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**Request for Applications (RFA) for the
Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program**

The Crime Victim Services Division (CVSD) of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is soliciting applications from qualified Statewide non-profit organizations to utilize funds to provide: (1) services to prevent sexual violence; (2) outreach programs; and (3) technical assistance to support youth and rape crisis centers working to prevent sexual violence.

Applicable Funding Source: The source of state funds is a biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature. All funding is contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the Texas Legislature. The OAG makes no commitment that an application, once submitted, or a grant, once funded, will receive subsequent funding.

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible, an applicant must (1) be a statewide non-profit organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and (2) have a primary purpose of ending sexual violence in this state. A statewide program is an entity that actively offers or provides services in six or more Council of Government "COG" regions.

The OAG will initially screen each application for eligibility. Applications will be deemed ineligible if the application is submitted by an ineligible applicant; the application is not filed in the manner and form required by the RFA or the Application Kit; the application is filed after the deadline established in the RFA or the Application Kit; or the application does not meet other requirements as stated in the RFA or the Application Kit.

How to Obtain Application Kit: The OAG will post the Application Kit on the OAG's official agency website at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/grants.shtml>. Updates and other helpful reminders about the application process will also be posted at this location. Potential applicants are encouraged to refer to this site regularly.

Deadlines and Filing Instructions for the Grant Application: Refer to the Application Kit for the complete application requirements and instructions.

Deadline: The applicant must submit its application to the OAG and the OAG must receive the submitted application and all required attachments by 5:00 p.m. CST July 23, 2009 to be considered timely filed.

Filing Instructions: To be considered filed, the Applicant must submit the application by email to: CVSGrantsApplications@oag.state.tx.us.

The OAG will not consider an Application if it is not filed by the due date, 5:00 pm CST July 23, 2009.

Minimum and Maximum Amounts of Funding Available: For the initial grant contract period (term) the minimum amount of funding statewide programs may apply for is \$20,000 and the maximum amount is \$200,000.

The amount of the award is determined solely by the OAG. The OAG may award a grant at an amount above or below the established funding level and is not obligated to fund a grant at the amount requested. Based on available funding, the grant contract may be amended for an additional term with an additional amount of funding at the sole discretion of the OAG.

Start Date and Length of Grant Contract Period: The term of this grant contract is up to two years from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011, subject to and contingent on funding and approval by the OAG. If the grant contract period extends for more than one state fiscal year, the grantee may be required to submit additional documentation relating to the second fiscal year of the grant contract period, including an updated budget. The OAG may base its decision for the second fiscal year funding amounts on the grantee's first year performance, including but not limited to: the timeliness and thoroughness of reporting, effective and efficient use of grant funds and the success of the project in meeting its goals.

No Match Requirements: There are no match requirements for this funding opportunity.

Volunteer Requirements: A volunteer component is required. Specific requirements for the volunteer component will be stated in the Application Kit.

Award Criteria: The OAG will make funding decisions that support the efficient and effective use of public funds. Scoring components may include, but are not limited to, information provided by the applicant on the organization's capacity, infrastructure, current knowledge, efforts, expertise and experience, and on the proposed project activities and budget.

Prohibitions on Use of Grant Funds: OAG grant funds may not be used to support or pay the costs of overtime, dues, or lobbying; any portion of the salary or any other compensation for an elected government official; the purchase of food and beverages except as allowed under Texas State Travel Guidelines; the purchase or lease of vehicles; the purchase of promotional items or recreational activities; out of state travel or costs of travel that are unrelated to the direct delivery of services that support the OAG funded program; the costs for consultants or vendors who participate directly in writing a grant application; or for any unallowable costs set forth in applicable state or federal law, rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, procedures or cost principles. Grant funds may not be used to purchase any other products or services the OAG identifies as inappropriate or unallowable within this RFA or the Application Kit.

OAG Contact Person: If additional information is needed, contact Jennifer McShane at CVSGrantsApplications@oag.state.tx.us or (512) 936-1278.