Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Alaska Department of Public Safety REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS APPLICATION QUESTIONS Community-based Victim Services Grant Program FY19 – FY21

1. Describe the causal conditions in your service area that contribute to domestic, sexually and other violent crimes? (10 points)

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Describe the nature of the needs and gaps in services that exist in your service area regarding domestic, sexual, and other violent crime. Use data, trends, surveys, assessments, stories and other forms of information to justify and document the needs and gaps you have identified. (20 points)

Question 2 continued:

3.a. Using the information in questions 1 and 2, describe the types of core services, programming, initiatives and approach you plan to offer, using funds from the CDVSA.(25 points)

Question 3.a continued:

- **3.b.** Describe how you have planned and developed your strategic approach and what steps will be necessary for implementing a coordinated approach to service delivery? Services that may include and/or others:
 - I. Emergency/crisis services;
 - II. Shelter services;
 - III. Advocacy services (adult and child);
 - IV. Legal advocacy;
 - V. Support services for participants with substance abuse and mental health needs;
 - VI. Referrals to treatment and other services not available in shelter;
 - VII. Other.

(25 points)

Question 3.b continued:

4.a. How are victims of domestic sexual violence in your community informed of your services? Describe your outreach activities, including how you raise community awareness of your programming and available services. **(20 points)**

4.b. If your service area includes multiple communities (i.e. a hub community offering services to other rural/remote villages), how are victims of domestic and sexual violence in your broader service area informed of your services? Describe your outreach activities, including how you raise public awareness of your programming and available services.
(20 points)

5.a Which populations do you define as undeserved in your service area?
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(10 points)

5.b How do you plan to conduct outreach to these specific populations, ensuring your outreach and services are culturally and geographically responsive?(15 points)

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6. Describe how you coordinate and network with other agencies and programs in your service area to guarantee services are provided to victims (i.e. mental health agencies, substance abuse treatment providers, local courts, law enforcement agencies, criminal justice officials, crime victim's compensation, other victim services providers, etc.).

Question 6 continued:

7. How does your program evaluate its success in providing meaningful services to victims of domestic and sexually violent crimes in your service area?

*If, in the last 5 years, there has been an analysis/evaluation of the activities and services your agency provides by an outside source, please provide a link to the report online <u>OR</u> provide a copy of the report in a separate attachment. **(25 points)**

8. It is a federal requirement that grantees help victims they are serving apply for crime victim's compensation benefits (through the Alaska Violent Crimes Compensation Board). Describe how your process works (or will work) to assist victims access these services.
(10 points)

9. Utilizing volunteers in your program is a federal requirement unless the state determines there is a compelling reason to waive this requirement. Describe how volunteers will be recruited and utilized in your agency and its programming.
(10 points)

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10. Having a well-compensated, trained and supported workforce is critical to quality services for those individuals reaching out for crisis, emergency and crime-related services. Describe how your agency is working to improve pay, benefits, training and self-care for your staff. How will these actions improve both recruitment and retention of your agency's workforce?
(20 points)

Describe your organization's fiscal and administrative practices that ensure responsibility, build capacity and work towards a sustainable fiscal future; include a description of your agency's structure, lines of authority and decision making process.
(15 points)