

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Victims for Justice**

**Federal Tax ID: 920110889**

**Project Title:**

# Victims for Justice - Victims Assistance Academy Establishment

**State Funding Requested: \$ 200,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**

**Brief Project Description:**

Funds would allow VFJ to establish a Victims Assistance Academy that will address crime victim specific assistance to Alaska residents.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$495,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds			\$195,000	2009		
Total			\$195,000			

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This request is related to public safety. Victims for Justice would like to establish a State Victims Assistance Academy (SVAA). The Academy would be an annual, week-long training event where victims assistance agency professionals would focus on victimology and victim's rights and services. The goal of the academy is to provide training for providers of victims services from across Alaska, by doing so improving victim care. In addition to the costs of establishing an academy, funds would provide travel assistance to victims service providers in rural Alaska.

Alaska has the 8th highest instance of violent crime in the nation, and we are 6th in aggravated assaults. Establishing an SVAA will help ensure that crime victims and their families have the best care available.

Victims for Justice have applied for a \$195,000 grant from the Department of Justice. This year, five states will be recipients of this grant and will be able to begin hosting state academies. Thirty-one states have already established SVAA's.

**Project Timeline:**

If funds are granted, Victims for Justice would like to host its first academy in 2009.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Victims for Justice, Alaska

*For use by Co-chair Staff Only:*

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

State Victims' Assistance Academy  
Funding Request: \$200,000  
Capital Appropriation

Victims for Justice is requesting capital funding to supplement an anticipated grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime to establish an Alaskan Victim Assistance Academy. The OVC grant will be for \$195,000: \$65,000 for first year start up, \$100,000 for second year development and presentation of the First Academy; \$30,000 in the third year for modifications and holding the Second Academy. We estimate the OVC grant will cover about half of the costs of establishing the academy over the three year period, and are requesting \$200,000 to supplement the OVC funds. In coordinating this initiative in Alaska, VFJ anticipates working with numerous victim support organization from around the state, many of whom have already indicated an interest in the project.<sup>1</sup>

To fulfill its long-term goal of encouraging victim assistance courses of study across the country, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) of the U.S. Department of Justice introduced the State Victim Assistance Academy (SVAA) Initiative in Fiscal Year 1998. Currently, 31 states, the Virgin Islands and the District of Colombia have established State Victim Assistance Academies through the OVC program. SVAAAs provide state-specific training in victim assistance issues. They're modeled after the National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA), but tailor content to reflect the needs and laws of individual states.

A State Victim Assistance Academy is an annual, week-long, intensive foundation course of study in victimology and victims' rights and services. SVAAAs are operated in partnership with an academic institution and are designed to meet the entry-level, intermediate and advanced training needs of a broad range of victim service providers and allied professionals.

Alaskan victim service providers face a very high rate of violent crime. Alaska is 8<sup>th</sup> in occurrence of violent crime and 6<sup>th</sup> in aggravated assault<sup>2</sup>. The state as a whole has double the rate of murder in comparison to states of similar population size (Vermont & Wyoming), three times the rate of violent crime and aggravated assault, and five times the rate of robbery<sup>3</sup>. Certain rural areas of the state are especially impacted, for instance, the areas of Bethel and Dillingham, hub communities for most of South Western Alaska, including the Bristol Bay Borough. With a combined area population of 9,790, the rate of overall violent crime in this area exceeds Anchorage, as does the rate of murder and aggravated assault.<sup>4</sup>

Alaskan victim service providers are further challenged by geographic isolation from professionals working in this field in the rest of the states, and often from their peers in other communities. Like the hub communities of Southwest Alaska, many towns can only get to Anchorage by plane, and surrounding villages must commute to the hubs by ATV, snowmobile, or boat.

Finally, victims' assistance agencies seeking professional training for their staff are hampered by very limited budgets that often provide very little in the way of travel outside their communities.

With this grant, VFJ intends to establish an SVAA that will address Alaska-specific victim assistance issues, as well as provide assistance with costs of travel to the Academy for rural victim service providers.

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<sup>1</sup> See page 2, attached

<sup>2</sup> US State Crime 2004-2005, Crimes per 100,000 and Ranking, US Disaster Center, [www.disastercenter.com/crime/](http://www.disastercenter.com/crime/).

<sup>3</sup> Crime in the United States 2005, US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation [www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/index.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/index.html)

<sup>4</sup> (Crime in the United States 2005, US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, [www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/index.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/index.html)).

# Alaska State Victim

Alaskan victim assistance providers and allied professional who have indicated an interest in working with VFJ on the development of a State Victims' Assistance Academy to date:

- Alaska Care @ Providence Hospital
- Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse
- Alaska Department of Corrections/Adult Probation-Parole Division
- Alaska Department of Law/Anchorage Office of the District Attorney
- Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse.

## Income and Expense Worksheet

### Projected Income

**Federal SVAA Grant Funding:** One grant distributed as follows:

**State Grant Support Funding:** One grant distributed as follows:

Conference fees for participants

**Total Projected Income**

### Salary\*/Benefits

Project Lead @ 50% FTE

Communications Director @ 15%, 10%, 10%

Executive Director @ 15%

Administrative Staff @ 20%

Taxes and Benefits

**Salary/Benefits Total**

\*Salary increase @ 3%/year

### Rentals/Facilities

Site Fee (UAA conference space 4 class rooms x 5 days)

Rental of presentation equipment (projector, screen, etc./room)

Participant food/refreshments

Rental cost of Project Lead office

**Rental/Facilities Total**

### Conference Fees

Presenters (18 presenters X \$500)

Participant Manuals (50 X \$15)

Alaska specific curriculum research/development/production

Name badges, pens, etc.

**Conference Fees Total**

### Travel

Travel for Project Lead to an established SVAA

Airfare/mileage/rental car/cab for Project Lead

Lodging

Stakeholder rural village travel

Key Speaker: Lodging, p/d and airfare

**Travel Total**

### Equipment

Laptop (Microsoft Office, antivirus + bag)

Projector (carry case)

Desktop (Microsoft Office + antivirus)  
CD (100)/flash drives (3)  
Office furniture (file cabinets, etc.) In kind from VFJ  
Office supplies

**Equipment Total**

**Miscellaneous Expenses**

Phone (800# & business line)  
IT support (10% of yearly fees)  
Postage (5 mailings/year)  
Copier costs (25% of overall useage)

**Miscellaneous Total**

**Media/Public Relations**

Consultation  
Production/Development (Graphic Artist)  
TV  
Radio  
Newsletters/other ads  
Print - flyers, brochures, etc.

**Media/PR Total**

**Total Income**

**Total Expenses**

**Net Income**

# Assistance Academy

Alaska State Office of Victims Rights  
 Alaska Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Standing Together Against Rape  
 University of Alaska, Anchorage/Justice Center



	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
\$	65,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
\$	35,437.27	\$ 47,069.78	\$ 117,492.95
\$	-	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 25,000.00
\$	100,437.27	\$ 164,569.78	\$ 172,492.95
\$	24,000.00	\$ 24,720.00	\$ 25,461.60
\$	6,750.00	\$ 4,635.00	\$ 4,774.05
\$	11,250.00	\$ 11,587.50	\$ 11,935.13
\$	8,000.00	\$ 8,240.00	\$ 8,487.20
\$	9,330.00	\$ 9,075.01	\$ 9,246.46
\$	59,330.00	\$ 58,257.51	\$ 59,904.43
\$	-	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
\$	-	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
\$	-	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
\$	520.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
\$	520.00	\$ 20,820.00	\$ 20,820.00
\$	-	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
\$	-	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
\$	1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
\$	-	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
\$	1,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
\$	2,000.00		
\$	10,000.00		\$ -
\$	1,050.00		\$ -
\$	11,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
\$		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
\$	24,050.00	\$ 42,105.00	\$ 51,381.25
\$	1,600.00	\$ -	\$ -
\$	900.00	\$ -	\$ -

\$	1,500.00	\$	-	\$	-
\$	150.00	\$	-	\$	-
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	1,800.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,800.00
\$	5,950.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,800.00

\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
\$	240.00	\$	240.00	\$	240.00
\$	852.27	\$	852.27	\$	852.27
\$	995.00	\$	995.00	\$	995.00
\$	4,587.27	\$	4,587.27	\$	4,587.27

\$	-	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
\$	5,000.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	-	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00
\$	-	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00
\$	5,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$	21,000.00

\$	<b>100,437.27</b>	\$	<b>164,569.78</b>	\$	<b>172,492.95</b>
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\$	<b>(0.00)</b>	\$	<b>0.00</b>	\$	<b>(0.00)</b>