

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN APPLICATION, CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES,
AND LETTER OF SUPPORT RELATING TO GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SARPY COUNTY VOCA/VICTIM
ASSISTANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2007), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2007), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, a Crime Commission Grant for the Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit is available to Sarpy County; and,

WHEREAS, the grant application must be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission along with certain certifications and assurances.

WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports the grant application for the Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that the Board Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the attached Application, Certifications and Assurances for the Sarpy County VOCA/Victim Assistance Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, that the Chairman of such Board is hereby authorized to sign the attached letter of support encouraging the award of the Grant.

DATED this 21st day of April, 2009.

MOVED by Rusty Hike, seconded by Rich Jansen, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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none

none

ABSTAIN:

none

Attest:

SEAL



Approved as to form:

[Signature]
County Clerk

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County Attorney

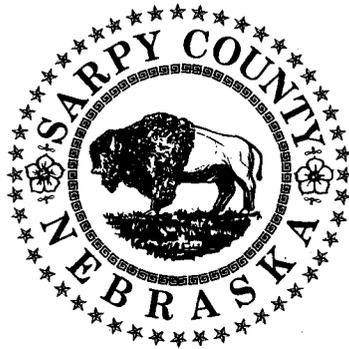
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April 21, 2009

Nebraska Crime Commission
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PO Box 94946
Lincoln, NE. 68506

Dear Nebraska Crime Commission,

On behalf of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners please accept this letter of support for the Sarpy County Victim/Witness unit. The information and services the Victim/Witness unit provides through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant are invaluable to the residents of Sarpy County. Through this grant they are able to give victims the assistance they require that otherwise would not be available. The staff in the Victim/Witness Unit work with all the local law enforcement agencies and many local service organizations within the County to assist victims in getting the assistance they need.

We highly recommend the continuation of the VOCA Grant for the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit. Thank you for your consideration and past support.

Sincerely,

Joni Jones,
Chairperson
Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION**Grant Applicant Information****Victim Assistance**

1. Federal Employer ID # (Nine digit number)	47-600-6504		
2. Project Title:	Sarpy County Victim Assistance		
3. Applicant Name: (Agency/Organization)	Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit	Telephone	(402) 593-2201
		Fax	(402) 593-2161
4. Address	1257 Golden Gate Dr., Suite 10 W Papillion, NE 68046-2857		
5. Project Director:	Jean Brazda	Telephone	(402)593-2201
		Fax	(402)593-2161
(Receives all grant correspondence)	Email:	jbrazda@sarpy.com	
Address:	1257 Golden Gate Dr., Suite 10 W Papillion, NE 68046-2857		
6. Project Coordinator: (Contact person)	Jean Brazda	Telephone	(402) 593-2201
		Fax	(402) 593-2161
	Email:	jbrazda@sarpy.com	
Address:	1257 Golden Gate Dr., Suite 10 W Papillion, NE 68046-2857		
7. Fiscal Officer: (Cannot be Project Director)	Brian Hanson	Telephone	(402) 593-2349
		Fax	(402) 593-4304
	Email:	bhanson@sarpy.com	
Address:	1210 Golden Gate Dr. Papillion, NE 68046-2857		
8. Board Chair:	Joni Jones	Telephone	(402) 593-4155
		Fax	(402) 593-4304
	Email:	jjones@sarpy.com	
Address:	1210 Golden Gate Dr. Papillion, NE 68046-2857		

Please note: The applicant must be the agency that will receive and disburse the grant funds. The Federal Identification Number must be that of the applicant.

9. Proposed Project Period:

From: 1 September 2009

To: 31 August 2010

10. Previous 5-Years Commission Funding For This Project:

Grant #:08-VA-239/06-VA-243	Amount \$104,143
Grant #:07-VA-202/06-VA-242	Amount \$122,601
Grant #:06-VA-205	Amount \$129,688
Grant #:05-VA-200	Amount \$90,750
Grant #:04-VA-220	Amount \$90,750

11. Demographic Impact: Area Served by Project (Counties/Cities)

Sarpy County: Papillion, Bellevue
LaVista, Springfield, and Gretna
Cass County: Upon request

12. Type of Agency:

- State Agency
- Unit of Local Government
- Private Non-Profit
- Native American Tribe or Organization
- Other:

13. Funds will be used primarily to:

- Expand services into a new geographic area
- Offer new types of services
- Serve additional victim populations
- Continue existing services to crime victims
- Other

14. If Awarded, These Funds Will:

- Create New Service/Activity
- Enhance Existing Program not funded by VOCA in previous years
- Continue Existing Program funded by VOCA in previous years
- Technology

15. Identify types of victims to be served with requested Victim Assistance funds and match funds.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Abuse/Physical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elder Abuse |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Abuse/Sexual | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Survivors of Incest or Child Sexual Abuse |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DUI/DWI Victims | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Survivors of Homicide Victims |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Victims | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robbery |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Victims/Sexual Assault | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assault |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other – Criminal mischief, criminal impersonation, and disturbing the peace, | |

16. Agency Staff / Volunteers

Part Time

Full Time

Total number of agency volunteers, excluding Board members

2

0

Total number of paid agency staff

0

7

Number of volunteers that support this project only

2

0

Number of paid staff for this project only

0

6

17. Check the services to be provided by the Victim Assistance Funds and match funds.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crisis Counseling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information/Referral
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Follow-up Contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Criminal Justice Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Therapy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Financial Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Group Treatment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Legal Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crisis Hotline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assist with Filing Compensation Claims
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelter/Safe Home	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VINE assistance to victims
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Personal Advocacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Telephone Contacts (Information and Referral)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Specify		

18. Board Members:
 Private Non-profit Agencies
 Attach a list of board members, including the agency they represent, addresses and telephone numbers.
Attach to the end of this application

19. Total Agency Budget: please enter from budget. \$290,619

A) Private non-profit agency funded by the Department of Health & Human Services: please provide a copy of the Financial Report; form #DSS-48, and the monthly financial Statement of Accounts, form #DSS-6-900, submitted to the Department of Health & Human Services for the month of December 2007. **Attach to the end of this application**

B) Applicants not financially supported by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: provide a listing of all financial supporters, the total amount of their support, and how the funds are used for this project.

Financial Supporters	Total Amount	How funds are used
Sarpy County Board of Commissioners	\$186,476	Funds are used to pay salaries and benefits of the Executive Director and support staff positions. They also fund the partial salary and partial benefits of the staff funded through the VOCA Grant. Funds are used for the office and program supplies as well as printing and publications, registrations for training and office equipments, furniture and data process software the Unit utilizes on a daily basis.

C) All applicants: provide a listing of existing facilities, equipment and personnel, which will be committed to the operation of this project.

Facilities	Is this committed to the operation of the project?		Equipment/Personnel	Is this committed to the operation of the project?	
Five offices	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Five computers	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Four victim advocates	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	One support staff	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Two Directors	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments: The office space, computers, support staff's salary and the Directors salaries are dedicated to this project but not used as a match.

20. SUSTAINABILITY

New Applicants: In the space below describe the plan that is being developed for long term sustainability of the project.

Continuation Applicants: In the space below describe the specific activities you have accomplished in finding long term funding for the program, (i.e. county board meetings attended to present on project, approached civic organizations, specific grants applied for and whether they were received, etc.) AND at least 3 specific activities that are planned for the upcoming year(s) to find long term funding.

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The Executive and Deputy Director of the Unit have attended several County Board Meetings to discuss the fiscal needs of the program. The Executive Director has worked with the Deputy Director and Sarpy County grant writer to explore possible funding sources for the program. Both of the Directors will continue these activities this fiscal year.

The Sarpy County Board does provide funding for the program through the Counties general fund for the Unit that is not used as match. Currently the County Board funds the salaries of the Executive and Deputy Director and the Unit's support staff. The County also provides the office space and equipment/furniture/supplies for the Unit. The County Board provides funding for the salary increases of the staff funded by this application and also pays for part of their benefits. It is anticipated that the County Board will continue to support the Units fiscal needs that are not covered through this grant (or any other grant the Unit applies for) in the future.

NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION - BUDGET SUMMARY

Category	Requested Amount	Match Share*	Total Project Cost
A. Personnel	\$127,382	\$31,846	\$159,228
B. Consultants/Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Supplies / Operating Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
F. Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
G. Other Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$127,382	\$31,846	\$159,228
% Contribution	80%	20%	100%

List the sources of funding and amounts that will be used to match this grant. Please include any in-kind match, such as volunteers. (Required match is 20% for existing and 25% for new projects. Indian tribes or Native American organizations on reservations are required to provide a 5% match).

<u>Cash Match Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>In Kind Match Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sarpy County General Fund Budget	\$31,846	N/A	\$31,846

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the information in this application is accurate and, as the authorized official for the project, hereby agree to comply with all provisions of the grant program and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Joni Jones, Chairperson Sarpy County Board of Commissioners 402-593-4155

NAME (PLEASE TYPE) TITLE TELEPHONE

1210 Golden Gate Dr.

ADDRESS

Papillion, NE 68046-2857

CITY, STATE, ZIP


SIGNATURE

4/21/2009
DATE

(NOTE: The authorized official would include: county board chair, mayor, city administrator, chair or vice-chair of non-profit agency. The County Board is the authorized official to sign for victim/witness programs located in the County Attorney's office.)

Personnel Budget Narrative

Continued funding is being requested for four Crime Victim Advocate positions to provide direct service to all crime victims participating in the Sarpy County criminal and juvenile justice system. These positions also collaborate with criminal justice and community agencies as members of community based committees and coalitions to respond to the needs of crime victims in Sarpy County.

1. This grant funds an existing FTE Lead Crime Victim Advocate. The salary for this position is \$41,475 with fringe benefits of \$12,429 for a total of \$53,903. **The VOCA Grant will fund 66.36% of this position which will be \$27,520.802 in salary and \$4,137.244 in benefits plus \$1,857.65 for retirement and \$2,105.341 social security.** This advocate has been with the Victim/ Witness Unit for six years. The salary includes a 3% cost of living increase which is standard for county employees. This position spends 100% of their time involved in both misdemeanor and felony adult related cases. This position provides crisis intervention, criminal justice advocacy, referral information, assistance with Victim/ Impact Statements and protection orders, as well as explains the court process and provides updates on court hearings. This position attends all child abuse and neglect task force meetings and has increased the collaboration with other referral agencies. This position also provides oversight on daily case management duties as well as assigns cases and assists other advocates with high profile cases. She also supervises the interns and volunteers with the Unit.
2. This grant funds an existing FTE Crime Victim Advocate. The salary for this position is \$34,650 with fringe benefits of \$5,962 for a total of \$40,612. **The VOCA Grant will fund 66.36% of this position which will cover \$22,992.063 in salary and \$510.271 in benefits plus \$1,551.96 for retirement and \$1,758.893 for social security.** The salary includes a 3% cost of living increase which is standard for county employees. This advocate has been with the Victim/ Witness Unit for four years and spends 70% of their time involved in attends Juvenile Court Hearing and 30% of their time involves both County and District Court cases where they explain to the victim and their family the process of the court system, updates them on future court hearing, provides crisis intervention, assist with protection orders, as well as follows up on all restitution related cases and return of property.
3. This grant funds an existing FTE Crime Victim Advocate. The salary for this position is \$35,967 with fringe benefits of \$17,697 for a total of \$53,664. **The VOCA Grant will fund 66.36% of this position which will cover \$23,865.960 in salary and \$8,167.656 in benefits plus \$1,610.95 for retirement and \$1,825.746 for social security.** The salary includes a 3% cost of living increase which is standard for county employees. This advocate has been with the Victim/ Witness Unit for three years and spends 100% of their time involved in both misdemeanor and felony adult related cases. This position provides crisis intervention, criminal justice advocacy, referral information, assistance with Victim/ Impact Statements and protection orders, as well as explains the court process, provides updates on court hearings, notifies victims of restitution and defendant's release from Department of Corrections. This position is a member of the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse Team and participates in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness activities.
4. This grant funds an existing FTE Law Enforcement Crime Victim Advocate. The salary for this position is \$33,382 with fringe benefits of \$11,220 for a total of \$44,601. **The VOCA Grant will fund 66.36% of this position which will cover \$22,150.679 in salary and \$4,137.244 in benefits plus \$1,495.17 for retirement and \$1,694.527 for social security.** The salary includes a 3% cost of living increase which is standard for county employees. This Advocate provides direct services to all crime victims participating in the criminal justice system. This position spends 100% of their time involved in both misdemeanor and felony adult related cases. This position provides crisis intervention, criminal justice advocacy, referral information, assistance with Victim/ Impact Statements and protection orders, as well as explains the court process and provides updates on court hearings. This position is the primary point of contact for law enforcement referrals before the defendant has been charged with a crime. The person that has this position is bi-lingual and over eight years of experience working with domestic violence and sexual assault victims.
5. The Executive Director will be involved in this project but no funds will be asked for or used as a match. The Executive Director is expected to be involved in the project 75% of her time. Her

primary responsibility will be to oversee the project and staff involved. She will also carry a minimal case load which generally involves high profile cases such as motor vehicle homicide. This position will also continue to be involved in the CASDA Team and assist with providing law enforcement training to new officers in Sarpy County in the area of domestic violence and sexual assault.

6. The bi-lingual support staff position will assist this project but no funds will be requested or used as a match. The support staff position handles the daily operation of the Unit and assist the crime victim advocates as needed. She will spend 100% of her time dedicated to the project.

Match for this grant in the amount of \$31,846 is provided through the remaining salaries and benefits of the Lead Crime Victim Advocate position (\$13,955 salary/ \$4,108 benefits) and one Adult Crime Victim Advocate position (\$12,101 salary/ \$1,682 benefits). Both positions work directly with the grant and spend 100% of their time working with crime victims.

Category A - Personnel

Position	Annual Salary	% Time Devoted	Amount Requested	Match	Subtotal	Requested Fringe	Match Fringe	TOTAL COSTS
Lead Crime Victim Advocate (Kathy)	\$41,475	100%	\$27,521	\$13,955	\$41,476	\$8,100	\$4,108	\$53,684
Crime Victim Advocate (Mona)	\$34,650	66.36%	\$22,992	\$0	\$22,992	\$3,821	\$0	\$26,813
Crime Victim Advocate (Jill)	\$35,967	100%	\$23,866	\$12,101	\$35,967	\$9,923	\$1,682	\$47,572
Bi-lingual Crime Victim Advocate (Laura)	\$33,382	66.36%	\$22,151	\$0	\$22,151	\$4,482	\$0	\$26,633
			Amount Requested	Match	Subtotal	Fringe Requested	Fringe Match	TOTAL COSTS
Total Personnel Budget			\$96,530	\$26,056	\$122,586	\$26,326	\$5,790	\$154,702

Community Description

(Limit 1 ½ pages)

1. Complete the following table with the appropriate statistical data for your community.

Race	Number	% of Total Population
White	131,250	92%
Black/African American	5,304	3.7%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	602	.4%
Asian	3,052	2%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	104	.3%
Other	2,325	1.6%
Total Population	142,637	100%
Hispanic or Latino		
Total Population	142,637	100%
Hispanic or Latino	7,767	6%
Not Hispanic or Latino	134,870	94%

List all areas that the statistical data includes (city, county or state): Sarpy County: Bellevue, Papillion, LaVista, Gretna, and Springfield

Source of data: NE Databook website

2. Sarpy County is a unique county where Nebraska's origins began. Located in the southeast area of Nebraska Sarpy County is directly adjacent to the greater Omaha metropolitan area to the north. Sarpy County is composed of a rural population in the Gretna and Springfield area to the west, Offutt Air Force Base to the southeast, the cities of Papillion and LaVista in the center, and the rapidly growing city of Bellevue to the east. The county is unique to other counties in Nebraska because of the military base and the ever changing military population. Although the County is predominately white, there is a growing number of Sudanese and Hispanic population in the Bellevue and LaVista area.

The Unit works collaboratively with all law enforcement agencies including Bellevue, LaVista, and Papillion Police Departments, the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, and Offutt Air Force Base Security Forces along with Sarpy County Attorney's Office and other community resources that may have contact with crime victims. The key stakeholders provide crime victims with contact information regarding the Unit. The stakeholders display posters in prominent areas to direct crime victims to the Unit. Regular contact is made with the stakeholders to insure that quality services are being provided and relevant information is being given to the crime victim.

3.

Agency Name	How your program specifically coordinates with this program.
Heartland Family Service Domestic Abuse Program	The Unit refers all domestic violence related cases to the DV Program. Information about the DV Program is provided to the victim at initial contact with the Unit and it is part of the safety plan information provided in writing. The DV Program will refer DV/ SA victims to the Unit for assistance with protection orders or to gather information about the criminal justice system.
Sarpy County Probation	The Unit provides Probation with victim impact statements for the pre-sentence investigation report. The Unit also coordinates contact with the crime victim and probation to relay information regarding impact of the crime and sentencing recommendations.
Sarpy County Attorney's Office	The Unit is part of the County Attorney's Office. All criminal cases where a victim has been identified will be referred to the Unit. The Unit also coordinates crime victim meetings with the prosecutors.
All Law Enforcement Agencies in the County	All law enforcement agencies in the County, which include the Bellevue Police Department, Papillion Police Department, LaVista Police Department and the Sarpy County Sheriff's Department, have crime victim posters displayed in the lobby areas as well as officers have crisis cards to provide crime victims. The Unit has regular contact through e-mail, face to face or phone with officers regarding criminal cases and clarification of information.
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Offutt Air Force Base	The Unit will refer military personnel or dependants of military personnel to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. The Unit will provide the Coordinator with information regarding the criminal case and assist with scheduling meetings with the prosecutors. The Unit will also notify the Coordinator of all court hearings.

Problem Statement

The problem to be addressed by this grant application is... that crime continues to occur in the Sarpy County area.

Description of the Problem or Problems:

Sarpy County is the third largest County in the State. The total population increased by 68% from 1980 to 2008 (from 84,971 to 142,637) and is projected to increase by another 41.1% in the next 10 years. According to crime and arrest data Sarpy County experienced an 8.4% increase in Part 1 of the Uniformed Crime Report per year from 1997-2002. There were 1,358 domestic violence related calls to 911 which is a 7% increase from 2006. The Unit experienced a 15% increase in the total number of victims who received direct services from 2006 to 2008 and a 60% increase of child sexual abuse the Unit worked with. The Unit also provided 247,538 minutes of services to crime victims in Sarpy County during the same time period which was a 68% increase from 2006.

The Unit experienced a 58% increase in the amount of face to face time the advocates spent with victims and a 122% increase in telephone contact with victims from 2006 to 2008. The Unit experienced a 126% increase in the number of personal advocacy provided, a 149% increase in the criminal justice/advocacy support and an 85% increase in the follow up contacts the advocates provided to victims during the same time period. Follow up contact includes any contact given to a victim after the initial contact with the Unit including phone calls and letters to inform victims of court proceedings, to check the welfare of a victim, assist with community services, etc.

Currently Sarpy County has three county court rooms, three felony court rooms and two juvenile court rooms. The County is expecting to add two additional judges to meet the needs of the growing community in the upcoming years. The Unit was implemented in 1981 with a staff of one with an additional advocate being hired in 1983 and more staff following years after for a total of six. Currently there is a total of five staff including the Executive Director to cover the eight court rooms. The growing populations of the County and increase in the crime rate have continued to stretch the Unit's ability to serve all victims of crime adequately.

The Unit is working to collaborate more effectively with law enforcement agencies to serve victims of crime where a suspect is not identified. Generally, these types of cases are delayed in being referred to the County Attorney's Office which means the contact with the victim could be an extended period of time after the crime was committed. Increased collaboration with law enforcement is needed so crime victims can be identified within 72 hours of the incident. The Unit is working to improve contact with the victim immediately, provide crisis intervention, refer the victim to necessary agencies for assistance, and advocate for the victim with law enforcement and the County Attorney's Office. The Unit continues to work with the Sarpy County Sheriff and the Police Chiefs to put procedures in place to assist this category of victims so they do not feel lost in the system and are able to begin the healing process as it relates to the crime.

Statistical Documentation of Problem

Number of Victims Served (face to face and telephone)	2006	2007	2008	% of change from '06 to '08
Total Unduplicated # Victims Provided Direct Services *VCMS does not calculate unduplicated numbers	1955*	2117*	2255*	15%
(duplicated) Face to Face	2104*	3523*	1290**	-38%
(duplicated) Telephone	1069*	2066*	1797*	68%
Total # of children served (0-17 years)	174	206	221	27%
Total # of elderly victims served (65+)	33	40	56	70%
Total # minority victims served	236	269	250	6%
Number of Victims Served by Type of Crime:				
Homicide Survivors	11	14	13	18%
Sexual Assault / Adult	32	37	40	25%
Child Abuse / Physical	33	37	30	-9%
Child Abuse / Sexual	42	59	67	60%
Domestic Violence	467	464	410	-12%
Adult Survivor of Incest / Child Sexual Assault	1	1	1	0
Assault	186	245	278	49%
DWI / DUI Crashes	12	10	11	-8%
Robbery	6	7	7	17%
Elder Abuse	1	3	0	-100%
Burglary	34	43	36	6%
Other	791	806	816	3%
Total # adult victims provided shelter	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total # child victims provided shelter	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source of data: VCMS 2006-2008 report forms

NOTE: Additional statistics to document the need for the project and the funds requested may be added here in table form, i.e., # of crisis line calls, # of volunteer hours, # presentations, etc. Please state if the # are duplicated or unduplicated.

	2006	2007	2008	% of change
Protection Order Assistance	517	563	452	-13%
Crisis Counseling	517	550	215***	-58%
Personal Advocacy	1125	2332	2541	126%
Information Referral	462	628	563	22%
Follow up contact	3737	7244	6903	85%
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	2659	6320	6335	138%
Total # of cases referred to the Unit by CA's Office	1,314	1,789	1694	29%
Total # of cases received by the Unit	1,113	1,152	1034	-7%
Total service type in minutes:	146,919	221,724	247,538	68%
e-mail	50,045	56,504	76,953	54%
Face to Face	69,985	112,440	110,810	58%
Phone	26,889	52,780	59,775	122%

Source of data: VCMS 2006-2008 report forms and CMS 2006-2008 reports

* The VCMS (Victim Case Management System) database that is utilized to track all crime victim contact does not calculate unduplicated victim contacts.

** Face to face statistics does not calculate the personal advocacy provided to the victim. This personal advocacy can be done in two different ways, either by attending meeting/ hearings with the victim or by contacting prosecutors or outside agencies, e.g. law enforcement, on behalf of the victim. Because VCMS does not distinguish between the different types of personal advocacy, this category does not reflect an accurate picture of the contact.

*** Crisis counseling: There has been a change in staff positions which could account for the decline in the accurate recording of the crisis counseling that was provided during 2008.

Proposed Solution

Project Operation:

Currently when a crime involving a victim is committed in Sarpy County, law enforcement respond and provide the crime victim with a referral card of the Unit and a domestic violence (DV) crisis card if applicable. If the crime was a domestic violence related offense, a domestic violence worksheet is completed by law enforcement and faxed to the County Attorney's Office by the end of the officer's shift. The staff in the County Attorney's Office will then copy the worksheets and provide it to the Unit. This worksheet is kept and placed in the file once the file is referred to the Unit. A police report is completed once law enforcement decides whether or not to arrest or issue a citation. The officer may also provide the crime victim the Unit's crisis card which includes important numbers such as CPS Hotline, Heartland Family Service crisis line, and the VINE number. The police report of the incident is forwarded to the County Attorney's Office at which time a prosecutor will decide what charges to file and if a referral to the Unit is needed. Once the referral to the Unit is made the Lead Advocate of the Unit reviews the file and assigns a crime victim advocate to the case. This process of assigning an advocate is completed within two days of the referral. This crime victim advocate will stay with the case through the entire process.

Referrals also may come from law enforcement or other community agencies that have identified a person as a crime victim. This victim is able to access the Unit by phone or in person to receive services. Other referrals come when a crime victim comes to the Unit's office and requests services such as protection orders or restitution.

A letter is sent out to the crime victim and or family as soon as the crime victim advocate receives the case. The letter introduces the advocate and explains the role of the Unit. The letter is mailed out with a packet of information which includes the "Victim's Guide to the Nebraska Criminal Justice System", a victim impact statement, information on VINE, crisis card, safety planning information and protection order information if necessary. The letter will also inform the victim of the next court hearing and let the victim know that a crime victim advocate will attend all court hearings with the victim and or family if they would like.

Collaboration in regards to domestic violence cases exists with Heartland Family Service. Contact attempt is made with the DV victim once the Unit's advocate is assigned the criminal file. If the contact is successful a meeting is set up with the prosecutor and the crime victim advocate. During the meeting information about the DV program is provided as well as the crisis line and the women's support group. Every effort is made to make sure the victim is provided relevant referrals to the DV program. If contact is unsuccessful, the Unit will call the DV program to have the program relay a message to the DV victim. The DV Program and the Unit ensures that confidentiality is respected at all times. The DV Program will utilize the Unit when they need information on the criminal case or assistance with protection orders.

All crime victims may still access services from the Unit regardless of the outcome of the crime or the arrest of a suspect. The Unit always offers face-to-face contact with the victim; however it is up to the victim to decide the extent and type of contact made by the Unit. At times the Unit Advocates will make contact with secondary victims involved in a crime. The type of contact is similar to the primary victims such as crisis intervention, appropriate referral to outside agencies, information regarding the court system, etc.

The Unit will attend pre-trial conference or depositions as it relates to child sexual abuse or assault cases. The crime victim advocate will be present in the room when defense council and the prosecutor ask the child victim questions related to the crime. The advocate provides support to the child when the parents can not be present because they may be a secondary victim to the crime. The advocate will also show the child the court room, let them set in the witness chair and answer age appropriate questions related to testifying. The crime victim advocate will provide agency referral information to the family to make sure they and the child are aware of services available to them.

A follow up letter will be sent to the crime victim once a trial date is set. If a victim impact statement has not been returned by that time, a second statement will be included with the letter. The Unit will provide probation with the victim impact statements when a pre sentence investigation or pre disposition investigation is ordered by the courts. A copy of the victim impact statement is provided to the County Attorney's Office to be referred to during trial and sentencing. Advocates of the Unit will make phone contact or send a letter within one day to notify the victim and family members of the outcome of the case.

The law enforcement advocate within the Unit will make regular contact with crime victims as mentioned above as well as be the primary point of contact for law enforcement referrals. There are times when the defendant has fled the scene or has yet to be identified. In these cases, law enforcement will be encouraged to provide the crime victim with information and a referral to the Unit so assistance can happen before the case has been formally charged by the County Attorney's Office. The victim will be provided information about the criminal justice process as well as asked to complete a victim impact statement. Notification will be made to the victim as soon as charges have been filed.

On-going collaboration exists between the staff with the Unit and Child Abuse Task Force as well as the Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Abuse (formally know as Sarpy County Coordinated Response Team). The Unit staff provides both teams with information as it relates to crime victims and the court process, keeping in mind confidentiality.

Through out the entire criminal justice system process the crime victim advocates of the Unit will make every attempt to notify the crime victim of services, court dates, and possible referrals available to them. The Unit understands the importance of the crime victim's rights and keeping the victim informed. From the moment of first contact the Unit's Advocates provide crisis intervention, personal advocacy, information about the criminal justice system and referral to appropriate community based agencies.

Activities and Timetable:

ACTIVITY	POSITION RESPONSIBLE	1 ST Quarter 1 st -3 rd	2 nd Quarter 4 th -6 th	3 rd Quarter 7 th -9 th	4 th Quarter 10 th -12 th
Provide direct services to victims by phone or in person, including attending court hearing, protection order hearings, meetings, etc.	Crime Victim Advocates, Executive Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attend NVCV meetings	Executive Director or designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attend CASDA, 1184 meetings, and other community meetings	Crime Victim Advocates, Executive Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attend state wide victim conference	Crime Victim Advocates, Executive Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
When available, attend training to keep current on victim issues	Crime Victim Advocates, Executive Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prepare VOCA Grant application	Executive Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Enter data into VCMS	Crime Victim Advocates, Executive Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recruit and train new volunteers	Executive Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promote and participate in DV awareness activities	Crime Victim Advocates, Executive Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaborate with the SAFE and CJCC Boards to promote the Unit and the services offered to victim and to represent victims' rights in these systems.	Executive Director, Deputy Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Collaborate with the SAFE and CJCC Boards to research and secure new funding for the Unit.	Executive Director, Deputy Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attend weekly meetings with the prosecutors	Crime Victim Advocates, Executive Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promote and participate in Victim Rights Week activities throughout the County.	Crime Victim Advocates, Executive Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prepare quarterly reports for the Crime Commission	Executive Director, Lead Advocate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promote and participate in SA awareness activities.	Crime Victim Advocates, Executive Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assign all new cases to advocates.	Lead Advocate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Goal, Objectives, Performance Indicators

State Goal: To provide information, advocacy, and assistance to victims of crime in the Communities of Sarpy County.

Objective #: Increase the number of total number of duplicated victims provided direct service by 3% (from 2,255 to 2,323) in a 12 month period.

Performance Indicators	Baseline Statistics	Projected Results (Out Comes)
# of duplicated victims served	2,255	2,323
# of duplicated victims provided services by phone, face to face or mail.	13,236	13,634
# of victim who were provided personal advocacy	2,541	2,617
# of victim who were provided criminal Justice support/ advocacy	6335	6525
# of clients assisted with protection orders	452	466

Goal, Objectives, Performance Indicators

State Goal: To provide information, advocacy, and assistance to victims of crime in the Communities of Sarpy County.

Objective #: To increase the overall public awareness information provided to referring agencies by 5% (from 36 to 38) in a 12 months period.

Performance Indicators	Baseline Statistics	Projected Results (Out Comes)
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of duplicated law enforcement agencies contacted.

14

15

of duplicated medical facilities contacted

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4

of duplicated non-profit agencies contacted

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5

of duplicated community criminal/ juvenile justice agencies contacted.

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8

of contact with the schools by the Juvenile Crime Victim Advocate.

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Continuation Information
(Limit 2 pages)

If this grant proposal is a continuation request and currently receives funds from the Crime Commission or has received funds in the past for the same project, please answer the following questions. Please Note: The current management of the grant will be taken into consideration during the review process.

List each topic and provide the requested information. **All topics listed must be addressed.**

1. Accomplishments:

During this grant period staff continues to serve on the Nebraska Crime Victims Coalition at the state level to advocate for victims rights. Staff also continues to participate and collaborate on local coalitions including the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse of Sarpy (formally known as the Sarpy County Domestic Violence Coordinated Response Team) and the Sarpy County Child Abuse/Neglect Community Response Team.

The Juvenile Crime Victim Advocate attends the Gretna Public Schools Administrative meeting which is open to the public. One of the Adult Crime Victim Advocates serves on the Public Awareness and Outreach Committee. This advocate has been actively involved with the planning of the annual candlelight vigil. This advocate was part of the panel presentation at the Vigil. She was able to share her experience as it relates to domestic violence victims. The Executive Director continues to co-chair the Criminal Justice Committee which is part of the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse of Sarpy. This Criminal Justice Team has just completed the Sexual Assault Protocol for law enforcement.

2. Explain any problems during the previously funded grant project and how they impacted the project. Describe how the problems were or will be addressed and the results of such efforts.

One problem the Unit continues to experience is the delay in files being referred by the County Attorney's Office. The Executive Director attends a weekly meeting with the prosecutors to discuss relevant issues. This topic continues to be discussed and solutions are made to improve the referral process. The Unit and the County Attorney's Office continue to work with the CMS (Case Management System) software to document when a file is referred and when a file is received.

Another problem the Unit experience during this grant period was the lack of consistency with the District Court Judges granting domestic abuse protection orders. Currently there is one District Court Judge who believes that physical violence must have occurred within 4 months of the protection order request and the parties have to be or have been in an intimate relationship otherwise the order will not be granted. The problem with this is that if the abuser has been physically abusive outside of 4 months or the parties are related by blood then the order will be denied. It is difficult to assist the petitioner with the application not knowing which judge will review the order. The Executive Director has attempted contact with the District Court Judge to discuss the problem but the outcome was not as successful as hoped. Continued contact will be made with this Judge.

3. Objectives:

Are you meeting the projected results of the objectives for your currently funded grant? Yes No
If no, briefly explain the reason.

4. Training:
Explain what training and support is provided to staff and volunteers who deliver direct services. Staff of the Unit attends training on various issues faced by the crime victims served by the Unit. Training included:
Three staff attended the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime Annual Conference;
Two staff attended "Restoration Project", training on secondary trauma;
One staff attended "Civil Justice for Crime Victims" sponsored by the National Crime Victims Association;
Two staff attended "Protect Our Child" training, sponsored by The Regional Community Policing Institute.
Two staff attended the Juvenile Justice Conference sponsored by the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association.
One staff attended "The Effects of Violence and Trauma on Children" sponsored by Project Harmony.
5. Report Submission:
Have all required grant reports and statistics been submitted to the Crime Commission on a timely basis? Yes No If not, please explain the reason.

March 5, 2009

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To Whom It May Concern,

This is a letter of support for the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit. The Victim/Witness Unit continues to provide assistance to victims involved with the criminal justice system. The Heartland Family Service Domestic Abuse Program works in collaboration with the Victim/Witness Unit on several projects, including the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse of Sarpy County.

In 2008, the Victim/Witness Unit assisted 2,255 crime victims in the community. Out of the 2,255 cases, 2,541 people received multiple contacts through personal advocacy. We support this request for VOCA funding to continue to fund the four full-time Crime Victim Advocates that provide services in Sarpy County. These funds will help them continue their collaboration with agencies and improve services to crime victims in the community.

Heartland Family Service Domestic Abuse Program recommends the Nebraska Crime Commission to continue funding for the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit.

Sincerely,

Paula R Creps

Paula R Creps, MPA
Program Director – Sarpy Emergency Services

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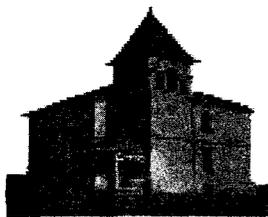
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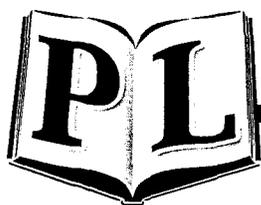
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit VOCA Grant. This Unit provides mutual cooperation between victim advocacy agencies, law enforcement, businesses, schools, and other organizations that touch a victim's recovery process. In the past few years, the Unit has seen a significant increase in the number of Domestic Violence Protection Orders and the in the number of victim's served. Please take careful consideration of this grant application and continue to fund and support this outstanding Unit.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Riley, Ed.D.
Superintendent



March 3, 2009

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Letter of Support: VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Grant

This letter is written in support of grant funds for continued operation of the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit. The Unit has requested funding for the past 21 years from the Nebraska Crime Commission to provide services to victims of crime in Sarpy County.

The Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit provides outstanding service to the youth and families of our school district. A Juvenile Services Advocate is available to victims of juvenile crime, and works with the children/families of child abuse/neglect and sexual assault crimes handled through the Juvenile Court. The Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit has done an outstanding job of assessing the needs of abused/neglected youth in Sarpy County and provides appropriate resources for victims in our school district.

With continued growth in Sarpy County, and particularly the Papillion-La Vista School District community, the need for juvenile services also increases. Continued funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission would allow the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit to continue current support services to our students and families.

I wholeheartedly support renewal of the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Grant for the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit. I would be available at (402) 537-6207 should have further questions.

Sincerely,

Rick D. Black, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON
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RE: Sarpy County Victim Witness
Victims of Crime Act Application

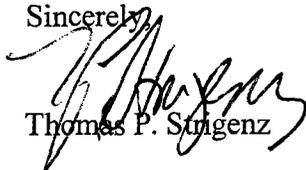
To Whom It May Concern:

Please take this letter as support of the Sarpy County Victim Witness & Diversion Services application for the VOCA Grant. As the elected Public Defender of Sarpy County, I can attest that the funding for victim advocacy has been reduced as the need for crime victim advocacy continues to grow and that the Sarpy County Victim Witness & Diversion Services Office does a fantastic job in assisting crime victims.

They support crime victims by responding to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims and other emergency services that are intended to restore the victims' sense of dignity and self esteem. I can attest that the Sarpy County Victim Witness & Diversion Services has a staff of highly trained and professional personnel who provide a unique and necessary service to the citizens of Sarpy County.

Please take this letter as one of support of my office for the Grant application as submitted. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Thomas P. Strigenz

TPS/dx



Office of the County Attorney

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L. Kenneth Polikov
Sarpy County Attorney

March 3, 2009

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I want to express strong support of the request by the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit for a VOCA Grant.

The Victim/Witness Unit provides necessary services to the victims of crime, and has been essential to the fair administration of justice in Sarpy County. Without the services provided by the Victim/Witness Unit we would not meet our obligations to the victims of crime or to the community as a whole.

The coordination between groups and facilitating the availability of services to crime victims is no easy task, and this program must hold a very high priority for funding. It must be our goal to continue increased efforts to grow the Victim/Witness Unit in Sarpy County.

Please give this grant application every possible consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lee Polikov
Sarpy County Attorney

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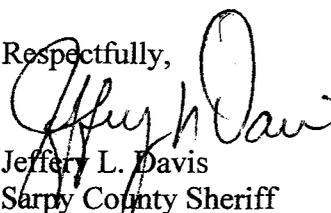
To Whom It May Concern:

I am respectfully requesting the Nebraska Crime Commission to continue supporting the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit via the VOCA grant. The Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit provides a valuable service to my deputies when they are on calls relating to domestic violence, child abuse, and other crimes of abuse. While the deputies are preoccupied with the suspect and legal aspects of the crime, the Victim/Witness Unit focuses on helping the victim. The process greatly reduces the burden placed upon my deputies.

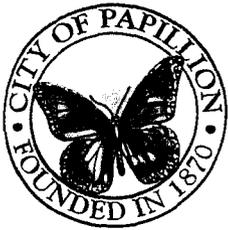
In the last several years, our department has responded to an increasing number of violent crimes. In the vast majority of these cases, the victim is automatically referred to the Victim/Witness Unit because my deputies are confident in the Unit's personnel and the services they provide. Without the Victim/Witness Unit, a large number of victims would have no where to turn and their plights would never improve.

To reiterate, the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit provides a valuable service to the community and has my full support.

Respectfully,


Jeffrey L. Davis
Sarpy County Sheriff

JLD/pv



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I am writing to strongly encourage you to continue the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit's VOCA Grant again this year to enable them to continue providing their many services to victims of crime in our county.

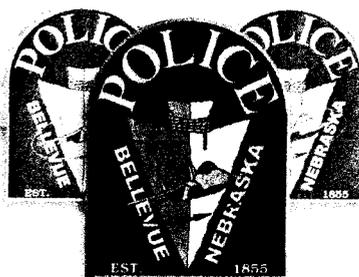
The Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit provides assistance to all victims of crime through the criminal justice system. In 2008 they provided personal advocacy and criminal justice support. The Victim/Witness Unit collaborates with law enforcement, businesses, schools, and victim service agencies. They are also part of the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse of Sarpy and a member of the Child Abuse and Neglect Team. The VOCA dollars will continue to fund four full-time Crime Victim Advocates and help the Victim/Witness Unit continue collaboration with agencies and improve services to crime victims in our community.

I offer my support of the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit and their staff as they work diligently to provide comprehensive services to our community.

Sincerely,

Leonard A. Houloose

Chief of Police



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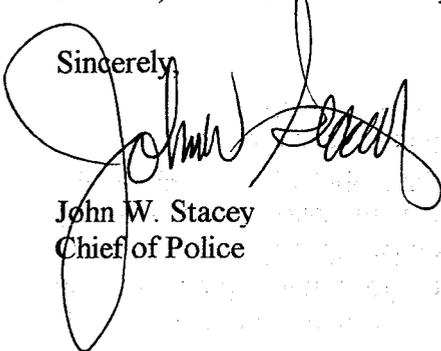
RE: Victims of Crime Act Grant

The Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit continues to provide assistance to victim advocacy agencies, law enforcement, businesses, schools and other organizations that touch a victim's recovery process. To the victims of crime in our community, the Victim/Witness Unit utilizes the assistance of resources, such as the cellular phone project, the Crisis Response Team, Child Abuse and Neglect Team, S.A.F.E. Policy, the Domestic Violence Community Response Team and the United Way, to name a few. The Victim/Witness Unit is one of the primary sources victims are urged to contact when assistance is needed in dealing with the effects of a crime. In 2008, the Victim/Witness Unit assisted 2,255 crime victims in the community. Out of the 2,255 cases, 2,541 people received multiple contacts through personal advocacy and criminal justice support.

Domestic violence has become one of our most frequently reported crimes, and the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit continues to provide assistance to victims, advising them how to obtain Domestic Violence Protection Orders and other aid, when needed. The Unit also provides access to the Juvenile Services Advocate, who works with children and families of child abuse/neglect and sexual assault crimes. The Advocate also provides services to all victims of juvenile crimes.

I believe the Victim/Witness Unit, with the cooperation of our community, is able to respond to crime victims effectively. I urge the Crime Commission to continue to assist the funding of these services, which are so critically needed.

Sincerely,


John W. Stacey
Chief of Police

"Committed to Excellence"



March 11, 2009

Nebraska Crime Commission
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RE: VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Grant

To Who It May Concern:

The La Vista Police Department supports the continuation of the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Grant for the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit. The La Vista Police Department has seen first hand what the services of the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit have contributed to our community. We deal with the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit on almost a daily basis at times and find their services invaluable. Continued funding through the VOCA Grant will ensure the Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit will be able to continue offering comprehensive services to victims of crimes in our county. We cannot stress enough the importance of funding the Victim/Witness Unit so they may continue to offer their invaluable services to Sarpy County residents.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Lausten
Chief of Police

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CERTIFIED ASSURANCES

1. The applicant assures that federal or state grant funds made available under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and state victim assistance funds will not be used to supplant existing funds, but will be used to enhance or expand direct services to victims of crime.
2. The applicant assures that fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, and such evaluation procedures as may be necessary to keep such records as the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Crime Commission) shall prescribe will be provided to assure fiscal control, proper management, and efficient disbursement of funds received under the victim assistance grant program.
3. The applicant assures that it shall maintain such data and information and submit such reports, in such form, at such times, and containing such information as the Crime Commission may require.
4. The applicant certifies that the program contained in its application will meet requirements as stated in the Victim Assistance Grant Application Kit; that all information presented is correct; that there has been and will be throughout the life of the grant, appropriate coordination with affected agencies; and, that the applicant will comply with all provisions of the Victims of Crime Act and all other applicable federal and state laws.
5. The applicant assures that it will comply and all of its contractors will comply, with the non-discrimination requirements of the Victims of Crime Act; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Department of Justice Non-Discrimination Regulations 28 CFR Part 42, Subparts C, D, E, and G and, Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and their implementing regulations.
6. The applicant assures that programs will maintain information on victim services provided by race, national origin, sex, age, and handicap.
7. The applicant assures that in the event a federal or state court, or federal or state administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin or sex against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Crime Commission and the Office of Civil Rights Compliance (OCRC) of the Office of Justice Programs.
8. The applicant assures that, if required, it will formulate an equal employment opportunity program (EEO) in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301 et. seq., and submit a certification to the state that it has a current EEO on file which meets the requirements therein.
9. The applicant assures that it will comply and contractors will comply, with the provisions of the Office of Justice Programs "Financial and Administrative Guide for Grants," M 7100.01.
10. Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, non-Federal entities expending \$500,000 or more a year from all federal sources shall have a single organization-wide audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133. Non-federal entities that expend less than \$500,000 a year in Federal dollars from all sources are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year. However, financial records must be maintained in an acceptable accounting system and be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of Federal, state or local agencies.
11. Confidentiality of Research Information. No recipient of monies under the Victims of Crime Act shall use or reveal any research or statistical information furnished under this program by any person and

identifiable to any specific private person for any purpose other than the purpose for which such information was obtained in accordance with the Act.

12. Confidentiality of Victim Information - At no time shall a victim's name, address, phone number or other identifying information be divulged to another individual or agency unless they are a part of the criminal justice system or Health and Human Services system unless the victim has given prior voluntary written consent for such release of information.
13. The applicant agrees to submit all required reports in a timely manner.
14. The applicant agrees not to utilize federal or state victim assistance funds for crime prevention, community education, services to perpetrators, conference attendance by individual crime victims, lobbying, victim re-location or services to witnesses other than the victim.
15. The applicant agrees to establish and maintain a Drug Free Workplace Policy.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read and reviewed the above assurances, that the applicant will comply with all provisions of the Victims of Crime Act and all other applicable federal and state laws, and, that the applicant will implement the project as written, if approved by the Crime Commission.



(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)

4/21/2009

(DATE)

1210 Golden Gate Dr., Papillion, NE 68046

(ADDRESS)

Joni Jones

Sarpy County Board Chairperson

(TYPED NAME)

(TITLE)

402-593-4155

(TELEPHONE NUMBER)

EEOP SHORT FORM

STEP 1: INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

Grant Title: Sarpy County Victim Assistance

Grantee Name: Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit

Address: 1257 Golden Gate Dr. Suite 10 W Papillion, NE 68046 Contact Person: Jean Brazda
Tel.: 402-593-2201

Grant Number: Award Amount:

Date and effective duration of EEOP:

Policy Statement:

CERTIFICATION (EEOP ON FILE)

A. I, Joni Jones [agency executive officer], certify that the [agency] has formulated an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301, et. seq., subpart E, that it has been signed into effect by the proper agency authority and disseminated to all employees, and that it is on file in the Office of [name], Deb Houghtaling, 1210 Golden Gate Dr. Papillion, NE 68046 [address], County Clerk [title], for review or audit by officials of the cognizant State planning agency or the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs as required by relevant laws and regulations.

Joni Jones
[signature]

4/21/2009
[date]

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CERTIFICATION (NO EEOP REQUIRED)

B. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FUNDED AGENCY HAS **LESS THAN 50 EMPLOYEES** AND THEREFORE IS **NOT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AN EEOP**, PURSUANT TO 28 CFR 42.301, ET. SEQ.

[signature]

[date]

OMB Approval No. 1121-0140
Expiration Date: 12/31/98

Revised 9/20/95

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTER; AND DRUG-FREE WORPLACE 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. DEPARTMENT, 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 transaction, 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 of Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department of 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)

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—
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace;
 - C. Notifying the employee in the statement that the employee will:
 - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such convictions;

The subgrantee shall notify the Crime Commission in writing of any conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

The subgrantee certifies that it will take one or more of the following actions within 30 calendar days of receiving notice of the conviction:

- A. 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
- B. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance of rehabilitation program approved for such purpose by a Federal, State or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

The subgrantee certifies that it will make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace.

Organization Name and Address:

Joni Jones, Chairperson
Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Joni Jones 4/21/2009
Signature Date

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To: Sarpy County Board

From: Carrie Davis-Sedlacek

Re: 2009 VOCA Grant Application

On April 21, 2009, the County Board will be asked to authorize the chairperson to sign the attached VOCA grant application, certifications, assurances, and letter of support. This is a continuation grant that will allow the Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit to continue providing services to victims of crime in Sarpy County.

The project period is September 1, 2009-August 30, 2010. The grant application will request \$127,382 for personnel. \$96,530 will fund partial salaries of four (4) crime victim advocates and \$26,326 will fund the benefits for those advocates. Although the last VOCA grant also requested \$127,382, the County was actually awarded \$104,143. It is possible the Crime Commission may take similar action with this grant and reduce the award amount.

The County is required to provide a 20% match of the total program cost. The match amount is \$31,846 which will be the remaining portion of two (2) of the advocates' salaries.

The grant is due May 1, 2009. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions.

April 16, 2009

Carrie Davis-Sedlacek
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cc: Mark Wayne
Brian Hanson
Scott Bovick
Jean Brazda
Deb Houghtaling