

New Grant Consolidation Process Taking Effect in 2010

What is the grant consolidation process?

The Office for Victims Programs will be consolidating the funding cycles and allocation processes of three grant programs: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the State Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (State VALE).

What are the reasons for consolidating the grant processes?

- Improve services to subgrantees
- Maximize use of DCJ's available grant dollars while implementing the Boards' funding philosophy
- Streamline the conflicting funding processes
- Stabilize funding levels and alleviate fluctuations by pooling resources and allocating them more collaboratively
- Establish an improved "user-friendly" administrative process that allows subgrantees to focus more of their time on serving victims, rather than applying for multiple grants
- Coordinate with other funding sources in the state, particularly local VALE boards, to strategize and maximize impact of available funds statewide
- Plan for the future - Benefit from other states' precedents in establishing coordinated funding processes that are suitable for web-based administration

How are we planning on doing the consolidation process?

- **Restructure funding allocation processes**
 - Create a single, consolidated application form for access to all 3 funding sources
 - Adjust and align all funding cycles to 2-year calendar-year cycles
 - Consolidate funds allocation processes across programs
- **Restructure and consolidate board composition and function**
 - Consolidate the three current boards into one board and assess the optimum size and composition, retaining statutorily designated positions, representation, and expertise from all 3 grant programs
- **Restructure grant program administration**
 - Establish regional grant managers
 - Develop tailored, streamlined grant reporting forms and processes

When will this change occur?

- **2008** - There will be a VAWA grant process for the time period of April 1, 2009 - December 31, 2010.
- **2009** - This will be the second year of the current VOCA grants as well as the State VALE grants. During 2009, DCJ will realign the funding sources for all 2010 grant awards, which will go into effect January 2010. This will reduce the number of funding sources for a certain number of grant recipients.
- **2010** - All agencies that have grant awards from VOCA, VAWA, or State VALE funds during 2009 will have their awards extended for calendar year 2010. As mentioned above, funding sources for those grants will be realigned. There will not be an application process for funds awarded for 2010; however, during 2010, agencies can apply for funds under the new consolidation process, which will go into effect on January 1, 2011.
- **2011** – First consolidated grants will go into effect for grant award period January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2012.