2018 NCA Grants Information

A guide to NCA grants for State Chapter Organizations

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Purpose of Victims of Child Abuse Act (VOCAA) funds

VOCAA funds are used to fund subgrants for organizations that provide a coordinated investigative and comprehensive response to child abuse:

• Local CACs
• State Chapter Organizations
• Multidisciplinary teams (MDTs)

They help offer CAC services to a larger number of child victims of maltreatment, with an emphasis on increasing and enhancing services in underserved areas including rural, remote, and tribal areas.
Who receives VOCAA funds?

In addition to CACs, MDTs, and Chapters, VOCAA funds are also granted to NCA and to other other partner organizations that serve children through the CAC model.

**National Children’s Alliance (NCA)**
- National legislative advocacy and promotion
- Subgrants to Chapters and CACs
- Establish national standards based on evidence-based practices and standard practices in the field

**Regional CACs (RCACs)**
- Training and technical assistance to Chapters and CACs

**National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC)**
- National Training Center
- CALiO

**Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA)**
- Training and technical assistance to prosecuting attorneys
- National advocacy
Where VOCAA funds go

Congress Funds VOCAA at $21M

DOJ Administers $21M Grant

DOJ takes administrative and other costs of $3.48M (17%) from remaining grants, leaving $17.52M

$10.37M to NCA to Develop CACs & Improve Services

$700K to NCA for Accreditation & Membership

$900K to NCAC for National Training

$750K to APA for Prosecutorial Training

$4.8M to four Regional CACs*

$8.46M Directly to CACs and Chapters through NCA sub-grants

NCA Admin Cost of $1.24M (11.96%)

$674K to Programs and Projects that Benefit CACs
NCA receives about half of all VOCAA funds to make grants and run projects and programs that benefit CACs. Other partners also receive funds, and DOJ holds back a significant portion (in red) for its own costs.
What's the funding process (and how long does it take)?

The cycle begins each year when Congress appropriates new funds for the next year's federal budget.

The process is like a stopwatch...the timing is set in motion when Congress hits the start button. That's why RFPs are released at different times each year. Congress and DOJ act at their own pace & must complete work before NCA releases its RFPs.

The process is complex, but linear and predictable, with 12 steps...
How NCA gets grant funds flowing

1. **Step 1**
   - NCA Makes Awards!
   - Congress Appropriates Funds
     - Anytime between Oct. - April
   - DOJ Issues RFP
     - Usually June - Nov

2. **Step 2**
   - DOJ Notifies NCA
   - NCA Responds

3. **Step 3**
   - DOJ Approves RFPs
   - NCA Submits RFPs for Approval

4. **Step 4**
   - CACs/Chapters Apply
   - Usually Nov - Feb

5. **Step 5**
   - NCA Releases RFPs
   - Usually Feb - April

6. **Step 6**
   - Reviewers Score Applications

7. **Step 7**
   - Action steps for CACs & Chapters

8. **Step 8**
   - Key points in the annual funding cycle

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The 12 steps of the funding cycle

1. CACs, Chapters, and NCA advocate to Congress for continued VOCAA funding
2. Congress appropriates VOCAA Funding
3. OJJDP issues an RFP for National Subgrants Program funding for CACs and Chapters
4. NCA submits a proposal in response to the RFP
5. OJJDP reviews grant proposals and notifies NCA if awarded
6. OJJDP approves the award budget
7. NCA submits CAC and Chapter RFPS to OJJDP for approval
8. OJJDP reviews, edits, and approves the RFPS
9. NCA released approved RFPS to CACs and Chapters
10. CACs and Chapters submit proposals to NCA to apply for funding
11. Peer and expert grant reviewers score applications
12. NCA makes awards to CACs and Chapters!
Today, National Subgrants Program funding is now divided into two major categories: competitive grants for individual CACs, and flat and formula-based grants for Chapter direct support and projects.

- **$2,500,000**: Administrative funds to Chapters ($50,000 each)
- **$4,928,000**: Allocated to Chapters for statewide projects ($7,000 per each Accredited Member)
- **$1,030,000**: funds available directly to CACs
Why did it change?

CACs (and children served) are growing! But with flat funding growth, there's less per CAC each year. To use funds more efficiently, most VOCAA funding was moved to statewide projects led by you...the Chapter!
State Chapter Support for CAC Quality Improvement and Accreditation Advancement

Total funds available (for subawards and direct support of CACs): $4,928,000

• **GOAL:** To improve the quality of service provision within CACs national-wide through state-based projects, programs, trainings, and service provision.

• **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** NCA Accredited Chapters

• **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT:** Based on a formula
Eligible Statewide Projects

- Training and technical assistance to CACs in preparing to meet 2017 Standards for Accreditation
- Implementation or expansion of OMS
- Customized in-depth gap analysis for CAC development, growth, and improvement within the state
- Telemedicine projects to improve medical and/or mental health access
- Statewide forensic interviewer peer review
- Statewide expert medical consultation
- Statewide case consultation/supervision for mental health service provision
- Statewide implementation of Evidence-based Mental Health Assessments
Eligible Statewide Trainings

- Training in one of the approved evidence-based mental health treatment models (TF-CBT, CFTSI, PCIT, CSBP-CBT)
- Family Engagement in the mental health process; Motivational Interviewing and use of mental health screening instruments
- Cultural competency and diversity
- Victim Advocacy
- Forensic Interviewing
- Vicarious trauma and resiliency
- Legal liability for CACs/MDTs
- Other CAC/MDT trainings not available through RCACs or Victims of Child Abuse Act funded agency (NCAC, APA)
Subawards

Chapters can provide subawards to strengthen and enhance accredited CACs for the following activities:

• CAC management and administrative support
• Direct provision of services not currently funded by VOCA
• Adapting the Child Focused Setting to provide services to youth with problematic sexual behaviors

CACs must document that lack of a subaward will present a hardship.
In Summary

Chapters may use funds to:

• Fund statewide projects and programs that benefit CACs, including new projects or expansion of existing projects;

• Fund training for CACs, including provision of statewide training, and travel stipends for state or national training;

• Provide subawards to CACs for whom a hardship exists and where funds do not supplant existing VOCA funds.
State Chapter Administrative Support

Total funds available: $2,500,000

- **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** NCA Accredited Chapters
- **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT:** $50,000
2018 Award Types for Individual CACs

Total funds available: $1,030,000

- Program Improvement
- Program Development
- Program Expansion
- Tribal Expansion of CAC Services
- Improving CAC Response to Children with SBP
- Improving CAC Response to Physical Abuse
- Coordination of CAC Services for Military Installations
- MDT Response in District of Columbia, U.S. Territories, and States without a Chapter
Program Improvement Awards

Total funds available: $150,000

- **GOAL**: Develop and support adoption of evidence-based mental health practices (e.g. TF-CBT, CFTSI)

- **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** NCA Accredited Member CACs, NCA Associate/Developing Member CACs, NCA Affiliate Member CACs, NCA Satellite Member CACs, Non-Member Multidisciplinary Teams (multidisciplinary teams in areas in which there are no existing CACs), Tribal Multidisciplinary Teams

- **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT**: $25,000 (You may request less than this amount)
Program Development Awards

Total funds available: $125,000

- **GOAL:** To provide access to CAC services in previously unserved or underserved areas

- **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** NCA Accredited Member CACs applying to act as a host agency to a Satellite center

- **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT:** $25,000 (You may request less than this amount)
Program Expansion Awards

Total funds available: $150,000

- **GOAL:** To expand the provision of services and access to an existing CAC with an emphasis on unserved and underserved areas (rural and remote regions).

- **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** NCA Associate/Developing Member CACs, NCA Affiliate Member CACs, NCA Satellite Member CACs

- **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT:** $25,000 (You may request less than this amount)
Tribal Expansion of CAC Services

Total funds available: $70,000

• **GOAL:** To support the expansion of CAC services to tribal communities.

• **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** Federally recognized tribes, CACs or Multidisciplinary Teams serving tribal communities

• **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT:** $10,000 for first-year grantees; $25,000 for second-year grantees
Expansion of CAC Services to Military Installations

Total funds available: $300,000

- **GOAL:** To establish or expand the provision of CAC services to military installations
- **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** NCA Accredited Member CACs
- **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT:** $75,000
Improving the CAC Response to Children with Sexual Behavioral Problems

Total funds available: $100,000

- **GOAL:** To support development of a coordinated response to children with problematic sexual behaviors through implementation of CSBP-CBT, an evidence-based mental health model

- **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** NCA Accredited Member CACs

- **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT:** $25,000
Improving the CAC Response to Physical Abuse (PA)

Total funds available: $125,000

- **GOAL:** To support development of a coordinated response to PA through implementation of an evidence-based mental health model (PCIT or AF-CBT)
- **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** NCA Accredited Member CACs
- **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT:** $25,000
CAC Response for States Without a Chapter, D.C., and U.S. Territories

Total funds available: $10,000

• **GOAL:** To improve the quality of the CAC or MDT response; to support provision of services in geographical areas without an Accredited NCA Chapter; and to increase access to the services of an NCA Accredited CAC.

• **WHO’S ELIGIBLE?** NCA Accredited Member CACs in District of Columbia, NCA Associate/Developing Member CACs, NCA Affiliate Member CACs, MDTs in U.S. Territories with no CAC

• **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT:** $10,000
Encourage your CACs to apply

While non-competitive grants to individual CACs are no longer available through the National Subgrants Program, most if not all of your local member CACs are eligible for some of the more than $1M in competitive funding toward specific goals.

Encourage your members to advance their practice by applying for these funds!
Hardship Waivers for Individual CACs

- The CAC contacts the Chapter to discuss how they plan to use these funds before submitting an application and hardship waiver.

- The Chapter refers to NCA’s published hardship guidelines, available in the hardship FAQ to ensure the request meets these guidelines.

- For those requests that meet guidelines, the Chapter reviews and shares the information as part of their application to NCA. This needs to be clearly identified in the budget narrative.

- For those that clearly do not meet NCA and any Chapter guidelines the Chapter declines the request.

- For any that do not fall within the published NCA guidelines, please seek guidance from NCA prior to approving a waiver.
Hardship Waivers for Individual CACs

• Funds granted to subawardees are no longer available to apply to statewide projects.

• Subaward amounts to individual CACs may vary.

• Review our FAQ for more on qualifying circumstances and examples.
Questions?
Empowering local communities to serve child victims of abuse.