



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund Sub-Recipients

FROM: Tierra Smith, VSTOP and VSDVVF Grant Program Coordinator

DATE: March 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022 Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grant Awards

The current funding cycle for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) grant program expires on June 30, 2021. As you are aware, earlier this year, we notified grantees of our decision to restructure the awarding process in an effort to promote the sustainability of the funding source. We had anticipated that the FY 2022-2024 grant application guidelines would offer a continuation application process for current VSDVVF Prosecution Grantees, and a competitive application process for all other program types.

However, as we continue to monitor VSDVVF revenue, deposits into the state special fund that support this grant are precipitously declining. While the Appropriations Act includes \$3 million per year for the VSDVVF, the revenues collected from fees deposited into the special fund for the grant program are significantly less than the appropriated amount. Between FY 2019 and FY 2020, there was an approximately \$600,000 decrease in revenue into the fund (from approximately \$2.4 million to \$1.8 million). Based on revenue for the first six months of FY 2021, we anticipate an additional \$500,000 to \$600,000 decrease in revenue this year. Considering these significant declines, the current grant program is not sustainable.

DCJS has made the decision to **continue existing grant awards for the first six (6) months of FY 2022** (July-December 2021) for all current VSDVVF sub-recipients. The grant continuation will provide level funding to VSDVVF sub-recipients using the current FY 2021 approved budget amounts. **During this six-month extension, we strongly encourage programs to secure other funding and to prepare your programs for an end to your current grants.** Please understand that due to the shortfall in revenue, the VSDVVF grant program will look significantly different and many, if not most, current grants will likely not continue in calendar year 2022.

DCJS will continue to monitor revenue levels as well as assess the projects currently supported by these grant funds. These efforts will allow us to better estimate the expected deposits into the fund and its capacity for supporting future grants.

To ensure that your organization receives the FY 2022 six-month continuation, all current VSDVVF grantees will be required to complete a face sheet, budget and budget narrative, and applicable attachments via the new [On-line Grant Management System \(OGMS\)](#) by March 22, 2021. Your

submitted budget for FY 2022 may not exceed one-half of your current (FY 2021) total award amount in GMIS. To locate your current budget, log into [GMIS](#) under your FY 2021 VSDVVF grant number, go to View Budgets, and select Current Budget.

Instructions for completing these tasks as well as additional resources can be found at the [OGMS Training & Resources Page](#). For questions regarding OGMS please email ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov (and include your grant name and grant number). The VSDVVF Grant Program Coordinator is also available to provide technical assistance and support during the continuation process via email at tierra.smith@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Importantly, due to staff attrition or other factors, sub-recipients may also opt to terminate their VSDVVF projects prior to the end of the six-month continuation period **without penalty to any current or future grant opportunities**. For additional information on the early termination process please do not hesitate to contact me. No extensions to the six-month continuation period will be permitted.

I aim to provide timely and accurate assistance that helps you to offer the best victim services. I look forward to working with you during this continuation period. Please contact me at tierra.smith@dcjs.virginia.gov if you have any questions or concerns. Your support is greatly appreciated in this time of transition.