

Certification #1

I hereby certify that the data in this application is true and correct and that this document has been authorized by the governing body of the applicant organization.

Certification #2

I certify that this application meets all the requirements of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984, 42 U.S.C. 10604, or the State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA), R.C. 109.91, as applicable, and the implementing guidelines and as the applicant will comply with the provisions of the Acts and all applicable laws.

Certification#3

I, the undersigned authorized official signing for the applicant organization, certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the applicant, defined as the primary participant in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Part 76, and its principals:

1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency
2. Have not, within the preceding three years, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
3. Have not, within a 3-year period preceding this proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
4. Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification.
5. Have not, within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

If the applicant is not able to provide these certifications, an explanation as to why should be placed after the assurances page in the application package.

The applicant agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include, without modification, the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions" in all lower tier covered transactions (i.e., transactions contractors) and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Part 76.

Further, the applicant recognizes that recipients and subrecipients of federal grants have been awarded funds to carry out the goals and objectives identified in the grant. These funds are subject to certain regulations, oversight, and audit. In addition, the applicant acknowledges that:

- Grant recipients and subrecipients are stewards of federal funds.
- Grant dollars must be used for their intended purpose.
- Subrecipients must account for cost and justify expenditures by following proper accounting and documentation standards
- Using grant funds for unjust enrichment, personal gain, or other than intended use is a form of theft, subject to criminal and civil prosecution under the laws of the United States

Federal grant dollars are susceptible to several forms of financial theft, most commonly in the form of specific federal violations, including embezzlement, theft, bribery, false statements, false claims, mail fraud, and wire fraud. Each of these violations of law are subject to criminal prosecution, fines, restitution, and civil penalties.

Suspected grant fraud or abuse should be reported to the Ohio Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Reports may be made in a confidential manner. The Ohio Attorney General's Crime Victims Section requires that all sub-recipients post the 'Grant Fraud Reporting Contacts Poster' in a public place where all employees have access to contact information.