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## OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

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Dear Colleagues:

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime (UOVC) has received funding from the USDOJ, Office for Victims of Crime, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program. VOCA is a federal pass through program developed to assist public and nonprofit organizations in providing direct service to crime victims. This Request for Proposals (RFP) announcement ends Tuesday, April 17, 2018 when applications are due. UOVC is requesting proposals from non-profit and public organizations that provide direct services to crime victims. Law enforcement agencies, city and county prosecution agencies, nonprofit organizations, and public agencies that are developing crime victim assistance programs or enhancing already existing programs are encouraged to apply. VOCA funding can be acquired to provide direct services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, assault, elder abuse, family members of homicide victims, adults molested as children, DUI/DWI's, robbery, and other crimes.

The 2018 VOCA grant program year will begin July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2019. Those who have a current VOCA grant (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2019) do not need to reapply. However, there will be an opportunity for existing subgrantees to apply for *additional* funds if they meet certain criteria. New programs are also eligible to apply for funds in the 2018 VOCA grant program year.

The amount of VOCA funding awarded to individual organizations will be based on an organization's ability to identify unmet needs and to demonstrate a program plan which will successfully address those needs. The 2018–2019 VOCA RFP is a competitive application process. For the 2018 VOCA grant program year, applicants will be able to apply under the following categories:

- Programs that serve Underserved Populations
- Legal Services Programs
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Sexual Assault Programs
- Criminal Justice System Victim Advocacy Programs
- Child Abuse and Treatment Programs

As part of the 2018 VOCA grant program year, the Utah Office for Victims of Crime will also be initiating the **Housing for Crime Victims Special Project**. This project is a housing pilot program aimed to help victims of crime throughout the state of Utah. Applications for this program will be due April 30<sup>th</sup>. Law enforcement agencies, city and county prosecution agencies, private nonprofit organizations and public agencies that assist crime victims are encouraged to apply. The 2018 VOCA **Housing for Crime Victims**

**Special Project** program year will begin July 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2019. Additional information about this program will be provided at the trainings listed below.

To gain a better understanding of the new VOCA initiatives and VOCA program and to assist you in developing grant proposals, UOVC will be hosting RFP trainings. Please register for these trainings at <https://voca2018.eventbrite.com>. Due to limited space, a RSVP is required to attend; attendance at these trainings is strongly recommended. For your information, a proposed time line is attached:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>RFP Training</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm-Regular VOCA Program 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm-VOCA Housing Program Red Cliffs Lodge Mile Post 14 Highway 128; Moab	<b>Friday, March 9, 2018</b>
<b>RFP Training</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm-Regular VOCA Program 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm-VOCA Housing Program UOVC Conference Room (First Floor) 350 East 500 South; Salt Lake City	<b>Wednesday, March 14, 2018</b>
<b>RFP Training</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm-Regular VOCA Program 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm-VOCA Housing Program UOVC Conference Room (First Floor) 350 East 500 South; Salt Lake City	<b>Friday, March 16, 2018</b>
<b>RFP Training</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm-Regular VOCA Program 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm-VOCA Housing Program SUU(exact location TBD) Cedar City	<b>Wednesday, March 21, 2018</b>

Applications must be received **no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.** Should you have any questions regarding the VOCA program, application or timeline, please feel free to contact any of the following:

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Respectfully,



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