Equipment & Technology Support
Program-Specific Budget Considerations

This guidance provides budget development considerations specific to Equipment and Technology Support awards. Unlike NCA's Allowable and Unallowable Costs document which lists specific cost items, this program-specific guidance focuses on strategic budget planning principles and best practices for this award type.

Use this guidance alongside NCA's [Allowable and Unallowable Costs](#) list when developing your budget. While the Allowable and Unallowable Costs list tells you **what** costs are permissible, this document helps you determine **how** to structure your budget effectively for program success and compliance with award requirements.

Consider these guidelines as you make budget decisions to ensure your proposed costs align with program objectives and funding priorities.

General Considerations

This award is specific to Equipment. Applicants should utilize funding to support the work of the CACs by purchasing or upgrading the necessary equipment including hardware, software and related services. Applicants should note this funding is not to be used to provide general annual subscriptions for equipment already in place but should instead facilitate the ability to improve equipment and technology. Please review the following for more details.

Medical Examination Equipment:

- Forensic camera systems (including portable systems)
- Telemed forensic exam equipment
- Forensic alternate light sources
- Colposcopes (including digital/video)
- Medscopes
- Exam Tables

Forensic Interviewing Systems:

- Recording equipment
- Observation systems
- First-time installation/upgrade of HIPAA-compliant digital evidence management
- Smartboards for improved interaction and recording during interviews

Case/Peer Review:

- First-time installation/upgrade of technology to facilitate remote viewing and HIPAA-compliant digital recording storage and sharing of recordings/images

Victim Advocacy Technology:

- Mobile advocacy equipment

Mental Health Service Equipment:

- PCIT rooms
- Telehealth platforms

Operations:

- First-time installation/upgrade of human resources or accounting software

Electronic OMS Survey Completion:

- Dedicated tablet or laptop and necessary accessories for storage, charging and security to by used for survey completion by caregivers/youth