

# Services to Victims of Crime Project Update

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Dear Service Provider,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Services to Victims of Crime Initiative and to let you know about our plans as we head into the New Year.

Over the past year, we have continued to work through the feedback received through consultation toward the development of a procurement plan for contracted victim services and violence against women programs.

In November last year, we notified all service providers that we planned to proceed with open procurement in existing service areas at current funding amounts and that we would not be proceeding with the creation of new service areas or the implementation of a new funding formula at this time. We issued 16-month contracts for these services which remain in place through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and indicated we would be in touch again to let you know about plans for contracts and procurement beyond this date.

We have received, and continue to receive, a great deal of important feedback from the sector. A procurement plan is a big change to the way we contract for services and it is important for us to take the time to get it right. To this end, we are not proceeding with general open procurement activities for contracted victim services and violence against women programs at this time. Instead, we plan to extend current contracts through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Contract extensions will likely be managed through modification agreements to existing contracts as opposed to the formal program application process used in past years. You can expect to receive more details about this process in the New Year.

Thank you for continuing to work with us throughout this process. We remain committed to ensuring all organizations are informed and prepared for any future changes to procurement processes well in advance. If you have any questions at this time, please contact your Program Manager.

Sincerely,



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