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19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AWARDS GRANTS FROM CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICES FUND

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's [Crime Victims Services Fund Committee](#) annually provides grants to victims' services programs as provided by law. Funds can be used to create new programming or enhance an agency's current programming.

Grant funding is available to non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status, local government agencies, and agencies providing services to the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. The maximum annual individual grant amount will be \$50,000. The number of grants and amounts awarded will be subject to available funding.

"I am honored to share that Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center and Prairie State Legal Services were each awarded funding for their proposals to provide services to crime victims and their families in Lake County. In 2023, the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit awarded \$100,000 to these organizations. Additional monies are available to continue to assist agencies to sustain their existing programs or implement new services," said Chief Judge Daniel B. Shanes.

[Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center, or the ZCenter](#), is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides survivors of sexual assault and their families with direct medical and legal advocacy services. Counselors and staff work to alleviate the trauma of sexual assault and abuse on survivors and to prevent re-traumatization as they heal.

[Prairie State Legal Services](#) (PSLS) is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to ensure equal access to justice and fair treatment under the law by providing legal advice and representation, advocacy, education, and outreach that serve to protect basic human needs and enforce or uphold rights.

The full instructions of the Crime Victims' Services Funding application are available on our [website](#). Completed applications are due no later than April 1, 2024, and grants will be awarded by May 1, 2024. Applications must be submitted via email to CrimeVictimsServicesFund@lakecountyil.gov.

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