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S.T.O.P
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT**

**FINANCIAL
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ADMINISTRATIVE
GUIDE**

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FORWARD

December 1, 2004

Dear Subgrantee:

On behalf of the Violence Against Women Advisory Board and The District Attorneys Council (DAC), I want to congratulate you on receiving a S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Grant (S.T.O.P. VAWA).

As you may know, the Federal Programs Division within the DAC is responsible for the management of seven federal grant programs. Funding is primarily received from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

The Division serves as the point of contact between the state of Oklahoma and BJA in administering the grant programs. The mission of BJA is 1) to reduce and prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse; and 2) improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. BJA accomplishes this mission by providing federal grant funding to States. The grant programs administered by the Division are the:

1. *Byrne Formula Block Grant Program*
2. *National Criminal History Improvement and Policy Grant*
3. *S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program*
4. *Local Law Enforcement Block Grant*
5. *Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program*
6. *Project Safe Neighborhood*
7. *National Forensic Science Improvement Act*

In administering these grants, the Federal Programs Division:

- Prepares the applications for the federal grant funds
- Ensures coordination between the federal funding sources and the subgrantees
- Provides staff support to the eight oversight Boards and Task Forces
- Develops and distributes the grant application notice and the grant application forms
- Receives and coordinates the distribution of the grant applications to the various Boards for review
- Reviews and makes recommendations to the Boards regarding the funding for submitted grant applications
- Receives funds from the federal granting agency and then disburses funds to the subgrantees throughout the grant cycles

- Evaluates and monitors compliance of subgrantees in meeting state and federal requirements
- Provides guidance and technical assistance to subgrantees
- Collects statistical data from the subgrantees to assess program effectiveness and provide information to the federal granting agency
- Prepares and submits the required progress, financial, and evaluation reports to the federal granting source

One of the primary functions of the Federal Programs Division is to ensure the fiscal accountability and programmatic integrity of the federal grant program through the proactive monitoring of the subgrantees. It is the responsibility of the Program Monitor, who is assigned to the various federal grant programs, to assist the subgrantees in implementing approved projects within a framework of relevant state and federal statutes, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines to achieve maximum success. In doing so, the District Attorneys Council advocates good stewardship with the awarded federal funds and addresses the state-administering agency responsibilities.

We want each subgrantee to achieve success in implementing their grant program. We are available for consultation and technical assistance at any time. If assistance is needed, please contact us at 405/264-5008.

Sincerely,

DeLynn Fudge
Director of Federal Programs

ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAMMATIC GUIDELINES

GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITIES

The goal of the S·T·O·P Violence Against Woman Act Grant Program (S·T·O·P VAWA Program) is to implement comprehensive strategies that are sensitive to the needs and safety of victims and hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

S·T·O·P VAWA grants may be used for the following purposes:

1. Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
2. Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including sexual assault and domestic violence.
3. Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including sexual assault and domestic violence.
4. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems linking police, prosecution, and the courts or for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence, including the reporting of such information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence programs; developing or improving the delivery of victim services to underserved populations; providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted; and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including sexual assault and domestic violence.
6. Developing, expanding, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
7. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.

8. Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
9. Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.
10. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals.
11. Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters.

GRANT PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

S·T·O·P VAWA funds may not be used to support activities that compromise victim safety in order to advance offender accountability. An example of these activities may include failing to respect victim autonomy and decision-making. Using the coercive power of the court by forcing victims to speak with a victim advocate or subpoenaing victims and then arresting them if they fail to appear for court does not respect victim autonomy and decision-making.

Children's services supported with S·T·O·P VAWA funds must be inextricably linked to providing services to victims of domestic violence. For example, S·T·O·P VAWA funds may support the expansion of shelter services for battered women to include programs for their children. S·T·O·P VAWA funds may not be used to support services that focus exclusively on children or to develop sexual assault or domestic violence prevention curricula for schools.

S·T·O·P VAWA funds may not support legal or defense services for perpetrators of violence against women (see §90.2(I)(1) of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act implementing regulations published in the April 18, 1995 Federal Register). But they may support batterers' intervention programs, if the intervention is part of a graduated range of sanctions that use the coercive power of the criminal justice system to hold abusers accountable for their criminal actions and for changing their behavior.

S·T·O·P VAWA funds may not be used to support services for obtaining divorces. Divorces and legal separations are civil proceedings that fall outside the scope of the eleven broad purposes for which STOP funds may be used.

AWARD PERIOD

The award period for this grant is January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005.

AWARD ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

The Federal Programs Division in the District Attorneys Council will forward the Award Document, the Special Conditions, and other critical documents to the subgrantee prior to the award date. The Award Document constitutes the operative document obligating and reserving the federal funds for use by the subgrantee. The obligation of the awarded funds is forfeited without further cause if the subgrantee fails to sign and return the Award Document within 45 days from the date of the award, or February 16, 2005.

All documents must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer. Some documents may require the Project Director's signature in addition to the CEO. **The Chief Executive Officer is the District Attorney, City Manager, Mayor, Chairperson of the County Commissioners, Tribal Official or Chairperson of the Board of Directors.** The Project Director, Police Chief, Executive Director or Sheriff does NOT have authorization to sign as the Chief Executive Officer.

The following are the award documents that must be returned by **February 14, 2005.**

DOCUMENT	INSTRUCTIONS
Award Notice	Chief Executive Officer must sign and date. The document must be notarized. Return to DAC by February 14, 2005.
Special Conditions	Chief Executive Officer and Project Director must sign and date. Return to DAC by February 14, 2005.
Form A-1 Authorization to Sign Project Documents	Chief Executive Officer and Project Director must sign and date. Return to DAC by February 14, 2005.
Form A-4 Certification of Equal Employment Opportunity Plan	Complete requested information. Chief Executive Officer must sign and date. Return to DAC by February 14, 2005.
Form A10 – Statement of Audit Arrangements	Complete requested information. Chief Executive Officer must sign and date. Return to DAC by February 14, 2005.
Budget Forms	If the Board approved less than the amount requested in the original application, all budget forms including the narrative, must be resubmitted. Complete and return by February 14, 2005.

Goals and Objectives	<p>If any of the submitted goals and objectives were not measurable, revisions will be required. Requests for revisions will be sent in a separate memorandum.</p> <p>If the Board approved less than the amount requested in the original application, review the goals and objectives to ensure that all can be obtained with the approved budget. Revised goals and objectives will be reviewed and approved by the Federal Programs Division. Return by February 14, 2005.</p>
W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification	Complete requested information. Chief Executive Officer must sign and date. Return to DAC by February 14, 2005 .

No federal funds will be disbursed to the subgrantee until the signed Award Document, the Special Conditions, the Authorization to Sign Project Documents, the Statement of Audit Arrangements, and the Initial Budget, and other documents as identified in the cover letter with the award are received and approved by the Director of Federal Programs. Subgrantees should review and understand all Special Conditions prior to the acceptance of the award.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Special Conditions include the terms and conditions of the award. The Special Conditions may include global requirements that apply to all subgrantees or only to the individual subgrantee, such as the revision of the project objectives to adhere to the requirement that objectives must be measurable. Failure to comply with the award’s Special Conditions may result in a withholding of funds.

**S.T.O.P. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT PROGRAM
Special Conditions of the Award
FY 2004**

Instructions:
*The Official Authorized **and** the Project Director must sign and date the document where indicated.*

1. *The subgrantee agrees that the Award Document constitutes the operative document obligating and reserving the federal funds for use by the subgrantee. The obligation of the awarded funds is forfeited without further cause if the subgrantee fails to sign and return the Award Document and all other documents as required by the Federal Programs Division within **45 calendar days** of the date on the Award.*

2. *The subgrantee agrees to comply with the financial and administrative requirements set forth in the most current edition of the S.T.O.P Violence Against Women Financial and Administrative Guide.*

3. *The Project Director and the Fiscal Officer of the subgrantee must attend a mandatory Financial Meeting, scheduled for December 1, 2004. Further information on these meetings will be provided to the subgrantee.*
4. *The subgrantee assures that the policies and practices of the service area comply with Oklahoma State Law and do not require, in connection with the prosecution of a misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense that the victim bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the domestic violence offender, or the costs associated with the issuance or service of a warrant, protection order, and/or witness subpoena.*
5. *The subgrantee agrees to cooperate with any assessment, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.*
6. *The Federal Programs Division will approve the goals and objectives section of all applications to ensure that the objectives are **measurable**. If requested, the subgrantee will be required to resubmit objectives that are measurable by February 14, 2005. The subgrantee will be notified via mail if revised goals and objectives are required.*
7. *Children's services supported with S.T.O.P Violence Against Women funds must be inextricably linked to providing services to victims of domestic violence. For example, S.T.O.P Violence Against Women funds may support the expansion of shelter services for battered women to include programs for their children. S.T.O.P Violence Against Women funds may not be used to support services that focus exclusively on children or to develop sexual assault or domestic violence prevention curricula for schools.*
8. *The subgrantee agrees to submit all fiscal and programmatic reports by the deadlines as set forth in the S.T.O.P. VAWA Grant Financial and Administrative Guide developed by the Federal Programs Division within the District Attorneys Council. If these deadlines are not met, the subgrantee understands that current funds may be delayed and future awards may be jeopardized.*
9. *All personnel paid with S.T.O.P Violence Against Women funds must attend training, if provided by the District Attorneys Council. Programs will be notified if such training will be provided at a later date.*
10. *Subgrantee must provide financial records and all documentation pertaining to and being paid by Federal and matching dollars.*
11. *The subgrantee agrees that federal funds under this award will be used to supplement, but not supplant, state or local funds.*
12. *The subgrantee agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of OMB Circular, A-133, Audit of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations.*
13. *If any portion of the award is subcontracted or subawarded, the subgrantee agrees to ensure that the subcontractor or subawardee is aware that the special conditions set forth also apply to them.*

14. *The subgrantee assures that written policies have been established prohibiting the disclosure of a victim's name, address, telephone, or any other identifying information without the prior voluntary consent of the victim. Any subgrantee that does not already have such policies in place agrees to develop such policies within 60 days of the award notice in consultation with the domestic violence or sexual assault victim service programs in their community. The subgrantee must certify that the policies they have adopted comport with the confidentiality and privacy rights and obligations created by federal and/or state law, court rules, or rules of professional conduct applicable to the work performed by the subgrantee.*
15. *The subgrantee assures that S.T.O.P. VAWA monies are not being used for activities that may compromise victim safety, such as failing to respect the victim's autonomy and decision-making in order to advance offender accountability. Examples of activities that are prohibited are:*
 - *Using the coercive power of the court by serving the victim at the time the offender is arrested and requiring the victim to meet with the District Attorney for questioning;*
 - *Forcing the victim to testify;*
 - *Subpoenaing a victim and arresting them if they fail to appear; or,*
 - *Requiring a victim to meet with a victim advocate.*
16. *The subgrantee certifies that personnel funded full time under this grant program work solely within S.T.O.P. VAWA Grant Program and perform no other duties during the award period.*
17. *The subgrantee acknowledges that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if subgrantee is required to submit one pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302), that is approved by the Office for Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurance and may result in suspension or termination of funding, until such time as the subgrantee is in compliance.*
18. *The subgrantee agrees that all income generated as a direct result of this award shall be deemed program income. All program income must be accounted for and used for the purposes under the conditions applicable for the use of funds under this award, including the effective edition of the DAC Financial Guide and, as applicable, either (1) 28 C.F.R. part 66 or (2) C.F.R. part 70 and OMB Circular A-110. Further the use of program income must be shown on the A-8 - Quarterly Status Report for Project Income.*
19. *The subgrantee shall submit one copy of all reports and proposed publications, excluding press releases, newsletters, and issue analyses, resulting from this agreement twenty (20) days prior to public release. Any publications (written, visual, or sound), whether published at the grantee's or government's expense, shall contain the following statements:*

"This project was supported by Grant No. 2004-WFAX-0054 awarded by the Violence Against Women Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Points of view in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice."
20. *The subgrantee agrees to ensure that the federal share of this subgrant shall not exceed more than 75 percent of the total costs of the individual projects described in the subgrantee's goals and objectives.*

21. *The subgrantee understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express written approval of OJP.*

INITIATION AND OPERATION OF THE PROJECT

A project is required to be operational within 60 days of the start date of the award period. If there is a delay in the initiation of the project beyond the 60 days, the subgrantee must forward a letter to the Federal Programs Division on the steps that have been taken to initiate the project, the reasons for the delay, and the expected start date.

If the project is not operational within 90 days of the start date of the award period, the subgrantee must submit a second letter to the Federal Programs Division explaining the implementation delay. Upon receipt of the 90-day letter, or if notification is not sent at all regarding the delay in implementation, the award may be cancelled without further notice by the District Attorneys Council.

CHANGE IN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The subgrantee may only use S-T-O-P VAWA funds for the activities and purposes approved in the application and the budget. A change in the scope of the project occurs when programmatic activities or budget revisions would cause a deviation from the approved application. If this is the case, the subgrantee is required to submit a request to change the scope of the project to the Director of Federal Programs. The Director of Federal Programs is then required to obtain approval from the Board.

ASSIGNMENT OF SUBCONTRACT

The subgrantee shall neither assign the responsibility of the grant award to another party, nor subcontract for any work contemplated under the award without prior written approval of the Director of Federal Programs.

DATA GATHERING

Each funded program will require pertinent data to be collected throughout the life of the grant from the agency or agencies carrying out the objectives of the grant.

PROGRAMMATIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The following table identifies the programmatic reporting requirements and corresponding due dates (see the Appendix for sample copies of the reports).

FORM	DATE DUE
<p align="center">FORM V-1 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT</p>	<p align="center">Due January 30, 2006 - 30 days after the award end date.</p>
<p align="center">DAC EVALUATION REPORT</p>	<p align="center">Due January 30, 2006 - 30 days after the award end date</p>

COMPLIANCE WITH PROGRAMMATIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Subgrantees must submit all programmatic reports by the deadlines as set by the Federal Programs Division within the District Attorneys Council. The Program Monitor for the grant program will maintain a checklist and routinely review compliance of the subgrantee in submitting the programmatic reports. **If these deadlines are not met, subsequent monthly draws will be held until the reports are submitted.** Refer to the Payments to Subgrantees subsection in the Payment of Grant Funds Section.

CONFIDENTIALITY

No subgrantee, or any personnel involved in the project, shall use or reveal any information received from the project for any purpose other than the purpose for which such information was obtained.

PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS

When developing a publication with the use of S.T.O.P VAWA funds, federal guidelines require special steps. By federal definition, a publication is defined as “the initiation of the procurement of writing, editing, preparation of related illustration material, including videos”.

A subgrantee that publicizes any project activities with S.T.O.P. VAWA funds must adhere to the following:

1. All materials publicizing or resulting from award activities shall contain an acknowledgement of the awarding agency assistance. An acknowledgement of support shall be made through use of the following or comparable footnote:

This project was supported by Grant No. 2004-WFAX-0054 and awarded by the Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women Office, United States Department of Justice to the State of Oklahoma.

2. Responsibility for the direction of the project activity should not be ascribed to the awarding agency. The publication shall include the following statement:

The opinions, findings and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice.

The receipt of awarding agency funding does not constitute official recognition or endorsement of any project. A separate application for Official Recognition may be filed with the awarding agency.

3. A subgrantee is expected to publish or otherwise make widely available to the public, as requested by the awarding agency, the results of work conducted or produced under an award.
4. Further guidelines regarding royalties, license, copyright, official Logo's and distribution plans can be found in the current copy of the U.S. Department of Justice Financial Guide, 2002 Edition. Please consult this guide or the administrative agency for further assistance on publications.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND GUIDELINES

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

The Project Director is the direct contact person for program activities and is responsible for meeting the goals and objectives of the grant. The Project Director shares responsibility with the Fiscal Officer to ensure that all expenditures are within the approved budget.

The Fiscal Officer is the person who actually completes the reports related to financial activity of the grant. The Fiscal Officer is responsible for fiscal matters relating to the project, including the accounting, management of funds, verification of expenditures, and subgrantee financial reports.

The Project Director and Fiscal Officer may **not** be the same person.

The CEO is the person with official signature authority to make financial and programmatic commitments on behalf of the applicant agency. The Chief Executive Officer must be a state agency head, mayor, city manager, chairperson of the Board of Directors, chairperson of the County Commission or an authorized tribal leader.

If there is a personnel change for either the Project Director or the Financial Officer during the award period, the Federal Programs Division must be notified. This may be accomplished by completing Form A-9 Change of Project Director/Fiscal Officer.

MATCH REQUIREMENTS

The federal share for these projects may not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the project. A 25 percent in-kind or cash match is required. All subgrantees are responsible for match dollars, there are no exemptions.

The 25 percent match requirement refers to a total amount and is not a line item by line item requirement. For example, if the federal budget proposed is \$750 for personnel and \$750 for equipment, the match budget would be a total of \$500 allocated to categories of your choice. The match categories are not required to be equipment or personnel. The match funds could be travel expenses.

Indirect costs are not allowed under this program. All funds designated as match are restricted to the same uses as the Violence Against Women Program funds and must be expended within the grant period.

The cash match may be applied from the following sources:

- Funds from state or local units of government that have a binding commitment of matching funds for programs or projects;
- Funds from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;
- Funds from the Appalachian Regional Development Act, or the Equitable Sharing Program
- Funds contributed from private sources;
- Funds otherwise authorized by law.

An in-kind match may include donations of expendable and non-expendable equipment, office supplies, workshop or classroom materials, work space or the monetary value of time contributed by professional and technical personnel and other skilled and unskilled labor if the services they provide are an integral and necessary part of a funded project. The value placed on loaned or donated equipment may not exceed its fair rental value. The value placed on donated services must be consistent with the rate of compensation paid for similar work in the organization or the labor market. Fringe benefits may be included in the valuation. Volunteer services must be documented, and to the extent feasible, supported by the same methods used by the subgrantee organization for its own employees. The value of donated space may not exceed the fair rental value of comparable space as established by an independent appraisal of comparable space and facilities in a privately owned building in the same locality or \$10 per square foot and 150 square foot per person. The basis for determining the value of personal services, materials, equipment, and space must be documented.

Expenditures do not need not to be charged proportionately to the federal share and the match portion during the project period. However, by the end of the award period the 25% match must have been met.

The match portion of the project shall be in addition to funds that would otherwise be available for the project. **An agency's overall budget may not decrease because of the federal funds.**

SUPLANTING OF FUNDS

The Federal government requires subgrantees to not supplant funds. Supplanting means to deliberately reduce or replace state and local funds with federal funds. An example of supplanting is when state funds are appropriated for a stated purpose and federal funds

are then awarded for the same purpose. The state replaces state funds with federal funds thereby reducing the total amount for the stated purpose.

COMMINGLING OF FUNDS

A physical segregation of funds is not required. However, the accounting systems of all subgrantees must provide each award to be accounted for separately, including any interest earned.

Funds specifically budgeted and/or received for one project may not be used to support another. Where a subgrantee’s accounting system cannot comply with this requirement, the subgrantee shall establish a system to provide adequate fund accountability for each project that it has awarded.

FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Subgrantees must comply with the following financial reporting requirements. These requirements include program record keeping, programmatic reporting and financial reporting. The following is a list of the required reporting requirements (see the Appendix for samples of the reports):

FORM	DATE DUE
FORM A-4 STATEMENT OF AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS	Due on February 14, 2005.– 45 days after the date of the award
FORM A-3V REQUEST FOR FUNDS FORM	Due the 15 th of each month (See Request for Funds Section)
FORM A-5 STATEMENT OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	Due March 31, 2006 – 90 days after the end date of the award
FORM A-6 EQUIPMENT INVENTORY	Due March 31, 2006 – 90 days after the end date of the award
PERSONNEL VERIFICATION	Due July 30, 2005. The Program Monitor will mail the form in June, 2005.

FORM A-7 QUARTERLY REPORTS	The subgrantee must prepare individual Quarterly Reports. The following are the due dates.
• Quarter ending 3/31	Due April 15, 2005
• Quarter ending 6/30	Due July 15, 2005
• Quarter ending 9/30	Due October 15, 2005
• Quarter ending 12/31	Due January 15, 2006
• FINAL Quarter ending 3/31	Due April 15, 2006

COMPLIANCE WITH FISCAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Subgrantees must submit all fiscal reports by the deadlines as set by the Federal Programs Division within the District Attorneys Council. The Program Monitor for the grant program will maintain a checklist and routinely review compliance of the subgrantee in submitting the fiscal reports. **If these deadlines are not met, subsequent monthly draws will be held until the reports are submitted.**

GENERAL ASSURANCES

The authorized certifying official of the applicant agency is required to accept the Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug Free Workplace Requirements. The applicant agrees to comply with the following requirements:

Lobbying: The subgrantees, contractors, and subcontractors will not use any federal funds for lobbying. Any lobbying activities will be disclosed by completing the form, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities. This form can be obtained by contacting the Federal Programs Division of the District Attorneys Council.

Debarment: The subgrantees have not been debarred or suspended from federal benefits and/or no such proceedings have been initiated against them; have not been convicted of, indicted for, or criminally or civilly charged by a government entity for fraud, violation of antitrust statutes, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; and have not had a public transaction terminated for cause or default.

Drug Free Workplace: Each subgrantee shall implement and post within the agency a Drug Free Workplace Policy.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE CLAUSE

Compliance with the provisions of Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Section 1407 of the Victims of Crime Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990,

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 is required. These statutes prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability as it relates to funded programs or activities.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM CRITERIA

The subgrantee is free to use any accounting system that the subgrantee has established if the system meets the following criteria:

1. Receipts should be classified by source, such as Violence Against Women (VAWA), Appropriated Match, Donations, etc.
2. Expenditures should be classified by the broad budget categories included in the approved budget, such as: Personnel, Personnel Benefits, Supplies and Operating Expenses, Confidential Funds, Travel, Equipment, Professional Services (Contractor/Consultants), and Facilities/Rental.
3. Entries in the accounting records should refer to subsidiary records, and/or documentation which support the entry and which can be readily located.
4. Each grant award must be accounted for separately. Continuation subgrants are separate funds and should be accounted for as such, and all project records should reflect the appropriate project (subgrant) number.
5. If a project is over-matched, all that should be committed and reported on the project is the 25% requirement.
6. The accounting system must provide adequate information for the prompt and proper submission of financial reports.
7. The accounting system should be integrated with an adequate system of internal controls to safeguard the funds and assets covered, check the accuracy and reliability of accounting data, promote operational efficiency, and encourage adherence to prescribed management policies.
8. The accounting system should include a system of property records for all equipment (discussed in the Equipment section).
9. All required records shall be maintained until an audit has been completed and all questions arising therefrom are resolved and five (5) years from the date of the final financial report.

Keep in mind that cash match comprising the appropriate percentage of the total project cost, must be identifiable as a specific budget appropriation. All subgrantees must maintain records that clearly show the source, amount, and timing of all matching contributions.

COSTS REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL

Prior approval from the District Attorneys Council, Federal Programs Division is required on some expenditures of the award. Expenditures requiring pre-approval include:

- Equipment and Other Capital Expenditures
- Consultant Rates
- Criminal Justice Information and Communication Systems
- Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Equipment and Software

PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING PRIOR APPROVAL

Requests must be in writing and justified with an explanation to permit review of the allowability. They may be submitted:

1. Through inclusion in the budget component of the subaward application; or
2. As a separate written request to the **DAC Director of Federal Programs**.

COSTS REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL

1. Equipment and Other Capital Expenditures.
Equipment and other capital assets, including repairs which materially increase their useful life, are allowable if the subrecipient has received prior approval.
 - a. Where expenditures for equipment are not fully justified by the budget and budget narrative, the DAC may require that the type, quantity estimated, unit, or other information be provided through the issuance of special conditions to the subaward.
 - b. In reviewing equipment acquisition budgets and proposals, the following principles should be adhered to:
 - (1) No other equipment owned by the subrecipient is suitable for the effort.
 - (2) No requests for purchase of vehicles will be approved.
 - (3) Federal funds are not used to provide reimbursement for the purchase of equipment already owned by the subrecipient.
 - (4) Equipment purchased and used commonly for two or more programs has been appropriately prorated to each activity.
2. Consultant Rates
Compensation for individual consultant services is to be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. Consideration will be given to compensation including fringe benefits for those individuals whose employers do not provide the same. In addition, when the rate exceeds \$450 (excluding travel and subsistence costs) for an eight-hour day, a written **PRIOR APPROVAL** is required from the DAC Director of Federal Programs. Prior approval requests require additional justification. An eight-hour day may include preparation, evaluation, and travel time in addition to the time required for actual performance. Please note, however, that this does not mean that the rate

can or should be \$450 for all consultants. Rates should be developed and reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must be reasonable and allowable in accordance with OMB cost principles. Approval of consultant rates in excess of \$450 a day that is part of the original application with appropriate justification and supporting data will be approved on a case-by-case basis. The following is the policy in regard to compensation of various classifications of consultants who perform like-type services. If consultants are hired through a competitive bidding process but not sole source, the \$450 threshold does not apply.

a. Consultants Associated with Educational Institutions

The maximum rate for compensation that will be allowed is the consultant's academic salary projected for 12 months, divided by 260. These individuals normally receive fringe benefits which include sick leave for a full 12-month period even though they normally only work nine months per year in their academic positions.

b. Consultants Employed by State and Local Government

Compensation for those consultants will only be allowed when the unit of government will not provide these services without cost.

c. If a State or local government employee is providing services under a Federal grant and is representing their agency without pay from their respective agency of government, the rate of compensation is not to exceed the daily salary rate for the employee paid by the unit of government. If the State or local government employee is providing services under a Federal grant and is not representing their agency, the rate of compensation is based on the necessary and reasonable cost principles.

NOTE: Current and former state employees may not be compensated for contractual services by a State agency until one (1) year after the termination of State employment.

d. Consultants Employed by Commercial and Not-for-Profit Organizations

These organizations are subject to competitive bidding procedures. Thus, they are not subject to the \$450 per day maximum compensation threshold before requesting prior approval. In those cases where an individual has authority to consult without employer involvement, the rate of compensation should not exceed the individual's daily salary rate paid by his/her employer, subject to the \$450 limitation.

e. Independent Consultants

The rate of compensation for these individuals must be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. Compensation may include fringe benefits. In summary, consultants obtained through competitive bidding do not require prior approval, including individual consultants.

3. Criminal Justice Information and Communication Systems

Criminal Justice Information and Communications Systems that are to be funded shall be designed and programmed to maximize the use of standard and readily available computer equipment and programs. (Identification of such systems will be made on a case-by-case basis.) Applicants involved in the development of criminal justice information systems should utilize the past experience of those agencies which have successfully implemented such systems. A detailed requirements analysis should be performed and a search for existing software that could meet the identified requirements should be made before new software is developed. If new software is developed, it shall be designed and documented so that other criminal justice agencies will be able to use it with minor modifications and at minimum cost. A recipient or subrecipient shall request approval prior to arranging for patent of computer software and programs.

- a. Prior approval is NOT REQUIRED for the LEASE or RENTAL of such equipment; nevertheless, assurance must be provided that leases or rentals greater than \$100,000 are obtained in accordance with State procurement standards.
- b. Where the amount of the acquisition exceeds \$100,000, prior approval from the **DAC** is REQUIRED for the acquisition of equipment (outright purchase, lease-purchase agreement, or other method of purchase).

A review of ADP equipment procurement shall be REQUIRED and should include a review of the description of the equipment to be purchased. This review shall be documented in writing for the file and shall require the awarding agency to certify that the procurement is consistent with the following requirements:

- (1) The ADP equipment of the type to be purchased was identified within the award applications, and is necessary and sufficient to meet the project goals.
 - (2) The ADP equipment procurement is in compliance with existing Federal agency, State, and local laws and regulations.
 - (3) A purchase/lease comparison has been conducted demonstrating that it is more advantageous to purchase rather than lease the ADP equipment under consideration.
 - (4) If software development is involved, it has been demonstrated that computer software already produced and available will not meet the needs of the award.
 - (5) If the ADP equipment procurement is to be sole source and that procurement is more than \$100,000, then documentation must have been submitted to justify the action.
- c. An ADP Procurement Review Form (Suggested Format—Sample Only) may be obtained by contacting the DOJ Response Center at 1/800/421-6700. This

form is a recommended form for documenting an ADP equipment procurement review and the form is shown as a "Sample Only."

4. Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Equipment and Software

Awards may include provisions for procurement of ADP equipment. The application will be written in a manner consistent with maximum open and free competition in the procurement of hardware and services. Brand names will not normally be specified.

- a. Digital, analog, or hybrid computer equipment and automated fingerprint equipment.
- b. Auxiliary or accessorial equipment, such as data communications terminals, source data automation recording equipment (e.g., digital plotters, computer output microfilms, etc.), to be used in support of digital, analog, or hybrid computer equipment, whether cable connected, wire connected, radio connected, or self-standing, and whether selected or acquired with a computer or separately.
- c. Data transmission or communications equipment that is selected and acquired solely or primarily for use with a configuration of ADP equipment which includes an electronic computer.
- d. Qualification and Exclusions
 - (1) Analog computers are covered only when being used as equipment peripheral to a digital computer.
 - (2) Items of ADP equipment that are (a) physically incorporated in a weapon, or (b) manufactured under a development contract ARE EXCLUDED from the above definition.
 - (3) Accessories, such as tape cleaners, tape testers, magnetic tapes, paper tapes, disk packs, and the like ARE EXCLUDED.

NON-ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

The following expenditures are not allowed under the S.T.O.P. VAWA Grant Program.

Land Acquisition

Federal requirements prohibit any Federal funds involving the renting, leasing, or construction of buildings or other physical facilities for use in land acquisition.

Accordingly, land acquisition costs are unallowable.

Compensation of Federal Employees

Salary payments, consulting fees, or other remuneration of full-time Federal employees are unallowable costs.

Travel of Federal Employees

Costs of transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related travel expenses of awarding agency employees are unallowable charges. Travel expenses of other Federal employees for advisory committees or other program or project duties or assistance are allowable if they have been:

1. Approved by the Federal employee's Department or Agency; and
2. Included as an identifiable item in the funds budgeted for the project or subsequently submitted for approval.

Bonuses or Commissions

The subgrantee is prohibited from paying any bonus or commission to any individual or organization for the purpose of obtaining approval of an application for award assistance. Bonuses to officers or board members of profit or non-profit organizations are determined to be a profit or fee and are unallowable.

Military-Type Equipment

Costs for such items as armored vehicles, explosive devices, and other items typically associated with the military arsenal, excluding automatic weapons, are unallowable. Exceptions MAY be made by the awarding agency upon a written request and justification from the subgrantee.

Lobbying

All subgrantees must comply with the provisions of the government-wide Common Rule on Restrictions on Lobbying, as appropriate. In addition, the lobbying cost prohibition applicable to all subgrantees of funding includes the following.

No funds may be used for purposes of:

1. Attempting to influence the outcome of any Federal, State, or local election, referendum, initiative, or similar procedure, through in-kind or cash contributions, endorsements, publicity, or similar activity;
2. Establishing, administering, contributing to, or paying for the expenses of a political party, campaign, political action committee, or other organization established for the purpose of influencing the outcome of elections.
3. Attempting to influence: (a) the introduction of Federal or State legislation; or (b) the enactment or modification of any pending Federal or State legislation through communication with any member or employee of the Congress or State legislature (including efforts to influence State or local officials to engage in similar lobbying activity), or with any government official or employee in connection with a decision to sign or veto enrolled legislation;
4. Publicity or propaganda purposes designed to support or defeat legislation pending before legislative bodies;
5. Paying, directly or indirectly, for any personal service, advertisement, telegram, telephone, letter, printed or written matter, or other device, intended or designed to influence in any manner a member of Congress or of a State legislature, to favor or oppose, by vote or otherwise, any legislation or appropriation by either

- Congress or a State legislature, whether before or after the introduction of any bill or resolution proposing such legislation or appropriation;
6. Engaging in legislative liaison activities, including attendance at legislative sessions or committee hearings, gathering information regarding legislation, and analyzing the effect of legislation, when such activities are carried out in support of or in knowing preparation for an effort to engage in unallowable lobbying; or
 7. Paying a publicity expert.

Activities that are exempt from the above coverage include:

1. Providing a technical and factual presentation of information on a topic directly related to the performance of an award, through hearing testimony, statements, or letters to the Congress or a State legislature, or subdivision, member, or cognizant staff member thereof, in response to a documented request (including a *Congressional Record* notice requesting testimony or statements for the record at a regularly scheduled hearing) made by the subgrantee member, legislative body, or subdivision, or a cognizant staff member thereof, provided such information is readily obtainable and may be readily put in deliverable form, and further provided that costs under this section for travel, lodging, or meals are unallowable unless incurred to offer testimony at a regularly scheduled Congressional hearing pursuant to a written request for such presentation made by the Chairman or Ranking Minority Member of the Committee or Subcommittee conducting such hearing.
2. Any lobbying made unallowable by the above paragraph 3 above to influence State legislation in order to directly reduce the cost or to avoid material impairment of the organization's authority to perform under the award.
3. Any activity specifically authorized by statute to be undertaken with funds from an award.
4. Providing testimony to introduce and support general statutory reform, such as criminal or juvenile code revisions before State legislative bodies.
5. Providing testimony before the State legislature on legislative issues or pending legislation.

Fund Raising

Costs of organized fund raising, including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions, may not be charged either as direct or indirect costs against the award. Neither the salary of persons engaged in such activities nor indirect costs associated with those salaries may be charged to the award, except insofar as such persons perform other funding-related activities.

An organization may accept donations (i.e., goods, space, services) as long as the value of the donations is not charged as a direct or indirect cost to the award. A subgrantee may also expend funds, in accordance with approved award terms, to seek future funding sources to "institutionalize" the project, but not for the purpose of raising funds to finance related or complementary project activities. Nothing in this section

should be read to prohibit a subgrantee from engaging in fund raising activities as long as such activities are not financed by Federal or non-Federal award funds.

Corporate Formation

The cost for corporate formation may not be charged either as direct or indirect costs against the award.

State and Local Sales Taxes

These are unallowable when the government assesses taxes upon itself or, disproportionately, to Federal programs. An example of an unallowable tax would be if the government levied taxes as a result of Federal funding. An example of an allowable tax would be user taxes, such as gasoline tax. These provisions became effective as of the government's fiscal year beginning on or after January 1, 1998.

Conferences and Workshops

Unallowable costs include:

- Entertainment;
- Sporting events;
- Visa fees;
- Passport charges;
- Tips;
- Bar charges/Alcoholic beverages; and
- Laundry charges.
- Lodging costs in excess of Federal per diem. For events of 30 or more participants that are funded with an OJP award, if lodging costs exceed the Federal per diem, none of the lodging costs are allowable, effective January 1, 2001.

Other Non-Allowable Expenditures

- Proposal Costs—no costs for preparation of proposals are allowed
- Interest Expense—no interest expense is allowable
- Foreign Travel—no foreign travel is allowable

Costs Incurred Outside the Project Period

Any costs that are incurred either before the start of the project period or after the expiration of the project period are not allowable.

Unapproved Requests for Equipment Purchases

All equipment that is to be purchased must be identified in the approved budget. The subgrantee must obtain prior approval from the Director of Federal Programs for any additional equipment that the subgrantee desires to purchase. If this approval is not obtained, the unapproved equipment will be designated as unallowable.

Unallowable Expenditures

If unallowable expenditures are incurred, the expenditures will be disallowed and funds must be returned to the Office of Justice Programs.

ACCOUNTING DOCUMENTATION

The subgrantee must maintain invoices for all purchases:

1. Supplies
2. Telephones (itemized bill of actual cost for projects sharing phones with another division)
3. Duplication Costs (if sharing a machine, billing should show number of copies times rate charged)
4. Rent
5. All other operating expenses approved in the budget

It is suggested that invoice totals be circled or initialed to indicate that the amount to be paid has been verified. The financial officer should set up some control to ensure that duplicate payments are not made. Payments should not be made unless there is evidence that goods or services have been received.

BUDGET REVISION REQUESTS

Prior to requesting a budget revision, the subgrantee is encouraged to review the section on Non-Supplanting of Funds in this manual to determine whether the request for a budget revision is supplanting. If there is any question, consultation can be obtained by contacting the Federal Programs Division.

If, as a project progresses, the subgrantee determines that a budget revision is needed a request must be made *in writing* using Form A-2 - Budget Revision and Grant Extension Request Form. A written explanation is required regarding the reason for the budget revision and why money needs to be shifted (increased or decreased) among budget categories.

If the amount being revised is **less than 10%** of the total award amount, there is no need to complete an A-2 Budget Revision Form. **In this instance, do not change the approved budget!** Continue to record expenses in the appropriate categories. Assuming that more money than granted is **not** spent and the amount of deficit or surplus is **less than 10%** of the total grant, the subgrantee will be in compliance with federal regulations. **NOTE: ALL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL.**

A Budget Revision that **changes the scope of the project** requires additional steps. If the scope of the project changes, refer to the section on *Change in the Scope of the Project* and follow these procedures.

If there is a question, whether the subgrantee needs to submit a Form A-2 - Budget Revision and Grant Extension Request Form, consultation can be obtained by contacting the Federal Programs Division.

Revisions are NOT effective until the Director of Federal Programs has signed this form. Subgrantees cannot act upon the request until it has been approved. If a request for a

budget revision is approved, a copy of the approved form will be faxed or mailed to the subgrantee. If a request for a budget revision is denied, the Program Monitor or the Director of Federal Programs will contact the subgrantee to discuss the matter.

Requests for budget revisions will not be approved after December 1, 2005.

Budgets should be reviewed quarterly to determine maximum usage.

NOTE: It is NOT necessary to submit a final budget revision to make the actual expenditures match the budget if the total amount needing revision is less than 10% of the total grant amount.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

If during the course of the award period, there is a change in the Project Director or Fiscal Officer, two forms must be completed. The first form is the A-9 Form - Change of Project Director or Fiscal Officer and the second is the A-1 Form, Authorization to Sign Project Documents. These forms should be completed immediately and forwarded to the Federal Programs Division. The documents can be found in the Appendix.

GRANT PERIOD EXTENSION REQUESTS

If a project cannot be completed within the 12-month award period, a request for a grant period extension must be made in writing using Form A-2 Budget Revision and Grant Extension Request Form. An explanation for the need for the grant extension is required.

Request for extensions are NOT effective until the Director of Federal Programs has signed this form. Subgrantees cannot act upon the request until it has been approved. If a request for a grant extension is approved, a copy of the approved form will be faxed or mailed to the subgrantee within 15 workdays of receipt of the request. If a request for a grant extension is denied, the Program Monitor or the Director of Federal Programs will contact the subgrantee to discuss the matter. **Requests for grant extensions will not be approved after December 1, 2005.**

RECORDS MAINTENANCE

Subgrantees are required to maintain all programmatic and financial records, supporting documents, statistical and other records and reports for a period of five years after the project has ended and until all audit findings have been resolved. When records are stored away from the subgrantee's principal office, a written index of the location of records stored should be on hand and ready access should be assured.

The District Attorneys Council, the Office of Justice Programs, and the State Auditor have the right of access to subgrantee records pertaining to the grant award. This access extends to any books, supporting documentation, papers and other records of the subgrantee that are necessary for audits, examinations, excerpts and transcripts. The subgrantee has the same right of access to pertinent records of subcontractors for similar purposes.

PERSONNEL COSTS

If personnel costs are an approved component of the project, only actual salaries and wages paid to the program personnel and actual fringe benefits paid on behalf of the program personnel may be charged to the award.

Accurate time and attendance records are required to be utilized for all personnel whose salary is charged to the project, whether paid by matching funds or federal dollars. The time and attendance records should contain the following information and should be maintained at your agency:

1. Date (day, month, and year)
2. Employee's name
3. Position title
4. Total daily hours charged to the project
5. Employee's signature
6. Project director or supervisor's signature
7. Project (subgrant) number

Subgrantees must have written personnel policies and procedures pertaining to:

1. Work hours
2. Holidays, vacations, sick leave
3. Overtime pay and compensatory time - payment of these premiums will be for work performed by employees in excess of the established work week (usually 40 hours).
4. Termination
5. Qualifications
6. Written job descriptions

Project officials must ensure that employees working on the project are not receiving dual compensation, i.e., being paid with the grant funds while receiving salary from another source.

If existing personnel assume a position paid with grant funds, additional personnel must be hired to fill the positions vacated as a result of the transfer, providing the first position was not eliminated.

SUPPLIES

Supplies are materials, expendable or non-expendable that are needed in the operation of the project. Non-expendable supplies must have a cost of less than \$500 per unit and are not immediately consumed when placed in use. The following are examples of expendable and non-expendable supplies:

Examples of expendable supplies:

- Office supplies, such as paper, pens, pencils, file folders, data processing supplies, etc.

Examples of non-expendable supplies:

- Letter trays, wastebaskets, staplers, or inexpensive office equipment or furniture type items costing less than the above limit.

Invoices must be maintained for all purchased supplies.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating expenses are costs necessary to maintain the project. Operating expenses may include:

- Postage
- Telephone Costs
- Rental Expenses
- Pager or Mobile Phone Rental

It is suggested that all bills for operating expenses be approved by the Project Director, or other authorized individual, prior to payment. The invoice should be marked paid and reflect the check number. The subgrantee's award number should be listed on all invoices or receipts. A date must appear on all invoices to ensure the allowability of the item.

RENTAL

Rental expenses include equipment and facilities use charges.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

GENERAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM INFORMATION

Travel costs are allowable expenses by employees who are in travel status on official business. These costs must be in accordance with the Oklahoma Travel Reimbursement Act. Non-profit entities may follow their own travel policies and procedures as long as they don't exceed these limits. **All out-of-state travel must be clearly defined and receive approval from the Director of Federal Programs prior to expenditure of the funds.**

DOCUMENTATION OF TRAVEL

All travel expenditures should be substantiated through a travel claim or voucher that contains the following information:

1. Name of employee
2. Travel to and from
3. Private car mileage
4. Date and time of departure and return
5. Signature of employee
6. Approval of project director or supervisor
7. Subgrant number

In-state travel and out-of-state travel expenditures must be properly documented. The following information should be attached to the travel voucher:

1. A paid receipt, showing a zero balance, from a hotel/motel with the name, city, and state, number of people in the room is required to be maintained in the fiscal files. If the room is shared, this should show on the invoice and the amount charged should be the rate for one individual.
2. Paid car rental bill and justification for renting rather than using public transportation
3. Airfare or other commercial transportation ticket
4. Justification if first class accommodations are paid

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

The maximum allowable rate for mileage reimbursement for travel using a personal vehicle is \$.375/per mile.

For purposes of computing mileage eligible for reimbursement, the person's office is the starting point, except when the person is leaving from their residence and where the residence is closer to their destination than their office. If leaving from their residence and their residence is closer to their destination than is the home office, the employee's residence shall be considered the starting point.

STANDARDS FOR OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

On May 23, 2001, Governor Keating signed House Bill 1070 that became effective July 1, 2001. Title 74, Section 500.8 and 500.9 were amended to reflect per diem and lodging rates for travel both within the State of Oklahoma and outside the State of Oklahoma based upon the amounts authorized by the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The federal standard rates are:

- Meals and incidentals (per diem) is \$31.00 per day or \$7.75 per quarter, and
- A maximum lodge rate (actual, not to exceed) of 60.00 per day.

However, reimbursement rates for travel will vary depending on the location of travel as identified in the Government Services Administration (GSA) continental United States (CONUS) rates, for domestic locations. A complete listing of the CONUS locations and rates can be obtained from the GSA per diem web site: www.policyworks.gov/perdiem. Oklahoma has two rates for travel within the state:

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| • Oklahoma City | Per Diem Rate: | \$43.00 (\$10.75 per quarter) |
| | Lodging Rate: | \$66.00 per night (maximum) |
| • Tulsa | Per Diem Rate: | \$31.00 (7.75 per quarter) |
| | Lodging Rate: | \$64.00 per night (maximum) |
| • All Other Locations | Per Diem Rate: | \$31.00 (\$7.75 per quarter) |
| | Lodging Rate: | \$60.00 per night (maximum) |

Travel and per diem rates will follow GSA's definition of "per diem localities with county definitions". Per diem localities with county definitions shall include "all locations within, or entirely surrounded by, the corporate limits of the key city as well as the boundaries listed of the listed counties including independent entities located within the boundaries of the key city and listed counties (unless listed separately)".

For example, if an employee is in overnight travel status and obtains lodging in Edmond, Oklahoma, reimbursement rates for Oklahoma City locality (\$43/\$66) will apply, rather than the standard rates of \$31/\$60, as Edmond is within the same county as the "Oklahoma City locality".

LODGING

For approved travel, those employees attending meetings, which are conducted at a designated public lodging place where lodging has been arranged by the blocking of rooms or rate reductions for the participants by the sponsoring agency as evidenced in the notice of the meeting, will be reimbursed the actual lodging expense not to exceed the single occupancy room rate charged Designated hotel information from a conference brochure or a letter from the sponsoring organization is acceptable documentation.

PER DIEM RATES FOR OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

An employee, who is in office travel status, may claim the following per diem rates, not to exceed the amount allowable under the State of Oklahoma Travel Reimbursement Act. Travel status is defined as an absence from the office or place of employment, home area, and/or official station area, while performing assigned official duties. Reimbursement for per diem for out-of-state travel shall not begin more than 24 hours before or continue more than 24 hours after the objective of the trip, such as a meeting, workshop, conference, etc. ends. In computing per diem, a day shall be a period of 24 hours. No per diem is allowed for periods less than overnight status.

Hours	In-State	*In-State	Oklahoma County	Out of State
0-3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 ¼ - 9	7.75	10.25	10.75	**
9 ¼ -15	15.50	20.50	21.50	**
15 ¼ - 21	23.25	30.75	32.25	**
21 ¼ - 24	31.00	41.00	43.00	**

***Lodging without receipt (staying with friends, family, etc.) When claiming the higher per diem rate instead of lodging, the following notation must appear on the claim: "Claiming per diem in lieu of subsistence."**

****See the following website for specifics: www.policyworks.gov/perdiem.**

When meals are provided and included as a part of the registration fee, the travel claim should be treated as follows:

1. One-fourth (1/4) of one day's per diem shall be deducted from the reimbursement limit for each meal provided and included in the registration fee. (Continental breakfasts and refreshments such as coffee, tea, and soft drinks provided during meeting breaks are not considered meals for the purpose of this procedure.
2. Exceptions may apply where special circumstances prevented the traveler from participating in the function at which the meal was provided. For auditing purposes, a signed statement by the traveler of his/her non-participation in the meal function must be included with the claim form.

3. If an outside entity provides lunch for conference participants and it is not connected with the conference, the employee does not have to deduct for the meal.

PER DIEM ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF SUBSISTENCE

When an employee who is in travel status chooses to stay with friends or relatives and lodging reimbursement is not being claimed, the traveler may claim an additional \$10.00 "subsistence" payment above the per diem reimbursement rate.

TRANSPORTATION – INSTATE TRAVEL

Instate travel in privately owned vehicles may be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed **0.375 cents per mile**, based on the distance set forth in the latest Transportation Commission Road Map. All state, county, city vehicles may be reimbursed for actual expenses only. Travel by railroad, bus, or other such public conveyance will be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed the normal charge of such conveyance, and in no instance shall the rate exceed coach airplane fare.

Reimbursement for necessary parking and turnpike fees incurred in the use of a privately owned automobile for official project business must be itemized.

TRANSPORTATION – OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Regardless of the mode of travel (including privately owned vehicle) reimbursement for out-of-state transportation costs shall not exceed that of coach airplane fare.

The actual cost of leasing or renting an automobile outside of this state to be used on official business for the state shall be reimbursed subject to the approval of the agency head or authorized designee.

EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT DEFINITION

Equipment is tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and/or an acquisition cost of \$500 or more per unit. A subgrantee may use its own definition of equipment provided that such definition would at least include all equipment defined above.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

Subgrantees are required to be prudent in the acquisition and management of property purchased with Federal funds. Equipment purchased with federal funds must be used for the criminal justice purposes as stated in the application.

Expenditure of funds for the acquisition of new property, when suitable property required for the successful execution of a project is already available within the

subgrantee's organization, will be considered an unnecessary expenditure. Equipment purchased using Federal funds shall be year 2000 compliant and shall be able to process all time/date data after December 31, 1999.

NOTE: Also refer to the Section on Costs Requiring Prior Approval

APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

The Project Director should approve the invoice for equipment purchases and initial for payment.

DEVIATIONS FROM APPROVED EQUIPMENT PURCHASES IN BUDGET

If a subgrantee wants to purchase different equipment from the equipment that was approved in the budget, the Project Director **must** request permission from the Director of Federal Programs. Approval must be obtained prior to the purchase or this will be considered a non-allowable expense.

MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

Subgrantees must maintain an effective system for property management. Subgrantees are hereby informed that if DAC or the Department of Justice is made aware that the subgrantee does not employ an adequate property management system, project costs associated with the acquisition of the property may be disallowed.

Invoices must be maintained. When paid, invoices should be marked and include the date, check number and subgrantee number.

Records for equipment shall be retained for a period of five years from the date of the disposition or replacement or transfer at the discretion of the District Attorneys Council. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

Equipment inventory records should be maintained and contain, at a minimum, the information required to complete the A-6 Equipment Inventory Form, found in the Appendix. The deadline to turn in this form may be found in the Fiscal Responsibilities and Guidelines section on Financial Reports. The following information must be maintained:

1. Item Description
2. Property Inventory Number and Serial Number
3. Date of Purchase
4. Identification of New or Used Equipment
5. Voucher number
6. Cost
7. Location of the Equipment
8. Present Use

- 9. Condition
- 10. Disposition

LOSS, DAMAGE, OR THEFT OF EQUIPMENT

Subgrantees are responsible for replacing or repairing the property that is willfully or negligently lost, stolen damaged, or destroyed. Any loss, damage, or theft of the property must be investigated and fully documented and made part of the official project records.

OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT

The purchased equipment becomes the property of the agency or non-profit organization when the subgrantee provides certification to the District Attorneys Council that the property will be used for the stated purpose. Certification is accomplished by completing the Statement of Equipment Purchases - Form A-5. A copy of this form is located in the Appendix. If such certification is not submitted, the property becomes that of the District Attorneys Council. The District Attorneys Council shall seek to have the equipment used for criminal justice purposes elsewhere in the State prior to using it or disposing of it in any other manner.

DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT

If the subgrantee plans to dispose of equipment purchased with federal funds, either through disposal, replacement through trade-in or sale and then subsequently purchase new property, please contact the Federal Programs Division for approval and instructions.

PROCUREMENT OF GOODS OR SERVICES

ADEQUATE COMPETITION

All procurement transactions, whether negotiated or competitively bid and without regard to dollar value, shall be conducted in a manner so as to provide maximum open and free competition.

The subgrantee shall be alert to organizational conflicts of interest or non-competitive practices among contractors that may restrict or eliminate competition or otherwise restrain trade.

STATE AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

State agencies and local governmental agencies, such as police and sheriff's departments, shall follow the same policies and procedures they use for procurement as they would use for purchase of any non-federal funds. The State shall ensure that every purchase order or other contract includes any clauses required by federal statute and executive orders and their implementing regulations. State agencies and local

governmental agencies should follow State Purchasing Procedures when procuring goods and services.

It is the sense of Congress, as conveyed through the FY2003 Omnibus Appropriations Act that to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with grant funds should be American made.

For purchases under \$2500, the subgrantee may follow their own procurement procedures and regulations, provided that the procurement conforms to applicable state law or regulation.

If the item to be purchased costs between \$2500 and \$10,000, price quotes and delivery dates must be recorded from three vendors. The chosen vendor must complete a non-collusion affidavit.

If the amount is \$10,000 to \$25,000, an invitation to bid must be completed and all vendors must complete a non-collusion affidavit with their bid. For further details on how to prepare an Invitation for Bid or a Request for Proposal, please contact this office. Usually, an Invitation for Bid would be used for equipment purchases.

Sole source procurements in excess of \$100,000 must receive prior approval from the DAC and federal awarding agency.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Non-profit organizations should follow OMB Circular A-110 when procuring goods and services.

FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM

Subgrantees may be eligible to participate in the Federal Surplus Property Program. This program provides for purchase of property for federal grant projects at 25% of the original acquisition cost. If you would like information, contact the Director of Federal Programs at DAC.

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

COMPENSATION FOR CONSULTANTS

Compensation for individual consultant services is to be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the market place. Consideration will be given to compensation including fringe benefits for those individuals whose employers do not provide the same. In addition, when the rate exceeds \$450 (excluding travel and subsistence costs) for an eight-hour day, a written PRIOR APPROVAL is required from DAC. Prior approval requests require additional justification. An eight-hour day may

include preparation, evaluation, and travel time in addition to the time required for actual performance. The maximum rate of \$450 per day does not mean that the rate can or should be \$450 for all consultants. Rates should be developed and reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must be reasonable and allowable in accordance with the OMB cost principles. Approval of consultant rates in excess of \$450 a day that are part of the original application with appropriate justification and supporting data will be approved on a case-by-case basis. *If consultants are hired through a competitive bidding process (not sole source), the \$450 threshold does not apply.*

NOTE: Also refer to the Section on Costs Requiring Prior Approval

RECORD MAINTENANCE

Adequate records for the expenditures of professional, or contractual, services should be maintained to ensure that the contractor has in fact performed the services. Records should contain the following information:

1. Signed Agreement or Contract
2. Dates the contractor provided the services
3. Number of hours the contractor worked
4. Services performed

NOTE: Current and former state employees may not be compensated for contractual services with a state agency until one year after the termination of State employment.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

The subgrantee must use the A-3 Request for Funds Form to request grant funds. Funds may only be requested on a monthly basis. The request is an estimate of needs, not just a figure derived by dividing the award amount by 12.

The A-3 Request for Funds Form must be completed in its entirety, signed, and received by DAC by 5:00 p.m. on the 15th of each month. If the A-3 Request for Funds Form is not received by the 15th of the month, the request will be processed the following month. **No exceptions will be granted regarding this deadline.** Forms may be faxed to DAC at 405-264-5095.

If the 15th of the month falls on a Saturday, then the form should be received in the DAC office on the Friday before. If the 15th of the month falls on a Sunday, the form should be received the following Monday.

Warrants will be mailed from DAC within fifteen (15) days following the 15th of the month.

The A-3 Request for Funds Form must be submitted even if the request is zero. Failure to do so will warrant a delay in funding future requests and a possible grant cancellation.

PAYMENT OF GRANT FUNDS

Payments to Subgrantees

DAC receives Federal funds by utilizing the "Letter of Credit" procedures. This funding method is a cash management process prescribed by the U.S. Treasury for all major grant-in-aid recipients. Funds are made through a warrant system pursuant to rules and procedures available to subgrantees issued by DAC.

If a subgrantee who is receiving cash advances demonstrates an unwillingness or inability to establish procedures that minimize the time elapsing between cash advances and disbursement, DAC may terminate advance financing and require the subgrantee to finance its operations with its own working capital.

Payments to the subgrantee will then be made to reimburse the subgrantee for actual cash disbursements. **It is essential that the subgrantee maintain a minimal amount of cash on hand and that drawdowns of cash are made only when necessary for disbursement.**

For subgrantees at the county level, such as District Attorneys offices, the following procedures should be used to alleviate cash flow complications and avoid having excess cash on hand:

1. Grant funds should be deposited into a depository account where the funds are receipted and deposited within one business day and therefore are available for immediate disbursement via a depository claim and voucher.
2. A claim and voucher for salaries and fringe benefits should be prepared promptly and sent to DAC. Another claim and voucher can then be prepared and deposited into the desired type of account for other project costs paid at the county level.

3. If the grant is for salaries and fringe only, the other alternative is to endorse the check back to DAC, make a copy of the check, record the receipt and offsetting salaries and fringe entries in the book, and immediately mail the original check to DAC. The endorsement should contain the following wording.

FOR DEPOSIT ONLY
WITH THE STATE TREASURY
OF OKLAHOMA TO THE ACCOUNT
OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS COUNCIL

Payments Withheld

Each Program Monitor will maintain a checklist for fiscal and programmatic reports for the program under their purview. When a fiscal or programmatic report is received, the Administrative Assistant in the Federal Programs Division will forward the document to the Program Monitor. The Program Monitor will review the document for accuracy and/or thoroughness and then update the checklist and forward to the appropriate person for disposition.

If a subgrantee does not return the report by the deadline, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Following the deadline of the report, the Program Monitor will phone all subgrantees that are delinquent to notify them of the past due report. The Program Monitor will allow the subgrantee one additional week to forward the report and notify them that the next month's draw will be held until a report is received. The phone call will be documented in the subgrantee's award file.
2. If the report is not received by the deadline, the Program Monitor will submit a Draw Hold Form to the Financial Analyst to withhold the next monthly draw of the subgrantee. The Program Monitor will forward a copy of the Draw Hold Form to the subgrantee.
3. Once the report is received, the Draw Hold Form will be withdrawn and the subgrantee may begin requesting the monthly draws.

OBLIGATION AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

All grant funds must be obligated by a purchase order prior to the end date of the grant award period. All obligations must be paid within 90 days after the end of the grant award period or remaining funds will lapse and revert to the awarding agency (DAC).

Obligated funds are those funds that have been legally committed under a grant for goods and services **within the grant period dates**. These obligations and payments include both federal dollars and matching contributions. The only time unpaid obligations should be reported is on the last quarterly report for the grant period. The final report must reflect zero unpaid obligations as all funds must have been paid within 90 days of the grant period end date.

SUSPENSION OF FUNDING

The Violence Against Women Board may, after reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing, terminate or suspend funding for a subgrantee that implements programs or projects which fail to conform to the requirements or statutory objectives or that fails to comply substantially with the Violence Against Women Act and the Federal Regulations promulgated thereunder; including the terms and conditions of the award.

Subgrantees will be given a warning, then suspension, and a set number of days to correct a problem with award compliance. If a subgrantee fails to take appropriate, corrective action, the Board may, by written notice to the subgrantee, terminate the grant agreement upon no less than 24 hours notice. The notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person with proof of delivery.

Whoever knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by trick, scheme, or device, any material fact in an application for assistance submitted pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act, or in any records required to be maintained pursuant to this Act, shall be subject to prosecution. Whoever embezzles, willfully misapplies, steals, or obtains by fraud any funds, assets, or property which are the subject of a grant or contract pursuant to this Act, or whoever receives, conceals, or retains such funds, assets, or property with intent to convert such funds, assets, or property to his/her use or gain knowing that such funds, assets, or property have been embezzled, willfully misapplied, stolen, or obtained by fraud, shall be subject to prosecution.

GRANT CLOSE-OUT FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCEDURES

At the end of the grant period, the subgrantee should use these procedures to closeout the grant.

1. Expenses encumbered, but not paid prior to the end of the grant period date, should be identified as unpaid obligations on the last quarterly report. The encumbered expenses must be paid within 90 days of the end of the grant period. If the encumbered expenses are not paid within 90 days, the expenses will be disallowed.
2. The unpaid obligations that have been paid within the 90-day period should be shown as expenditures and included in the total project cost on the final report.
3. The federal share of funds drawn down and remaining, as well as any unmet match, at the end of the 90-day period that were not obligated at the expiration date and/or were not expended within the 90 days must be returned to DAC.
4. The federal share of the remaining funds should be determined by taking the total allowable expenses times the percent of federal participation agreed to in the approved budget. This amount should then be subtracted from the amount advanced and the balance returned to DAC.
5. Make all checks payable to the **Office of Justice Programs**. Do NOT send the check with a DAC Check Transmittal Form.
6. List the subgrant number on the check.
7. Note in the memo section "Return of unexpended grant funds."
8. Mail the check to the District Attorneys Council, Federal Programs Division, 421 N.W. 13th St., Suite 290, Oklahoma City, OK, 73103.

The following chart should be followed in providing the programmatic reports to successfully close out the grant.

DOCUMENT	DEADLINE
FORM A-5 Statement of Equipment Purchases	Due March 31, 2006 - 90 days after the end date of the award. This form must be submitted if equipment was purchased during award period.

FORM A-6 Equipment Inventory	Due March 31, 2006 - 90 days after the end date of the award. This form must be submitted if equipment was purchased during award period.
FORM V-1 Annual Progress Report	Due January 30, 2006 - 30 days after the award end date.
Evaluation Report for DAC	Due January 30, 2006 - 30 days after the award end date.
Final Expenditure Report	The fourth quarterly expenditure report is due January 15, 2006 . If this is not the final report, the final report is due April 15, 2006 . It should be marked final and must reflect that all grant and match expenditures have been expended. This report may not reflect any unpaid obligations.

AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

AUDIT OBJECTIVES

Awards are subject to conditions of fiscal, program, and general administration to which the subgrantee expressly agrees. Accordingly, the audit objective is to review the subgrantee's administration of funds and required non-federal contributions for the purpose of determining whether the subgrantee has:

1. Established an accounting system integrated with adequate internal fiscal and management controls to provide full accountability for revenues, expenditures, assets, and liabilities. This system should provide reasonable assurance that the organization is managing the Federal financial assistance in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
2. Prepared financial statements, which are presented fairly, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
3. Submitted financial reports (which may include Financial Status Reports, Cash Reports, and Claims for Advances and Reimbursements), which contain accurate and reliable financial data, and are presented in accordance with the terms of applicable agreements.

4. Expended Federal funds in accordance with the terms, applicable agreements and those provisions of Federal law or regulations that could have a material effect on the financial statements or on the awards tested.

All audits must be in compliance with OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-profit Institutions. A copy of the A-133 audit report must be submitted to DAC.

AUDIT THRESHOLD

Non-federal entities that expend \$500,000 or more in federal funds (from all sources including pass-through subawards) in the organization's fiscal year (12-month turnaround reporting period) shall have a single organization-wide audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.

Non-federal entities that expend less than \$500,000 a year in federal awards are exempt from federal audit requirements for that year. Records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials including the federal agency, DAC, and General Accounting Office (GAO).

DUE DATES FOR AUDIT REPORTS

Audits are due no later than nine months after the close of each fiscal year during the term of the award.

Mail a copy of the A-133 audit to DAC in addition to the requirements of OMB Circular A-133.

AUDIT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

If the auditor becomes aware of illegal acts or other irregularities, the subgrantee must promptly notify DAC. The DAC shall, in turn, notify the cognizant Federal agency of the illegal acts or irregularities and of proposed and actual actions, if any. In addition, the DAC is responsible for informing the OJP's Office of the Comptroller, DOJ's Office of Professional Responsibility, the Office of the Inspector General, and State and local law enforcement agencies or prosecuting authorities, as appropriate, of any known violations of the law within their respective area of jurisdiction.

AUDIT COSTS

Audit costs for audits not required or performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 are unallowable. If the subgrantee did not expend \$500,000 or more in Federal funds during the fiscal year, but contracted with a certified public accountant to perform an audit, these costs may NOT be charged to the grant.

RESOLUTION OF THE AUDIT FINDINGS

In accordance with OJP Guideline Manual, *Financial and Administrative Guide for Grants*, a written report shall be prepared upon completion of the audit.

All completed audit reports for state and local governments, institution of higher education and non-profit organizations should be mailed to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse, Bureau of the Census, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN, 47132.

If the auditor becomes aware of illegal acts or other irregularities, prompt notice shall be given to DAC. DAC, in turn, shall promptly notify the cognizant agency of the illegal acts or irregularities and of proposed and actual actions, if any.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to have audits performed as required may result in the withholding of new awards and/or withholding of funds or change in the method of payment on active grants.

APPENDIX A
CHART OF FORMS USED BY VAWA GRANT PROGRAM

APPENDIX B

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AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN PROJECT DOCUMENTS

APPENDIX C

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