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Bradley-Angle House	Multnomah, Clackamas & Washington	Bradley Angle requests a two-year grant to offer advocacy services to children residing in our emergency shelter. A dedicated Shelter Youth Advocate will offer crisis intervention, safety planning, supportive services, and group activities to children and parenting. BA will provide supportive services to 150 youth 0-18; the majority will be under age 5. Outcomes we expect to achieve include mitigating the negating impact of domestic violence and increasing safety for youth who have witnessed or are victims of the abuse.	Domestic Violence	\$123,079.00
Project UNICA, Catholic Charities	Multnomah, Clackamas & Washington	Project UNICA aims to sustain and enhance current culturally specific sexual violence services to the Latino community in the Tri-County area. Through Proyecto UNICA, Latina survivors of sexual violence receive a broad range of support services including but not limited to crisis intervention, case management, legal and medical advocacy and accompaniment, assistance applying for restraining orders, protective orders and crime victims compensation and general advocacy.	Underserved	\$136,348.00
Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence (CARDV)	Benton & Linn	In fiscal year 2012-13 CARDV experienced a 41 percent increase in calls to the 24-hour crisis line, which also established an increase in advocacy services provided by CARDV advocates. The increase in requested services justifies the need to add an additional line to the crisis line during its busiest hours, 7:30am to 7:30pm. This project will fund two crisis response advocates (1.50 FTE) who will answer the crisis line and be the first responders for services requested by survivors as well as by law enforcement, medical professionals and community partners.	Domestic Violence	\$119,963.58
Saving Grace (Central Oregon Battering & Rape Alliance (COBRA))	Deschutes, Crook & Jefferson	This project will fund bilingual/bicultural SA/DV advocates totaling 1.29 FTE to provide intimate partner violence linguistically and culturally respectful services in Spanish and in-census-tract services by using existing collaborative relationships (DHS, health department, faith community, county offices) to meet rural survivors on-site. Seven hours/week for La Pine in the community with presence at faith communities, DHS and public health. Thirty-eight hours/week for direct services in Spanish.	Domestic Violence	\$115,031.10
Columbia County Child Assessment Center	Columbia	This project will fund two part-time Forensic Interviewers totaling 1.30 FTE. The Interviewers are specially trained experts who provide children with a digitally recorded child abuse forensic interview using Oregon Interviewing Guidelines. The FI Staff are the only professionals who can provide this type of interview for alleged child abuse victims in Columbia County.	Child Abuse	\$115,657.00

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Columbia County DAVAP	Columbia	This Project Grant will support a .41 FTE of a 1.0 FTE Advocate/Program Administrator's position, training, supplies, and emergency funds necessary to enhance and strengthen legal advocacy services and criminal justice access for victims. The project's major activities will include: crisis counseling, follow-up contact, information and referrals, criminal justice support and advocacy, emergency financial assistance, legal advocacy, CVCP, personal advocacy, restitution, and protective orders.	General Victim Services	\$73,728.30
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (ROSS)	Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington & Marion	The goal of the project is to provide culturally specific services to Russian-speaking survivors of sexual assault. This will be achieved through retained funding for a 1.0 FTE bilingual and bicultural Sexual Assault Client Advocate. The ROSS Sexual Assault Client Advocate provides long-term case management and crisis intervention services. This is currently the only program in Oregon and southwest Washington providing culturally specific services to Russian-speaking survivors of sexual assault.	Underserved	\$101,856.00
Harney County Victim Assistance Program	Harney	This project will support .17 FTE of the Victim Assistance Director/Advocate position. This position provides comprehensive services to all victims of crime in eastern Oregon's Harney County. The Director/Advocate works one on one with each victim and their families to guide them through the Criminal Justice System.	General Victim Services	\$17,263.48
HAVEN from Domestic Violence	Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam & Wheeler	This project will provide culturally and linguistically appropriate legal advocacy services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, especially those who speak Spanish as their primary language. Additionally, this project will provide meaningful access to crisis response, advocacy, support, and counseling services to underserved victims living in rural and frontier communities in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, and Wheeler Counties, in order to enhance and strengthen victim security, safety and recovery. This will be accomplished by funding 1) a 0.5 FTE Bilingual Legal Advocate, who will provide emergency legal advocacy as well as advocacy and support at court proceedings and other legal meetings; 2) a 0.5 FTE Rural Advocate, who will provide outreach and in-person advocacy to victims who live in rural and frontier communities as well as provide information about HAVEN's services to community members and other service providers, and 3) .25 FTE for a bilingual counselor, who will provide counseling services to victims and their children.	Domestic Violence	\$120,000.00

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Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization	Multnomah, Clackamas & Washington	The VOCA project will increase safety and meaningful access to services for immigrant/refugee victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and sexual assault. Target population is marginalized and underserved immigrant/refugee victims facing numerous disparities (low income, limited-English proficient, low literacy, low education) and barriers to mainstream services living in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. Major activities are culturally and linguistically appropriate emergency intervention, case management, and life skills groups to assist victims to achieve safety, stabilize their lives, and enhance their life skills to become self-sufficient. Positions to be funded are .15 FTE of the Program Manager and 1.00 FTE for a bilingual bicultural Advocate. Project will fill in a gap in services by meeting the unique cultural and linguistic needs of immigrant/refugee victims, and increasing the likelihood of these victims reporting crimes and accessing crime victim funds, emergency shelter, health, social, legal and housing services.	Underserved	\$120,000.00
Jackson County District Attorney's Office	Jackson	The Jackson County District Attorney's Office plans to utilize VOCA Project dollars to hire one full time victim advocate for victims of juvenile crime. The advocate will be responsible to provide a full array of services to individuals and business in Jackson County who are victims of crimes committed by youth. The advocate will provide crime victims with information, notification of their rights, restitution services, personal advocacy and referrals to partner agencies for additional services. Jackson County has not had an advocate dedicated to victims of juvenile crime for a dozen years.	General Victim Services	\$120,000.00
Jefferson County District Attorney's Office	Jefferson	The main purpose of the project is to enhance criminal justice access and strengthen advocacy services in adult and juvenile cases in order to inform, serve, and empower victims in English and/or Spanish. The project will support a 1.0 FTE Bilingual Crime Victims' Advocate that will serve the target population in cases involving property crimes, other violent crimes, victim rights notification, and restitution assistance.	General Victim Services	\$106,127.00
Josephine County District Attorney's Office	Josephine	This project will fund a 1.00 FTE Victim Assistance Specialist who will provide increased and enhanced services to all victims of juvenile and adult crime victims in Josephine County. Major activities will include court accompaniment, follow-up, research of restitution owed, as well as providing basic services to victims such as notifications, CVCP assistance, referrals and preparation of restitution orders.	General Victim Services	\$81,277.59
Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center dba CARES Northwest	Multnomah & Washington	CARES NW (CNW) is seeking funding to expand its trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy program to more effectively meet the needs of children (and their families) seen at CNW who have experienced traumatic life events (sexual abuse, physical abuse, witness to violence, exposure to high risk environment, etc). Funding will be used to support staffing costs for a part-time (.50 FTE) mental health professional to provide on-site trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy to child victims of abuse.	Child Abuse	\$105,514.38

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Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.	Lincoln	The "Trauma-Focused Mental Health Services for Children and Families" program in Lincoln County will provide mental health services to children and families in their own settings of school, home, and community. This program will target children in Lincoln County between the ages of 5 – 10 years old who attend public school and are experiencing significant emotional and behavioral difficulties related to traumatic life events including sexual or physical abuse, and witness to violence. (Mental Health Program Supervisor .03 FTE; Mental Health Counselor .70 FTE; Mental Health Associate .70 FTE)	Child Abuse	\$131,000.00
Marion County District Attorney's Office	Marion	This project funds a 1.0 FTE restitution victim advocate for 24 months. This position will serve victims of all types of crime in Marion County, with a focus on victims who have experienced a loss as a result of a crime and victims of burglary in the first degree. The major activities include: increased personal contacts with victims early in the case; contact with every victim by phone within ten days of the case being filed; meeting with every victim at grand jury who doesn't otherwise have an advocate assigned; follow up assistance for those seeking to assert their right to restitution to help them identify and provide the necessary documentation for submission to the court; and long-term advocacy to victims of burglary in the first degree, including support and services throughout the criminal justice process.	General Victim Services	\$102,520.00
Mt. Emily Safe Center	Union, Baker, Wallowa, Grant & Morrow	Mt. Emily Safe Center (MESCC) provides direct services to five counties (Union, Baker, Grant, Morrow, & Wallowa); The .75 FTE Child/Family Advocate will coordinate with referring agencies to schedule assessments, provide initial, on-site and follow-up services to non-offending caregivers, provide CVC information, complete packets for each child seen & submit applications, coordinate initial Therapy consultation, and perform all other job duties. The .25 FTE Therapist will provide child/family therapy.	Child Abuse	\$118,976.00
Oregon Crime Victims Law Center	Statewide	The purpose of the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center's (OCVLC) VOCA project is to increase the availability of legal assistance to crime victims to help them understand, assert, and have enforced their constitutional and statutory rights in criminal cases and related proceedings. VOCA funds will support a .35 Legal Director and a .20 FTE (bilingual) Administrative Director/Victim Advocate to provide direct free legal services to crime victims and recruit and mentor volunteer attorneys to expand the reach of the project. The VOCA project provides legal services in all 36 counties in Oregon and will give priority to cases involving victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, and surviving spouses or family members of homicide victims; and crime victims from vulnerable and historically underserved populations, who have additional barriers to accessing legal services.	General Victim Services	\$120,000.00

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OUS University of Oregon	Lane	The University of Oregon (UO) Law School project will support one law school graduate to work as a full-time attorney in the Domestic Violence Clinic to provide free emergency legal services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking and related special matters that are essential to their immediate health and safety. These services will be provided to both the community and University students.	Sexual Assault	\$127,280.00
Project DOVE	Malheur	This project will support a 1.0 FTE bilingual advocate to enhance and strengthen victim security, safety and recovery to survivors of domestic violence in Malheur County through direct emergency services. Bilingual volunteers will be recruited to assist on the crisis line.	Domestic Violence	\$116,766.00
Raphael House of Portland	Multnomah, Clackamas & Washington	The Raphael House of Portland Advocacy Center will enhance services through this VOCA project. The Advocacy Center serves survivors of domestic violence by providing long term access to professional advocates, trauma-informed therapists, community resources and referrals, support groups, emergency food boxes, self-sufficiency resources, and housing. This project funds the Advocacy Center Coordinator position at 1.0 FTE, a new 0.5 FTE Advocacy Center Childcare position, and partially supports positions that are responsible for supervising direct service volunteers (.21 FTE) and interns working in the Advocacy Center.	Domestic Violence	\$127,070.00
Safe Harbors	Wallowa	These VOCA project funds will allow Safe Harbors to hire a full time mobile crisis advocate and enhance services to the more remote areas of Wallowa County where survivors have very little access to information or services. The mobile advocate will be available to attend community events to share victim's compensation information, distribute Safe Harbor's brochures, posters, and answer questions. This grant will also allow Safe Harbors to continue to provide emergency motel nights when our shelter is not available.	Domestic Violence	\$85,115.31
Self Enhancement, Inc.	Multnomah, Clackamas & Washington	Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI) provides culturally specific domestic violence services for African Americans in Multnomah County. SEI will utilize VOCA funding to add .75 FTE to enhance and expand services. In addition to FTE the project funding will add two Trauma Recovery & Empowerment Model (TREM) groups in East Multnomah County and contract for counseling services.	Underserved	\$120,000.00

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Sexual Assault Resource Center	Washington & Multnomah	SARC of Washington County proposes a strengthened initiative to provide free mental health services for uninsured survivors of sexual assault who would otherwise have no access to clinical recovery services that help to deter or minimize trauma symptoms post assault. The project would retain a .54 FTE Mental Health Program Co-manager as well as increase our .29 FTE Support Group Coordinator to a .45 FTE. Together these two providers, along with the assistance of four graduate counseling interns and pro-bono practitioners, will serve approximately 150 survivors whose demographics are comprised of adults and adolescents that speak either English or Spanish regardless of gender identity.	Sexual Assault	\$119,974.00
The Children's Center of Clackamas County dba The Children's Center	Clackamas	Children's Center proposes to utilize VOCA project funds to sustain and enhance its Family Support program. This project addresses the need for comprehensive client-focused support and access to ancillary recovery resources for children and families who receive child abuse and neglect intervention services at Children's Center. Specifically, it focuses on providing wrap-around victim stabilization assistance, access to trauma-informed mental health services, and group support for non-offending caregivers. The project will partially fund Children's Center's Family Support and Intake Supervisor (.60 FTE), as well as our Family Support Specialist (.41 FTE).	Child Abuse	120,000.00
Tillamook County Women's Resource Center	Tillamook	The Tillamook County Women's Resource Center (TCWRC) is requesting support to expand, formalize and strengthen the volunteer program to raise the level of volunteer support to meet local need for direct services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. The two year project will recruit and train 80 volunteers and build a pool of critically needed Spanish-speaking volunteers to respond to calls on the 24 hour hotline and provide services for victims of violence.	Domestic Violence	\$119,738.00
Umatilla County District Attorney's Office	Umatilla	The VOCA project funding will increase criminal justice access for victims and improve the restitution system currently in place. This project will support a 1 FTE bilingual (English/Spanish) advocate who will primarily be stationed at the satellite office in the city of Hermiston. Another major activity will be the development of a system for improving the restitution process by assisting victims with the gathering of restitution evidence, ensuring timely submission of compensation requests to the district attorney/court, and creating a system for tracking restitution once it is ordered by the court.	General Victim Services	\$119,707.00
			Total Awards	\$2,983,991.74