

**61—9.56(13) Eligibility requirements.** Funds must be used only to provide victim services, justice support to victims of crime, training, community education, crime prevention, or technical assistance to victim service providers and allied professionals. Awarded funds shall not be used to supplant other available or mandated funds. An applicant must meet the following additional requirements:

**9.56(1)** The applicant shall be a local or statewide agency, a public or private nonprofit organization, or combination thereof, as stated in rule 61—9.51(13).

**9.56(2)** The applicant shall provide services to victims of crime through crime victim centers, law enforcement agencies, prosecution offices, state or local agencies, culturally specific service organizations, faith-based programs, and other allied professionals. Services provided to victims shall include but are not limited to crisis intervention, civil and criminal court advocacy and support, group and individual follow-up counseling, transportation, and information and referral. Applicants may contact the program at 515.281.5044 or 1.800.373.5044 for additional services that qualify for funding.

**9.56(3)** An applicant providing services to victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and other violent crimes must also provide or arrange safe shelter or housing for victims and their children when needed at no cost to the victims. To ensure staff training and compliance with best practice standards, preference will be given to domestic abuse programs certified by the Iowa coalition against domestic violence and sexual abuse programs certified by the Iowa coalition against sexual assault.

**9.56(4)** An applicant providing services to victims of sexual abuse must also provide support to victims at the time of an evidentiary sexual abuse examination. To ensure staff training and compliance with best practice standards, preference will be given to sexual abuse programs certified by the Iowa coalition against sexual assault.

**9.56(5)** The applicant shall promote within the community a coordinated public and private effort to assist crime victims.

**9.56(6)** The applicant shall be an equal-opportunity employer and provide services on an equal-opportunity basis.

**9.56(7)** The applicant shall comply with applicable federal and state statutes and rules, all requirements specified in the grant between the section and any funding source, and all requirements set forth in the funding application or any other contractual document.

**9.56(8)** The applicant shall assist victims in seeking state crime victim compensation benefits.

**9.56(9)** The applicant shall have a grievance procedure established for victims, employees, and volunteers.

**9.56(10)** The applicant shall ensure that all employees and volunteers of crime victim centers providing direct services to victims are trained as victim counselors as defined in Iowa Code section 915.20A.

**9.56(11)** The applicant shall provide services within the geographical service area without regard to a victim's ability to pay.

**9.56(12)** An existing program must document results of prior program activities demonstrating that the needs of victims have been met.

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