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### **Application Deadline Has Been Extended for Victims of Crime Act Grants**

*Programs that provide services to victims of violent crime can apply through July 10*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (June 27, 2016) – The application deadline for obtaining grants under the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) has been extended to incorporate additional services that are newly-eligible for funds.

Applications will now be accepted through July 10, and awards are scheduled to be announced in September. Programs that offer direct services to victims of violent crime may apply for the funds.

The VOCA program provides a range of services to crime victims, including crisis intervention and follow-up, therapy, group counseling, information and referral, court advocacy, and assistance with victim compensation claims.

Eligible applicants include public agencies and nonprofit programs such as domestic violence shelters, child advocacy centers, rape crisis centers, prosecutorial and crisis intervention programs, and other advocacy programs that provide direct services to crime victims. The application offers additional information on which services qualify.

New regulations, which will expand the scope of victim services, are expected to be implemented by the end of July. The extension will allow agencies to incorporate the expansion of services in the 2016-17 application.

All applications must be submitted online via the [Kentucky Justice Electronic Grants Management System](#) (eGMS). New applicants are encouraged to establish an account and become familiar with the system well in advance of the due date.

Applicants should also note that validating a new user accounts requires 48-72 hours. Training videos and other aids are available by following the links on the Grants Management Branch webpage, <http://justice.ky.gov/Pages/Grants-Management-Branch.aspx>.

Assistance with the application process may be obtained by contacting the Grants Management Branch at [askgmb@ky.gov](mailto:askgmb@ky.gov).

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