

Minnesota Office of Justice Programs, Crime Victim Services
VAWA FY 17/18 Rating Form
Law Enforcement and Prosecution Related 2-year Special Projects

Applicant Name: _____ Total Points (out of 100): _____

Instructions: Use this form to evaluate how well the applicant provides the requested information.
Note: Reviewers must read and rate all applications **prior** to the review.

Overview of total agency – 10 points

- Is the organization's mission clearly stated?
- Is a brief history included?
- Are the primary activities/purpose of the agency explained?
- If the application project is focused toward a particular underserved community or population, is there evidence of understanding the needs in serving those victims of violence?

Points (out of 10): _____

Comments:

Project overview, systems change, & problems – 40 points

- How clearly is the project described?
- How well described are the system changes being attempted? Are they a logical result based on the project description?
- How clearly articulated are the problems to be addressed?
- How well does the applicant explain why they think the strategies they've chosen will work?
- How compelling are the benefits of this project to women who are victims of violence?
- If the project is focused on a particular underserved community or population, is this identified and did the applicant specifically address the unique safety needs of women in that community?

Points (out of 40): _____

Comments:

Evaluation Plan – 15 points

- How clearly does the applicant describe:
 - What specifically is being evaluated and why;
 - How the evaluation will be developed; and
 - What evaluation methods and tools will be used.
- Are the collaborative partners part of the evaluation plan?

Points (out of 15): _____

Comments:

Sustainability Plan – 10 points

- Is there evidence of a plan, from the outset, to sustain the accomplishments of the project after the grant period ends? How effective does the plan appear?
- How compelling is the explanation of the systems change efforts that will continue and through what means?

Points (out of 10): _____

Comments:

Work Plan – 25 points

The work plan should include clear, measurable objectives that are well planned, can be accomplished within the 2-year grant period, and will be effective in addressing the needs the applicant has identified.

- How effective do the activities appear for achieving the goals of the project and for creating systems change?
- Does the work plan include time frames and positions responsible for the primary activities?
- How measurable, clear and well planned are the objectives and activities?

Points (out of 25): _____

Comments:

Budget

Budget should appear reasonable and appropriate to the project. (OJP staff will examine budget in detail – you need not rate this item, but please make note of any concerns.)

If this project is funded, do you recommend a change in the requested funding level or budget? Why?

Your Funding Priority (circle):

- 1 - Excellent – will have a strong impact and will create positive systems change
- 2 - Strong – has potential for impact
- 3 - Mediocre – not enough detail provided in identifying the gaps/needs or activities chosen
- 4 - Weak – needs significant technical assistance, not well thought-out
- 5 - Inadequate – do not fund

Attached are your rating forms

Please call if you have questions. Please be aware reviewers must read and rate all proposals prior to the grant review.

Purpose and Intent of These Funds

Funds awarded through this VAWA Special Project RFP are for proposals to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence.

Each project must be a coordinated effort involving domestic violence and/or sexual assault programs, and law enforcement and/or prosecution agencies. These funds are for two-year special projects to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and are not intended solely for direct services.

Please see the enclosed RFP for more in-depth information.