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LEPC Announces Funding Opportunity for Federal Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) Formula Grant Program

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - The Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) is pleased to announce it is accepting proposals **effective Wednesday, March 18, 2026, and closing on Friday, May 8, 2026**, for a funding opportunity through the **FY 2024** federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Formula Grant program.

LEPC, with funding through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime, is making available VOCA Formula Grants to non-profit victim services entities and government agencies to provide direct services to assist victims recover from victimization. VOCA funds will be awarded to support direct services to crime victims to include crisis counselling, follow-up, therapy, group treatment/support. shelter/safe house, information/referral, personal advocacy, assistance filing for crime victim compensation, criminal justice support/advocacy, and emergency legal advocacy; not all inclusive.

The VOCA funding was established by the Crime Victims Fund in 1984 as a repository of federal criminal fines, penalty assessments and bond forfeitures collected by the 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 assault, fraud, financial exploitation, kidnapping and other violent crimes.

All awards are subject to the availability of funds. LEPC as the State Administering Agency, reserves the right to award as many subgrants and determine appropriate funding levels as it deems necessary.

Non-profit organizations applying must include the following documents in their application package:

- A valid Unique Entity ID (UEI) number
- Registration on SAM.gov
- Certificate of Incorporation
- IRS Determination Letter regarding 501(c)3 status.
- Articles of Incorporation
- A current Certificate of Good Standing from the Lt. Governor's Office

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 following email at rfp.response@lepc.vi.gov, by **no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, May 8, 2026**.

For an application or more information, please contact Ms. Carmen Potter, Executive Assistant to the Director, via email, at carmen.potter@lepc.vi.gov.

LEPC is committed to supporting criminal justice initiatives and projects through collaboration, advise, strategic planning and resources that promote safe communities in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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