

OCVA Language Bank Funding

OCVA has awarded Language Bank grants to help eligible agencies provide interpretation services to crime victims. The start date for these grants was July 1, 2009. Additional Language Bank funds are available for eligible agencies. Please see below for application guidelines and application forms.

OCVA Language Bank Application Guidelines:

Current DSHS and OCVA grantees (contractors) are eligible to apply for this program to support interpretation services for advocacy and other direct services. The application must be received at the OCVA office on or before 5:00 pm, March 30, 2010. Emailed and faxed copies are ok.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS ARE:

Current recipients of the following grants:

- Sexual Assault Specialized and Core Services
- Sexual Assault Services in Native American Communities
- Sexual Assault Services in Marginalized Communities
- Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy
- STOP Victim Services
- Crime Victim Service Centers
- Victims of Crime in Marginalized Communities
- DSHS Domestic Violence Shelter Contracts
- DSHS Services in Marginalized Communities
- VOCA ARRA funds
- STOP ARRA Victim Services

These funds cannot cover interpretation services when the primary purpose is to support communication between your client and an attorney, the civil court system, or the criminal legal system. This service is to improve communication between a victim and your staff/volunteers during advocacy and other direct services.

Interpretation services are eligible as long as they are outside of the criminal legal system. By law, the criminal legal system is required to provide interpretation services for individuals participating in the system. Interpretation services that OCVA will reimburse are related to crisis intervention, information/referral, legal advocacy, medical

advocacy, and outreach when the primary purpose is to connect a victim to your services.

As such, the following OCVA grant recipients are not eligible for this grant:

- Victim/Witness Programs in County Prosecutor's Offices
- STOP Law Enforcement
- STOP Prosecution
- STOP Statewide (non-direct services)
- STOP ARRA Law Enforcement
- STOP ARRA Prosecution
- STOP ARRA Statewide (non-direct services)

Additional Guidelines for Agencies Applying for Language Bank funding between November 2009 and March 2010:

Note: *These guidelines are in addition to the application guidelines stated above and stated in the OCVA Language Bank application. All guidelines and requirements stated in the application remain in effect.*

- All OCVA Language Bank grants will end on June 30, 2010. This includes Language Bank grants awarded between November 2009 and April 2010.
- The maximum grant award will be \$10,000. (\$10,000 is the maximum award for an 8 month grant period. The maximum award may be adjusted depending on the duration of your organization's Language Bank award).
- In addition to following all funding guidelines in the application, an agency should apply for the amount which the agency's most recent 2 months of interpretation expenses demonstrate the agency can spend in the time remaining between the likely Language Bank grant award date and June 30, 2010.
- OCVA will make every effort to execute successful applicants' Language Bank grants within 2 weeks of application receipt.
- Eligible agencies that have already been awarded an OCVA Language Bank grant may apply for additional funding if:
 - These agencies' current Language Bank grants are 90% spent at the time of the application for additional funds
 - The agency meets all other requirements stated in these guidelines and the application

- Language Bank grants will have a start date which is after the application has been received. As a result:
 - Agencies cannot submit invoices for interpretation expenses incurred before a Language Bank start date.
 - Agencies cannot submit invoices for interpretation expenses incurred between when a current Language Bank grant is completely spent and the start date of a second Language Bank grant.
- Potential applicants can contact Katharine at OCVA with any additional questions: (866) 857-9889.