



# Fact Sheet

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## Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC)

### Working to Assist all Victims of Crime

#### Program Information:

Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) grants provide funding for developing and enhancing existing programs that directly serve victims of crime in Maryland. Administered by the State Board of Victim Services under the authority of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, the primary purpose of the Fund is to ensure implementation of the Declaration of Crime Victims' Rights Amendment to the Maryland Constitution, the Guidelines for Treatment of and Assistance to Crime Victims and Witnesses and other laws adopted to benefit victims and witnesses of crime.

#### MVOC Funding Priorities:

- Direct services for victims of crime
- Victim Service Provider positions in the criminal justice system and non-profit sector of communities
- Enhanced services to crime victims that aid and promote the distribution of mandated brochures and educates victims on their rights according to Maryland law.

Note: These priorities have been identified by the Maryland State Board of Victim Services, but do not preclude applications for other initiatives.

The MVOC Fund was created by the Maryland General Assembly during the 1991 Legislative Session. This legislation created a source of revenue for programs across Maryland serving victims of crime.

#### Eligibility:

- State Government Agencies
- Local Government Agencies
- Non-Profit, Non-Governmental Victim Services Programs including Faith-Based and Community Organizations

Match: Not Required

#### Additional Priorities:

- Developing or improving the delivery of crime victim services to underserved populations;
- Providing support to specialized domestic violence advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted;
- Developing, expanding, or strengthening crime victim programs addressing Non-English speaking citizens;
- 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; and
- Implementing community-driven initiatives to address the needs of crime victims who are included in the underserved populations: people with disabilities, elder victims of crime, and children of physical and sexual abuse.

### **Important Dates for MVOC Grants**

<b>October</b>	NOFA posting	<b>December</b>	Hard copy applications due
<b>December</b>	Electronic applications due	<b>July 1</b>	Program start date

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Technical Assistance Videos are available at <http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/>

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