# Grant Solicitation Workshop February 7, 2020



Department of Crime Victim Assistance Grants
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
State Victims Assistance Program (SVAP)



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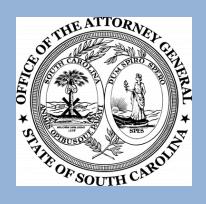
#### **Important Grant Dates**

AGO Grants opens for applications on February 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

All Applications are due no later than April 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.\*

Grant projects begin on October 1, 2020\*\*

\*AGO Portal closes – no exceptions
\*\*Contingent upon the availability of federal funds



#### Eligible Applicants

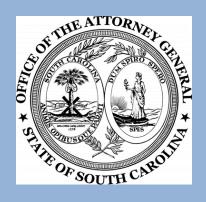
- Units of Local Government (Counties, Cities, Towns)
- Private, Non-Profit Agencies
- State Agencies
- Tribal Organizations



# Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

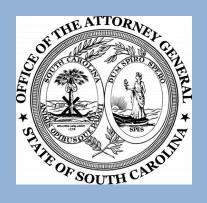
# FFY2020 total expected to be \$26 million

\*Continuation grants will take priority



# State Victims Assistance Program (SVAP)

# FY2021 total expected to be \$500 thousand



### VOCA and SVAP Program Priority Areas

- Sexual Assault
- Spousal Abuse
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Underserved Victims of Violent Crime



#### VOCA and SVAP Allowable Projects

Programs that provide direct services to victims of violent crime



## VOCA and SVAP Unallowable Projects

- Prosecution
- Investigation
- Lobbying activities
- Fundraising
- Capital expenses including capital improvements
- Property losses and expenses
- Real estate purchases
- Mortgage payments



## VOCA and SVAP Requirements

- **❖** Agencies must be able to demonstrate a record of providing effective <u>services to victims of violent crime</u>.
- Agencies must provide documentation of substantial financial support from sources other than VOCA/SVAP.
- **❖** Agencies must document that <u>at least 25%</u> of the agency's funding comes from other sources:
  - May include other federal funds
  - May include state/local funding
  - Non-federal funding support may be used towards the match requirement



### Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

# FFY2020 total expected to be \$2.4 million



### VAWA Priority Program Areas

- VAWA funds may be used for projects that primarily focus on female victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and/or stalking.
- There are 20 priority purpose areas listed on the OVW website.

http://www.justice.gov/ovw



### Allowable v. Unallowable Projects-VAWA

#### Allowable:

Projects serving victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Teen Dating violence above the age of 11.

#### **Unallowable:**

Services to children under the age of 11.



### Allowable Expenditures VOCA-VAWA-SVAP

- ❖ Salary
- Fringe benefits
- Equipment (items over \$2,500 not allowed)
- Training expenses
- ❖ Travel
- Software
- Contractual services
- Communication expenses
- Publication/Printing expenses
- Supplies
- Indirect cost (based on Personnel costs only)
- Administrative costs



### Unallowable Expenditures VOCA-VAWA-SVAP

- Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Out of state travel
- Activities that endanger victims or hinder survivorship
- Purchases on behalf of another organization or for another organization's use
- **❖** Billboards
- Overtime, shift differential pay, bonuses
- Promotional items
- Prevention activities (allowable under VAWA)



### Pre-Award Required Documents

- Organizational Chart
- Volunteer Job Descriptions (VOCA & SVAP only)
- Job Descriptions
- 501C3 Documentation (Non-Profit only)
- Travel Policy (Only if travel is included in the application)
- Lease (Only if Rent or Utilities are included in the application)



#### Documents No Longer Required

- Signed Memorandum of Agreements
- Board of Director Letter
- Outcome Based Evaluations (VAWA)
- Non-Governmental Inclusion Letter (VAWA)
- Legal Project Certification (VAWA)



- Match funds are additional funds not previously allocated to activities funded under another project.
- Match funds cannot be other federal funds
- Match funds used to match another project cannot be used
- Native American tribal organizations are exempt from match requirements



#### **VOCA and SVAP Match Requirements:**

Requires a 20% cash or in-kind match

#### **VAWA Match Requirements:**

- Requires a 25% cash or in-kind match
- Non-profit victims service agencies in the Direct Services category are exempt



#### **Cash Match:**

Hard Match that is listed on each line and totaled at the end of each category.

#### **Sources of Cash Match:**

- Funds from state or local units of government.
- Funds contributed from private sources.



#### **In-Kind Match:**

❖ Soft Match that is listed once in the application
If volunteer hours or salary match is used, list in the "Personnel" section
If rent is used, list once in the "Other" section.

#### **Sources of In-Kind Match:**

- Volunteer hours\* (Allowable volunteer activities used as match are valued at \$25 per hour.)
- Salary match from supporting staff funded with allowable sources.
- ❖ In-kind Rent (if rented space is being donated).

\*Project Directors, Board members, and grant-funded staff cannot be used as volunteers for match purposes



**❖ VOCA/SVAP is 80/20 ❖ VAWA is 75/25** 

#### How to Calculate Match

Formula					
Step 1	Award Amount	÷	% of Federal Share	=	Total (Adjusted) Project Cost
Step 2	Total (Adjusted) Project Cost	х	% of Recipient's Share	=	Required Match
Example					
Match Requirement - 80/20 (Federal/Recipient) Federal Award = \$100,000					
Step 1	\$100,000	÷	80% Federal Share	=	\$125,000
Step 2	\$125,000	х	20% Recipient's Share	=	\$25,000



#### **VOCA Match Waivers**

- New projects or substantially-increased projects may request a match waiver.
- The match waiver request must be submitted as an attachment with the application in AGO Grants.
- For a form and sample letter, please contact Joe Corey at <a href="mailto:jcorey@scag.gov">jcorey@scag.gov</a>
- Please be advised that if the match waiver is denied, the agency will be responsible for entire required match.



#### **Calculating Match**

- ❖Grantor Amount Divided by 0.8 = X
- ❖X multiplied by 20% = Match

#### ❖Example:

- ➤ Grantor amount is \$100,000
- >\$100,000 / 0.80 = \$125,000
- >\$125,000 x 20% = \$25,000
- >\$25,000 is the match requirement



#### Personnel

### Grant funded personnel cannot be claimed as in-kind match.

- Example: 60% of J. Smith is funded via VOCA. The agency cannot claim the other 40% as in-kind match.
- The agency may use the non federal portion of partially funded personnel as cash match.
  - This cash matching portion may not be used as a match for other federal programs.



#### **Employer Contributions**

- Agency must list all of the fringe benefits in the narrative. Ex: Other will consist of LTD and AD&D
  - If the agency is using a combined fringe rate and listing it under "Other" documentation to support the percentage will be required.
- Workers Compensation Policy listing effective dates and rates will be required.



#### **Travel**

- List all of the items to be reimbursed in the grant period. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Airfare
  - Lodging
  - Per Diem
  - Parking
  - Baggage
  - Ground Transportation
  - Ride-share services (uber, taxi, etc.)



#### Equipment

- No equipment will be allowed in 2020 awards.
- The State considers equipment over \$2,500 and one year or more of useful life.



#### Other

- Rent and Utilities: Grant-funded personnel can receive a maximum of 150 sq. ft.
- Rent for multiple locations is allowable.
  - Only a total of 150 sq. ft. will be allowed for each grant funded personnel across all locations.
  - Utilities such as water, sewer, electricity, and gas will be reimbursed at rental percentage.
  - How to calculate rent?
    - Ex: The agency has 6 employees. The total square footage of the building is 3,500 and the monthly rent amount is \$2,300.

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6 x 150 = 900
900 / 3,500 = 25.7% or 26%
$2,300 x 26% = $598
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#### **Multiple Locations**

- Claiming rent, utilities, telecommunications, and other charges for personnel who work at multiple locations is allowable.
- ❖ The reimbursable rate for all items outside of utilities and rent will be determined by the percent of time spent at each location to not exceed 100% total.
  - For Example: J. Smith spends 60% at Columbia and 40% in Newberry. J. Smith will be calculated as 0.6 in Columbia's rent and 0.4 in Newberry's rent.



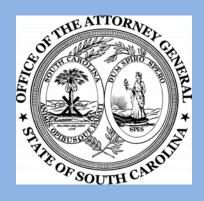
#### No Rent?

- If the agency is claiming utilities and does not claim rent:
  - A floorplan or rental agreement must be submitted to show square footage occupied for grant funded personnel to determine percentage of allowable utility reimbursement.



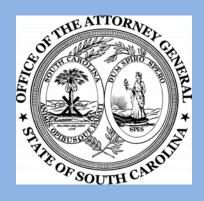
#### Other

- Reimbursement of other bills such as copier maintenance/lease, telecommunications, etc.
  - Reimbursed at the established rent percentage for that location OR;
  - The reimbursement will be at the prorated percentage of grant funded personnel utilizing the products or services at the location.
    - ➤ If the agency chooses the latter option, an excel spreadsheet or other supporting documentation must be provided with each RFP to show the grant-funded employee names along with the employees totals for each location.



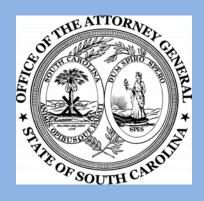
#### Other Cont'd

- Please ensure a descriptive narrative is provided for all items to be purchased.
  - i.e. Therapy supplies, stress balls, dolls, etc.
- Office Supplies A list will be supplied at grant opening of all allowable office supplies.
  - The items within the list provided do not need to be individually stated in the office supply line item narrative.
  - Any items not listed must be stated in the budget narrative for consideration and approval.



#### **Indirect Costs**

- Only payroll and fringe will be allowed.
- The agency can use their approved federally negotiated rate or the 10% de minimis.
  - De minimus rate can only be used if the agency has not previously had a federally negotiated rate.



#### Revisions

- A maximum of two revisions will be allowed for a grant award period.
  - The first revision requested by the awarding agency will not count toward the two revision maximum.
  - Revisions for emergency purchases will be waived in counting the two revision maximum.
- No revisions will be accepted after June 30<sup>th</sup> unless extenuating circumstances arise.



# QUESTIONS ?



Applications open February 7, 2020 12:00 p.m. Applications close April 1, 2020 5:00 p.m.\*

\*AGO Portal closes – no exceptions

## Sign In Overview



Navigate to

Https://AgoGrants .SCAG.GOV

- Please do not share Sign-in Credentials or Passwords
- Sign In with your agency user name and password

#### Sign In with Username and Password

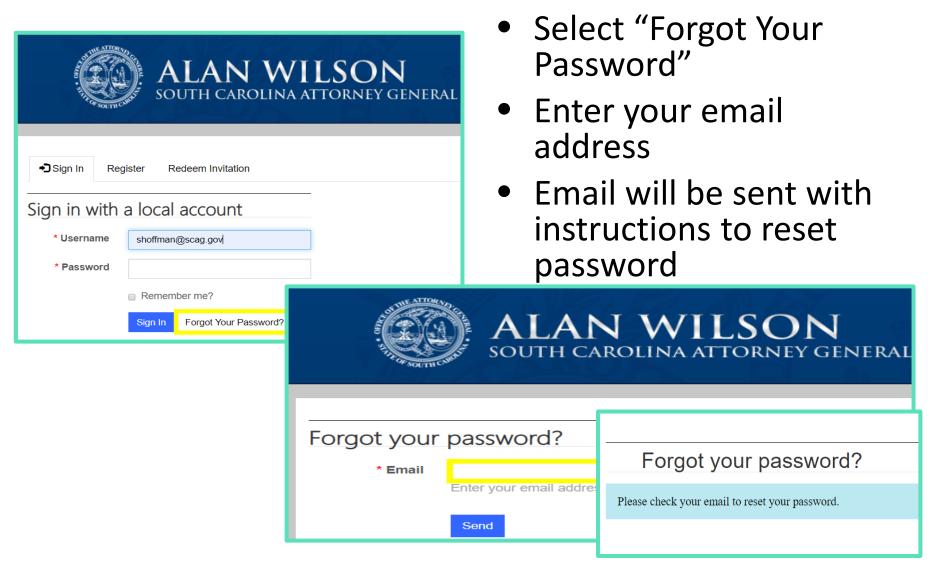


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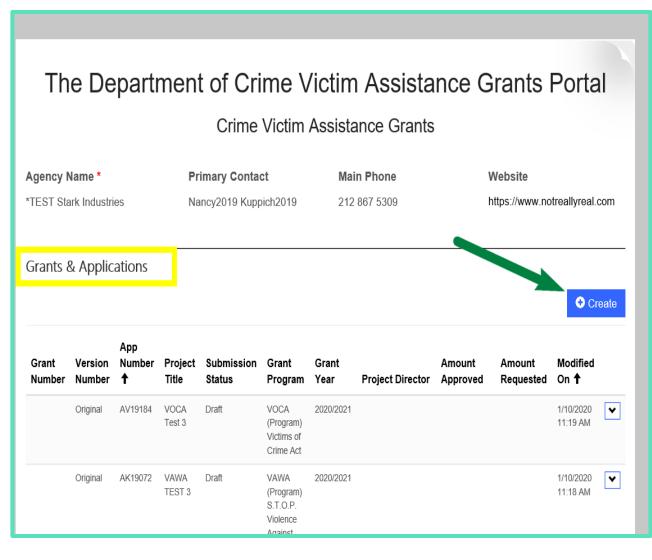
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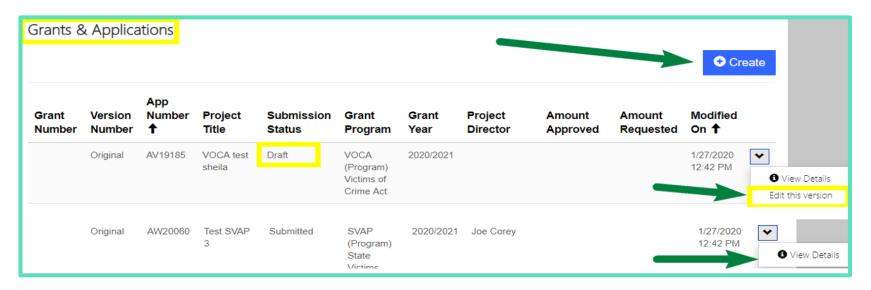
#### Reset Password



#### **Navigating Grants and Applications**



- Navigate to Grants and Applications Sections
- 2020-2021 Application Creation
- 2019-2020 Grant Revisions
- 2019-2020 Requests For Payment



- Navigate to Grants and Applications Section
- Options are:
  - Create a New Application
  - View Details
  - Edit this version when in Draft status

### **Section Navigation Tab**

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#### Section Navigation -

AGO Grants

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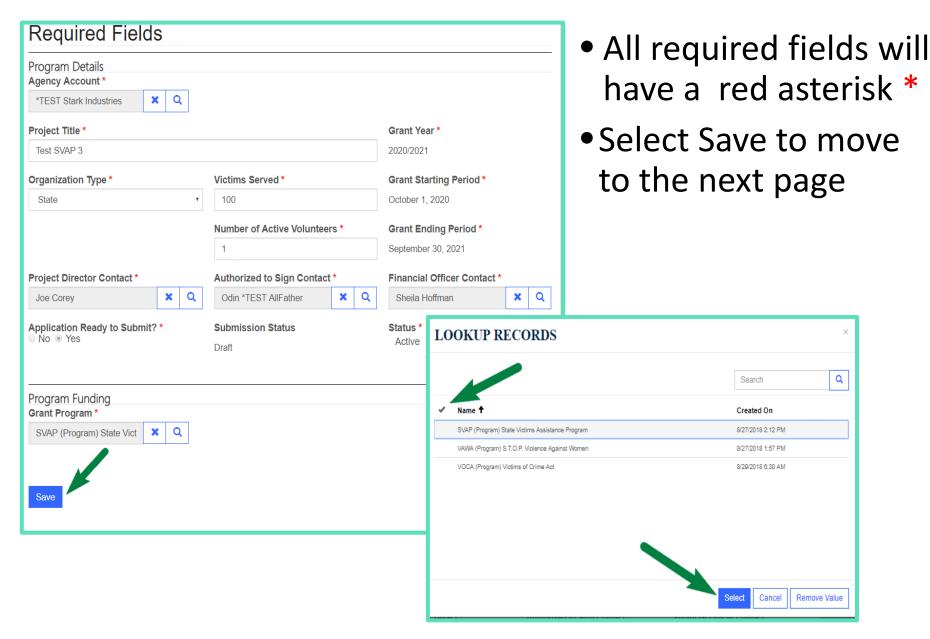
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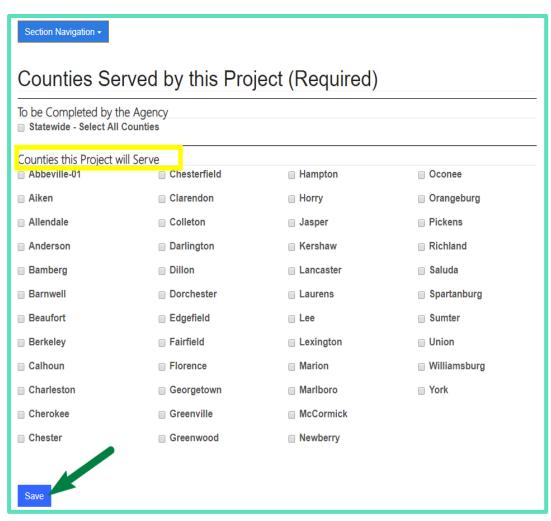
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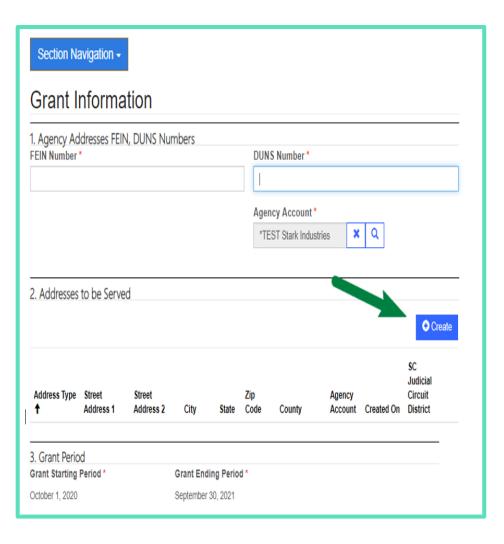
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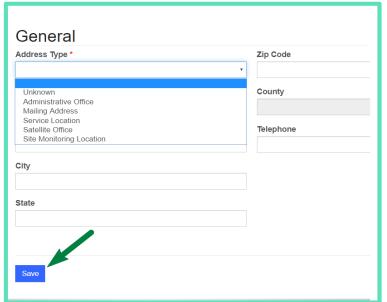


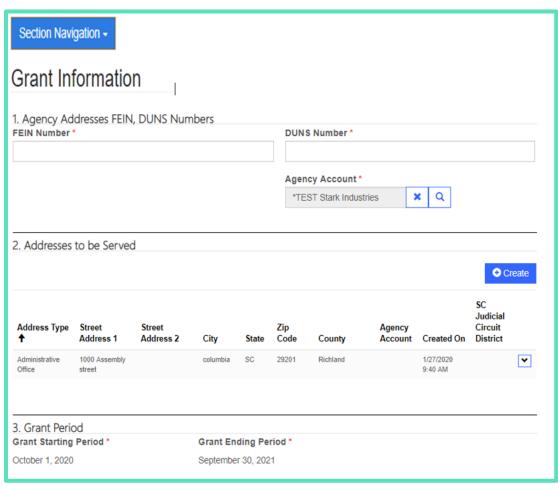


- Select the county or counties the project will serve
- Or select Statewide if project applies to all counties
- Select Save to move to the next page

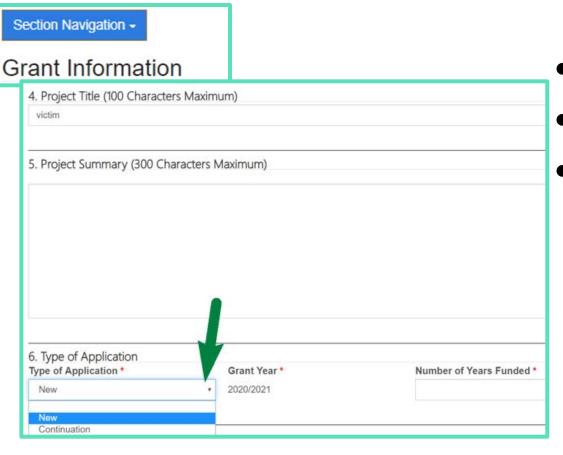


- Complete "Addresses to be Served" first
- Select Save to return to Grant Information page

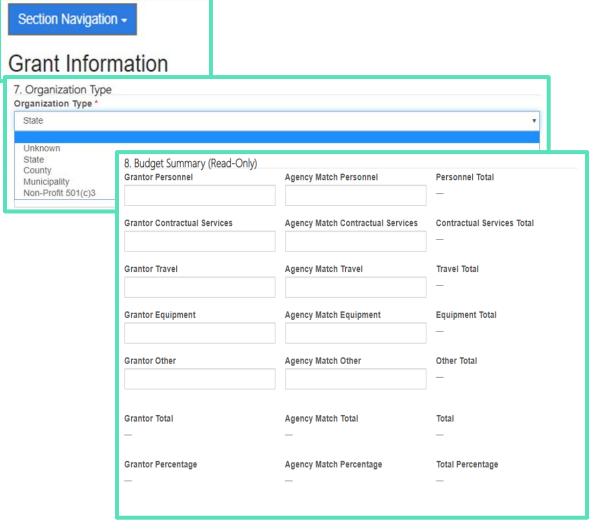




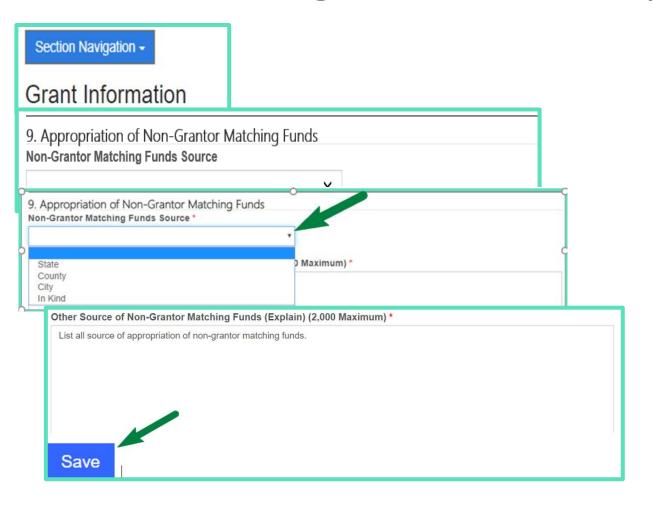
- Complete all sections
- FEIN and DUNS,Agency Account
- Grant Starting and Ending Period will auto populate



- Project Title
- Project Summary
- Type of Application & Number of Years
   Funded (0 for new)

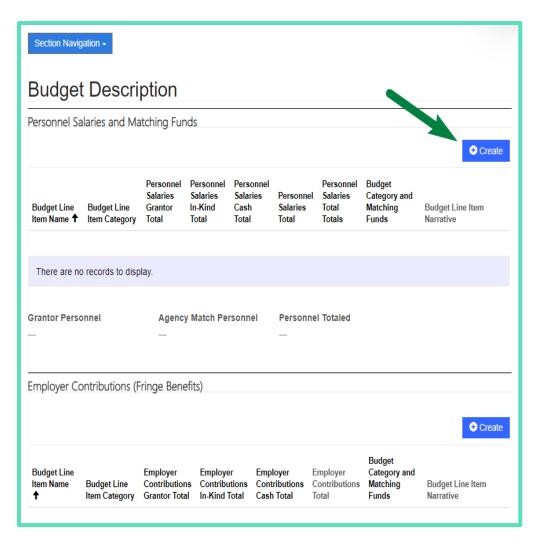


- Organization Type
- Budget Summary (Read-only)



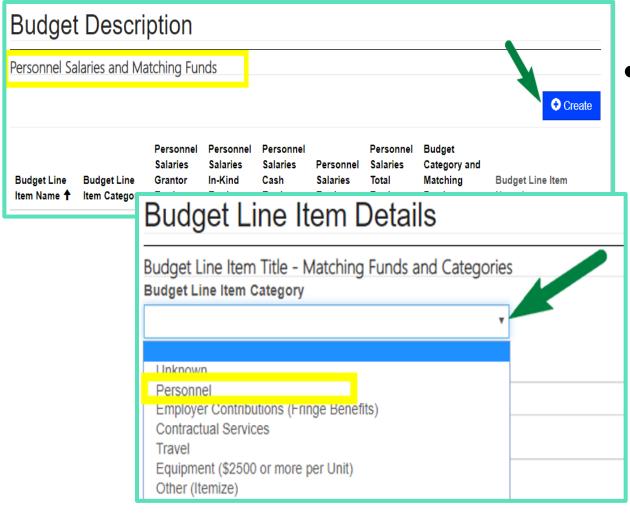
- Select appropriation of Non-Grantor Matching Funds
- Source of Non-Grantor Matching Funds: List all
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## **Creating Budget Line Items**



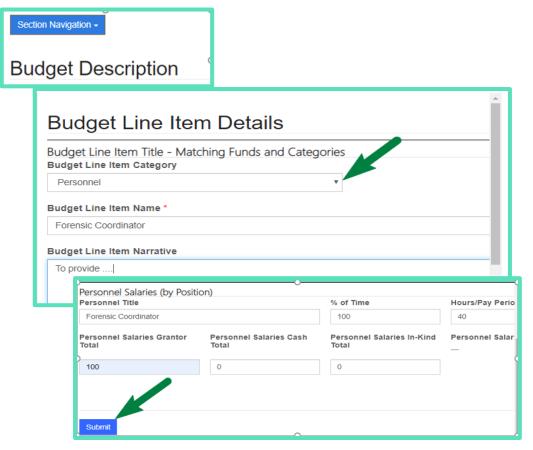
- Select Create to add new Line Item for:
  - Personnel Salaries
  - Employer
     Contributions (Fringe Benefits)
  - Contractual Services
  - Travel
  - Equipment
  - Other

## Creating Budget Line Item for Personnel



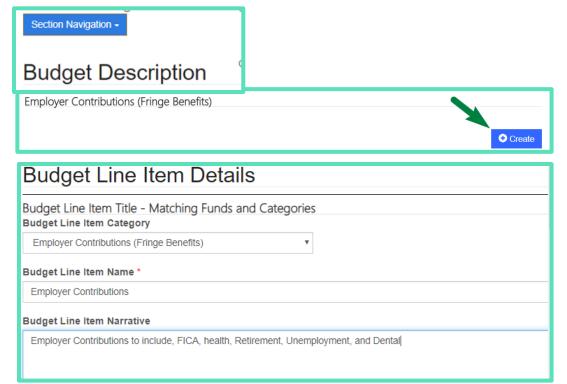
 Select Create to add new Line Item

#### Creating Budget Line Item for Personnel



- Personnel Title = Budget Line
   Item Name = Funded Job Title
- Complete all fields (apply zeros to non-applicable fields)
- Example:
- Full Time Grant Funded
   Position = 100% time on
   grant and 80 hours/Pay
   Period (bi-weekly)
- Partially Grant Funded
   Position = 50% time on grant and 40 hours/Pay Period (biweekly)
- Select submit to return to Budget Description page

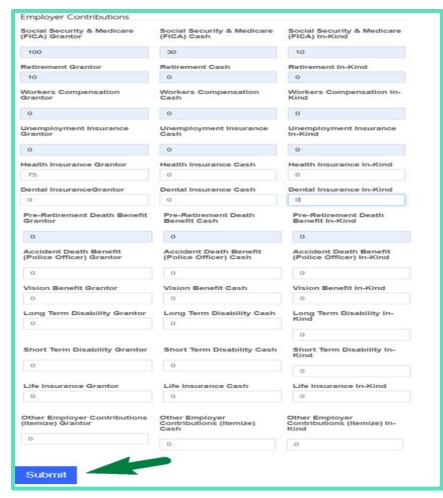
#### Creating Budget Line Item for Employer Contribution



- Budget Line Item Name Employer Contributions (Fringe Benefits)
- All applicable fringe benefits that will be charged must be listed in the narrative
- Health and Dental must be separated

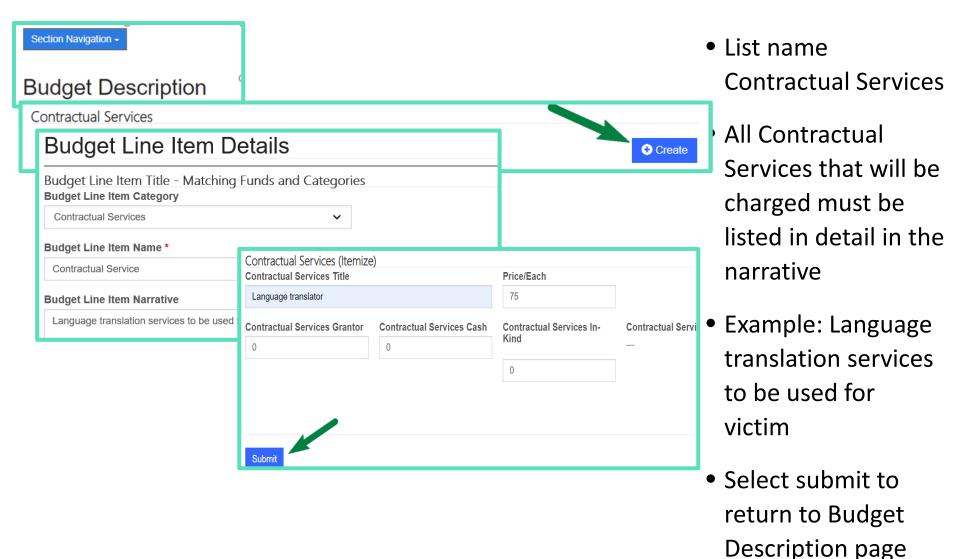
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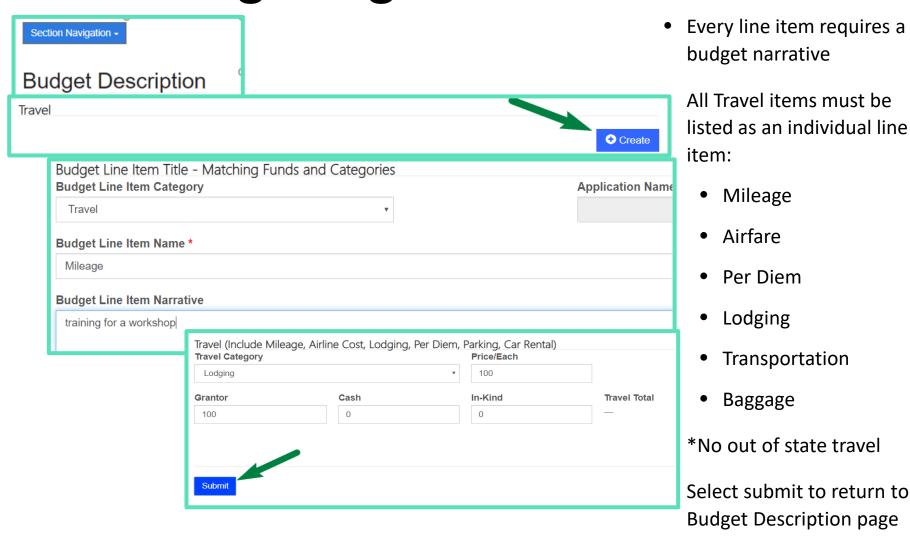


- Make sure grantor and match funds are entered on line item for each fringe the agency needs
- Enter zeros for fields not applicable
- Select submit to return to Budget Description page

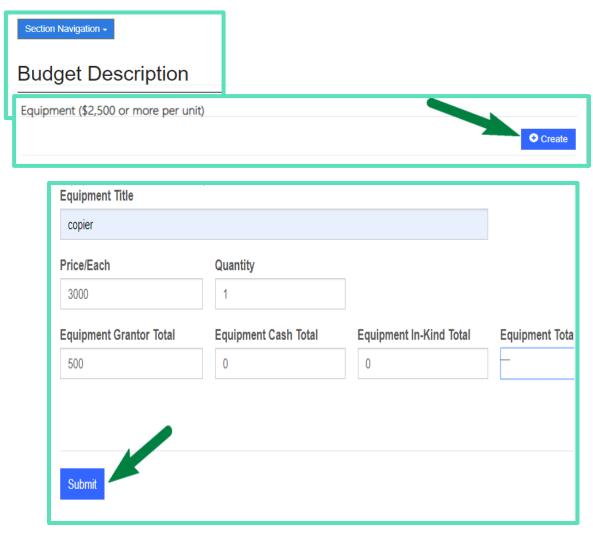
#### **Creating Budget Line Item for Contractual Services**



## Creating Budget Line Item for Travel

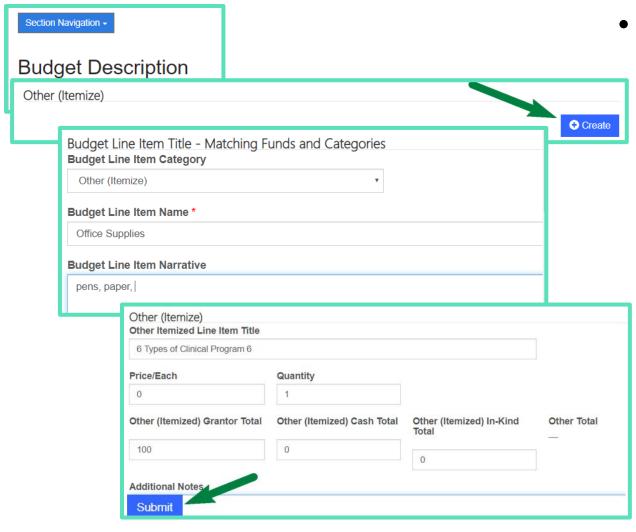


#### Creating Budget Line Item for Equipment



- New line details
- Description of each item and the quantity to be purchased
- No Equipment allowed over \$2,500
- Select submit to return to Budget Description page

#### Creating Budget Line Item for Other



 Each Other expense will need an individual line item
 description

Individual line items would be as follows:

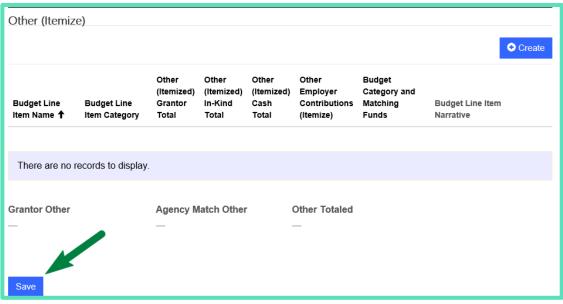
- Office Supplies
- Therapy Supplies
- Telecommunications
- Cell Phone Service
- Utilities
- Copier maintenance and Supplies
- Printing
- Rent

Each expense type must have a detailed descriptive narrative

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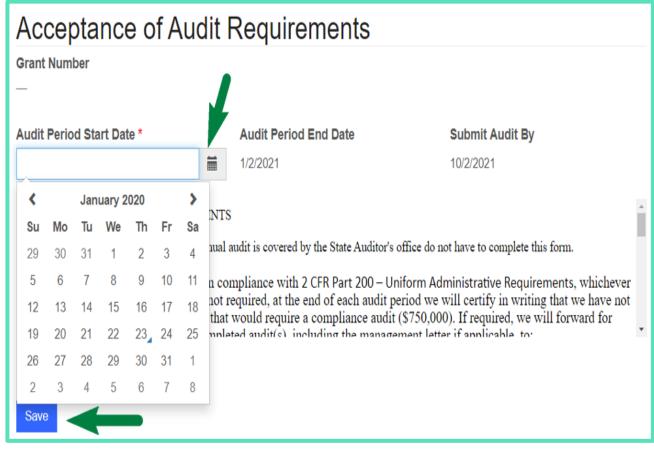
## **Creating Budget Line Items**





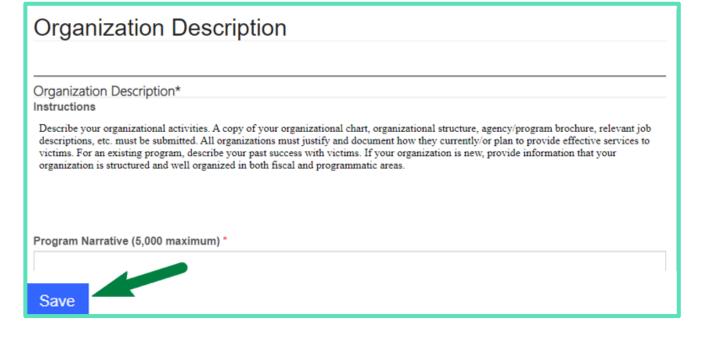
 Once you have entered all line items Select Save to move to the next page

## **Acceptance of Audit Requirements**



- Select AuditPeriod StartDate from thedropdown
- Select Save to move to the next page

## Organization Description



- Complete section
- Select Save to move to the next page

## Interagency Coordination

#### **Interagency Coordination**

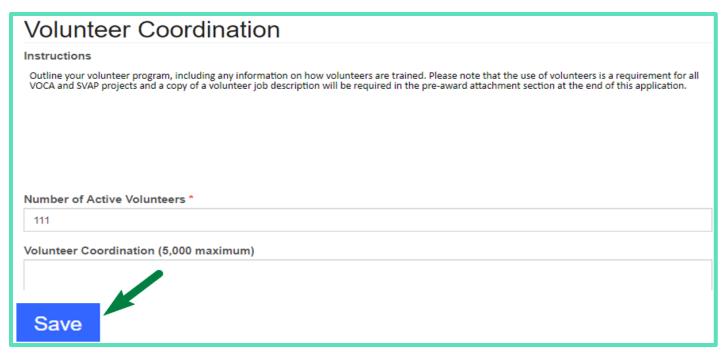
Outline exactly how your agency promotes interagency coordination in public or private efforts to aid victims of crime. Document your involvement in victims of crime organizations, task forces, coordinating groups, etc. Also, define any procedures your organization has implemented or plans to assist victims seeking assistance through the victim's compensation fund and other related organizations or victim services. If your project is funded, you will be required to submit a Memorandum of Agreement. This document must be customized for your region and signed by all agencies listed on this page.

Interagency Coordination (5,000 maximum) \*



- Complete section
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#### **Volunteer Coordination**



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#### **Problem Definition**

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#### Instructions

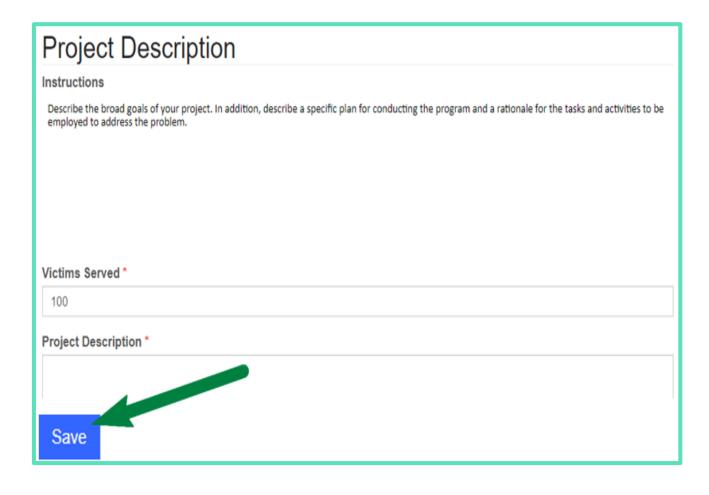
Describe the problem as it exists in your particular community. Identify the nature and magnitude of the specific program that you wish to address through the proposed project. Document any statements with valid, updated statistical data, outlining the source of your information.

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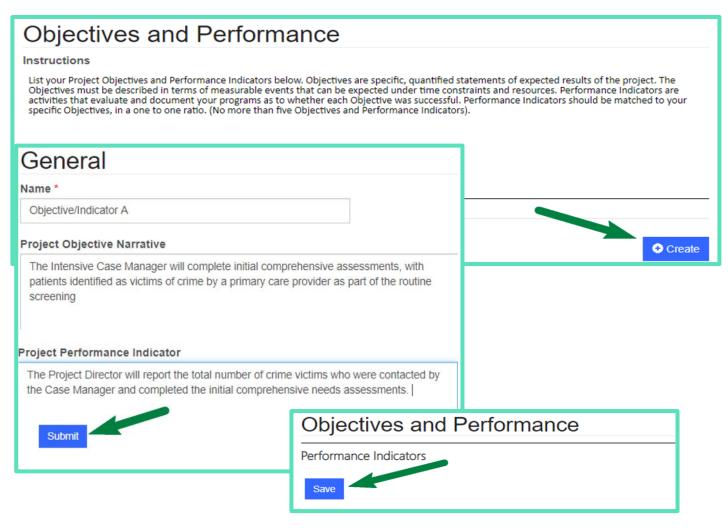


## **Project Description**



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# Objectives and Performance



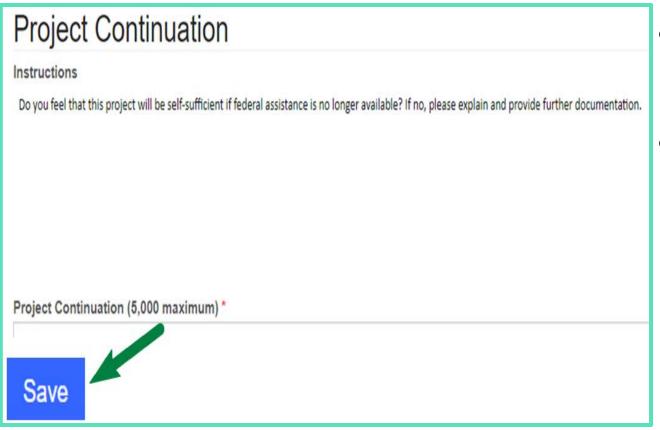
- Select Create
- Fill in Project
   Objective
   Narrative and
   Project
   Performance
   Indicator
- Select Submit to move back to Objectives and Performance
- Select Save on the Objective and Performance page

# Project Assessment and Evaluation

# Project Assessment and Evaluation Instructions Describe any planned methods or measurement tools that will be used to demonstrate how the project activities were successful. Please note that grant funds may not be used to perform needs assessments, surveys, evaluations, or studies Save

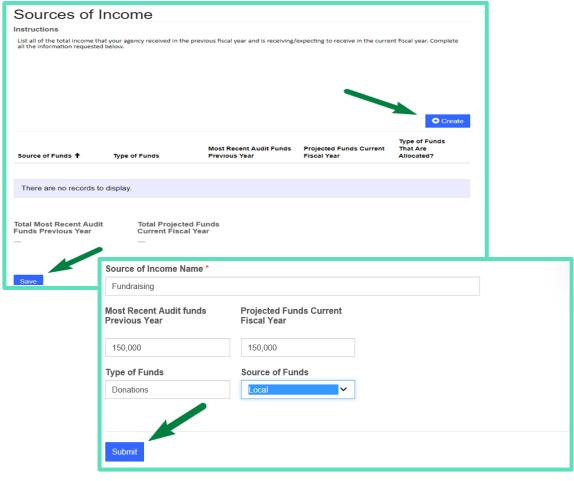
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### **Project Continuation**



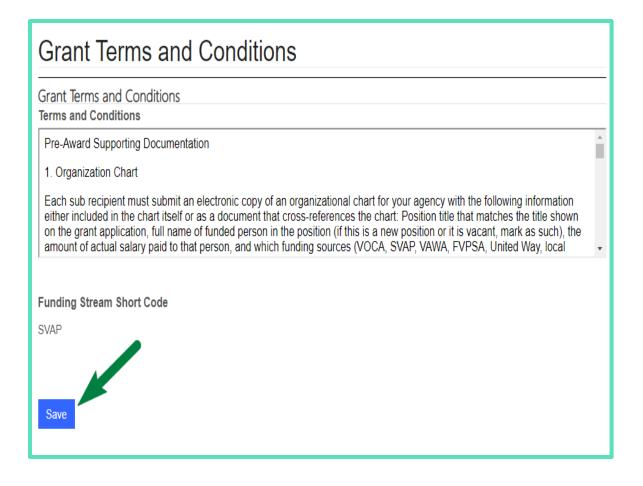
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#### Sources of Income



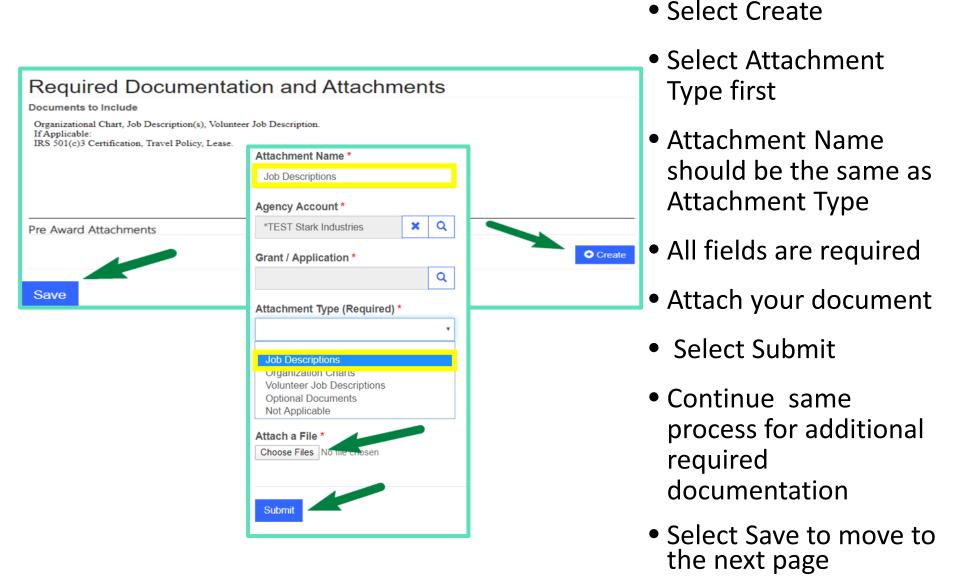
- Select Create
- Sources of Income Name=
   Awarding Source
- For Example: VOCA, VAWA, BCBS Foundation, Private Donations
- Type of Funds = Federal,
   State, Private
- Agency must enter previous year and current fiscal year funds
- Select Submit to return to Sources of Income page
- Select Save to move to the next page

#### Terms and Conditions

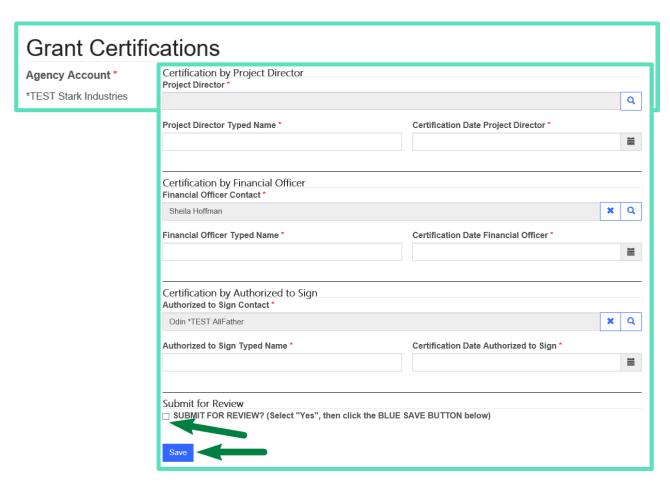


- Read ALL Grant Terms and Conditions
- You are required to comply with all conditions
- Select Save to move to the next page

#### Required Documentation and Attachments – Pre Award



#### **Grant Certifications**



- Complete the Required fields
- When ready to submit your application:
  - Check SUBMIT FOR REVIEW box
  - Then select Save
  - Your application will now be read only
- Select SAVE to remain in draft status (do NOT check Submit for Review)



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#### THANK YOU!

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