South Carolina Department of Public Safety

Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs

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UPDATE: Special Solicitation for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds

Dear Potential Applicants:

The South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs, is pleased to announce an update to the special solicitation for Victims of Crime Act funds. The goal of VOCA funding is to provide federal funding through grant awards to certified private, non-profit organizations and public/government agencies for projects that will provide, enhance, improve, and expand direct services to victims of violent crime. Direct services are defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; (3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety. Applications will continue to be considered for one-time equipment-only projects or projects funding Law Enforcement Victim Advocates. **The purpose of this update is to announce the following two additional funding areas of consideration: requests for vehicles and requests for Solicitor's Office-based Victim Advocates.** For vehicles, the application must demonstrate that the vehicle is essential to delivering services to crime victims and will only be used by direct service providers. **Vehicles will be limited to one per agency.** Applicants must provide match, cash or in-kind, at 20% of the total. Applications will be accepted through the Grants Management Information System until 5 p.m. October 16, 2015. Successful applications will include the following: a project budget, budget narrative, problem statement documenting need including current statistics, project description, list of collaborating entities, and specific and measureable outcomes and performance indicators. For further information or assistance, please visit www.scdps.gov/ohsjp. If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Estep at (803) 896-8188, William House at (803) 896-7896, or Barbara Jean (B.J.) Nelson at (803) 896-8712.

Sincerely,

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