

# Federal Money Available for Victims

The U.S. Department of Justice is providing Iowa with money to assist programs that provide services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse, child abuse and other violence related crimes. The money is made available through two offices within the Department of Justice - the Office for Victims of Crime and the Office on Violence Against Women.

Funds made available from the Office for Victims are to be used by programs that provide

direct services to victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and child abuse and to previously-underserved crime victims.

Funds made available from the Office of Violence Against Women are to be used by programs, victim service providers, prosecutors, and law enforcement agencies that provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

A big restriction on the federal funds is that it cannot be used to replace existing governmental funding. Applications are due by 4:30pm on April 15, 2009, at the Crime Victim Assistance Division within the Attorney General's Office.

For more information about these funds, please visit <http://victimservicegrant.iowa.gov/RecoveryStimulusFunds.aspx>, or contact Donna Phillips at 515-281-5044.