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2006 STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

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2005 STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program Funding Opportunity Re-solicitation Notice

The following Request for Proposals re-solicitation may be found in the 2005 VAWA Re-solicitation Application on the NMCVRC website on July 1, 2006.

www.state.nm.us/cvrc

Due date for applications: August 4, 2006

Grant budget period – October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007

CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN IN INDIAN COUNTRY CONFERENCE FOR TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

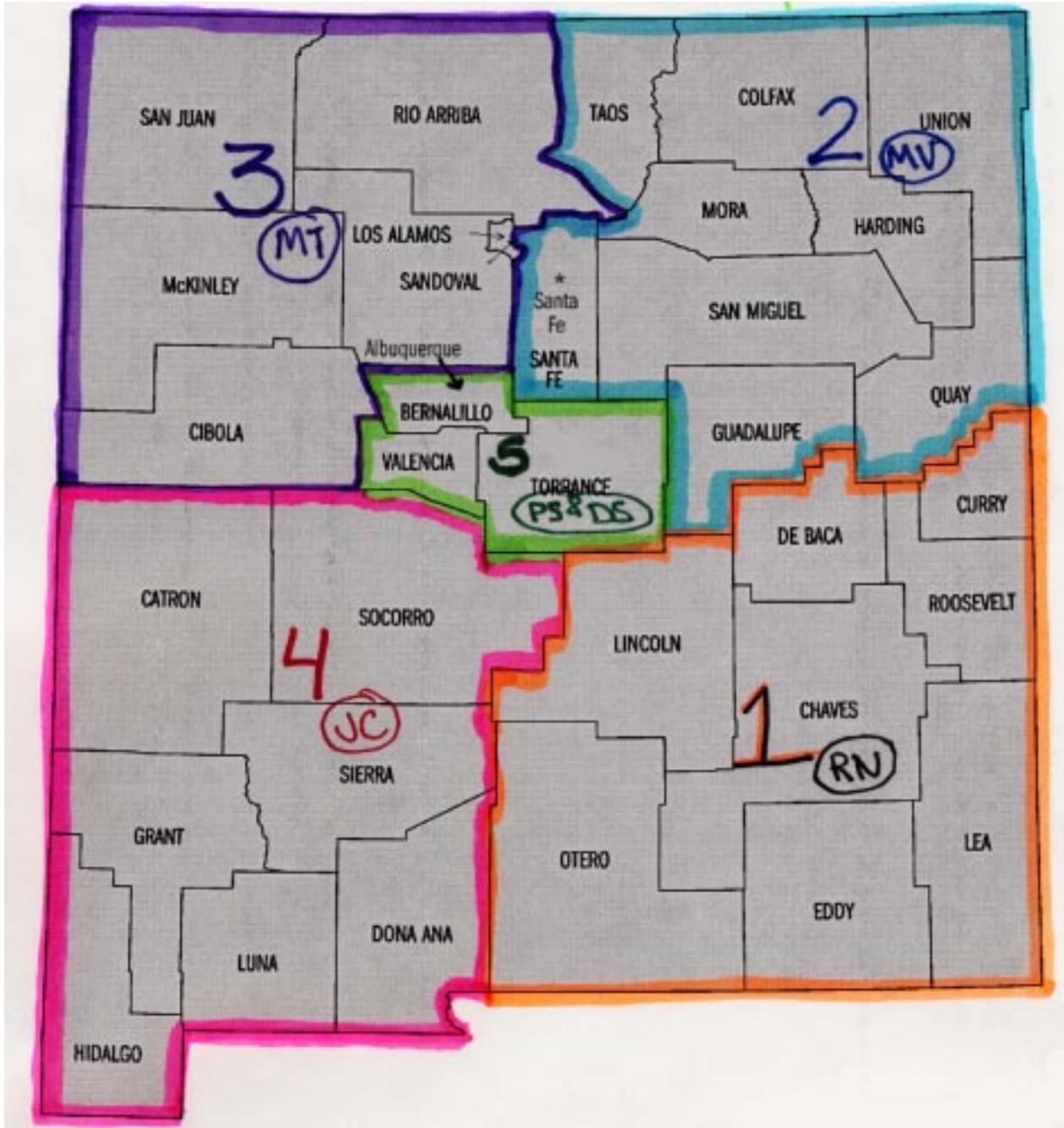
Purpose of Grant: This project is intended to fund a training program to increase the skill level of Tribal law enforcement officers from New Mexico in the areas of adult sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. Eligibility: State or Tribal law enforcement agencies or non-profit, non-governmental organizations in formal collaboration with law enforcement agencies

Maximum Amount To Be Awarded: \$30,000.00

Maximum Number of grants to be awarded: 1

After reviewing the application, please call Sheila Allen, 505-841-9435, for additional information.

COMPENSATION NEWS



This is an update to our regional assignment of reparation officers. Wendy Archibeque and Michele Threlkel are reparation officer supervisors and will process expenses that are incurred by a victim/claimant after the initial decision has been made on an application. The assignments are as follows: Region 1 is assigned to Robert Norfor (RN); Region 2 is assigned to Moises Valdez (MV); Region 3 & 4 is assigned to Jacqueline Chavez (JC) (until a new reparation officer is hired); Region 5 is assigned to Paula Smith (PS) and Debra Simpson (DS). Randy Vallejos will be processing a small caseload from all regions of the state in addition to managing our restitution collection. The regional assignments have been working well with our staff and the feedback we have heard from other agencies and providers has been positive. We welcome any comments about our regional assignments. If you haven't had an opportunity to speak with the reparation officer from your region, please give them a call and introduce yourself.

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS******2006 STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION
WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE ON AUGUST 16, 2006**

The federal fiscal year 2006 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Application will be available on the NM Crime Victims Reparation Commission website on August 16, 2006.

On August 16th go to www.state.nm.us/cvrc to download an application. Applications will be due by October 6, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. If your organization is not online, hard copy documentation of the application may be obtained by calling Suzanne Gallegos, 505-841-9435.

Please email Suzanne Gallegos (suzanne.gallegos@state.nm.us) if you would like to attend the **VAWA Grant Writing Workshop** on September 8, 2006 in Albuquerque, or call her at 505-841-9435.

Funding priority is given to successful continuation projects with less than five years of implementation. As in the past, there will be a few new projects that can be funded. The Request for Proposals section is clear regarding the projects that are designated for continuation applicants and the projects that will accept new applications.

In an effort to continue successful projects, encourage project sustainability and also fund new projects, the following funding strategy will remain in place.

All projects that were successfully implemented and managed during the grant year will be eligible for continuation funding, unless the project was a non-recurring project (such as a conference or training project). After two successful grant years of funding the project is eligible to apply for a third year of continuation funding with a 10% reduction in the request for funds (using the initial budget). After three years of funding, the project could apply for a fourth year of continuation funding with an additional 10% reduction in the request for funds for a total of a 20% reduction (using the initial budget). Continuation applications remain competitive and continuation funding may be further reduced or terminated during the peer review process. Projects would be eligible to apply for a fifth year of funding as a new project in competition with all other new projects. However, good, new proposed projects from organizations that have never received funding will be given priority.

If you have any questions about the STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program, please call Sheila Allen at (505) 841-9435.

If you would like to submit a column announcing any upcoming trainings, job announcements or accomplishments, please email your articles to wendy.archibeque@state.nm.us or call Wendy at 841-9432.

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Registration is 15 minutes BEFORE the scheduled workshop time. Promptness is essential and respectful to the other participants and presenter. Certificates of completion will be given to participants who attend the training in a timely manner. Any participants arriving more than 15 minutes after the training begins will not receive a certificate or be credited with attending the workshops as required by the VOCA/VAWA Contracts.

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More than one person from your agency must be trained and knowledgeable about compensation and grant reporting requirements. We will begin with a three-hour workshop explaining how compensation works, discussing the statutes, rules, regulations, and case scenarios. The ***Compensation Application** portion will be a one-hour detailed workshop on how to complete an application. The grant reporting portion will discuss required reporting and contractual responsibilities for both VOCA and VAWA subgrantees. Please call **Kristy Ring to RSVP** for any of the trainings at **(505) 841-9432**, unless otherwise noted.

Compensation/Grant Reporting

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Compensation
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. *Compensation Application
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Grant Reporting

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Albuquerque, NM
 CVRC
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Hosted by CVRC
 RSVP Kristy Ring
 (505) 841-9432

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

Lovington, NM
 Lea County Electric Coop
 1300 W. Ave. D
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 eligibility & application
 RSVP Shannie Long
 (505) 396-7616

Thursday, October 19, 2006

Albuquerque, NM
 CVRC
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Hosted by CVRC
 RSVP Kristy Ring
 (505) 841-9432

Please check our website for the most updated training dates.

Advanced Compensation Session

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

(Only individuals with at least one year of working with compensation may attend.)

First come, first served basis, maximum of 25 people

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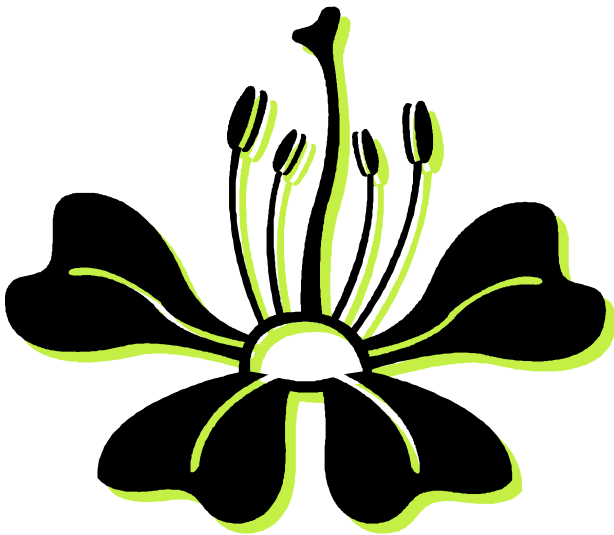
Director of Domestic Violence Services:

Progressive organization providing services to immigrant victims of domestic violence is looking for a full time senior manager to be responsible for overall management of its domestic violence programs. Responsible for supervising program staff and for contract compliance and evaluation.

Candidate must be bilingual (Spanish-English); have a MA (MSW preferred); have at least two years of experience as a program manager in a non-profit.

Send cover letter/resume/references and writing samples to Enlace Comunitario PO Box 8919, Albuquerque NM 87198.

Women and minorities encouraged to apply. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits.

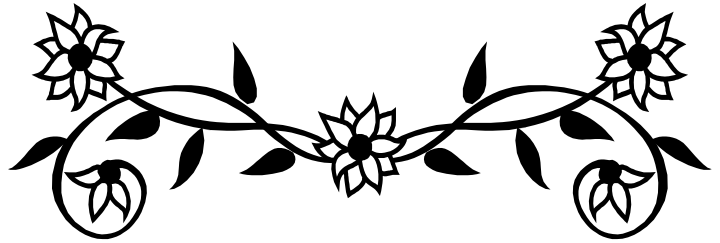


CVRC Job Opening

There will be a **Reparation Officer** position opening soon. Reparation officers process victim applications. It is a state funded position. Please check the NM State Personnel Office's website at www.state.nm.us/spo for details of the job.

NEW CONFERENCE ROOM AT CVRC

We are very excited to announce that we have a new conference room at CVRC. The new conference room is much larger than our old one and we will be able to host most of our larger trainings and/or meetings at our office. If you are interested in utilizing our conference room for a training or meeting, you may do so after September 1, 2006. The new room will accommodate 50 people, theatre style. Please contact our office after September 1, 2006, to schedule a training or meeting in our new conference room.



GREAT NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE FROM OVC: *A Multimedia Program for Physically Injured Crime Victims* offers victims an educational DVD, brochure, and bulletin for use during their hospitalization for crime-related injuries. This multimedia program provides information about typical crime-related emotional responses to a serious victimization and the possible elements of medical follow-up, physical rehabilitation processes, and information about the criminal justice system. These materials were developed and produced by the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina, with funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, a component of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. You can download the Bulletin and access information about how to order the educational DVD at the OVC website at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/brochure/welcome.html>.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

My name is Debra Gwen Simpson and I am a Reparation Officer with the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission. I have worked with CVRC for 2 1/2 years. My husband is in the Air Force and we have been stationed in New Mexico since 2001. We have lived in Albuquerque since December 2003. Before moving to New Mexico I was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas and I have a B.A. in Criminology. I am currently awaiting the arrival of my daughter Isadora and enjoy spending time hiking in the Sandia's with my furry, four-legged son, Bono. You can contact me at (505) 841-9432, or my email address is debra.simpson@state.nm.us

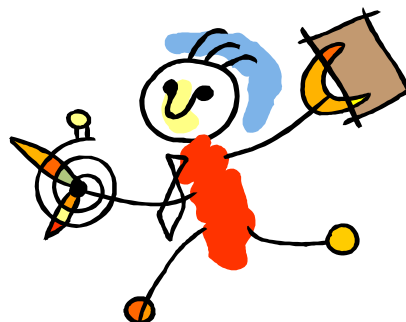


STATUS OF VOCA FUNDING

On June 20, the House Appropriations Committee rejected the Administration's attempt to rescind \$1.255 billion from the Crime Victims Fund and is recommending a FY 2007 VOCA cap of \$625 million. The full House will vote on the budget and then it will go to the Senate. It is still too early for celebration however it appears that once again the Congress is rejecting the Administration's maneuver. The end result in the funding for New Mexico is still not clear. We will keep you posted as more information is made available.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY CASA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Robyn Harrison is our longest running CASA volunteer. She began as a CASA volunteer for Rio Grande Valley CASA in April of 2001.

Robyn was born in Hobbs, NM but moved at 6 months old to Oklahoma where she was raised. She received her teaching degree at Oklahoma State and taught her way through Oklahoma and Colorado in reading/elementary/one-room school/reading supervisor/elementary librarian. During a stint in Belize with the Peace Corps in the late 80's (she trained teachers in one of the village schools in the bush) she met her husband Tom (who was teaching beekeepers how to deal with Africanized honeybees!) They got married, moved to Wyoming and worked as VISTA volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. They then moved to North Dakota to care for Tom's ill mother. Robyn also worked part time as a reference/academic/medical librarian while free-lancing as a writer. After Robyn's mother in law passed away they decided to move back to NM, researched, found Socorro, fell in love with it and moved. Robyn took a tour of the Very Large Array organization and decided it would be a "cool" place to work. She started out as the assistant tape librarian and is now the Education Officer in charge of the visitor center, tours and school liaison.

Robyn missed working with kids and felt as a CASA volunteer it was a way to keep in touch with kids.

As a CASA volunteer, Robyn has advocated for seven cases, 14 children over the last five years. Out of the child victims she represented in court two were reunited with the other (non-abusive) parent, one was adopted, one was reunited with her family, two were placed in permanent guardianship and out of the three she is currently advocating for, one has been placed in permanent guardianship and two will be reunited with their dad soon. I have to brag a little more on Robyn. I have watched her work in the court room and outside on the case she is currently on. She is amazing. She takes time off from her busy work schedule, runs to court, stands up in front of the judge and tells it exactly like it is. I also took a ride with her to the dad's house that was not habitable and therefore the children were not allowed to return. Robyn walked around, worked with family members, community members, electric companies, etc. and helped the dad get his house in shape so the judge will allow his children to return to their father.

Robyn feels her best accomplishment is; "I always feel like I've made a stand for justice when the judge asks my opinion and there are murmurs in the court of, "Oh, we hadn't thought of it that way.""

Robyn is one of my heros. She works hard for child victims, she helps out when we ask her to come and speak to new CASA recruits, she works as a mentor with the new CASA's on their first case, she helps with fundraisers and also with public speaking, for our cause.

She is one terrific, dynamic, woman and I am proud that she is part of our team at Rio Grande Valley CASA!

submitted by Audrey Henry

The New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission

is a state agency created in 1981 “to protect the citizens of New Mexico from the impact of crime and to promote a stronger criminal justice system through the encouragement of all citizens to cooperate with law enforcement efforts.”

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