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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Victim Assistance Grants Committee

From: Kristy Carter, Division Director

Cc: Jay Neal, Executive Director
Steven Hatfield, Deputy Director

Date: November 29, 2020

Re: December 2, 2020 Victim Assistance Grants Committee Meeting

In preparation for the Victim Assistance Grants Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 2, we have drafted the following synopsis and recommendations for your review and consideration. Thank you for taking the time to review this information prior to the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns prior to the meeting, you can reach Kristy Carter (404)-290-9014 (mobile) or by email at kristy.carter@cjcc.ga.gov.

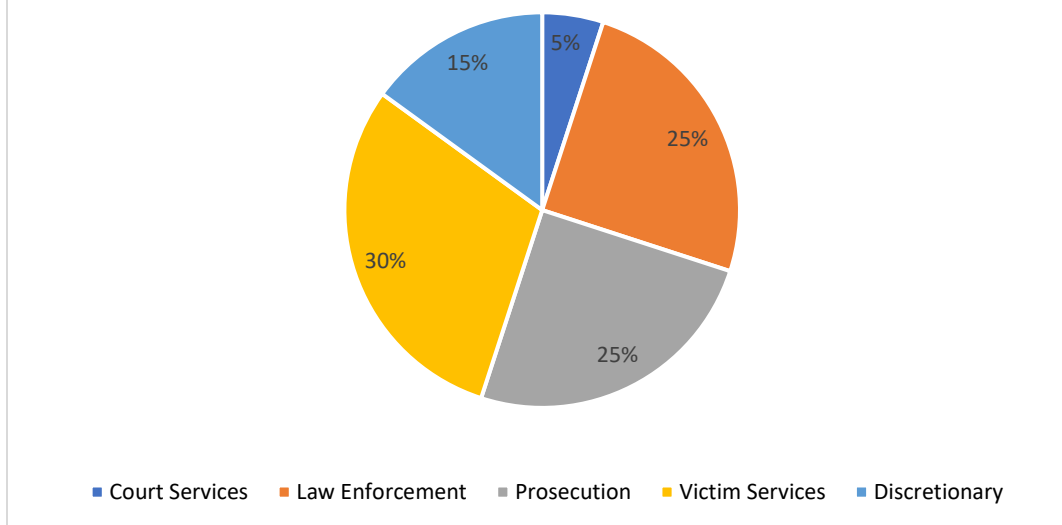
FY2020 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program (Federal funds) Competitive:

Overview of the FY20 VAWA Grant Program-The Services*Training*Officers*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act Grant program has two overarching goals:

- 1) To foster initiatives that develop and strengthen effective law enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, and offender monitoring strategies to combat violent crimes against women; and
- 2) To foster initiatives that expand and bolster services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

According to the VAWA Program Guidelines, funding priorities are given to proven strategies that further the common goal of ending domestic and sexual violence. A percentage of each year's formula grant must be allocated to court services (5%), law enforcement (25%), prosecution (25%), victim services (30% **culturally specific providers must be awarded at least 10% of the total amount and *sexual assault projects must be awarded at least 20% of the victim services allocation requirement*), and discretionary (15%). See the chart below.

Federal VAWA Allocation Requirements



CJCC released the competitive FY2020 VAWA funding opportunity on September 30, 2020. The VAWA Implementation Committee met with CJCC staff to draft the RFA and identify five priority areas. Criminal justice and victim service data and recommendations from the Georgia Fatality Review, and the priority area survey were used to assist in identifying priority areas that align with the VAWA grant program requirements. The priorities for the FY20 VAWA grant program are listed below:

- 1) Strengthen Interdisciplinary Collaboration - Collaboration and the development of a comprehensive strategy to effectively respond to crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.
- 2) Reduce Domestic Violence Homicides - Proposals will be considered that target communities that are disproportionately impacted by domestic violence-related homicides or address implementing one or all of the recommendations made in the final annual Georgia fatality review report.
- 3) Create or Expand Specialized Court Services – For example creating or expanding a domestic violence [accountability] court (Applicants should follow the “Georgia Domestic Violence Courts Best Practice” manual published by the Georgia Commission on Family Violence and the Judicial Council of Georgia in March 2017); or Creating or implementing an evidence-based, pretrial risk assessment and lethality assessment for domestic and sexual violence cases to build more consistent release decisions and trauma-informed responses by the judiciary.
- 4) Increase and Sustain Access to Services for Underserved & Marginalized Communities - Enhancing and increasing provision of culturally competent services for underserved and marginalized communities (individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP), individuals

who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer (LGBTQ), immigrant/refugee communities, people of color, elderly, people with disabilities, First Nation Tribes, and/or people in rural isolation).

- 5) Expand and Sustain Innovative Services and Opportunities – For example, New: Enhancing efforts to offer and integrate community-based justice solutions (restorative justice and transformational justice), including careful incorporation of trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches that prioritize safety, healing and agency for survivors; accountability and transformation for people who abuse and do harm; community action, healing and accountability; and transformation of the social conditions that perpetuate violence (Creative Interventions).

CJCC hosted an annual VAWA meeting that included review of the competitive 2020 VAWA funding opportunity and a training by Stalking Prevention Awareness, and Resource Center. Applications were due November 4, 2020. Initial awards will begin on January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021. Awarded agencies will be eligible annually for continued funding at the amount awarded through December 31, 2023. See meeting materials that were sent on November 29, 2020 for the competitive request for applications released in September 2020.

CJCC received over 100 applications requesting \$10,042,369 in FY2020 VAWA grant program funds.

Recommended Award Total - \$4,254,610

- Court Services: \$243,639 (5.73%)
- Law Enforcement: \$998,263 (23.46%)
- Prosecution: \$1,237,106 (29.08%)
- Victim Services: \$1,336,874 (31.42%)
- Discretionary: \$438,728 (10.31%)

Methodology

Staff divided the application among six panels, each made up of three or more staff members with an assigned captain. The panels reviewed each application to ensure that applicant justified a need for the program, the program is eligible to receive VAWA funds, the budget was allowable and reasonable, the application met application priorities, current grants administered responsibly, and overall agency health including financially and programmatically. After the three panel members completed their review, each panel met to discuss their assigned applications and develop their recommendation. Each panel then met with leadership to discuss and finalize the recommendations.

Victim Assistance Division leadership met to review panel scoring, priorities, and budgets to make final recommendations to meet grant allocation requirements, as outlined above. For victim service providers that staff did not recommend VAWA funding, applications were reviewed for VOCA allowable projects and expenses. Recommendations for funding under 2018 VOCA which expires in September 30, 2021 will be presented later in the discussion.

While there is a 25% match requirement for awards to courts, law enforcement, prosecution projects. CJCC has submitted a blanket match waiver request to OVW due to impacts of the pandemic and to meet waiver requests from applicants. CJCC is awaiting response from OVW on the request.

As you will find on the attached, staff has provided the following information for each application in TAB A:

1. Agency Name
2. Requested Amount
3. Recommended Amount
4. Project Description

***See Tab A**

FY2020 Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Grant Program (Federal funds) Competitive:

Recommended Award Total - \$560,000

Overview of the FY20 SASP Grant Program- The SASP Formula Grant Program supports organizations that provide crisis intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), counseling, and related assistance to: Adult, youth and child victims of sexual assault; family and household members of such victims; and those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization (e.g. friends, coworkers, classmates).

See attached for the competitive request for applications released in September 2020.

CJCC met with the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault to discuss and identify grant program priorities that are consistent with OVW priorities and requirements. The priorities for the FY20 SASP grant program are listed below:

- 1) Underserved Populations: Increase access to services for specific marginalized and/or underserved populations that include, but are not limited to, rural, elderly, LGBTQ, tribal, non-English speaking, African-American communities and other communities of color, immigrant and refugee, individuals with disabilities and deaf individuals. A) Culturally Specific: enhance or expand program in order to deliver services that are sensitive and responsive to the diversity of the community in which the agency operates. An example of an appropriate SASP project under this priority area would be the enhancement of existing sexual assault services through nontraditional support groups and outreach materials. B) Rural: enhance or expand services in order to reach victims that previously

were not being served due to location. An example of an appropriate SASP project under this priority area could be the expansion of sexual assault services into counties where no sexual assault center is directly located; Developing satellite or outreach services to serve counties where there are no CJCC-funded service providers currently delivering sexual assault services. Another appropriate SASP project under this priority area is increasing transportation assistance for victims of sexual assault. C) Persons with disabilities: enhance or expand services to accommodate and assist the unique needs of the survivor/co-victim/collateral victim that are hindered by institutional or physical barriers. An example of an appropriate SASP project under this priority area could be the enhancement of community partnerships in order to connect the survivor/co-victim/collateral victim to resources in the community that can best meet their specific needs (i.e. counseling services).

- 2) Innovative Support Services: Alternative approaches to healing that integrate conventional and alternative trauma-informed therapies to promote healing in survivor/co-victim/collateral victims of sexual assault. An example of an appropriate SASP project under this priority area could be partial funding of a position that coordinates alternative healing services or other costs related to this program. *More information can be found at Resource Sharing Project- Healing Services for Survivors

Applications were due November 4, 2020. Initial awards will begin on January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021. Awarded agencies will be eligible annually for continued funding at the amount awarded through December 31, 2023. There is no match requirement for the SASP grant program.

Methodology

Staff divided the application among a panel made up of three or more staff members and/or a staff member of the Georgia Network to End Sexual assault. The panel reviewed each application to ensure that applicant justified a need for the program, the program is eligible to receive SASP funds, the budget was allowable and reasonable, the application met application priorities, current grants administered responsibly, and overall agency health including financially and programmatically. After the three panel members completed their review, each panel met to discuss their assigned applications and develop their recommendation. The panel then met with leadership to discuss and finalize the recommendations.

Victim Assistance Division leadership met to review panel scoring, priorities, and budgets to make final recommendations to meet grant allocation requirements, as outlined above. For sexual assault providers that staff did not recommend SASP funding, applications were reviewed for VOCA allowable projects and expenses. Recommendations for funding under 2018 VOCA which expires September 30, 2021 will be presented later in the discussion.

As you will find on the attached, staff has provided the following information for each application in TAB B:

1. Agency Name
2. Requested Amount
3. Recommended Amount
4. Project Description

***See Tab B**

Victims of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA) Formula Grant Program

Recommended Award Total - \$2,168,459

Background

The VOCA Formula Grant Program, created under the 1984 Victims of Crime Act, provides federal funding to support victim assistance and compensation programs, to provide training for diverse professionals who work with victims, to develop projects to enhance victims' rights and services, and to undertake public education and awareness activities on behalf of crime victims. The Federal Crime Victims' Fund is the source of funding for these programs. Millions of dollars are deposited into the Crime Victims' Fund annually from criminal fines, forfeited bail bonds, penalties, and special assessments collected by U.S. Attorneys' Offices, federal U.S. courts, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. To date, Crime Victims' Fund dollars have always come from offenders and corporations convicted of federal crimes, not from taxpayers.

Methodology

The Victim Assistance Division has assessed the status of VOCA FY2018 funds that expire September 30, 2021. Based on deobligations from agencies that have experienced delays in hiring, implementing their projects and other unforeseeable challenges, the VAD has determined that \$3,092,707 is available to award to victim services providers that applied under the FY2020 VAWA and SASP grant program funding opportunity. To support victim service programs through this challenging time, the VAD supports the use of expiring funds to assist with sustaining program staff and meeting current unforeseeable needs due to the increased need for victim services for a 9 month award period from January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. The VAD will provide clear communication about the award period to awardees and provide technical assistance to programs to support sustainability efforts (i.e. other grant opportunities, fundraising, local foundations, etc.).

Staff divided the applications among six panels, each made up of three or more staff members with an assigned captain. The panels reviewed each application to ensure that applicant justified a need for the program, the program is eligible to receive VOCA funds, the budget was allowable and reasonable, the application met application priorities, current grants administered responsibly, and overall agency health including financially and programmatically. After the three panel members completed their review, each panel met to discuss their assigned applications

and develop their recommendation. Each panel then met with management to discuss and finalize the recommendations.

As you will find on the attached, staff has provided the following information for each application in TAB C:

1. Agency Name
2. Requested Amount
3. Recommended Amount
4. Project Description

***See Tab C**

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA): Addressing Victimization Within the Juvenile Justice System

Recommended Award: \$99,938 to Lowdnes County Board of Commissioners

***See Tab C**

Overview of the FY19 VOCA Addressing Victimization Within the Juvenile Justice System- The goal of this program is to address the victimization and trauma delinquently charged youth have experienced by implementing evidence-based, trauma-informed services in rural and suburban counties. Activities funded through this program may include, but are not limited to, therapy services, transportation assistance, housing assistance, education and awareness, and training for staff that teach best practices for working with youth.

Youth eligible for services are defined as youth who have been delinquently charged, directly impacted by abuse, neglect, or trauma, and who are appropriate for services. Court staff can refer youth to services at the time the victimization is disclosed or after an assessment has been administered and the youth is deemed appropriate for services. The Child PTSD Symptom Scale (CPSS) will be utilized on all youth who do not self-disclose a previous victimization to ensure they are appropriate for programming. For youth that self-disclose, court staff will complete a referral form for services. For youth that do not self-disclose, the assessment will be administered to see if they are appropriate for services. If appropriate, a completed referral form will be submitted.

Upon identification of a victimization, court staff will refer youth for evidence-based services to address the trauma. Evidence-based programs are effective in addressing victimization and reducing recidivism in juvenile populations when the programs are delivered as intended by the developers of the models. Awardees will be given the option to choose the evidence-based program that best suits the needs of their community if it has an evidence rating of effective or promising to ensure the identified outcomes are achieved.

Victim Assistance Division General Updates

The Victim Assistance Division applied for seven competitive discretionary grants in 2020 and were awarded five of the seven, including: OVC State Victim Liaison; OVW Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Live Program, BJA Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime, BJA Sexual Assault Kit Initiative & BJA SAKI Supplemental Award.

TAB A

VAWA Court Services				
Agency	Amount Requested	Match Amount	Amount Recommended	Project Description/Notes
Athens-Clarke County	\$45,745	\$15,248	\$45,745	Requests funds to support the Athens-Clarke County Domestic Violence Intervention Program.
Conasauga Domestic Violence Court	\$184,336	\$61,445	\$167,224	Requests funds for a pilot DV accountability court. Reduced for unallowable costs.
Mountain Judicial Circuit Superior Courts	\$30,670	\$10,223	\$30,670	Requests funds for a compliance coordinator position to monitor the enforcement of civil protective orders and criminal case mandates.
TOTAL	\$260,751	\$86,916	\$243,639	

VAWA Law Enforcement				
Agency	Amount Requested	Match Amount	Amount Recommended	Project Description/Notes
Atlanta Victim Assistance, Inc.	\$107,022	N/A	\$40,000	Request to develop law enforcement protocols to respond to dv and provide training. Staff recommends additional funds in the victim services category to support a victim advocate.

CJCC – Human Trafficking Unit & Georgia Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	Direct service victim advocate in the Human Trafficking Unit. This advocate will be assigned primarily to the GBI’s H.E.A.T. Unit and will assist agents by responding collaboratively to potential human trafficking cases.
Fulton County BOC	\$182,534		\$25,000	Request to support development, implementation, and training of law enforcement protocols to respond to DV, and other violent crimes against women. Staff recommends additional funding for the proposed project in the victim services category.
Georgia Commission on Family Violence	\$ 156,125	\$52,042	\$156,125	Requests to support law enforcement training and to record a law enforcement training video/curriculum for GPSTCs virtual platform.
Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault, Inc.	\$286,216	\$0	\$0	Funding not recommended for law enforcement training request. A letter of support for the application was originally submitted by the Sheriff’s Association, but CJCC received communication by the Sheriff’s Association rescinding their support. See Victim Services for other staff recommendation.
Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.	\$30,554	\$0	\$30,554	Project to enhance community response to DV through training & firearm removal protocols development.

Georgia Public Safety Training Center	\$138,990	\$43,333	\$138,990	Request for funds to support training for Law Enforcement in responding to victims of domestic Violence and sexual assault.
Monroe County Board of Commissioners	\$41,168	\$13,723	\$0	Requests funds to support a victim advocate position. Staff does not recommend funding. The project is currently funded through VOCA and does not indicate expansion or clearly identify the need.
Oconee County	\$140,000	\$46,667	\$140,000	Request for funding to support 4 special victims unit investigator positions.
Rabun County Board of Commissioners	\$58,216	N/A	\$46,612	Request for funding to partially support 9 le positions to enforce training to respond to violent crime in a victim-centered manner and establish a DV unit. Staff recommends reducing request to 2 grant supported Patrol Corporals.
Raksha, Inc.	\$144,265	\$0	\$96,903	Request for funding to support a trainer and community development and partnerships manager. Staff recommends reduced funding after corrections to budget and difficulty in managing current grants.
SAFE Homes of Augusta, Inc.	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	The proposed project will provide trainings and ensure law enforcement officers have the resources, training, and information they need to respond to dv calls; train

				front line workers to identify victims and those at risk.
Savannah Police Department	\$69,731	\$24,609	\$0	Requests funds to provide strangulation training to LE officers to better document injuries. Staff recommends no funding due to the applicant stating that there is funding allocated in the department's current budget for the training.
Savannah-Chatham Board of Education Police Department	\$83,359	\$13,890	\$41,669	Requests funding to support domestic violence and teen dating violence prevention education materials. Staff recommends reduced funding based on needs statement and the pandemic impacts on in-person events.
Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.	\$35,000	\$0	\$25,000	Requests funds to support education to victim-serving agencies, stalking assessments, liaison, and communication w/ first-responders, procedure and policy improvement and victim-centered response. Staff recommends awarding one-time cost request for a digital FME camera through VOCA 18 funds.
Tapestri, Inc.	\$68,910	\$0	\$62,410	Requests funds to provide law enforcement training to improve the criminal justice systems response to immigrant and refugee populations. Staff recommends reducing request due to applicant

				requesting rent for their office twice in the budget.
Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County via its Department of Police Services	\$120,643	\$40,214	\$90,000	Continuation funding for domestic violence investigators and request for additional funds to hire detectives. Staff recommends continuation funding for two investigators. The applicant failed to clearly describe the need for increased staff and how additional supported staff would be utilized in the proposed project.
TOTAL	\$1,767,733	\$259,478	\$998,263	

VAWA Prosecution				
Agency	Amount Requested	Match Amount	Amount Recommended	Project Description/Notes
Athens-Clarke County	\$78,960	\$23,333	\$70,000	Request for a specialized prosecutor. Recommend funding prosecutor to sustain current personnel and services.
Berrien County BOC	\$70,000	\$16,667	\$50,000	Request for a specialized prosecutor. Recommend funding prosecutor to sustain current personnel and services.
Butts County Board of Commissioners	\$52,448	\$16,667	\$50,000	Request for a specialized prosecutor. Recommend funding prosecutor to sustain current personnel and services.
Cherokee County BOC	\$236,900	\$23,333	\$70,000	Request for a prosecutor and two investigators. Recommend funding prosecutor to sustain current personnel and services.

Cobb County Board of Commissioners	\$103,241	\$23,333	\$50,000	Request for FT Adult Sexual Assault Investigator to focus on victim-centered investigations of adult sexual cases forwarded to the DA's SVU for consideration of prosecution.
Crisp County Board of Commissioners	\$131,542	\$23,333	\$70,000	Requests funds for a prosecutor and investigator. Recommend funding prosecutor to sustain current personnel and services.
DeKalb County	\$115,921	\$38,640	\$0	Requests funds for a Major Case Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Investigator
DeKalb County	\$98,904	\$6,667	\$20,000	Requests funds to support a DeKalb County Blueprint for Safety. After budget review, staff makes recommendation based on consultant costs for development of the Blueprint.
DeKalb County Government	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$50,000	Request for continued funds for an assistant solicitor general. Recommend sustaining current personnel and services.
Dougherty County BOC	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$50,000	Request for continued funds to support a VAWA DV prosecutor.
Douglas County BOC	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$50,000	Requests funds for a Domestic Violence Investigator.
Douglas County BOC	\$145,688	\$17,950	\$53,849	Request for continued funds to support a VAWA DV prosecutor.
Houston County Commissioners	\$49,908	\$16,636	\$49,908	Request for continued funds to support a VAWA DV prosecutor.
Lowndes County BOC	\$51,978	\$16,667	\$50,000	Request for continued funds to support a VAWA DV prosecutor.

Macon-Bibb County	\$57,265	\$16,667	\$50,000	Request for continued funds to support a VAWA DV prosecutor.
Muscogee County BOC	\$68,333	\$16,667	\$50,000	Request for continued funds to support a VAWA DV prosecutor.
Oconee County	\$70,000	\$22,369	\$67,108	Request for continuation funds for a domestic violence investigator. Recommend funding to sustain current personnel and services.
Paulding County BOC	\$92,219	\$16,667	\$50,000	Request for continuation funding for prosecutor and two victim advocates to expand specialized court services. Recommend funding prosecutor and one advocate to sustain current personnel and services.
Prosecuting Attorney's Council of GA	\$158,990	\$52,997	\$158,990	Request funding for continued support of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Resource Prosecution Program – 1 prosecutor position
Upton County	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$50,000	Requests funding to support a specialized prosecutor and investigator in the Griffin Judicial Circuit.
Wayne County Board of Commissioners	\$112,233	\$23,333	\$70,000	Request funding to support two prosecutors and a training coordinator. Recommend funding prosecutor to sustain current personnel and services.
Whitfield County BOC	\$57,231	\$19,084	\$57,251	Request funding for a DV Investigator and DV Court Secretary. Recommend funding prosecutor to sustain current personnel and services.

TOTAL	\$1,951,761	\$457,678	\$1,237,106	
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Note: All applicants are current VAWA subrecipients. In an effort to support prosecution efforts and sustain prosecutorial positions across Georgia, the VAD panel and leadership recommend capping the awards at original award levels.

VAWA Victim Services				
Agency	Amount Requested	Match Amount	Amount Recommended	Project Description/Notes
ACC SANE	\$85,461	N/A	\$0	Requests to add an IPV clinic in their main office and establish a satellite exam office in Morgan County to expand services and increase access to care. Grantee has had difficulty activating and submitting SERs/SARs in a timely manner on their current VOCA and SASP awards.
Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc. - RISE Youth Independent Housing Program	\$55,636	N/A	\$0	Providing Trauma-Informed Yoga and Support Groups for Domestic Violence Victims Living in Homelessness. The applicant does not clearly indicate the need for victim services based on the small number of domestic violence victims to be served in the proposed project, mainly serves homeless clients, staff recommends no funding,
Alma G. Davis	\$141,448	N/A	\$0	Request to support innovative services for underserved populations. The application did not clearly identify a need for funding or what innovative services would be provided. The applicant has also had difficulty with grant

				administration, staff does not recommend funding.
Amore Transitional Group	\$99,778	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to increase access to services for underserved & marginalized communities. Applicant failed to identify how services would be targeted to the proposed population or detail how culturally specific services would be delivered.
Appalachian Children's Advocacy Center	\$80,366	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to hire a multi-agency site coordinator. Application did not include letters of support for the site coordinator position. Staff does not recommend funding for the project due to the support and collaboration necessary to utilize a multi-agency site coordinator.
Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency	\$50,000	N/A	\$25,000	Requests funds to support employment preparation, job placement, financial literacy, job coaching and mentoring, counseling services and long-term client monitoring for domestic violence victims. Staff recommends partial funding and to support the project with VOCA 18 funds.
Atlanta Dream Center	\$84,627	N/A	\$0	Requests funds for Human Trafficking Hotline expansion to support 24/7 services statewide. Staff recommends awarding VOCA 18 funds to support project.
Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.	\$369,843	N/A	\$121,702	Requests continued funding for 3 personnel to provide pro-bono legal services. Staff recommends VAWA funding to support legal services in Clayton County and VOCA18

				funds to meet the applicants full request.
Atlanta Victim Assistance, Inc.	\$107,022	N/A	\$53,568	Requests continued funding for advocate positions and development of dv law enforcement protocols. Staff recommended additional support in the law enforcement category.
Battered Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$113,976	N/A	\$63,000	Request for funds to establish a satellite sexual assault services location in Colquitt County, specifically forensic medical services. The applicant proposes to provide domestic violence support services. Award conditional on submission of a MOU with Serenity House, the domestic violence shelter in Colquitt County. Staff recommends partial VAWA award and awarding VOCA 18 funds to support the project.
Caminar Latino, Inc.	\$91,165	N/A	\$91,165	Request funds to support 2 family advocates, 1 youth group facilitator, and a resource coordinator to provide culturally specific services to Latino survivors.
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese	\$76,566	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to provide culturally sensitive and language-specific assistance to immigrant survivors of crime. Staff recommends supporting the proposed project with VOCA 18 funds.
Citizens Against Domestic Violence	\$48,107	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to increase access to services in rural Southeast Georgia. Agency has legal advocate and did not make a strong case for needing additional civil legal

				advocacy. Staff recommends awarding VOCA18 funds for outreach initiatives to victims in rural areas.
City of Refuge - Dalton	\$150,000	N/A	\$0	The applicant did not provide most of the required documents for the application. Agency did not clearly outline its proposed project or need. Application directions were not followed or adhered to. The applicant has historically had difficulty with grants management. Staff does not recommend funding the project.
Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia, Inc.	\$71,500	N/A	\$0	Request for funding for an additional attorney and to move a funded attorney from VOCA to VAWA. Staff recommends funding for additional attorney with expiring VOCA funding.
F.A.I.T.H in Rabun County	\$50,000	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to enhance current SA services and to create a FT school- based advocate that works in elementary schools. Staff does not recommend funding as project activities are unallowable due to target ages (under age 11) and prevention activities.
Fulton County BOC	\$182,534	N/A	\$67,000	Request for the development and implementation of more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, services, and training specifically devoted to enforcing temporary protective orders and respond to violent crimes against women. Staff

				recommended partial funding in the law enforcement category. Staff also recommended reduced funding after identifying unallowable expenses and incorrect FICA rates in the proposed budget.
GA Network to End Sexual Assault, Inc.	\$286,216	N/A	\$166,079	Request for 1) PTE Statewide Programs Specialist to work with subject-matter experts to train law enforcement, and 2) by hiring two full-time staff, a Statewide Advocacy and PREA Director and an Underserved and Marginalized Program Coordinator. request for funding to 1) continue their law enforcement training program; and 2) expand their programs to include an underserved victims project and a PREA project. Staff recommends increasing GNESA's award to accommodate the underserved victims project and the PREA project, but to discontinue funding for the law enforcement training project. A letter of support for the application was originally submitted by the Sheriff's Association, but CJCC received communication by the Sheriff's Association rescinding their support.
Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN)	\$135,113	N/A	\$55,663	Requests funding to support statewide legal services for immigrant victims of violence. Staff recommends additional support of the project by awarding VOCA18 funds.

Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.	\$38,746	N/A	\$38,746	Requests funds for managing attorney and staff time to support legal services in the Chattahoochee Circuit.
House of Globalization, Inc.	\$72,006	N/A	\$27,920	Request for funding lacks clarity on how culturally specific services will be delivered and how underserved populations would be targeted. Agency did highlight the need for increased access to language assistance for their service area. Recommended funding for interpretation and client assistance. Staff recommends partial funding with expiring VOCA 18 funds for an outreach advocate to increase awareness on accessing available services to target populations.
International Women's House	\$66,565	N/A	\$0	Request for funding lacks clarity and the application was incomplete. Applicant also had difficulty with grant administration. Staff does not recommend funding.
Jewish Family & Career Services	\$61,941	N/A	\$0	Request to expand counseling program and to hire a social worker. Staff recommends supporting project with VOCA 18 funds.
Karibou Community Legacy, Inc.	\$67,000	N/A	\$0	Application was incomplete and could not be reviewed. The budget was not submitted with application. Staff requested a budget during follow-up, but never received response. Staff recommends no funding.

Mosaic, Inc.	\$75,708	N/A	\$0	Community-based Justice Solutions (Restorative Justice) – RJ Coordinator position. Staff does not recommend funding due to concerns of community support for new initiative.
N.O. A's Ark Inc.	\$120,050	N/A	\$33,326	Request to support legal advocate and attorney. Staff recommend partial funding of legal advocate. Staff recommends awarding VOCA 18 funds to support services to meet increased need for legal services.
NE GA Council on DV, Inc.	\$61,647	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to hire DV advocate for Seniors. Staff recommends funding project with VOCA 18 funds.
Noor Family Services Corporation	\$99,780	N/A	\$50,000	Proposes to increase access to legal services, community outreach and training. Staff recommends partial funding and to award VOCA 18 funds to support the project.
Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center	\$62,698	N/A	\$0	Request was vague. The agency did not give a clear project description for innovative services and failed to clearly identify a need. Staff does not recommend funding.
Partnership Against Domestic Violence	\$70,615	N/A	\$0	Community-based Justice Solutions (Restorative Justice) – RJ Coordinator position. Staff does not recommend funding due to concerns of community support for new initiative.
Prevent Child Abuse Rockdale	\$77,100	N/A	\$0	Request to provide support services to victims of domestic violence. Agency is currently providing counseling services to domestic violence victims

				and does not indicate that the project would be an expansion of services.
Project Safe	\$26,350	N/A	\$26,350	Request for funds to support a project that seeks to improve individual & systems level collaboration to improve outcomes for victims. Funding will support an Outreach Services/Community Response Coordinator who will partner with local law enforcement to identify potential and confirmed victims of domestic violence. This position will also work to promote community-wide coordination efforts to address domestic violence in their service area.
Rape Response	\$74,288	N/A	\$0	Request to expand & enhance the services victims receive through the addition of a new staff position, Integrative Therapist. Due to limited funds, staff does not recommend funding, as the agency has a VOCA funded therapist on staff.
Safe Harbor Children's Center	\$52,594	N/A	\$0	Request to provide services with Latina population in Appling and Jeff Davis, ages 11-24. Staff does not recommend funding because the agency is currently providing services to Latina clients in these counties. Staff does not recommend funding due to duplication concerns and not fitting with VAWA priority areas.
Safe Path's Children's Advocacy Center	\$60,000	N/A	\$0	Continue to provide victim services for youth, ages 11-18, who are victims of domestic

				violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Agency is currently providing services in these counties. It was unclear how the staff being paid through VAWA would be able to differentiate serving only ages 11-18, when the agency serves ages 0-18. Staff does not recommend funding due to duplication concerns.
Satilla Health Foundation	\$136,547	N/A	\$0	Expand capacity to identify and respond to more rural victims of sexual assault, with an emphasis on reaching Latinx/Hispanic victims. SAS will hire a SANE/Community Awareness Coordinator who speaks fluent Spanish. Agency cites barrier in hiring a qualified individual to implement project.
Ser Familia, Inc.	\$152,620	N/A	\$94,325	Request to provide Latina women who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, legal services so that they can obtain a U visas, VAWA visas, and T visas, or any other immigration remedy as well as other legal services which had arisen because of their status as victims; culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health valuations; emergency assistance for food and groceries; case management, referrals and individual advocacy; and assistance with transportation to eliminate barriers to service participation. These services complement those the agency

				already provides to victims and enhances victims' safety. Staff recommends partial funding through VAWA and to support the project with VOCA 18 funds.
Sexual Assault Center of NW GA, Inc.	\$107,434	N/A	\$50,000	Expansion of services and opportunities to increase access by providing a Victim Advocate who is fluent in both English and Spanish. Request includes funds for a SANE Coordinator and training opportunities for LE and staff. Staff recommends continuing funding at current VAWA level; Application did not adhere to length specified in instructions, has difficulty administering current awards and sustainability is a concern.
Southwest Georgia Children's Alliance, Inc.	\$107,434	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to contract with Fanning Institute to begin to engage community in strategic planning to start an FJC project. Staff recommends funding project with VOCA 18 funds.
Southern Crescent Sexual Assault & CAC, Inc.	\$100,000	N/A	\$50,000	Requests funds to maintain current 24/7 Crisis Response Sexual Assault Programs at Hampton and Newnan offices. Staff recommends partial funding through VAWA and awarding VOCA 18 funds for program support.
Statesboro Regional CAC and SAC	\$60,048	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to support existing services and no new services were mentioned. Agency has had difficulty in administering current awards including SASP, VOCA and state funds.

Stepping-Stone CAC and SAC	\$127,718	N/A	\$75,000	Newly established Sexual Assault Center as of July 2020. Requests funds to hire advocates and SANE for their new adult SA program. Staff recommends partial VAWA funding and awarding VOCA 18 funds to support the project.
Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.	\$25,000	N/A	\$25,000	Request for funds to support targeted awareness to Spanish-speaking community members and translation services for service delivery.
The Gateway Center	\$72,912	N/A	\$0	Requests fund to provide DV examinations but applicant failed to present a clear project description or needs statement. Staff does not recommend funding.
The Greenhouse CAC and SAC	\$106,117	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to establish a satellite facility in Murray County, Georgia, a Northwestern Area of Georgia bordered by Whitfield, Gordon, Gilmer, and Fannin Counties. The applicant failed to demonstrate need for a satellite office and did not reference a sustainability plan. Staff does not recommend funding.
The Lily Pad SANE Center, Inc.	\$60,425	N/A	\$50,425	Requests funds to continue current VAWA services and add additional staff and supplies to support services at two satellite offices and the main office location. Due to limited funding, staff supports continuing program support at current VAWA award level. Additional request did not fit VAWA priorities. Staff recommends partial funding.

The Refuge DV Shelter, Inc.	\$22,680	N/A	\$22,680	Sexual Assault Center was established in February 2019, Request to continue previous project award amount to maintain SA services in a rural area.
The Salvation Army, A GA Corp	\$40,596	N/A	\$0	Request to support general core services that are currently provided with the support of other grant programs. Applicant did not address application requirements or a identify a clear need. Staff does not recommend funding.
The Sexual Assault Victim's Advocacy Center	\$28,149	N/A	\$28,149	Request to enhance onsite Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program that was established with VAWA funding in 2018.
The Tahirih Justice Center	\$59,688	N/A	\$59,688	Request funds to launch a comprehensive services and advocacy for immigrant survivors project. The proposed project will deliver enhanced and expanded comprehensive social services to underserved immigrant populations.
Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc., DBA Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House	\$107,656	N/A	\$0	Request to expand Latino outreach and create specific targeted awareness materials. Staff recommends funding project with VOCA18 funding.
Twin Cedars Youth & Family Svc, Inc.	\$188,366	N/A	\$0	Request for funds to continue therapeutic services program. Staff recommends funding project with expiring VOCA funds.
Wellspring Living, Inc.	\$87,718	N/A	\$0	The proposed project focuses primarily on education: GED and Career Readiness Program. There was not a

				strong connection to how the project and/or services would support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Staff recommends funding project with VOCA 18 funds.
Women Moving On, Inc.	\$62,088	N/A	\$62,088	Requests funds for one legal advocate.
TOTAL	\$5,019,642	\$0	\$1,336,874	

VAWA Discretionary				
Agency	Amount Requested	Match Amount	Amount Recommended	Project Description/Notes
Four Points	\$13,728	N/A	\$13,728	Requests funds to establish an FVIP program in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit to improve offender accountability and victim safety.
Four Points	\$25,000	N/A	\$0	Requests funds to continue support for a Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator and Administrator. Staff recommends awarding VOCA 18 funds to support the DV Task Force Coordinator.
Georgia Commission on Family Violence	\$290,710	\$96,903	\$0	Coordinated response to murder-suicide project. Requests funding to support a new project coordinator position to broaden the capabilities to address murder suicide, building a coordinated community response model that addresses pre risk identification and post incident capacity building. Staff does not recommend funding. While the agency provided data to support the need, the applicant did not clearly describe

				the project and how it would be implemented.
Georgia Commission on Family Violence	\$182,660	\$60,887	\$100,000	Requests funds to support a fatality review project through a data analyst and project coordinator position. Staff recommends partial funding to support project.
Georgia Commission on Family Violence	\$ 93,068	\$31,023	\$0	Requests funds to support victim safety by developing protocol to provide notice to victims whose abusers have attempted to obtain a firearm in violation of federal prohibitions. Due to funding limitations, and other priorities/recommendations for awards, staff does not recommend funding for the project.
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$ 437,316	N/A	\$325,000	Requests funds to support 12 staff positions including a new transformative justice coordinator. The application incorporates many programs but does not delineate them by staff or by projects within the proposed grant activities. Recommended reduced funds based on priorities and budget review.
TOTAL	\$1,042,482	\$188,813	\$438,728	

Note: Staff recommended funding through expiring VOCA 18 funds when possible.

TAB B

FY2020 SASP			
Agency	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Description/Notes
Amani Women Center	\$50,000	\$50,000	Request to provide innovative services targeting underserved population. Funding to support a FT advocate and sewing circle.
Battered Women's Shelter	\$97,030	\$50,106	Request for funds to continue to offer and expanded current approach to "victim centered" services through Satellite office and Mobile Advocacy Service Program in Colquitt County. The Satellite office will provide access to one full-time advocate and one part-time advocate trained in both sexual assault and supportive outreach victim services. Staff recommends partial funding and awarding remaining request under expiring VOCA funds.
Eye on the Sparrows	\$266,381	\$50,000	Request funds for transitional housing and supportive services to female and transgender victims of SA, DV and HT. Staff removed transitional housing costs due to allowability and recommends funding the requested LCSW position.
International Women's House	\$60,000	\$60,000	Request funds to continue sexual assault advocate position that provides services to underserved populations. Staff recommends sustaining current level of personnel and services.
Karibu Community Legacy, Inc	\$75,958	\$50,000	Requests funds to provide culturally specific services to victims of sexual assault. Staff recommends funding for one sexual assault advocate.
Rape Crisis Center of the Coastal Empire	\$55,932	\$55,932	Requests funding to hire a bilingual advocate to provide outreach and supportive services to the Latina and Hispanic underserved communities. Staff

			recommends funding for a bilingual advocate.
Rape Response	\$59,629	\$59,629	Requests funding to support a campus sexual assault advocate. The agency began this position with SASP funding in 2018 and the project has been very successful.
The Cottage, SAC & CAC	\$50,333	\$34,333	Requests funds to support a bilingual sexual assault advocate to serve underserved population. Staff recommends partial funding and removed the family advocate and forensic interview services due to allowability.
The Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Center	\$68,769	\$50,000	Requests funding for an advocate position. Staff recommends reduced fund due to past de-obligations.
The Gateway Center	\$201,420	\$50,000	Requests funding for an Outreach Director and Outreach Coordinator to provide sexual assault services and expanding therapeutic services. Staff recommends partial funding and awarding remaining request under VOCA 18 expiring funds.
The Refuge SAC	\$118,797	\$50,000	Requests funding for a bilingual sexual assault advocate and implementation of a strangulation assessment. Staff recommends partial funding and awarding remaining request under VOCA 18 expiring funds.
Crisis Line & Safe House	\$54,500	\$0	Requests for a rural/campus advocate. Due to limited funding and the priorities areas established in the RFA, staff does not recommend funding at this time.
FAITH in Rabun County	\$50,000	\$0	Requests funds for a mobile advocacy program and LE training in the Mountain Judicial Circuit. Concerns with prevention aspects of the request and some of the age groups identified in the narrative are not allowed under SASP. Due to limited funding, staff does not recommend funding at this time.
Serenity Hill DBA the Cottage	\$59,927	\$0	Requests funds for core services, but application lacked clear program goals

			and a sustainability plan. Staff does not recommend funding.
Stepping-Stone CAC and SAC	\$49,230	\$0	Requested funds for advocacy services and SANE services. Applicant was recommended for VAWA funding to support SANE services due to service being unallowable under SASP.
ACC SANE	\$82,850	\$0	Requests funds to continue sexual assault services in Morgan County. Staff recommends funding through VOCA 18 expiring funds.
Statesboro Regional SAC & CAC	\$40,000	\$0	Requested funding to support core services versus request for continuation of past SASP project. Staff does not recommend funding due to concerns with grant administration, de-obligations, and program implementation.
The LilyPad SANE Center	\$68,769	\$0	Requests funding to help support existing positions. The application did not meet priority areas. Staff does not recommend funding.
liveSAFE Resources	\$87,311	\$0	Requests funding for continued funding for innovative therapeutic services. Staff does not recommend funding due to current concerns with grant administration.
NGMCN	\$30,000	\$0	Request for an advocate position to serve sexual assault victims. Request did not meet priority areas under SASP. Staff does not recommend funding.
Safe Harbor Children's Center	\$58,981	\$0	Requests funding to support SA services in Wayne and Jeff Davis Counties. The project is currently supported by VOCA funding and no new positions are requested. Staff does not recommend funding.
Sexual Assault Center of NW GA	\$85,696	\$0	Request for a bilingual advocate and support for counseling services. The agency is currently a high-risk per our risk assessment. Staff does not recommend funding
Southern Crescent SAC & CAC	\$46,780	\$0	Requests funds to support advocacy services in Clayton County. Services are

			currently provided in Clayton County and no new enhancements were requested. Staff does not recommend funding.
The Cherokee Hill Trine of South Atlanta	\$44,701	\$0	Requests funds to provide advocacy and culturally specific services to Indigenous Women who have experienced violence related to sexual assault and their families. Applicant suggested that funds would also be used to support victims of domestic violence which is unallowable for SASP. Agency had difficulty linking innovative support services to sexual assault victimization. Staff does not recommend funding.
Wellspring Living, Inc	\$75,250	\$0	Requests funds to support services at the Receiving Hope Center for trafficking victims. The request falls outside identified SASP priorities. Staff recommends funding request under VOCA 18.
TOTAL	\$1,938,244	\$560,000	

TAB C

FY2018 VOCA – Exp. 9/30/2021		
Agency	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
ACC-SANE	\$ 30,750	\$30,750
Atlanta Dream Center	\$84,627	\$84,627
Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency	\$50,000	\$25,000
Battered Women's Shelter	\$28,000	\$28,000
The Gateway Center	\$ 106,363	\$106,363
The Refuge	\$ 68,797	\$ 68,797
Southwest Georgia Children's Alliance, Inc.	\$51,000	\$51,000
Wellspring Living	\$ 87,318	\$87,318
Wellspring Living	\$75,250	\$75,250
Twin Cedars Youth & Family Services, Inc.	\$188,366	\$188,366
Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.	\$369,843	\$248,141
Citizens Against Domestic Violence	\$48,107	\$48,107
Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia, Inc.	\$71,500	\$71,500
Fulton County BOC	\$182,534	\$74,266
Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN)	\$135,113	\$79,450
House of Globalization, Inc.	\$72,006	\$44,086
Jewish Family & Career Services	\$61,941	\$61,841
N.O.A.'s Ark Inc.	\$120,050	\$86,724
NE GA Council on DV, Inc.	\$61,647	\$61,647
Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc.	\$107,656	\$107,656
Battered Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$113,976	\$50,976
Ser Familia, Inc.	\$152,620	\$58,295
Sothern Crescent Sexual Assault & CAC, Inc.	\$100,000	\$50,000
Stepping-Stone CAC and SAC	\$127,718	\$32,718
Satilla Health Foundation	\$136,547	\$136,547
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese	\$76,566	\$76,566
Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.	\$25,000	\$25,000
Noor Family Services Corporation	\$99,780	\$49,780
Four Points	\$25,000	\$25,000
Lowndes County JJ Project	\$99,938	\$99,938
Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$2,968,013	\$2,243,709

Note: Staff recommended funding for victim service projects and one-time costs through expiring VOCA 18 funds when possible. Some agencies received their entire VAWA and/or SASP request by leveraging expiring VOCA funds. OVC has approved a blanket match waiver for VOCA funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Agencies that are awarded VOCA funding will not be required to meet match in FFY20.