

The background features a dark blue gradient on the left, transitioning into a series of curved, overlapping lines on the right. These lines are composed of a fine grid of lighter blue dots, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is a modern, digital aesthetic.

FY26 Violent Crime Victims Assistance Grant Application

INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

Agenda

- VCVA Mission
- FY26 Application Deadlines
- Getting Started
- Grant Application Process
- Support Resources



Violent Crime Victims Assistance (VCVA) Mission Statement

The Violent Crime Victims Assistance (VCVA) Bureau is dedicated to the following:

- Developing and improving activities and services that promote the recognition of rights, needs, and interests of crime victims in Illinois
- Providing victims access to programs that supply needed information, assistance, and advocacy
- Educating the public about victim services; and ensuring that grantee agencies provide quality services

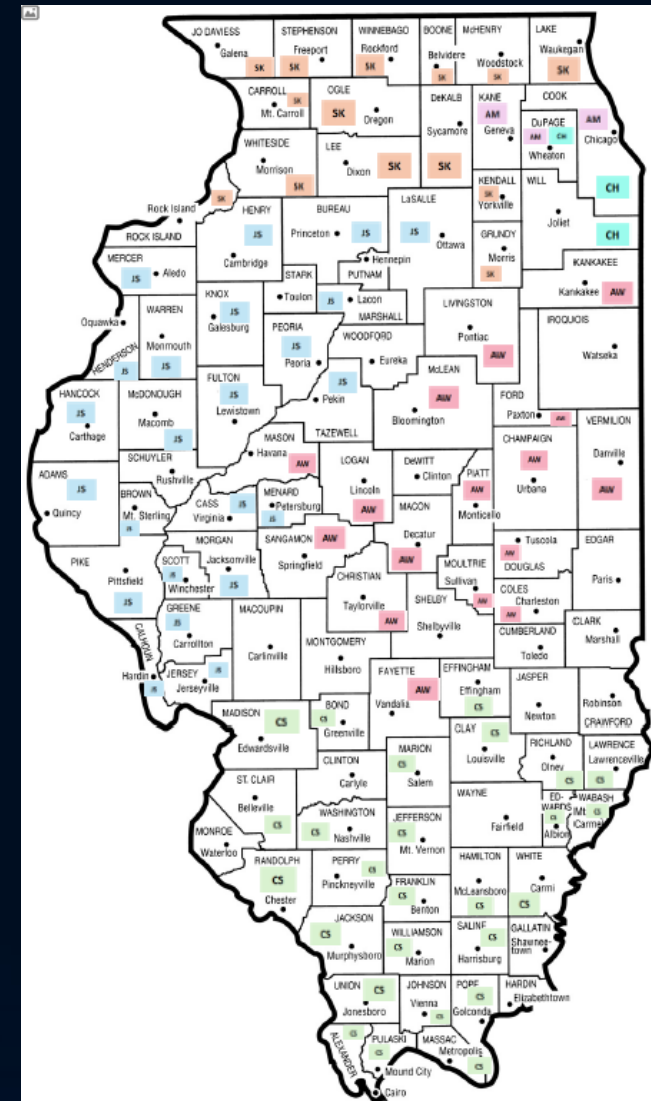
Types of agencies that may apply for funding under the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act:

- An agency of the United States, the State of Illinois, or a unit of local government that provides, operates or coordinates victim and witness assistance programs
- A private non-profit agency that provides, operates or coordinates a victim and witness assistance program, if it: -
 - 1.) Has a tax-exempt ruling from the Internal Revenue Service under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 501 (c) (3)), and –
 - 2.) Is compliant with the Charitable Trust Act and the Solicitation for Charity Act or is exempt from these Acts

FY25 VCVA Grant Program

- Awarded 275 grants to organizations and governmental entities working with victims of all types of violent crimes across the State

CAC – 34
CASA – 24
Child Victimization – 1
Community Violence – 9
Domestic Violence – 51
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault – 14
DUI – 2
Elder Abuse – 6
Homicide Survivor – 3
Legal Services – 9
Police – 3
Prosecution – 79
Sexual Assault – 25
Technical Assistance and Training – 4
Therapy – 2
Violence Prevention – 9

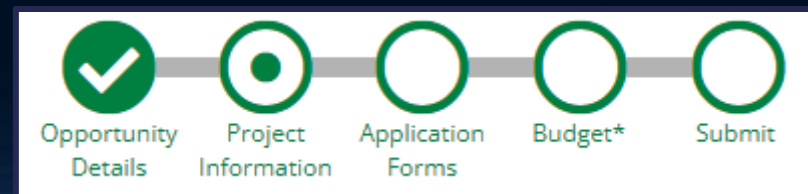
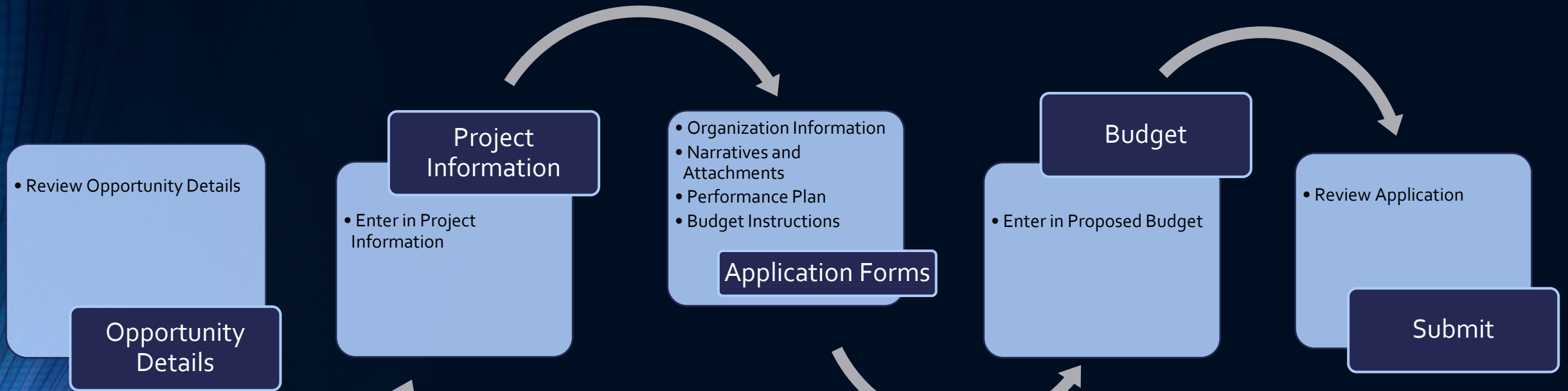


FY26 VCVA Application Deadline

- Application portal opened on Wednesday, January 1, 2025
- Portal closes on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.
- No applications will be accepted after portal closes



Application Overview



NEW! Application Narrative PDF

FY26 APPLICATION NARRATIVE AND CERTIFICATION PDF LOCATED
WITHIN THE APPLICATION FORMS SECTION

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS AND APPLICANT CERTIFICATIONS

- There are character limits set on each narrative question
- Agency CEO must sign:
 - Agency Requirement Certification
 - Applicant Certification
- Wet or Digital Signature Accepted
- The completed PDF must be uploaded back into the application

Application Narrative and Attachments continued...

Applicant's must upload the following:

- Application Narrative & Certifications PDF
- Board of Directors
- Recent Audit or Financial Statement(not-for-profits only)
- Charitable Trust Letter of Good Standing (not-for-profit only)
- Job Descriptions
- Fee Schedule (if applicable)
- NCA Accreditation Letter (CAC Programs)

Once all documents have been uploaded, you will be able to Mark as Complete

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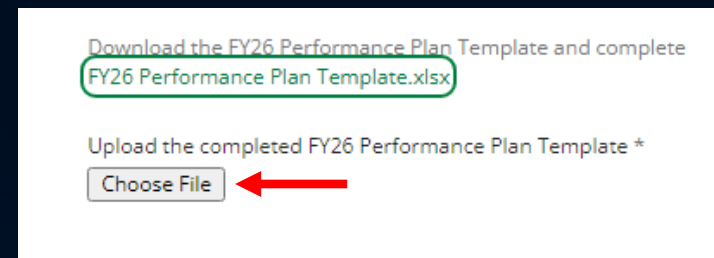
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Performance Plan

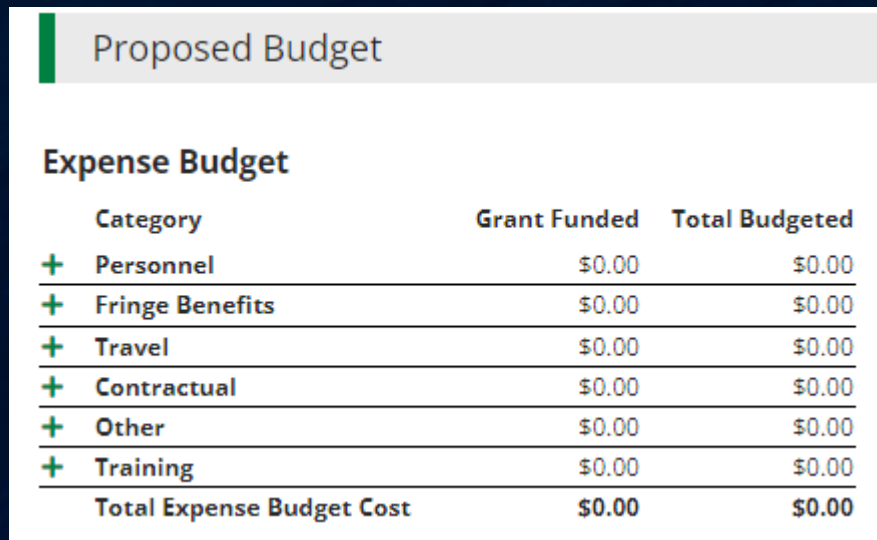
- Download and open the Performance Plan Template
- Enter in Numeric Goals for the services you project to provide as applicable to your agency
- All agencies **must** answer the first numeric goal; Total Number of Unique Individuals Projected to be Served in the VCVA Program
- Goals are sorted by the following:
 - Victim Type
 - Assistance
 - Information
 - Training
 - Agency
- Once completed, upload the Excel Spreadsheet

Goal Type*	Name*	Projected Numeric Goal (no commas)*
Numeric	Total Number of Unique Individuals Projected to be Served in the VCVA Grant Program	
Numeric	Victim Type Abuse (Adult)	



Budget Instructions Section

Adding line items into the Budget template



The screenshot shows a 'Proposed Budget' interface. Under the 'Expense Budget' section, there is a table with three columns: 'Category', 'Grant Funded', and 'Total Budgeted'. Each category has a green plus sign to its left. The categories and their values are: Personnel (\$0.00), Fringe Benefits (\$0.00), Travel (\$0.00), Contractual (\$0.00), Other (\$0.00), and Training (\$0.00). A final row for 'Total Expense Budget Cost' shows \$0.00 for both 'Grant Funded' and 'Total Budgeted'.

Category	Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
+ Personnel	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Training	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expense Budget Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00

- Click the + icon next to Budget Category you are requesting funding
- A new dialog box will open
- Enter the Budget item information and then click “Create”
- Six (6) budget line-item Categories are available for VCVA funding
 - Personnel
 - Fringe
 - Contractual
 - Travel/Transportation
 - Training
 - Other

Additional Budget Guidance

New Line Item

Budget Item Information

Category: Personnel

For each requested position, list the job title as an individual line item. List the total annual salary dedicated to VCVA work*

Item Type: Personnel


Name *

Direct Cost * \$0.00

Total Budgeted \$0.00

Narrative

Attachments

Attachment(s)  Choose file(s)

Create Cancel

- Complete a separate budget dialog box for each staff position you request funding
- Select the appropriate label in the drop-down box in the Category and Item Type field
- The total amount of requested funding entered in the Budget Template **must** exactly match the requested amount entered in the Project Information Section

Submitting the Application

- Take time to review the Application for completion
- Afterwards, ensure a checkmark is noted in each Section of the progress bar
- Print a copy of the Application for your records
- Click Submit to forward the Application for review



Support Resources

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AmpliFund Technical Assistance

Submit a support ticket

- support@amplifund.zendesk.com

Visit the support portal

- <https://amplifund.zendesk.com>

Supported Browsers

- Google Chrome (current supported releases)
- Mozilla Firefox (current supported releases)
- Microsoft Edge (current supported releases)
- Apple Safari 10+