

CVSSD Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD

Remote meeting

April 19, 2022- 9:00am-10:07 am

Committee Members Present: BB Beltran, Amy Benedum, Debora Dority, Sybil Hebb, Kimberly Lane, Barb Palicki, Lauri Stewart, Vanessa Timmons, Merle Weiner

CVSSD DOJ Staff Present: Marjorie Doran, Diana Fleming, Christine Heyen, Kim Kennedy, Mike Maryanov, Shannon Sivell, Amanda VanTil

Committee Members Absent: Steve Bellshaw, Allison Cleveland, Desiree Coyote, Justin Nelson

Welcome and Introductions

Kim welcomed everyone and each member introduced themselves.

Advisory Committee (AC) updates from around the State

Vanessa Timmons from Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV) is currently hiring several positions.

AC Membership

Kim informed the group that Ashley Beatty, District Attorney Victim Assistance Program (DAVAP) representative from Deschutes County has been nominated for AC membership and the nomination will be moved forward.

CVSSD Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, Inclusion (DEAI) Efforts

CVSSD has been engaging in community and internal conversations for equitable support for victims/survivors across the state. CVSSD has modified the progress reporting questions to encourage agencies to explore how they are delivering services particularly with an equity lens. CVSSD will use these responses to follow up with agencies to outreach to programs. CVSSD is also updating the compensation program to increase access for victims/survivors. As the work moves along, CVSSD will bring it to the AC for input. The Civil Rights Unit (CRU) has also joined CVSSD working with Bias Crimes and Sanctuary violations.

Model Trauma-Informed Training and Grant Program

This is a training program for law enforcement and others responding to people impacted by Trauma. CVSSD is developing and implementing this program at the direction of the legislature. They will also develop grants for law enforcement to bring this trauma training to law enforcement and community programs. CVSSD has hired Ashley Ansett to oversee this program.

Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) Administrative Costs Requirement

Christine Heyen requested the 10% administrative limitation be lifted from the ODSVS funding requirements. This comes in response to a request from a subgrantee who wanted to maximize their funding. CVSSD is proposing to either increase or remove this limit. The group discussed the current difficulty to retain leadership; removing this limitation would increase self-sufficiency for programs. The group also discussed that lifting the limitation creates the possibility of these funds being used for capacity building as opposed for direct services. The referenced ORS is 147.150.

Decision: The group agreed to remove the 10% administrative cost limitation for the ODSVS funding as part of the Joint application.

Update on Reduced Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding

With the 2021 reduction in federal VOCA funds to Oregon, victim services programs experienced a reduction in funding. This impacted current awards as well as ongoing competitive awards. The 2022 Legislature allocated \$11.5 million in State funds to help fill this gap. This amount reflects approximately 80% of the losses to programs overall.

Marjorie Doran informed the group that the general funds will cover approximately 80% of the cut received in Joint or VOCA funds. CVSSD does not anticipate offering a competitive VOCA application this year but will instead continue a majority of the current VOCA Competitive awards for another 2 years at 80% of the current award. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) funds will also be extended for another two years due to the funding they received from the legislature. The CVSSD awards for the CASAs will now be administered by the Oregon CASA Network and distributed to each CASA through them.

Regarding the \$10 million one-time ODSVS funds intended for Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (DV/SA) programs, CVSSD requested that the small number of the CS DV/SA programs that are not currently receiving ODSVS funds be given access to this funding. The group was in favor of using the funds for these programs.

ACTION: Vanessa Timmons (OCADSV) will follow up with Shannon after her meeting with Niki Terzieff regarding intent of the lobby around the \$10 million ODSVS funds.

Sexual Assault Special Programs (SASP) and STOP (Services•Training•Officers•Prosecutors) Violence Against Women (STOP VAWA) funds

Current SASP awards will be extended by one year rather than offering another competitive in 2023. During this gap year in the two-year cycle, Alisha will be expanding and modifying the SASP subcommittee and the process for awarding SASP funds.

STOP VAWA funds are awaiting approval at the Federal level. CVSSD will be releasing the implementation plan for review in May for submission in June. Competitive funds will be available in January 2023. Competitive funds will be available in the law enforcement and prosecution categories.

Other funding updates

Survivor Housing Funds (SHF) (\$5 million, 2021) This State fund has already been awarded out. A second application was released in March 2022 for additional culturally specific applicants.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA): In the 2021 session, the legislature allocated \$1.25 million to CVSSD to be distributed for victim/survivor housing assistance; CVSSD is working on the process to award these funds. Also, in the 2022 session the legislature allocated \$15 million ARPA funds for community violence intervention and prevention. CVSSD will work to determine the nature of this new program and will update the AC going forward. These funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent out by December 31, 2026.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Department allocated funds (\$2 million) (2022) to CVSSD to distribute to DV/SA programs for housing services. CVSSD is currently distributing the funds within the SHF award. Requirements for receiving the funds are identical to SHF to simplify processes for programs. These funds must be returned if not spent.

Children Advocacy Center (CAC) Funds (\$6 million) (2021) – These applications are currently being reviewed and grants awarded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM

Next remote meeting: July 19, 2022, 9:00 am