

LANCASTER COUNTY GRANT FORM

Submitted by: Human Services Today's date: 1/15/2019

1. Funding source: Nebraska Crime Commission
2. Grant due date: Jan. 24, 2019
3. Amount requested: \$246,387
4. Other sources of funding anticipated:

Funding Source	In-kind	Cash	Committed	Pending
a. City of Lincoln (LPD)		\$14,944		
b. Lancaster County (LSO)		\$13,045		
c. Lancaster County (Co.Attny Office)		\$77,506		
d. JBC (Fam.Viol.Cncl)		\$1,000		

Project Contact: Bob Moyer, Family Violence Council *

Phone Number: 402-489-9292 *

6. Number of years grant will run if funded: One Year from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020. *

7. This grant is: * Continuation (annually since 1996)

8. General purpose for grant: (2-3 sentences)

To continue Lancaster County's coordinated response to stop domestic abuse and adult sexual violence. Supports specialists in LSO and LPD, two LCA deputy attorneys, advocates with Voices of Hope; cultural outreach project between VOH and El Centro de las Americas and the Asian Community and Cultural Center and funds project coordinator, who is Family Violence Council Executive Director.

9. Attach a one page summary of grant.

10. Attach a one page budget of grant.

	Current	Requested	Match	Total
County Attorney Office	\$74,708	\$77,506	\$77,506	\$155,012
Voices of Hope	\$33,968	\$34,887	\$0	\$34,887
Family Violence Council	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$1,000	\$16,000
Sheriff's Office	\$38,181	\$39,136	\$13,045	\$52,181
Lincoln Police Dept.	\$43,738	\$44,831	\$14,944	\$59,775
Cultural Project	\$15,125	\$15,736	\$0	\$15,736
County Human Services	\$23,515	\$19,291	\$0	\$19,251
Total	\$240,235	\$246,387	\$106,495	\$352,842
		70%	30%	
Note: Grant requires \$1 match for every \$3 federal award except for VOH and Cultural Centers activities.				

To address the need to improve the Lancaster County response to domestic violence, adult sexual violence, stalking and dating violence, this grant application seeks to maintain VAWA STOP grant funding for an officers to specialize in domestic violence investigations in the Lincoln Police Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, a prosecutor in the Lancaster County Attorney's who specializes in domestic violence cases and a second prosecutor who specializes in sexual assault cases; four positions with Voices of Hope which are an enhanced advocate, a communications coordinator and two liaison positions to a multicultural project. In addition the application supports four positions contract by VOH, one with El Centro de los Americas and 3 with the Asian Community and Cultural Center for the multicultural project.]

The multicultural project funds outreach to certain populations identified by the coordinated response as most high risk/greatest need. They are Latinos, Sudanese, Chinese/Vietnamese and Arabic speaking populations.

All positions are continuation provisions from the current grant to Lancaster County. These positions provide the core of our coordinated responses to domestic abuse and sexual violence. Without any of them, our coordinated responses would be seriously hampered.

Our coordinated response attempts to address victim safety and perpetrator accountability all through the criminal justice system. The Family Violence Council Executive Director facilitates monthly meetings of CRT (coordinated response team) members called the Case Management Team, for domestic abuse, and SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) where any department/program on the team may request a review of a specific case or policy or procedure needing clarification. This review may be to evaluate the response, strategize what else can be done to assist a specific victim or response to a perpetrator or increase communication and clarify roles between CRT partners. Policies and procedures as well as partner and community referrals are also reviewed.

Members of the CRTs include staff members from Voices of Hope, the Sheriff's Office, the Lincoln Police Department, and the County Attorney's Office. Other representatives include Adult Probation, Friendship Home and the UNL Police Department. Representatives from the BryanLGH and Saint Elizabeth health systems, Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska National Guard and the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition also attend some of the meetings. The state representatives requested attending our CRT to share policies, procedures and problems and solutions that arise at the meetings.

The Family Violence Council coordinates this community response through partner communications, facilitating meetings, collecting data, creating reports, monitoring and evaluating the community plan, providing training and completed a variety of activities resulting from agreed upon community goals that seek to improve victim safety, perpetrator accountability and changing attitudes to not tolerate violence.

This grant application forms the platform for community coordinated response to stop domestic violence, adult sexual violence, stalking and dating violence. Without these funds, success in achieving federal and other grant applications would be significantly impaired. Currently both the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County receive federal grant funding based on the community's coordinated response success.

To sustain the coordinated response project, we seek funds to support 8 positions the grant funds: four advocates at Voices of Hope, two prosecutors in the Lancaster County Attorney's Office, and 2 law enforcement domestic violence specialists, one with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, the other with the Lincoln Police Department. In addition, we seek funds to support the Family Violence Council coordination activities as well as funds for the Culturally Specific Project.

Applicant Disclosures of Pending Applications:

Applicants are to disclose whether they have pending applications for federally and or state funded grants that include requests for funding to support the same project being proposed under this solicitation and will cover the identical cost items outlined in the budget in the application under this solicitation. **Mark none if you have no pending applications.**

Federal or State Funding Agency	Solicitation Name / Project Name	Name/Phone/E-mail for Point of Contact at Funding Agency
None		

Certifications: (total of 4)

1. Certification of Application

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.

Applicant certifies that during the development of this grant application victim services providers were consulted with in order to ensure proposed activities and requests are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality and economic independence of victims of intimate partner violence, sexual assault and staking.

Name of Authorized Official: Jennifer Brinkman

Title: Chair, Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Address: 555 S. 10th Street, Room 110

City, State, Zip: Lincoln, NE 68508

Telephone: 402-441-7447

Signature of Authorized Official: _____

Date Signed (month/day/year): _____

2. Acknowledgement of Notice of Statutory Requirement to Comply with the Confidentiality and Privacy Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, as Amended

Under section 40002(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Act, as amended (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2)), recipients (subrecipient/lead agency and subawardees) of Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) funding are required to meet the following terms with regard to nondisclosure of confidential or private information and to document their compliance. By signature on this form, applicants for grants from the Nebraska Crime Commission supported with funds from the OVW (S.T.O.P and SASP) are acknowledging that that they have notice that, if awarded funds, they will be required to comply with this provision, and will mandate that subawards (sub-subrecipient), if any, comply with this provision, and will create and maintain documentation of compliance, such as policies and procedures for release of victim information, and will mandate that subawardees, if any, will do so as well.

(A) In general

In order to ensure the safety of adult, youth, and child victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their families, any recipients of OVW funds under this subchapter shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services.

(B) Nondisclosure

Subject to subparagraphs (C) and (D), recipients (subrecipient/lead agency and subawardees) shall not—

- (i) disclose, reveal, or release any personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied through subrecipients' and subawardees' programs, regardless of whether the information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected; or
- (ii) disclose, reveal, or release individual client information without the informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person (or in the case of an unemancipated minor, the minor and the parent or guardian or in the case of legal incapacity, a court-appointed guardian) about whom information is sought, whether for this program or any other Federal, State, tribal, or territorial grant program, except that consent for release may not be given by the abuser of the minor, incapacitated person, or the abuser of the other parent of the minor.

If a minor or a person with a legally appointed guardian is permitted by law to receive services without the parent's or guardian's consent, the minor or person with a guardian may release information without additional consent.

(C) Release

If release of information described in subparagraph (B) is compelled by statutory or court mandate—

- (i) subrecipients and subawardees shall make reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information; and
- (ii) subrecipients and subawardees shall take steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of the information.

(D) Information sharing

- (i) Subrecipients and subawardees may share—

- (I) nonpersonally identifying data in the aggregate regarding services to their clients and nonpersonally identifying demographic information in order to comply with Federal, State, tribal, or territorial reporting, evaluation, or data collection requirements;
- (II) court-generated information and law enforcement-generated information contained in secure, governmental registries for protection order enforcement purposes; and
- (III) law enforcement-generated and prosecution-generated information necessary for law enforcement and prosecution purposes.

(ii) In no circumstances may—

- (I) an adult, youth, or child victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking be required to provide a consent to release his or her personally identifying information as a condition of eligibility for the services provided by the subrecipient or subawardee;
- (II) any personally identifying information be shared in order to comply with Federal, tribal, or State reporting, evaluation, or data collection requirements, whether for this program or any other Federal, tribal, or State grant program.

(E) Statutorily mandated reports of abuse or neglect

Nothing in this section prohibits a subrecipient or subawardee from reporting suspected abuse or neglect, as those terms are defined and specifically mandated by the State or tribe involved.

(F) Oversight

Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the U.S. Attorney General from disclosing grant activities authorized in this Act to the chairman and ranking members of the U. S. Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate exercising Congressional oversight authority. All disclosures shall protect confidentiality and omit personally identifying information, including location information about individuals.

(G) Confidentiality assessment and assurances

Subrecipients and subawardees must document their compliance with the confidentiality and privacy provisions required under this section.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby acknowledge that the applicant has received notice that if awarded funding they will comply with the above statutory requirements. This acknowledgement shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice will rely if it determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

Jennifer Brinkman	Chair, Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
Typed Name of Authorized Representative	Title

Telephone Number 402-441-7447

Signature of Authorized Representative	Date Signed
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Lancaster County	10/17/2017
Agency Name	

3. CERTIFIED ASSURANCES (Page 1 of 2)

1. The applicant assures that federal block grant funds made available under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP Grant Program will not be used to supplant existing funds.
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 Act.
3. The applicant assures that they and all subawards under this award have a DUNS number and are registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and OVW).
4. 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.
5. The applicant certifies that the proposed project fulfills all program requirements; that all the information 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 VAWA STOP Grant Program as well as all other applicable federal and state laws.
6. The applicant assures that it will comply, and all its contractors will comply, with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements which may include, among other relevant authorities, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322 and the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq., the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 109-162, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, P.L. 113-4, and OVW's implementing regulations at 28 CFR Part 90.
7. The applicant assures it will comply with the Department of Justice Guidance pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d. Applicant will take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP).
8. The applicant assures that in the event a federal or state court or administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing the subrecipient of funds will forward a copy of the finding to the Office of Civil Rights Compliance of the Office of Justice Programs in Washington, D.C. Additionally, a copy of the findings will be sent to the Crime Commission.
9. The applicant assures that, if required, it will formulate an equal employment opportunity program (EEOP) in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301 et. seq., and submit a certification to the state that it has a current EEOP on file which meets the requirements therein.
10. The subgrantee assures that it and its contractors and any subawards will comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 CFR Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2 CFR Part 2800 (together, the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), and the current edition of the DOJ Grants Financial Guides as posted on the OVW website to include any amendments made throughout the course of the grant period.
11. The applicant, if a non-Federal entity assures that if it expends \$750,00 or more in Federal funds (from all sources including pass-through subawards) in the organization's fiscal year it will arrange for a single organization-wide audit to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Title 2 CFR

Subpart F. If less than \$750,000 is expended in a year then the agency is exempt from Federal audit requirements. In this case, the non-Federal entity assures that financial records will be maintained in an acceptable accounting system and be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of Federal, state or local agencies.

12. The applicant agrees to attend training as required by the Crime Commission.
13. The applicant agrees to establish and maintain a Drug Free Workplace Policy.
14. The purpose of the VAWA STOP Grant Program is to improve the response of the criminal justice system to individual who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence through collaboration. Collaboration is defined as several agencies and/or organizations that make a formal, sustained commitment to work together to develop a comprehensive and coordinated response. The applicant agrees to develop and sustain a collaborative approach between the various criminal justice and victim service entities to jointly address the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence.
15. Applicant assures there is written documentation of how sexual assault and domestic violence cases are processed through the criminal justice system including what assistance is provided during each step of the criminal justice process.
16. Applicant assures it will maintain copies of current Policies and Procedures for addressing victims of sexual assault and domestic violence for law enforcement agencies, prosecutorial agencies, victim service agencies and any other criminal justice agencies that are part of the Coordinated Response Team.
17. Applicant assures that it and any subawards will document their compliance with the confidentiality and privacy provisions required under the VAWA STOP Grant Program.

Certification

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

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

555 S. 10th Street, Room 110, Lincoln, NE 68508

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Jennifer Brinkman

Chair, Lancaster County Commissioners

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402-441-7447

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4. 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. Acceptance of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 2 CFR Part 2867, "DOJ Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension," and 28 CFR Part 83, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension," 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 sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DIRECT RECIPIENT)

Pursuant to Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, implemented at 2 CFR Part 2867, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 2 CFR Section 2867.20(a), and other requirements:

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) Have not within a two-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, unless such felony criminal conviction has been disclosed in writing to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov, and, after such disclosure, the applicant has received a specific written determination from OJP that neither suspension nor debarment of the applicant is necessary to protect the interests of the Government in this case.

(d) 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 (b) of this certification; and

(e) 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.

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. FEDERAL TAXES

A. If the applicant is a corporation, the applicant certifies that either (1) the corporation has no unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, or (2) the corporation has provided written notice of such an unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to OJP at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov, and, after such disclosure, the applicant has received a specific written determination from OJP that neither suspension nor debarment of the applicant is necessary to protect the interests of the Government in this case.

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.

4. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 83, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Sections 83.620 and 83.650:

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, 810 7th Street, 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).

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

Lancaster County, 555 S. 10th Street, Room 110, Lincoln, NE 68508

Organization Name and Address

Jennifer Brinkman Chair, Lancaster County Commissioners

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date