

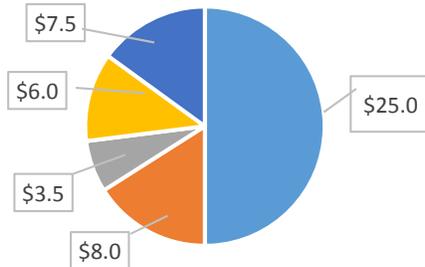
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Vision 21

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$50.0M
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: +\$50.0M

Proposed FY 2017
Vision 21 Activities
(\$ in millions)



- Services for Native American & Alaska Native crime victims
- Research, data collection & program evaluation Improvements
- Legal assistance for victims
- Technology improvements
- Services for international & national crime victims

Program Description

Purpose: To improve permanently the treatment of crime victims in America.

Vision 21 addresses the issue that OVC has limited ability to fund solutions for new and intransigent challenges that prevent every crime victim who needs support from getting it. Under the Victims of Crime Act, OVC has no authority to fund direct victim services at the national level or to American victims abroad, except for victims of terrorism.

Vision 21 projects are designed to connect victim service providers with victims in new and innovative ways including:

- Providing comprehensive legal assistance;
- Building capacity of service providers to better serve victims;
- Addressing continuing and emerging challenges that face victims and service providers such as reaching underserved populations and improving the use of technology.

Authorizing Legislation: Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA)

Administering Agency: Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

DOJ Strategic Objective 2.2: Prevent and intervene in crimes

against vulnerable populations; uphold the rights of, and improve services to, America's crime victims

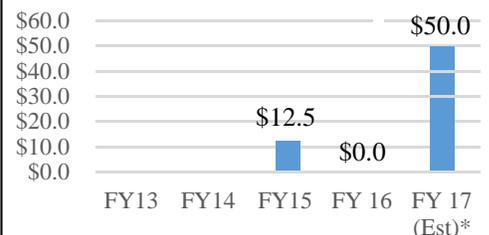
Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds are Distributed:

- Competitive, merit-based selection process
- Eligibility varies by solicitation - state, local, and tribal government agencies, professional associations, community, state and national non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and in limited instances, for-profit organizations. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.

Program Goals:

- Conduct continuous rather than episodic strategic planning in the victim assistance field to effect real change in research, policy, programming, and capacity building;
- Support the development of research to build a body of evidence-based knowledge and generate, collect, and analyze quantitative and qualitative data on victimization, emerging victimization trends, services and behaviors, and enforcement efforts;
- Ensure the statutory, policy, and programmatic flexibility to address enduring and emerging crime victim issues; and
- Build and institutionalize capacity through an infusion of technology, training, and innovation to ensure that the field is equipped to meet the demands of the 21st century.

**Vision 21
Five Year Budget Authority**
(\$ in millions)



*In FY 2017, funds for Vision 21 are requested as a carve-out of the Crime Victims Fund.

Accomplishments:

In FY 2014, OVC issued seven competitive solicitations and awarded 35 Vision 21 grants representing \$12.5 million. The funding supported and expanded the work of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, the Rape,

Abuse and Incest National Network, the National Center for Victims of Crime, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, and the American Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center. Vision 21 funding also supported innovative work in Indian Country and building infrastructure in state Victims of Crime Act programs that are beyond the scope of the Crime Victim Fund.

FY 2017 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: See chart at the top of this document for the proposed distribution of the FY 2017 request for Vision 21.

For additional information, please visit: [OVC's Vision 21](#).