

FY27 Violent Crime Victims Assistance (VCVA) Grant

APPLICATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WEBINAR

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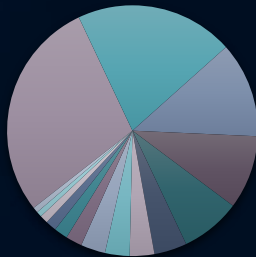
VCVA Bureau's Mission

Our Bureau is dedicated to the following:

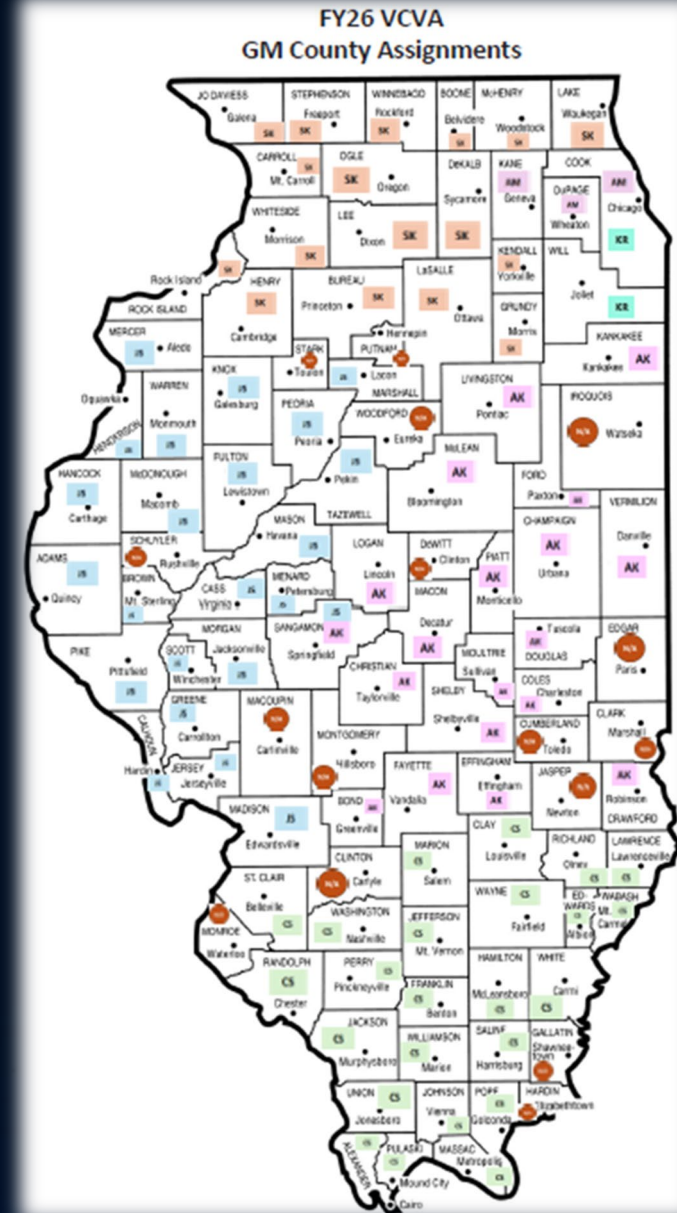
- Developing and improving activities and services that promote the recognition of rights, needs, and interests of crime victims in Illinois
- Providing victims access to programs that supply needed information, assistance, and advocacy
- Educating the public about victim services; and ensuring that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

FY26 Snapshot

284 VCVA grants awarded across the State to agencies and government entities that work with victims of violent crime



- Prosecution
- Child Advocacy Center
- CASA
- Community Violence
- Violence Prevention
- Homicide Survivor
- Police
- Therapy
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
- Legal Services
- Elder Abuse
- Technical/Training
- DUI



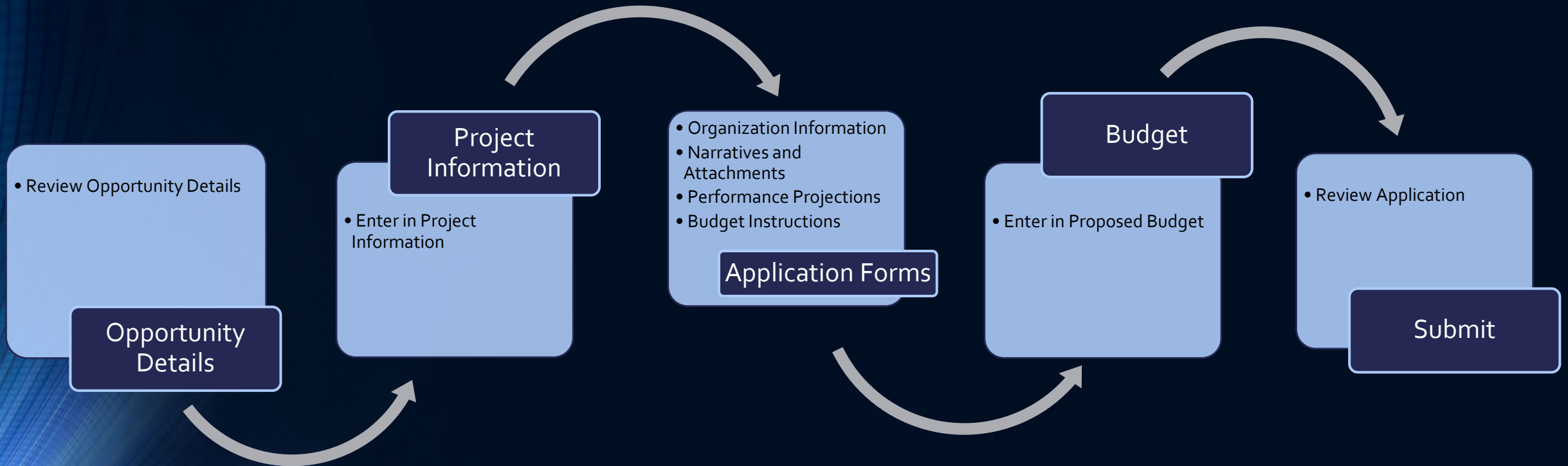
Grant Eligibility

- 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

FY27 VCVA Grant Application Portal

- Grant lifecycle begins July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027
- Application Portal is located on the OAG's VCVA webpage:
 - <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/safer-communities/supporting-victims-of-crime/violent-crime-vcva/>
 - Opened Thursday, January 1, 2026
 - Closes Friday, February 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
- No applications are accepted after the Application Portal closes

Step-by-Step Guidance Overview



Step-by-Step Guidance

Narrative Questions and Applicant Certifications

- Maximum character limits are set for each Narrative question
- Agency CEO must sign **two (2) places** within the application:
 - 1) Agency Requirement Certification
 - 2) Applicant Certification
- Wet or Digital Signature Accepted
- **Entire Narrative and Certifications PDF must be uploaded back into the Application**

Step-by-Step Guidance

Other Required Documentation

- Applicants must also upload the following documents:
 - Board of Directors' List
 - Recent Audit or Financial Statement (non-profit agencies only)
 - 3 Letters of Support
 - OAG Charitable Trust Letter of Good Standing (non-profit agencies only)
 - Job Descriptions
 - Fee Schedule (if applicable)
 - NCA Accreditation Letter (CAC programs only)
- Once all are uploaded, you will be able to mark this section as “Complete”

Save

✓ Mark as Complete

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Save & Continue

Step-by-Step Guidance

Performance Projections

- Download and open the Performance Projections template (MS Excel spreadsheet)
- Enter your numeric projections (only those applicable to your agency)
 - Applicants **must** answer the first numeric projection: **Number of Individuals Projected to Receive VCVA Services**
 - Remaining projection areas are sorted by Victim Type, Assistance, Information, Training and Agency-Related Numbers
- Upload the completed document

Step-by-Step Guidance Proposed Budget

Proposed Budget		
Expense Budget		
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

Adding Line Items into the Budget Template

- Click the + icon next to Budget Category that 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
 - Training
 - Other (Promotional Materials)

Step-by-Step Guidance

Proposed Budget

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 *

Total Budgeted

Narrative

Attachments

Attachment(s)

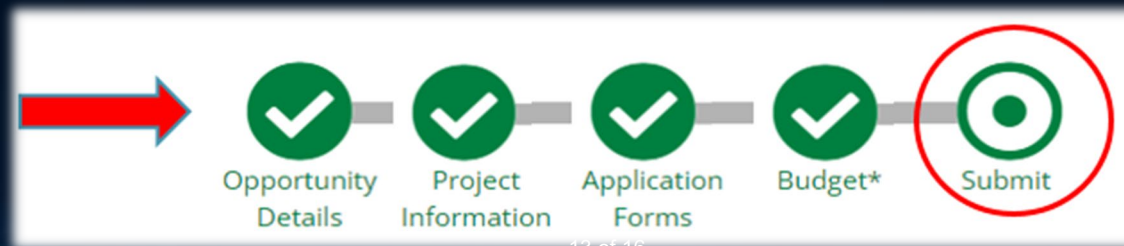
Additional Budget Guidance

- 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 funding amount entered in the Application's Project Information Section

Step-by-Step Guidance

Application Submission

- Review the Application for completion
- Ensure a checkmark is noted in every section of the Application's progress bar
- **Print a copy of the Application for your records**
- Click "Submit" to forward the Application for review/funding consideration



Grantee Awards Timeline

- February/March 2026
 - Applications under review
- April 2026
 - Grant award recommendations to Attorney General for review/approval
- May/June 2026
 - IL State Legislature appropriates funding for the FY27 VCVA grant
 - Grant award recommendations finalized
 - All applicants emailed grant award decisions
- July 2026
 - FY27 VCVA grant funding cycle begins

Applicant Support Resources

VCVA Bureau

OAG's VCVA Webpage

- Program Brochure
- Grant Administrative Code
- Grantee Guidance

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Applicant Support Resources

Euna Grants (AmpliFund)

Submit a Help Desk Support Ticket

- support@amplifund.zendesk.com

Visit the Euna Grants Support Website

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

Supported Browsers

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Microsoft Edge
- Apple Safari 10+