
  - (f) The County and Prosecuting Attorney hereby assure and certify that it:
    - (1) Complies with and will continue to comply with all Federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements, including 2 C.F.R., Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; 2 C.F.R. Part 180 – Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement); 28 C.F.R. Part 83 – Government-wide Requirements for a Drug-Free Workplace (Grants); 28 C.F.R. Part 69 – Restrictions on lobbying 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.

19. 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.
20. Penalties for Violations: Violation of any of the terms and conditions of this grant can result in penalties including but not limited to: withholding of disbursements or future awards, suspension/termination of awards, suspension/debarment, repayment of reimbursed federal funds, civil lawsuit, or criminal prosecution.
21. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above,

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY EXECUTION:

George R. Christian 01/28/2025  
Signature Date signed by Prosecuting Attorney

George R. Christian  
Printed Name

The Honorable  
District Attorney, Mountain Judicial Circuit  
Solicitor-General, n/a County

COUNTY EXECUTION:

Jimmy R. Tench 2/10/25  
Signature Date signed by County

Jimmy R. Tench  
Printed Name

Chairman, Habersham County Board of Commissioners  
Title  
Official for Habersham County

PACGA EXECUTION:

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Signature Date signed by Council

Peter J. Skandalakis  
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: Sarai Leonides  
1590 Adamson Parkway, Fourth Floor  
Morrow, Georgia 30260-1755  
(770) 282-6300  
Email: [sleonides@pacga.org](mailto:sleonides@pacga.org)

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

Habersham County  
Attention: Christina Morgan  
295 Llewellyn St., Suite 250  
Clarksville, GA 30523  
Telephone No.: 706-839-0370 or 706-898-5148  
Email: cpmorgan@pacga.org

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

Habersham District Attorney's Office  
Attention: Christina Morgan  
295 Llewellyn St., Suite 250  
Clarksville, GA 30523  
Telephone No.: 706-839-0370 or 706-898-5148  
Email: cpmorgan@pacga.org



EXHIBIT B  
PACGA Policy 11.2







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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 set forth in 28 CFR 94 Subpart B and 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



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(DUNS) number and to provide that number to the Council.

- (f) Each funded office agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM).
- (g) Each funded office agrees to adhere to the provisions set forth in all executed Memoranda of Agreement and in the Special Conditions issued by CJCC or PAC.

### 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 to, 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



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- 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.

(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;



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- (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;
- (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,



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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:

- (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



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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;
- (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,



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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;
- (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.).





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- (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.



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(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.

- (4) For information and resources for providing services to LEP or disabled individuals, visit [LEP.gov](http://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, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information. Any person who believes that they have been discriminated against based on his or race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information has the right to file a civil rights complaint with the Office of Justice Programs.



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- (2) Each funded office shall display the following statement in a prominent location where it will be visible to staff and 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, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information. 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.

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.



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#### (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, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information, the funded office must submit a copy of the finding to the Council, the CJCC and the OJP Office of Civil Rights.



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### 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 to CJCC detailing the receipt and expenditure of 5% funds by January 15 or other deadline established by CJCC 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.



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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, and an EEOP certification form be submitted directly to the Federal Government. 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 any 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.



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- (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 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





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(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 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



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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.
- (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) Items not used exclusively for direct victim services should be pro-rated to include only the portion of the item used for direct service to victims.



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(e) 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. Reimbursement rates must follow local or State rates, whichever is lowest.

(C) Reimbursement of expenses for training will only be provided for staff approved in the budget and for volunteers.

(f) 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.

(g) Supplies and Furniture.

(1) VOCA funds may be used to purchase furniture and supplies 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 supplies for another organization or individual to perform a victim-related service.



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(3) Examples of allowable costs may include computers, video-tape cameras and players for interviewing children, two-way mirrors, supplies and furniture for shelters, work spaces, victim waiting rooms, and children's play areas. The cost of furniture, supplies 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.

(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.



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- (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.
  - (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.



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- (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 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 sub-recipients 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). All funded offices must have a written text messaging while driving policy.



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### 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](mailto: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/>

### 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).





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### 20. Compliance with Federal Uniform Guidance and Audit Requirements.

- (a) Funded offices must comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800. Funded offices further understand and agree that funds may be withheld, or other requirements may be imposed, if outstanding audit issues (if any) from C.F.R. Part 200 (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.
- (b) The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this grant program is 16.575

### 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;
  - (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



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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.

### 23. Prior Approval Required for Certain Contracts or Subcontracts.

Funded offices cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of any



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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.



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### 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.

# DESIGNATION OF GRANT OFFICIALS

LEGAL NAME OF AGENCY: Mountain Circuit District Attorney's Office

PROJECT TITLE: Habersham County VWAP

GRANT NUMBER: C23-8-249

Mr.

Ms.

Christina Morgan

PROJECT DIRECTOR NAME (Type or Print)

Director of Victim Services, Mountain Circuit District Attorney's Office

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30523

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Ms.

Tim Sims

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Chief Financial Officer, Habersham County

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Ms.

Jimmy Tench

Authorized Official (Type or Print)

Chairman, Habersham County Board of Commissioners

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## DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Approved by OMB

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

0348-0046

(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

<b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	<b>3. Report Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change <b>For Material Change Only:</b> year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known:  <b>Congressional District, if known:</b>	<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b>  State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council 104 Marietta St., Suite 440 Atlanta, GA 30303  <b>Congressional District, if known:</b>	
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b> U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs	<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b> VOCA Victims of Crime Formula Grant Program CFDA Number, if applicable: <u>16.575</u>	
<b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b>	<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b> \$	
<b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>  Mountain Judicial Circuit VWAP Habersham County 295 Llewellyn St., Suite 250 Clarkesville, GA 30523	<b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
<b>11.</b> 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>Jimmy Tench</u> Title: <u>Chairman, Habersham County Board of Commissioners</u> Telephone No.: <u>(706) 839-0200</u> Date: <u>2/10/25</u>	
<b>Federal Use Only:</b>	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 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards by the Department of Justice), and Ex. Order 12372 (intergovernmental review of federal programs). 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 Government Accountability 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, and the award term in 2 C.F.R. § 175.15(b).
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. § 469a-1 et seq.), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. § 4321).
6. It will comply (and will require any subrecipients or contractors to comply) with any applicable nondiscrimination provisions, 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 Violence Against Women Act (42 U.S.C. § 13925(b)(13)); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. §§ 1301-1303); 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). It will also comply with Ex. Order 13279, Equal Protection of the Laws for FaithBased and Community Organizations; Executive Order 13559, Fundamental Principles and Policymaking Criteria for Partnerships With Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations; and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 38.
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

2/10/25





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:

Habersham County VWAP, Mountain Judicial Circuit  
295 Llewellyn St., Suite 250  
Cokesville, GA 30523

2. Application Number and/or Project Name

Mountain Judicial Circuit VWAP  
Habersham County

3. Grantee IRS/Vendor Number

4. Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Jimmy Tench   
Chairman, Habersham County Board of Commissioners

2/10/25

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)**

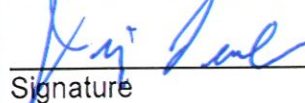
This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

**(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.

Jimmy Tench, Chairman, Habersham County BOC

Name and Title of Authorized Representative



Signature

2/10/25

Date

Habersham County Board of Commissioners

Name of Organization

130 Jacob's Way, Suite 301, Clarkesville, GA 30523

Address of Organization



## 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Last Audit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Next Audit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Date Next  
Scheduled Audit Will  
Be Forwarded to the  
CJCC:** N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

*[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.]*





Habersham County Commissioner's Office  
130 Jacob's Way  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
706-839-0200  
[www.haberhsamga.com](http://www.haberhsamga.com)

January 28, 2025

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
104 Marietta Street  
Suite 440  
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: Authorized Grant Designee, VOCA Grant C23-8-249

To Whom It May Concern;

As the authorized official of the above Victim Assistance Grant, I hereby designate the District Attorney for Habersham County, Mountain Judicial Circuit, as the signing authority for future submissions of forms and documents pertaining to the sub-grant.

For the duration of the grant cycle, I request all documentation be mailed directly to the District Attorney, ATTN: Christina Morgan, Director of Victim Services, 295 Llewellyn Street, Suite 250, Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me directly at 706-839-0200. You may also contact the District Attorney's Office at 706-839-0370.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Tench, Chairperson  
Habersham County Board of Commissioners



SUBGRANT NUMBER: C23-8-249

FY23 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS

SUBGRANTEE: Prosecuting Attorney's Council of GA

SUBGRANT NUMBER: C23-8-249

1. Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") apply to this 2019 award.

For more information and resources on the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as they relate to Office of Justice Programs (OJP) subawards ("subgrants"), see the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Part200UniformRequirements.htm>

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2. Record retention and access: Records pertinent to the award that the subgrantee must retain -- typically for a period of 3 years, or until any state and/or federal initiated audit exceptions have been cleared, whichever is later, from the date of submission of the final expenditure report (SF 425), unless a different retention period applies -- and to which the subgrantee must provide access to, 1) Subgrant award agreement, special conditions and any attachment; 2) any written agreements between subgrantee and consultant/subgrantees; 3) Program files and supporting documents related to this subgrant award agreement; 4) statistical records; 5) administrative operations and accounting/financial records related to this subgrant award agreement; and 6) other pertinent records indicated at 2 C.F.R. 200.333. Said records are subject to audit by the State of Georgia. Records must be adequately protected against fire, loss, theft, or damage.

In the event that an award-related question arises from documents or other materials prepared or distributed by OJP or CJCC that may appear to conflict with, or differ in some way from, the provisions of the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, the subgrantee is to contact CJCC promptly for clarification.

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3. Federal laws prohibit grantees and subgrantees of financial assistance from

discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability in funded programs or activities, not only in respect to employment practices but also in the delivery of services or benefits. Federal law also prohibits funded programs or activities from discriminating on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits.

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4. The subgrantee agrees to take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of national origin, including discrimination against individuals with LEP. Such steps may require providing language assistance services, such as interpretation or translation services. The Department of Justice guidance on compliance with this requirement may be found at "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (67 Fed. Reg. 41455-41472) (<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/02-15207>) and is incorporated by reference here. Reasonable steps may include the provision of language assistance services, such as oral language assistance or written translation. For more information on the civil rights responsibilities that subgrantees have in providing language services to LEP individuals, please see the website at <https://www.lep.gov>.

Subgrantees that provide hotline services will provide documentation of a contract for 24-hour language interpretation services for callers who do not speak English. Subgrantees providing hotline services will ensure that its internet-based relay services and/or TTY machine are operable at all times and that all staff, volunteers, and interns who answer the hotline receive training within two weeks of their respective start dates as well as ongoing review of internet-based relay services and/or TTY answering procedures.

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5. All subgrantees of Federal financial assistance, regardless of the particular funding source, the amount of the grant award, or the number of employees in the workforce, are subject to the prohibitions against unlawful discrimination. Accordingly, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) investigates subgrantees that are the subject of discrimination complaints from both individuals and groups. In addition, based on regulatory criteria, CJCC selects a number of subgrantees each year for compliance reviews, audits that require subgrantees to submit data showing that they are providing services equitably to all segments of their service population and that their employment practices meet equal employment opportunity standards.

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6. Federal grant program requirements, the subgrantee must comply with the following EEO reporting requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 12, specifically including any application

requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program:

If the subgrantee has less than 50 employees, receives an award of less than \$25,000, or is a nonprofit organization, medical institution, educational institution, or Indian tribe, then it is exempt from the EEO requirement. To claim the exemption, the subgrantee must complete and submit Section A of the Certification Form, which is available online at <https://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

If the subgrantee is a government agency or private business, receives an award of at least \$25,000 but less than \$500,000 and has 50 or more employees (counting both full- and part- time employees but excluding political appointees), then it must prepare a Utilization Report (formerly called an EEO Short Form). While the subgrantee does not have to submit the report to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) for review, it must maintain the Utilization Report on file and make it available for review on request. In addition, the subgrantee must complete Section B of the Certification Form and return it to OCR. The Certification Form is available at <https://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

If the subgrantee is a government agency or private business, receives an award for \$500,000 or more, and has 50 or more employees (counting both full- and part-time employees but excluding political appointees), then it must prepare a Utilization Report (formerly called an EEO Short Form) and submit it to OCR for review within 60 days from the date of this award. For assistance in developing a Utilization Report, please consult OCR's website at <https://www.ojp.gov/about/offices/ocr.htm>. In addition, the subgrantee must complete Section C of the Certification Form and return it to OCR. The Certification Form is available at <https://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

To comply with the EEO requirements, you may request technical assistance from an EEO specialist at OCR by telephone at (202) 307-0690, TTY at (202) 307-2027, or e-mail at [EEOsubmitson@usdoj.gov](mailto:EEOsubmitson@usdoj.gov).

The subgrantee acknowledges that failure to submit an acceptable EEO (if the subgrantee is required to submit one pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302), approved by OCR, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in either (1) suspension of funding until such time as the subgrantee is in compliance or (2) termination of the award. The subgrantee must maintain proof of compliance with the above requirements and be able to provide such proof to CJCC upon request.

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7. Subgrantee agencies are required to clearly post a non-discrimination policy in accordance with the special conditions. This policy shall be visible to and easily accessed by all staff, board members, and clients. The policy shall also contain information on how to lodge a claim of discrimination against the subgrantee agency.

If a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the ground of race, religion, national origin, sex or disability, then the subgrantee must submit a copy of the findings to CJCC and to OCR for review (28 C.F.R. §§ 42.205(5) or 31.202(5)).

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8. Pursuant to A.G. Order No. 2353-2001 and O.C.G.A. §50 - 36 1(d), public or private nonprofit service providers that deliver in-kind (noncash) services necessary to protect life or safety and do not charge for said services based on the clients' income may neither require clients seeking their organization's services to verify their immigration status nor deny services based on the clients' legal status. (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 and 66 FR 3613). Agencies providing said services shall establish a policy ensuring all victims have access to services regardless of immigrant status and shall promulgate same with staff and clients seeking services.

Any law enforcement or prosecution subgrantee that provides in-kind (non-cash) services necessary to protect life or safety and does not charge for said services based on the clients' 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 (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 and 66 FR 3613; O.C.G.A §17-5-100(f))).

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9. The recipient must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at <https://www.sam.gov/>. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining the currency of information in SAM. The details of the recipient's obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SAM.htm>

Initials cpm

10. The subgrantee agrees to comply with the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OJP website (currently, the "[DOJ Grants Financial Guide](https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm)" available at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm> including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance.

Initials CPM

11. The subgrantee agrees to comply with the conditions of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984 sections 1404(a)(2), (b)(1), and 1404(b)(1) and (2), 34 U.S.C. 20103(a)(2), (b)(1), (b)(2), applicable program guidelines and regulations, and program rules (28 C.F.R. part 94.101(d)), as required.

Initials CPM

12. The subgrantee understands and agrees that CJCC may withhold award funds or impose other related requirements if the subgrantee does not satisfactorily and promptly address outstanding issues from audits required by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements (or by the terms of this award) or other outstanding issues that arise in connection with audits, investigations, or reviews of other awards. The CFDA number for this grant program is 16.575.

Initials CPM

13. If any changes occur in the subgrantee's lobbying status or activities a revised Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form must be submitted to CJCC. The subgrantee further understands and

agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either 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 written approval of OJP.

Initials CPM

14. The subgrantee may not use federal funds awarded to support or oppose the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See 18

U.S.C. 1913. (There may be exceptions if an applicable federal statute specifically authorizes certain activities that otherwise would be barred by law.)

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds from being to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a

federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, contact CJCC for guidance.

Initials cpm

15. The subgrantee agrees to seek prior approval and comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), meetings, trainings, and other events; including the provision of food and/or beverages at such events, and costs of attendance at such events.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (currently, as section 3.10 of "Postaward Requirements" in the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide").

Initials cpm

16. The subgrantee must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions that may be set out in applicable appropriations acts are indicated at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FY23AppropriationsRestrictions.htm>, and are incorporated by reference here. Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, the recipient is to contact CJCC for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of CJCC.

Initials cpm

17. Subgrantees may not require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive



compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

1. In accepting this award, the recipient—
  - a. represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
  - b. certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.
2. If the recipient does or is authorized under this award to make subawards ("subgrants"), procurement contracts, or both—
  - a. it represents that—
    - i. (1). it has determined that no other entity that the recipient's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
    - ii. it has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and
  - b. it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligation only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

Initials CPM

18. The subgrantee understands that the maximum consultant/contractor rate is

\$650.00 per eight- hour day (\$81.25 per hour) and must provide justification and receive prior approval from CJCC for rates equal to or exceeding the maximum hourly and/or daily rate.

Initials CPM

19. Any training or training materials that the subgrantee develops or delivers with OJP award funds must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Implement/TrainingPrinciplesForGrantees-Subgrantees.htm>.

Initials CPM

20. The subgrantee agrees to collect and maintain information on race, sex, national origin, age, and disability of victims receiving assistance, where such information is voluntarily furnished by victims receiving assistance.

Initials CPM

21. The subgrantee agrees that if it currently has other active awards of federal funds, or receives any other award of federal funds during the period of performance, the subgrantee must promptly determine whether funds from any part of those award funds have been, are being, or are to be used (in whole or in part) for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are being provided under this award. If so, the subgrantee will promptly notify the CJCC grant specialist for this award in writing of the potential duplication. In addition, if requested by CJCC, the subgrantee will seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope Subgrant Adjustment Request (SAR) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

Initials CPM

22. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009) and Georgia Code § 40-6-241.2, writing, sending, or reading text-based communication while operating motor vehicle is prohibited. Subgrantees must establish workplace safety policies, adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this grant, and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

Initials CPM

23. The subgrantee certifies that federal funds will not be used to supplant funds that would otherwise be made available for grant-funded initiatives. Federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and not replace

funds appropriated for the same purpose. Potential supplanting will be the subject of application review as well as pre- award review, post-award monitoring, and audit. If there is a potential presence of supplanting the subgrantee will be required to document that the reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or anticipated receipt of federal funds.

Initials CPM

24. The subgrantee must promptly refer to the CJCC and DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subgrantee, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has either (1) submitted a claim for award funds that violates 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 award funds. 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  
ATTN: Grantee Reporting  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, DC 20530

DOJ OIG hotline fax: (202) 616- 9881 – DOJ OIG Investigations Division (Attn: Grantee Reporting)  
OIG webpage: <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/contact-grants.htm> (select "Submit Report Online")

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline>.

Initials CPM

25. The subgrantee understands and agrees that (1) No award funds may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography and (2) Nothing in the previous subsection limits the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

Initials CPM

26. Subgrantee agencies agree to comply with the core services and/or state approved standards applicable to their agency type as outlined in the Request for Applications and the application submitted for the applicable award. Subgrantee agencies are

responsible for ensuring that their agency meets the minimum requirements and maintains all documentation applicable to its requirements.

Initials CPM

27. Subgrantees providing forensic medical exams should respond based on the following best practice guidance:

1. Delayed reporting pediatric medical exams: Prioritize children who disclose sexual abuse or are suspected of being sexually abused. Timely medical care and treatment for child sexual abuse victims is crucial, regardless of the potential availability of forensic evidence on the child's body or clothing. Ensure that the child is examined, a medical history is taken, related treatment is provided, and examination findings are documented (in accordance with [national protocols](#), state standards, and SART/MDT protocols).
2. Acute pediatric medical exams. Promptly gather forensic samples, as the likelihood of obtaining viable specimens diminishes over time. Collect forensic samples within the prescribed jurisdictional time frame (in accordance with [national protocols](#), state standards, and SART/MDT protocols).
3. Reported adult or acute adolescent exams. Sexual assault exams should be treated as emergency cases, with a nominal response time. Cases should not be delayed as this may result in the loss of critical evidence and inflict additional trauma on survivors of sexual assault (in accordance with [national protocols](#), state standards, and SART/MDT protocols adolescents).
4. Unreported adult or acute adolescent exams: See number 3 above.

Initials CPM

28. The subgrantee agrees to comply with CJCC's Subgrantee Programmatic and Fiscal Compliance Policy. All subgrantees must have written policies and procedures which govern the fiscal management of grant funds.

Initials CPM

29. The subgrantee agrees to have a non-discrimination and grievance policy listed for employees and program participants. The grievance policy will outline a procedure in which clients may formally challenge the availability, timeliness, or quality of program services. CJCC contact information should be include as a part of that policy.

Initials CPM

30. The subgrantee agrees to obtain prior approval from CJCC to earn or use program income for any VOCA-funded program/project.

Initials CPM

31. All nonprofit organizations shall comply fully with the requirements set forth in O.C.G.A. § 50-20- 1, et seq. and submit, prior to the drawdown of any funds, completed financial statements (including balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flows) and salary information for all personnel whether grant funded or not.

Initials CPM

32. All non-profit subgrantees under this award must certify their non-profit status by submitting a statement to CJCC affirmatively asserting that the subgrantee is a non-profit organization and indicating that it has on file, and available upon audit, either a 1) copy of the subgrantee's 501(c)(3) designation letter, 2) letter from the state's taxing body or attorney general stating that the subgrantee is a non-profit organization operating within the state, or 3) copy of the subgrantee's state certificate of incorporation that substantiates its non-profit status. Subgrantees that are local non-profit affiliates of state or national non-profits should have available proof of (1), (2), or (3) and a statement by the state or national parent organization indicating that the subgrantee is a local non-profit affiliate.

Initials CPM

33. Subgrantees who provide emergency shelter will conduct appropriate screening so as not to discriminate against individuals based on physical or mental disability, including mental health concerns and substance abuse issues, or deny shelter solely upon the presence of these factors, and ensure that reasonable accommodations are documented and made available to those victims.

Initials CPM

34. Subgrantees who provide emergency shelter agree that if their agency cannot house a victim they will 1) identify available resources, 2) assist the victim in developing and implementing a feasible plan to access other emergency shelter and/or other services, 3) advocate on behalf of victims to ensure the needed services are obtained, and 4) follow-up to ensure victim has received appropriate services in a timely manner.

Initials CPM

35. Subgrantees agree to assist the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and state-certified shelters with identifying available bed space. If there is an inquiry from the

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and/or other partner agencies regarding available beds, the subgrantee will state if bed space is available.

Initials CPM

36. Subgrantee agrees that if a victim is not in their jurisdiction or service area the agency will 1) identify available resources, 2) assist the victim in developing and implementing a feasible plan to access services immediately, if needed, 3) advocate on behalf of victims to ensure the needed services are obtained, and 4) follow-up to ensure victim has received appropriate services in a timely manner. If no services exist in that area or victim requests specific services from subgrantee, the subgrantee agrees to serve the victim.

Initials CPM

37. The subgrantee must maintain its certification to receive Local Victim Assistance Add-On Funds (5% Funds). In addition, the subgrantee must submit an annual report to CJCC regarding the receipt and expenditure of these funds per O.C.G.A. § 15-21-132.

Initials CPM

38. Subgrantee agencies agree to comply with the core services training and continuing education requirements applicable to their agency type as outlined in the state standards, Request for Applications, and the application submitted for the applicable award. Subgrantee agencies are responsible for ensuring that their agency's staff meets the minimum training requirements and continuing education and maintains all applicable documentation (additional online training resources are available at <https://www.ovcttac.gov>).

Initials CPM

39. The subgrantee agrees that all fully or partially grant-funded staff and his/her supervisor must attend a Victim's Compensation 101 training hosted by CJCC. Staff and supervisors must provide a certificate of completion as proof of attendance. Only trainings received since 2017 meet this requirement. CJCC encourages subgrantees to attend a Victim's Compensation 101 training once every two years. Victim's Compensation 101 also may be applied toward training requirements specified by the subgrantee agency's core service requirements.

Initials CPM

40. The subgrantee must submit Subgrant Adjustment Request #1 after the agency has

been notified the grant is activated. The adjustment request must be accompanied by an accurate detailed project budget in the format requested by Criminal Justice Coordinating Council that itemizes all projected expenditures. The project budget and summary will not be established, or officially approved, until the subgrantee receives a written approval notice from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. All project costs and project activities must coincide with the approved budget, summary, and implementation plan unless subsequent revisions are approved by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

The subgrantee must submit subsequent requests to revise the budget, project summary, and implementation plan prior to any substantial changes, but no later than 60 days prior to the end of the subgrant period.

Initials CPM (SAR #1 not required for PAC-funded offices)

41. All project costs not exclusively related to this approved project must be prorated, and only the costs of project-related activities will be reimbursable under the subgrant award.

Initials CPM

42. The subgrantee agrees to submit requests for reimbursement on either a monthly or quarterly basis, as selected by the subgrantee at the time of award. Subgrant Expenditure Reports (SER) are due 15 days after the end of the month (if reporting monthly) or 30 days after the end of the quarter (if reporting quarterly).

Initials CPM (quarterly basis for PAC-funded offices)

43. A subgrantee that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate from a Federal Agency, may elect to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate of 15% as described in 2 C.F.R. 200.414(f). If a subgrantee elects to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate, the subgrantee must advise CJCC in writing of both its eligibility and its election and must comply with all associated requirements in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements. The "de minimis" rate may be applied only to modified total direct costs (MTDC) as defined by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements.

A subgrantee that has received a negotiated indirect cost rate from a Federal Agency at any time in the past cannot use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate. If the subgrantee cannot use the "de minimis" and wishes to recoup indirect costs, the subgrantee must notify CJCC, in writing, of the current and approved negotiated indirect cost rate from a Federal Agency or negotiate an indirect cost rate with CJCC.

Initials CPM

44. Printing materials - The subgrantee agrees to submit all materials to be printed with grant funds to CJCC for approval no later than 30 days prior to sending them to print. CJCC reserves the right to disallow reimbursement for all or part of any proposed publication. All VOCA funded printed materials must contain the following language: *"This project is supported by federal award no. 15POVC-23-GG-00435-ASSI awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime and administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime or the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council."*

Initials CPM

45. Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and GPRA Modernization Act, subgrantees are required to collect, maintain, and provide data that measure the performance and effectiveness of their grant-funded activities in the time and manner required by CJCC. Accordingly, the subgrantee agrees to submit an annual electronic progress report on program activities and program effectiveness measures.
- a. Statistical data describing project performance from programs providing direct victim services must be submitted to CJCC using the Victim Services Statistical Report (VSSR) provided to the subgrantee. VSSRs describing program outputs (total services delivered, total clients served, etc.) are due quarterly on January 20, April 20, July 20, and October 20. The fourth quarter report, due to CJCC October 20, requires subgrantees to complete the narrative section included with that quarter's statistical report.
  - b. The annual Outcome Performance Measures (OPM) report describing program outcomes reflecting changes regarding clients as a result of services delivered must be based on surveys administered to individual clients. Each program should include the appropriate performance measures for their respective program types on their client surveys. Programs are required to follow CJCC's Data Collection Guidelines and report via the online reporting system. Subgrantees are encouraged, but not required, to use the Excel-based spreadsheets to enter and tally their individual client outcome data. Totals reported for outputs and outcomes may not match since outcomes are collected from clients after a substantial completion of services. The performance report is due October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Initials CPM

46. If any changes occur in the subgrantee's eligibility status regarding debarment, a



revised Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion form must be submitted to CJCC.

Initials CPM

47. The subgrantee acknowledges that the 20% match contribution of cash and/or in-kind dollars is being waived by CJCC for the FY23 grant period.

Initials CPM

48. The subgrantee acknowledges that the volunteer match requirement is being waived by CJCC for the FY23 grant period.

Initials CPM

49. The subgrantee certifies that 1) equipment and/or supplies purchased with funds under this award shall vest in the agency that purchased the property, 2) equipment and/or supplies will be maintained in accordance with established local or state procedures as long as the equipment and/or supplies are used for program-related purposes, and 3) once the project concludes and/or equipment is no longer utilized for its grant-funded purpose, CJCC will be informed of the available equipment and determine its future use to assure it is utilized in the furtherance of the goals and objectives of the grant program and the State of Georgia. Vehicles purchased with federal funds must only be used for approved service delivery including client transport or to provide other client services.

Initials CPM

50. The subgrantee agrees to abide by the provisions of the "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights" as stipulated under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. Chapter 17).

Initials CPM

51. The subgrantee agrees to notify all victims of the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program, to advise victims of their eligibility for benefits, assist them with understanding and completing application forms and procedures, obtaining necessary documentation, checking on their claim status, and/or following up with the Board of Appeals, as applicable.

Initials CPM

52. The subgrantee agrees 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.). In addition, the subgrantee agrees to abide by Georgia law regarding the utilization of psychologists. (O.C.G.A. § 43-39-1, et seq.).

Initials CPM

53. Agencies or organizations who hold the Human trafficking Victims Assistance Organization (HTVAO) certification must maintain its status by re-certifying on an annual basis and successfully completing the quarterly programmatic reports provided by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Initials CPM

54. The subgrantee authorizes the Office for Victims of Crime, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), CJCC and its representatives access to and the right to examine all records books, paper, or documents related to the VOCA grant.

Initials CPM

55. Subgrantee agencies are subject to regular compliance monitoring activities by CJCC staff. Compliance monitoring activities include risk assessments, site visits, and/or desk reviews of all documentation related to the award. Subgrantee agencies will be scheduled at least once every two years for site visits and desk reviews. The subgrantee agency agrees to comply with all compliance monitoring activities.

Initials CPM

56. The subgrantee agrees to fully cooperate with any monitoring or evaluation activities, and any related training activities, initiated and/or conducted by CJCC during and subsequent to the award period.

Initials CPM

57. Repeatedly late submission of any reports may result in a temporary freeze or a recommendation to the Council for a reduction to your award. These reports include, but are not limited to, SERs and Progress Reports such as VSSR, OPM, and Annual Local Victim Assistance Add-On Fund (5% Fund) Reports.

Initials CPM

58. The subgrantee agrees to execute the agency's award within 45 days of receipt. Subgrantees who do not activate their awards within the specified timeframe may be immediately classified as high-risk agencies. Furthermore, the subgrantee agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed during the grant

performance period if CJCC determines that the subgrantee is a high-risk agency due to inactivity or results of any other risk assessment performed by CJCC per 28 C.F.R. parts 66, 70.

Initials CPM

59. The subgrantee agrees that at least 25% of the awarded funds will be expended by the end of each quarter. If this condition is not met quarterly or adequate justification upon request cannot be provided, CJCC may deobligate the remaining funds from each respective quarter.

Initials CPM

60. The subgrantee agrees to comply with the Equal Treatment Regulation (28 C.F.R. part 38) which

prohibits subgrantees from using federal grant funding for inherently religious activities. While faith-based organizations can engage in non-funded inherently religious activities, the activities must be held separately from the grant-funded program, and customers or beneficiaries cannot be compelled to participate in them. The Equal Treatment Regulation makes clear that organizations receiving federal grant funding are not permitted to discriminate when providing services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion.

Initials CPM

61. Employment Verification

1. The subgrantee agrees to comply with the following employment eligibility verification for hiring under this award:
  - a. Properly verify the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C 1324a(a)(1) for any position that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.
  - b. Notify all persons associated with the agency that are or will be involved in activities under this award of the award requirements for verification of employment eligibility, and the associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2) that make it unlawful, in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.
    - i. this award requirement for verification of employment eligibility, and
    - ii. the associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) that, generally speaking, make it unlawful, in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.
  - c. Provide training (to the extent necessary) to those persons required by this condition to be notified of the award requirement for employment

- eligibility verification and of the associated provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).
- d. As part of the recordkeeping for the award (including pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), maintain records of all employment eligibility verifications pertinent to compliance with this award condition in accordance with Form I-9 record retention requirements, as well as records of all pertinent notifications and trainings.
2. Staff involved in the hiring process
    - a. For purposes of this condition, persons "who are or will be involved in activities under this award" specifically includes (without limitation) subgrantee officials or other staff who are or will be involved in the hiring process with respect to a position that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.
  3. Employment eligibility confirmation with E-Verify
    - a. Subgrantees may choose to participate in, and use, E-Verify ([www.e-verify.gov](http://www.e-verify.gov)), provided an appropriate person authorized to act on behalf of the recipient (or subrecipient) uses E-Verify (and follows the proper E-Verify procedures, including in the event of a "Tentative Nonconfirmation" or a "Final Nonconfirmation") to confirm employment eligibility for each hiring for a position in the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.
    - b. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §36-60-6, as amended, all private employer subgrantees shall register with the federal work authorization system, E-Verify, and provide CJCC with its eligibility verification system user number.
  4. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.
  5. Nothing in this condition, including in paragraph 4.B., shall be understood to relieve any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, of any obligation otherwise imposed by law, including 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2).
  6. Questions about E-Verify should be directed to DHS. For more information about E-Verify visit the E-Verify website (<https://www.e-verify.gov/>) or email E-Verify at [E-Verify@dhs.gov](mailto:E-Verify@dhs.gov). E-Verify employer agents can email E-Verify at [E-VerifyEmployerAgent@dhs.gov](mailto:E-VerifyEmployerAgent@dhs.gov).

Initials cpm

62. The subgrantee agrees to submit an updated Board listing along with all board meeting minutes recorded which took place during the expenditure period. Board meeting minutes submitted should coincide with the timing of SER submissions. The subgrantee agrees to provide a schedule of board meetings for the grant year

inclusive of each meeting's date, time, and location. An updated Board listing should be submitted anytime there is a change.

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63. The subgrantee must comply with, and is subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

The recipient also must inform its employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

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64. The subgrantee must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent "breach" (OMB M-17-12) if it (or a subrecipient) -- (1) creates, collects, uses, processes, stores, maintains, disseminates, discloses, or disposes of "personally identifiable information (PII)" (2 CFR 200.79) within the scope of an OJP grant-funded program or activity, or (2) uses or operates a "Federal information system" (OMB Circular A-130). The subgrantee's breach procedures must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to an CJCC staff member no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

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65. The subgrantee is required to be familiar with and comply with all relevant federal civil rights requirements, and to that end are required to participate in the designated training once per grant period (annually). Information on the required annual OJP Civil Rights trainings can be found at <https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/ocr-training-videos/video-ocr-training.htm> .

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66. The subgrantee must comply with all applicable requirements for authorization of any subaward. This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a "subaward" (and therefore does not consider a procurement "contract").

The details of the requirement for authorization of any subaward are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SubawardAuthorization.htm>

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67. The subgrantee must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of the subgrantee or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of the subgrantee.

The details of the subgrantee's obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OJP web site at [https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/ProhibitedConduct- Trafficking.htm](https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/ProhibitedConduct-Trafficking.htm)

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68. The subgrantee is required to comply with all applicable requirements to obtain specific advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently, \$250,000). This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a procurement "contract" (and therefore does not consider a subaward).

The details of the requirement for advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract under an OJP award are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/NoncompetitiveProcurement.htm>

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69. The subgrantee must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "education programs."

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70. The subgrantee must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38, specifically including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries.

Among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38 also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to subgrantee organizations that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to

subgrantees that are faith-based or religious organizations.

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71. The subgrantee must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This condition applies if the purpose of some or all of the activities to be carried out under the award is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status. The details of this requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm>

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72. Unreasonable restrictions on competition under the award; association with federal government

1. SCOPE. This condition applies with respect to any procurement of property or services that is funded (in whole or in part) by this award, by the subgrantee, and regardless of the dollar amount of the purchase or acquisition, the method of procurement, or the nature of any legal instrument used. The provisions of this condition must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).
2. No discrimination, in procurement transactions, against associates of the federal government
  - a. Consistent with the (DOJ) Part 200 Uniform Requirements -- including as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.300 (requiring awards to be "manage[d] and administer[ed] in a manner so as to ensure that Federal funding is expended and associated programs are implemented in full accordance with U.S. statutory and public policy requirements") and 200.319(a) (generally requiring "[a]ll procurement transactions [to] be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition" and forbidding practices "restrictive of competition," such as "[p]lacing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business" and taking "[a]ny arbitrary action in the procurement process") -- no recipient (or subrecipient, at any tier) may (in any procurement transaction) discriminate against any person or entity on the basis of such person or entity's status as an "associate of the federal government" (or on the basis of such person or entity's status as a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary of such an associate), except as expressly set out in 2 C.F.R.200.319(a) or as specifically authorized by USDOJ.
3. Rules of construction
  - a. The term "associate of the federal government" means any person or entity engaged or employed (in the past or at present) by or on behalf of the federal government -- as an employee, contractor or subcontractor

(at any tier), subgrantee, agent, or otherwise -- in undertaking any work, project, or activity for or on behalf of (or in providing goods or services to or on behalf of) the federal government, and includes any applicant for such employment or engagement, and any person or entity committed by legal instrument to undertake any such work, project, or activity (or to provide such goods or services) in future.

- b. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any subgrantee or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

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- 73. Compliance with restrictions-law restrictions on the use of federal funds-- prohibited and controlled equipment under OJP awards.

The subgrantee must put in place specified controls prior to using federal funds under this award to acquire or transfer any property identified on the "controlled equipment" list. The details of the requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/prohibited-and-controlled-equipment> (Award condition: Compliance with restrictions on the use of federal funds--prohibited and controlled equipment under OJP awards), and are incorporated by reference here.

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- 74. Subgrantees awarded funds to support services within Family Justice Center models must ensure that funds are utilized to support the approved project.

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- 75. Subgrantees agree to take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities that are free or reduced cost through the Find Help Georgia virtual community resource hub platform which is designed to make finding and providing help easier! Reasonable steps would include having staff attend a virtual 2-hour workshop that equips staff to claim and update all of its agency's program listings to ensure its services populate for their coverage area.

In addition, subgrantees will have a designated staff member become a Find Help Certified Navigator by attending one of the virtual 2-hour workshops. Once the staff is certified, the organization's Find Help Georgia listing(s) will feature a badge on all of its claimed program card(s) which elevates their program cards in the analytic search for services within the zip codes for which they provide those services.



Lastly, the subgrantee will link Find Help Georgia to its agency's website for clients to easily access the virtual community resource hub for simple searching and navigating of community resources.

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76. Georgia is pleased to announce the launch of Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE®) and the Georgia VINE Service Provider Directory. As a VOCA recipient, the organization must complete the online application to be included in the directory. The online application can be found at <https://info.vinelink.com/Georgia-vine>. Please read the following criteria and guidelines before submitting your agency's information for review: The agency/organization must provide services in Georgia, regardless of where the agency is located. Services include emergency support, basic needs, counseling, healthcare, legal/financial support, and children's services. Agencies/organizations will be responsible for updating and maintaining their own information. Failure to update annually will be grounds for removal from the directory. Information is reviewed and approved by your Georgia VINE Team for accuracy before being loaded into the directory. Georgia VINE reserves the right to include or exclude any agency or organization at its discretion.

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Please be advised that failure to comply with any of the Special Conditions will result in material noncompliance with the Subgrant Agreement, thus subjecting the Subgrant Agreement to possible termination by the Grantee.

[Signature]  
Authorized Official Signature

2/17/25  
Date

Jimmy R. Teach  
Print Authorized Official Name

Chairman, Habersham BDC  
Title

George R. [Signature]  
Signature of District Attorney or Solicitor-General

01/28/2025  
Date

George R. CHRISTIAN  
Printed Name of District Attorney or Solicitor-General

01/28/2025  
Title

### Additional Requirements

1. The Funded Office agrees to comply with all forms, assurances, and certifications related to the VOCA Request for Applications. This includes maintaining a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), EIN, and active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM).  
The County's UEI # is LR3NT26RVJK7  
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2. The Funded Office understands and agrees that all grant-funded staff including volunteers and those staff that provide a cash match are required to keep timesheets. Detailed directions on the proper completion of timesheets can be found on the PAC website at: <https://pacga.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/VOCA-Timesheets-1.pdf>.  
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3. The Funded Office understands and agrees that active investigation and prosecution of criminal activities are expressly unallowable costs. No VOCA funds may be used to pay salaries, benefits or other costs associated with active investigation and prosecution of criminal activities except for the provision of victim assistance services to crime victims during such investigation and prosecution.  
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4. The Funded Office agrees to establish and enforce an Internet Security Policy when participants, volunteers, and/or staff have access (supervised or unsupervised) to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data while preventing malicious and other security threats. This includes any technology provided by CJCC funding and technology utilized by participants during a CJCC funded program component.  
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5. The Funded Office understands and agrees that funds under this award are to be used for Personnel only.  
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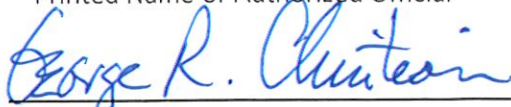
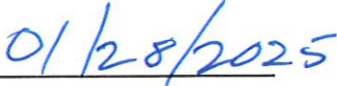
## CERTIFICATE OF NON-SUPPLANTING

Federal law requires that grant funds received by the Department of Justice, not be used to supplant or replace funds that would normally be available or appropriated for the same purpose. As the subgrantee and administrator of VOCA funds on behalf of the district attorneys and solicitors-general, PACGA is obligated to ensure that prosecutors' offices do not violate these non-supplanting requirements. This certificate of non-supplanting is to be signed by the recipient Victim-Witness Program's District Attorney or Solicitor General. Although the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia may provide guidance on VOCA budgets, and the Criminal Coordinating Council of Georgia may approve VOCA budgets, it is contingent upon the VWAP program receiving federal funds to certify non-supplanting of local funds.

**Supplanting Definition:** Supplanting is considered the reduction of state or local funds for an activity specifically because federal funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund that same activity. Federal funds must be used to supplement existing state or local funds for program activities and may not replace state or local funds that have been appropriated or allocated for the same purpose. Additionally, federal funding may not replace state or local funding that is required by law. In those instances where a question of supplanting arises, the sub-grantee or grantee may be required to substantiate that the reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.

### CERTIFICATION

The recipient certifies that any funds awarded through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) will be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and will not replace (supplant) nonfederal funds that have been appropriated or allocated for the purpose of providing services to victims of crime. The recipient understands that supplanting violations can result in a range of penalties, including suspension of future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under this grant and civil and/or criminal penalties.

	
Signature of Authorized Official	Date
<u>Jimmy R. Teach</u>	<u>Chairman, Habersham County BOC</u>
Printed Name of Authorized Official	Title
	
Signature of District Attorney or Solicitor-General	Date
<u>George R. CHRISTIAN</u>	
Printed Name of District Attorney or Solicitor-General	Title

## **New or Updated Special Conditions**

*Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2025*

1. **Special Condition #43** refers to our indirect cost increasing from 10% to 15%.
2. **Special Condition # 76** is new and indicates that subgrantees must complete the online application to be included in the Georgia VINE Service Provider Directory. The online application can be found at <https://info.vinelink.com/Georgia-vine>. Please read the following criteria and guidelines before submitting your agency's information for review: The agency/organization must provide services in Georgia, regardless of where the agency is located. Services include emergency support, basic needs, counseling, healthcare, legal/financial support, and children's services. Agencies/organizations will be responsible for updating and maintaining their own information. Failure to update annually will be grounds for removal from the directory. Information is reviewed and approved by your Georgia VINE Team for accuracy before being loaded into the directory. Georgia VINE reserves the right to include or exclude any agency or organization at its discretion.