

**VOCA Purpose Area: Adult Sexual Assault**  
**OCJP Priority – Therapeutic Services for Adult Victims of Sexual Assault**

**Background**

Sexual assault programs across Tennessee have expressed the need for additional funding to enhance their ability to provide direct services to adult clients, specifically in the area of therapy for victims of sexual assault, which they make available at no cost to clients. This solicitation supports the expansion of these direct services to the extent that they are supported by a valid description of agency need in the application narrative.

**Program Description**

VOCA Therapeutic Services for Sexual Assault Victims applications should include proposals which address the OCJP priority of expanding and enhancing quality and quantity of services to victims of sexual assault. The goal of this priority area is to address the therapeutic needs of sexual assault victims, and enhance interagency collaboration and the coordinate community response to sexual assault victims. Applications may be submitted for as many staff positions as deemed necessary to the extent that the need is supported in the problem statement of the grant narrative. All requested positions must represent an increase to the agency's total number of staff positions as demonstrated by an agency organization chart detailing the positions and a supervision plan for the newly funded staff. Positions must have appropriate state licensure or licensed supervision and education in Trauma Informed services.

**Program Goals and Objectives**

Listed below are the goal and objectives which relate to the scope of the therapy services for adult victims of sexual assault. Priority consideration will be given to applications which address the goal listed below. Applicants may develop their own goals and objectives for the project, and are allowed to reword the goals and objectives listed below to better fit agency priorities, or mission statements. However, all applications will be scored based upon the perceived responsiveness of the proposal to the goal listed below. Applicants choosing to develop different or modified goals and objectives are advised that peer reviewers will apply discretion in interpreting the extent to which those modified goals speak to the goal of the solicitation.

**Goal:**

Promote physical and psychological healing for victims of sexual assault.

**Objectives:**

- Decrease the level of anxiety to victims by providing therapeutic services.
- Enhance the coping skills of victims through on going therapeutic services.
- Increase victim understanding of trauma and its impact on his/her own environment.
- Decrease in frequency of abuse related symptoms experienced by sexual assault through TF-CBT or other evidence-based therapy modes.

**Activities**

All project activities proposed must be allowable, and reasonable. Each activity described in the application should be tied to the specific goal and objective. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who are able to effectively demonstrate current therapy services provided by the agency and willing to prioritize services to adult victims of sexual assault and need **for additional staff** through concrete examples; i.e. (caseloads, case backlogs, number and type of requests for services unmet by the agency due to staffing deficiencies, etc.).

**Required Client Outputs**

**Projected number of individuals who will receive services based on the presenting victimization during the reporting period**

<b>Victimization Type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Adult Sexual Assault	
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	
Human Trafficking: Sex	
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	
Kidnapping (custodial)	
Stalking/Harassment	
If other, please explain:	

**Projected number of individuals who will be assisted with a victim compensation application annually through this project:**

**Information and Referral services annually through this project:**

Information about the criminal justice process	
Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	
Referral to other victim service programs	
Referral to other services, supports and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	

**Emotional Support or Safety services annually through this project:**

Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	
Individual counseling	
Support groups (facilitated or peer)	
Other therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	

**Required Client Outcomes**

**Victims report that their sense of safety and security has increased.**

*"My immediate sense of safety and security has increased as a result of the services I received from this agency."*

**Victims report an increase in knowledge about victim services.**

*"I am more knowledgeable of the services and community resources available to victims."*

**Victims report an increase in knowledge about the criminal justice system.**

*"I am more knowledgeable about the criminal justice system."*

**Victims express satisfaction with services.**

*"I am satisfied with the services I have received through this agency."*