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19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT'S CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICES FUND

In 2010, in accordance with Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Administrative Order [2009-40](#) and pursuant to [730 ILCS 5/5-510; 730 ILCS 5-5-6-3; 730 ILCS 5/5-6-3.1](#), a Crime Victim's Services Fund was created. The [Crime Victims Services Fund Committee](#) is administered by judges, probation employees, and court staff. The Circuit began collecting the \$2 fee and was able to accumulate sufficient funds to make meaningful contributions to local victims' services programs.

Grant funding is available to Lake County non-profit organizations with a 501(c)3 status, local government agencies, and agencies providing services to the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. A maximum annual individual grant amount will not exceed \$50,000. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the Chief Judge upon recommendation of the Committee. The number of grants and amounts awarded will be subject to available funding. Funds can be used to create new programming or enhance an agency's current programming.

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit began awarding qualifying applicant groups with funding in 2022. Since the distribution of funds began, 11 programs from six organizations have been granted \$466,336. Examples of programs funded are counseling for victims of crime, advocacy for victims who have faced the trauma of sexual violence, advocacy services to children impacted by abuse and neglect, a lasting memorial for victims of violence, raising awareness for child abuse, and civil legal services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

"I am proud to announce that the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit is again calling for grant applications. The money available through the Crime Victims' Fund continues to make a positive impact not only on the Lake County recipient organizations but, more importantly, the victims they serve. Crime victims require support, and with this funding, local agencies can request resources to sustain existing programs or implement new services," said Chief Judge Daniel B. Shanes.

Please visit our website to read the complete Crime Victims' Services Funding Application instructions. Completed applications are due no later than May 1, 2025, and grants will be awarded by June 1, 2025. Applications are to be submitted via email to CrimeVictimsServicesFund@lakecountyil.gov.

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