

RE: AGENDA ITEM D.

Discussion Concerning the Following Funding Administered by Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA); Family Violence Prevention Services Program – FY 2021 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), American Rescue Plan (ARP), Supplemental Funding for FVPSA Formula Grants: FVPSA ARP for Domestic Violence and FVPSA ARP for Sexual Assault

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My dear Mr. [illegible]
I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and am
glad to hear that you are well. I am well and hope
this letter finds you the same. I am sorry that I cannot
write you more often but I am very busy at present.
I am sure that you will understand my position.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[illegible]

Yours truly,
[illegible]

Enclosed find [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Debbie Bousquet <Debbie.Bousquet@dfa.arkansas.gov>

Date: August 25, 2022 at 4:36:18 PM CDT

Subject: RE: VOCA Funding

Mr. Gazaway:

You will have the information before I leave today.

Debbie Bousquet

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From: Gazaway, Jimmy <jimmy.gazaway@arkansashouse.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 3:41 PM

To: Debbie Bousquet <Debbie.Bousquet@dfa.arkansas.gov>

Subject: Fwd: VOCA Funding

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Hi Debbie,

Just following up. I know you said you were working on a response. Just checking progress.

Thanks,

Jimmy

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Gazaway, Jimmy" <jimmy.gazaway@arkansashouse.org>

Date: August 17, 2022 at 3:24:58 PM CDT

To: Debbie.Bousquet@dfa.arkansas.gov

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When funding was available this office supported applicant projects at their highest levels, unfortunately the decline/decreases have limited our ability to continue this practice.

In response to your questions:

Eliminating positions-

The elimination of the Executive Director positions is being done because this position is expressly "Unallowable" based on the VOCA Guidelines (see attached). The solution set forth was the one we felt would interrupt "Victim Services" the least. Please be reminded that the role of an Executive Director is to ensure the administration of the organization is carried out.

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This office is looking at other potential funding sources to fill the gaps created by the federal cuts. One option is to request funding from the ARP Steering committee. To date there are no state funds allocated for victim services.

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210862-18VG	Saline County	\$49,433.21
210863-19VG	Saline County	\$18,923.47
210083-19VG	18th West Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney's Office	\$26,829.01
210081-18VG	18th West Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney's Office	\$63,283.57
210471-19VG	Compassion's Foundation, Inc.	\$201,779.71
210261-18VG	Casa of Saline County	\$71,072.07
210262-20VG	Casa of Saline County	\$31,880.10
210332-19VG	CASA of the 5th Judicial District	\$50,967.40
210331-18VG	CASA of the 5th Judicial District	\$129,607.63
210852-18VG	River Valley Shelter for Battered Women and Children, Inc.	\$186,089.29
210854-19VG	River Valley Shelter for Battered Women and Children, Inc.	\$58,948.52
210251-19VG	CASA of Northwest Arkansas	\$268,992.40
210271-18VG	CASA of Sebastian County	\$91,562.55
210272-19VG	CASA of Sebastian County	\$42,097.96
210611-19VG	Lonoke County Safe Haven	\$263,568.03

Subgrant #	Subgrantee Name	Awarded
211051-19VG	Women and Children First: The Center Against Family Violence	\$470,559.76
210531-20VG	Family Violence Prevention	\$207,061.32
210533-20VG	Family Violence Prevention	\$250,000.00
210131-18VG	8th North Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$51,550.26
210601-18VG	Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc.	\$327,428.58
210602-20VG	Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc.	\$145,171.71
210012-18VG	10th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$66,233.38
210101-18VG	22nd Judicial Dist Prosecuting Attorney	\$92,014.28
210102-19VG	22nd Judicial Dist Prosecuting Attorney	\$39,473.84
210322-19VG	CASA of the 2nd Judicial District	\$27,838.76
210321-18VG	CASA of the 2nd Judicial District	\$80,616.29
210301-18VG	CASA of the 16th Judicial District	\$77,967.12
210302-19VG	CASA of the 16th Judicial District	\$27,910.42
210771-19VG	Peace at Home Family Shelter	\$634,346.95
210241-18VG	CASA OF NORTHEAST TEXAS	\$168,936.31

Subgrant #	Subgrantee Name	Awarded
210242-20VG	CASA OF NORTHEAST TEXAS	\$61,364.31
211071-19VG	Women's Crisis Center of South Arkansas	\$226,605.85
210221-18VG	CASA of Crawford County, Inc.	\$60,462.29
210222-19VG	CASA of Crawford County, Inc.	\$26,442.45
210871-20VG	Saline County Safe Haven, Inc.	\$174,516.40
211031-18VG	White County Government	\$47,194.66
211033-20VG	White County Government	\$20,347.68
210041-18VG	13th Judicial District CASA North	\$78,450.13
211062-18VT	Women's Council on African American Affairs, Inc	\$69,272.46
211065-19VT	Women's Council on African American Affairs, Inc	\$29,653.92
210801-19VG	Prosecuting Attorney 11th East	\$324,491.72
210312-20VG	CASA of the 20th Judicial District	\$258,753.02
210882-20VG	Samaritan Outreach Inc	\$55,783.15
210881-18VG	Samaritan Outreach Inc	\$158,180.51
210571-18VG	Grant County Unified Community Resource Council, Inc.	\$183,902.70

Subgrant #	Subgrantee Name	Awarded
210572-20VG	Grant County Unified Community Resource Council, Inc.	\$77,965.05
210932-20VG	Stone County Abuse Prevention	\$71,464.48
210931-18VG	Stone County Abuse Prevention	\$158,180.51
210381-18VG	Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County	\$160,568.33
210382-19VG	Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County	\$57,308.98
210722-19VG	Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter	\$533,950.58
210591-18VG	Into the Light, Inc.	\$286,554.02
210592-20VG	Into the Light, Inc.	\$119,710.78
210212-19VG	CASA of Clark County, Inc	\$24,316.53
210211-18VG	CASA of Clark County, Inc	\$34,007.75
210092-18VG	20th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney's Office	\$171,785.02
210092-19VG	20th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney's Office	\$67,092.10
210412-20VG	Children's Safety Center	\$103,111.71
210411-18VG	Children's Safety Center	\$171,920.75
210361-18VG	Center For Arkansas Legal Services	\$252,829.60

Subgrant #	Subgrantee Name	Awarded
210362-20VG	Center For Arkansas Legal Services	\$106,883.50
210751-19VG	Ozark Rape Crisis, Inc.	\$263,796.27
210911-18VG	South Arkansas Children's Coalition	\$96,433.61
210691-18VG	Northeast Arkansas Community Mental Health Center	\$86,236.08
210692-18VG	Northeast Arkansas Community Mental Health Center	\$120,184.15
210561-20VG	Grandma's House Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.	\$210,458.12
210821-18VG	Prosecuting Attorneys Office 9th West Judicial District	\$81,620.33
210491-20VG	Domestic Violence Prevention Inc.	\$233,587.70
210523-20VG	Family Crisis Center, Inc.	\$499,636.94
210842-20VG	Restoration Ministries	\$23,924.74
210841-18VG	Restoration Ministries	\$82,714.02
210291-18VG	CASA of North Arkansas	\$90,547.98
210292-19VG	CASA of North Arkansas	\$34,568.41
210651-19VG	Mission Clinical Services/Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center	\$626,869.54
210441-19VG	City of Little Rock	\$232,410.00

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210511-20VG	Families in Transition	\$208,355.28
211021-19VG	White County Domestic Violence Prevention	\$233,047.55
210177-19VG	Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault	\$46,813.43
210178-20VG	Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault	\$211,368.65
210175-18VG	Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault	\$275,346.33
210173-18VT	Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault	\$69,810.72
210171-18VG	Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault	\$109,515.86
210172-18VG	Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault	\$117,823.08
211091-19VG	Women's Shelter of Central Arkansas	\$242,682.29
210031-18VG	12th JD Prosecuting Attorney	\$86,515.68
210033-19VG	12th JD Prosecuting Attorney	\$35,331.02
210662-20VG	Morgan Nick Foundation	\$327,125.14
211041-18VG	White River Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$215,183.23
211042-19VG	White River Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$73,882.24
210582-20VG	Hamilton House Child Safety Center	\$73,472.41

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210581-18VG	Hamilton House Child Safety Center	\$177,036.83
210541-18VG	Friends of Pulaski County CASA	\$87,057.19
211001-20VG	Wade Knox Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.	\$221,176.51
210051-18VG	13th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$117,093.64
210053-20VG	13th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$49,321.62
210991-19VT	University of Arkansas	\$88,247.49
210401-18VG	Children's Protection Center	\$265,600.16
210402-20VG	Children's Protection Center	\$94,286.26
210342-18VG	CASA of the Ouachita Region, Inc.	\$43,076.62
210343-20VG	CASA of the Ouachita Region, Inc.	\$14,699.74
210341-18VG	CASA of the Ouachita Region, Inc.	\$43,076.62
210831-18VG	9th East Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$56,176.47
210231-18VG	CASA of Lonoke County, Inc.	\$100,564.75
210232-19VG	CASA of Lonoke County, Inc.	\$49,387.93
210021-18VG	11th West Judicial District	\$159,603.38

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210022-19VG	11th West Judicial District	\$91,727.99
210892-19VG	Sanctuary, Inc.	\$67,053.06
210891-18VG	Sanctuary, Inc.	\$178,116.36
210811-19VG	Prosecuting Attorney 18th East JD	\$95,632.33
210781-19VG	Percy and Donna Malone Child Safety Center	\$160,115.93
210732-20VG	Options, Inc.	\$345,487.92
210902-20VG	Serenity Inc	\$264,169.31
210971-18VG	Third Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$149,007.23
210972-19VG	Third Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$58,630.75
210461-20VG	Committee Against Spouse Abuse	\$381,180.01
210201-18VG	CASA 3rd Judicial District	\$90,576.99
210202-19VG	CASA 3rd Judicial District	\$34,825.26
210953-19VG	The Office of the Lonoke County Prosecuting Attorney	\$22,443.56
210951-18VG	The Office of the Lonoke County Prosecuting Attorney	\$71,657.68
210501-19VG	Crisis Intervention Center	\$443,824.16

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210062-18VG	15th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$81,745.03
210392-20VG	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF PINE BLUFF	\$156,829.44
210351-18VG	CASA of White County	\$18,533.96
210352-19VG	CASA of White County	\$4,814.21
210482-20VG	COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES	\$27,224.08
210481-18VG	COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES	\$71,763.96
210121-18VG	7th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$49,555.22
210421-20VG	City of Camden	\$96,019.04
210981-20VG	Turning Point of South Arkansas	\$218,985.66
210451-18VG	City of Texarkana, Arkansas	\$50,086.96
210072-19VG	16th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$56,911.10
210072-18VG	16th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$143,078.79
210701-20VG	Northwest Arkansas Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.	\$153,351.85
210711-18VG	Northwest Arkansas Rape Crisis, Inc. NWA Center for Sexual Assault	\$196,072.28
210712-19VG	Northwest Arkansas Rape Crisis, Inc. NWA Center for Sexual Assault	\$229,811.07

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210713-20VG	Northwest Arkansas Rape Crisis, Inc. NWA Center for Sexual Assault	\$71,511.90
210552-20VG	Garland County CASA	\$52,827.64
210552-18VG	Garland County CASA	\$140,476.94
210371-18VG	Central Arkansas Chapter Of Parents Of Murdered Children	\$89,215.69
210372-20VG	Central Arkansas Chapter Of Parents Of Murdered Children	\$33,081.01
211011-19VG	White County Children's Safety Center	\$219,848.33
210281-18VG	CASA of the 10th Judicial District	\$105,042.27
210282-19VG	CASA of the 10th Judicial District	\$46,473.12
210111-18VG	5TH Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$198,407.80
210113-20VG	5TH Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$75,161.81
210681-19VG	Northeast Arkansas Children's Advocacy Center	\$142,305.14
211111-18VG	The Family Center Inc	\$138,673.41
211112-20VG	The Family Center Inc	\$46,117.54
211131-18VG	Restoration of Hope	\$127,649.00
211132-20VG	Restoration of Hope	\$50,094.27

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211261-19VG	Partners Against Trafficking Humans, Inc.	\$241,623.77
211311-19VG	Centers for Youth and Families	\$620,530.56
211321-18VG	Children's Advocacy Center of Independence County	\$189,453.22
211322-20VG	Children's Advocacy Center of Independence County	\$93,163.28
211362-20VG	Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas	\$6,900.00
211361-18VG	Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas	\$45,660.00
211332-20VG	River Valley Child Advocacy Center	\$48,093.29
211333-18VG	River Valley Child Advocacy Center	\$164,765.90
211341-19VG	Ouachita Children's Center, Inc.	\$264,224.28
211291-18VG	Speakup About Drugs	\$199,078.66
211292-19VG	Speakup About Drugs	\$97,598.05
211282-18VG	Marshallese Educational Initiative	\$44,604.26
211282-19VG	Marshallese Educational Initiative	\$17,063.46
211272-20VG	Economic Opportunity Agency of Washington County	\$316,217.18
211642-19VG	Arkansas Justice Collective	\$220,000.00

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211691-18VG	Magdalene Serenity House	\$29,028.35
211491-20VG	Second Chance DV SA Shelter	\$253,939.19
211621-19VG	Area Agency on Aging of Western Arkansas, Inc.	\$274,175.64
211601-20VG	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	\$220,055.83
211612-20VG	Marys House of Restoration	\$169,477.76
211591-19VG	Immerse Arkansas	\$145,562.05
211461-18VG	Arky's World INC.	\$112,452.52
211462-19VG	Arky's World INC.	\$37,096.52
211471-20VG	STOPDV	\$250,000.00
211451-18VG	Purple Flower Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	\$79,510.00
211651-19VG	Shared Beginnings	\$96,241.33
211532-20VG	Healing in the Hood	\$149,989.94
211481-19VG	IMMIGRATION ARKANSAS INC	\$128,948.37
211671-19VG	Prosecuting Attorney First Judicial District	\$284,888.06
211751-19VG	Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator	\$259,777.02

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211711-19VG	CASA of the Tri-Peaks	\$27,985.67
211761-18VG	Prairie County Government	\$33,820.41
211762-20VG	Prairie County Government	\$16,652.79

\$25,655,575.27



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§ 94.122 Expressly unallowable sub-recipient costs.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, no VOCA funds may be used to fund or support the following:

- (a) **Lobbying** - Lobbying or advocacy activities with respect to legislation or to administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy (cf. 18 U.S.C. 1913), whether conducted directly or indirectly;
- (b) **Research and studies** - Research and studies, except for project evaluation under § 94.121(j);
- (c) **Active investigation and prosecution of criminal activities** - The active investigation and prosecution of criminal activity, except for the provision of victim assistance services (e.g., emotional support, advocacy, and legal services) to crime victims, under § 94.119, during such investigation and prosecution;
- (d) **Fundraising** - Any activities related to fundraising, except for fee-based, or similar, program income authorized by the SAA under this subpart.
- (e) **Capital expenses** - Capital improvements; property losses and expenses; real estate purchases; mortgage payments; and construction (except as specifically allowed elsewhere in this subpart).
- (f) **Compensation for victims of crime** - Reimbursement of crime victims for expenses incurred as a result of a crime, except as otherwise allowed by other provisions of this subpart;
- (g) **Medical care** - Medical care, except as otherwise allowed by other provisions of this subpart; and
- (h) **Salaries and expenses of management** - Salaries, benefits, fees, furniture, equipment, and other expenses of executive directors, board members, and other administrators (except as specifically allowed elsewhere in this subpart).

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