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Law Enforcement Planning Commission

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FY 2021 Victims of Crime Assistance Formula Grant (VOCA)

The Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) is pleased to announce the funding opportunity below effective April 22, 2024, closing on June 3, 2024.

The Law Enforcement Planning Commission through the US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, makes **Victims of Crime Assistance (2021)** funds available to non-profit victim services and government agencies to provide direct services to assist crime victims recover from victimization. The Victims of Crime Act funding was established by the Crime Victim Funds in 1984. A repository of federal criminal fines, penalty assessments and bond forfeitures collected by US Attorney's Offices and the US Courts from federal offenders. Under this program, convicted federal criminals help pay for critical services for victims of child abuse, child sexual abuse including incest, drunken driving, domestic violence, adult sexual abuse, elder abuse, adult molested as children, survivors of homicide victims, robbery, assault, fraud, financial exploitation, kidnapping and other violent crimes. Funding is subject to appropriations by Congress. VOCA funds will be awarded to support programs that provide direct services to crime victims to include crisis counseling, follow-up, therapy, group treatment/support, shelter/safe house, information/referral, personal advocacy, assistance filing for victim compensation, criminal justice support/advocacy, and emergency legal advocacy; not all inclusive.

The funding period is up to twelve (12) months from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. All awards are subject to the availability of funds. The Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) as the State Agency reserves the right to award as many subgrants and determine appropriate funding levels as it deems necessary.

Failure to submit all documents by the scheduled deadline will result in disqualification for funding. Each grant application must be received by LEPC electronically at 2021VOCA@lepc.vi.gov by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024. Each application must be submitted with all required signatures and all other required documents, or it will be considered incomplete. For an application or more information, please contact Ms. Carmen Potter, Executive Assistant to the Director, at (340) 774-6400 or via email at carmen.potter@lepc.vi.gov.

LEPC is committed to supporting programs through collaboration, advice, and resources, designed to provide direct services to assist crime victims recover from their victimization.

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Date