

61—9.53(13) Availability of grants. The program shall administer a competitive application process every three years unless otherwise directed by the board. The amount of the funds awarded shall be contingent upon the funds available through state and federal sources. The chief shall announce the opening of an application period through public notice, including but not limited to notice to current grantees and other eligible agencies identified by the program. Applications must be received by the designated due date.

9.53(1) Competitive grant applications will be awarded based on the availability of funds, history and demonstration of quality of services provided, compliance with the requirements of the section, number of victims served or other statistical data deemed useful by the program to demonstrate successful and cost-effective use of awarded funds, population served, and geographical distribution of funds across the state. A preference shall be given to continued funding of agencies and programs that have demonstrated success.

9.53(2) Focus grants will be awarded at the discretion of the chief and of the deputy attorney general who oversees the section. Funds utilized for focus grant applications must comply with all applicable state and federal rules and regulations. The award total of focus grant applications from one funding source may not exceed 3 percent of the funds available from the source in one fiscal year.

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