

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**



OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES AND JUSTICE GRANTS

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Office of Victim Services

Fiscal Year 2016 Collaboration Requirement

The Office of Victim Services is committed to maintaining high-quality victim services, for victims of all crime, in the District of Columbia. To achieve that goal, it is imperative that the grantees that are funded by OVS make a commitment to serve crime victims within a larger continuum of services.

At a minimum, applications under this RFA are required to have three letters of support from other victim service providing agencies or organizations, or criminal justice system-based partners who commit to supporting the applicant's proposed services.

However, priority will be given to those applicants that can demonstrate their position in a larger continuum of victim care, from the point of crisis through the victim's period of recovery. Preferred demonstration of such collaboration would be in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, which outlines how an agency or organization will receive referrals, will function efficiently with crisis service providers, and will effectively refer out to other agencies and organizations within the system of care.

General letters of support should be viewed as a minimum requirement to submitting an application. Successful applications will demonstrate a willingness to collaborate with other recognized victim service providers and will demonstrate that the applicant has the confidence of their partners in the victim services and criminal justice community.