

# NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-grant Program – Use of Funds

## What are Victim Services? Activities that:

- ✓ Respond to the emotional, psychological, or physical needs of crime victims or
- ✓ Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system

## Examples of Victim Services include:

- Victim advocate or victim assistance program
- domestic violence shelter
- rape crisis center
- child advocacy center
- elder abuse program
- mental health counseling
- substance abuse treatment
- legal services
- forensic exams
- emergency shelter
- transitional housing
- traditional, cultural, or alternative therapy
- transportation, meals, lodging, child care for court or counseling
- restorative justice

## How can funds be used? Examples include:

- Salary
- Fringe benefits
- Travel
- Equipment
  - Vehicles
  - Security system at victim service facility
  - Remote access equipment in court
- Facility costs – rent, utilities, maintenance renovation
- Supplies
  - Computers, printers, scanners
  - Cell phone
  - Office supplies, furnishings
  - Therapeutic supplies
- Emergency or short term needs of victims
- Program operating costs
- Subcontracts
- Indirect costs

**ALL costs MUST be justified as improving victim services. The NCAI Fund will review all proposed costs in the context of each grant proposal.**

## Unallowable costs:

- Law enforcement/prosecution
- Crime prevention
- Services for offenders
- Construction or purchase of real estate
- Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Grant-writing

**A detailed list of allowable and unallowable costs can be found at:**

**[https://tribalvictimservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/AppendixA\\_allowablecosts.pdf](https://tribalvictimservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/AppendixA_allowablecosts.pdf)**

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