LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

APPLICATION AND REVIEW SUMMARY

APPLICATION NUMBER: C08-8-005

APPLICANT: Louisiana District Attorney's Association

PROJECT TITLE: Victim Assistance Program

PROJECT FUNDS :

FUND:	$ 60,482	80.00%	
MATCH:	$ 15,121	20.00%	
TOTAL:	$ 75,603	100.00%	

Continuation of C98-8-007

PROJECT DURATION: 12 months

START DATE: 09/01/2010

END DATE: 08/31/2011

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The goal of this program is to: 1) maintain a statewide coordinated response to providing direct services to victims of violent crime by providing resources via the LDAA website, referrals to victim-related services that assist victims in understanding and participating in the criminal justice system, and other innovative means of responding to the needs of victims of violent crime locally and statewide and, 2) to ensure that Louisiana's prosecutors and victim assistance coordinators stay abreast of victim rights issues through training provided in the area of violent crimes perpetrated against victims including but not limited to sexual assault, stalking, domestic abuse, child abuse, elder abuse, and other violent crimes, thus ensuring that victims' right are honored during the process.

RECOMMENDATION : **FUND** X **DENY** ___

SPECIAL CONDITIONS :

1. NO RELEASE OF 10% TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS BY LCLE UNTIL MONITORING REVIEW IS RECEIVED BY LCLE.
2. NO DRAWDOWN OF FUNDS (AWARD) UNTIL APPLICATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY LCLE STAFF.

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

CFDA #16.575

FOR LCLE USE ONLY: Project ID: C08-8-005 CVA Purpose Area: 1,2,3,4

1. TITLE OF PROJECT
Previously Underserved Victim Assistance Program

2. ☐ NEW PROJECT
☒ CONTINUATION PROJECT OF: ~~C08~~ C07-8-005

3. PROJECT DURATION
Total Length: 12 Months (*Not to exceed 12 Months*)
Desired Start Date: 9/1/2010
Desired End Date: 8/31/2011

4. PROJECT FUNDS

Federal Funds:	$60,482
Cash Match	$15,121
In-Kind Match:	$0
Total Project:	$75,603

5A. APPLICANT AGENCY INFORMATION
Agency Name: Louisiana District Attorneys Association
Physical Address: 1645 Nicholson Drive
City: Baton Rouge Zip: 70802-8143
Mailing Address:
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Phone: (225) 343-0171 FAX: (225) 387-0237
Email: PETE @LDAA.ORG

5B. AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF APPLICANT AGENCY
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Fed Employer Tax Id: 72-0738652 DUNS: 193-731379 CCR CAGE/NCAGE: 5E0T6 CCR Expiration Date: 5/13/2011

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7. PROJECT DIRECTOR
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Agency: LA District Attorneys Assoc.
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9. BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION: ***(Please do not exceed space provided below.)***

The goal of this program is to; 1) maintain a statewide coordinated response to providing direct services to victims of violent crime by providing resources via the LDAA website, referrals to victim-related services that assist victims in understanding and participating in the criminal justice system, and other innovative means of responding to the needs of victims of violent crime locally and statewide and, 2) to ensure that Louisiana's prosecutors and victim assistance coordinators stay abreast of victim rights issues through training provided in the area of violent crimes perpetrated against victims including but not limited to sexual assault, stalking, domestic abuse, child abuse, elder abuse, and other violent crimes, thus ensuring that victims' rights are honored during the process.

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VOCA PURPOSE AREAS

Please Check Type of Victimization Served (Check all that apply):

☒	Sexual Assault
☒	Domestic Abuse
☒	Child Abuse
☒	Previously Underserved

State Type of Previously Underserved: Elder abuse and all victims of violent crime.

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

INSTRUCTIONS: The Checklist is self-explanatory. In Project Summary, applicable budget category totals will be automatically entered from each of the Detailed Project Budget Summaries. Provide source of Cash and/or In-Kind Match. In last table, check the type of victimization types that this project will address.

CHECKLIST:

	YES:	NO:
Are all budgeted items allowable per Program Guidelines?	☒	☐
Were instructions followed to determine allowable personnel/contractual costs?	☒	☐
Are all line item computations correct?	☒	☐
Do line items add to category totals?	☒	☐
Have category totals been rounded to nearest dollar?	☒	☐

Each category amount listed in the table below must equal category totals shown on Pages 3 through 11.

Person Completing Budget Section: Roxanne M. Barrios Title: Assistant Director
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PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

BUDGET CATEGORIES	FEDERAL FUNDS	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	SECTION TOTAL
SECTION 100. PERSONNEL	$34,944	$8,736	$0	$43,680
SECTION 200. FRINGE BENEFITS	$13,321	$3,330	N/A	$16,651
SECTION 300. TRAVEL	$2,621	$655	$0	$3,276
SECTION 400. EQUIPMENT	$0	$0	$0	$0
SECTION 500. SUPPLIES	$902	$226	$0	$1,128
SECTION 600. CONTRACTUAL	$0	$0	N/A	$0
SECTION 700. RENOVATION COSTS	$0	$0	$0	$0
SECTION 800. OTHER DIRECT COSTS	$8,694	$2,174	$0	$10,868
TOTAL:	$60,482	$15,121	$0	$75,603

Provide Source of *Cash* Match: General funds in the LDAA budget.

Provide Source of *In-Kind* Match:

SECTION 100. PERSONNEL

Enter Position Titles and Names of the employees for each position funded through this grant. For further information and direction, please refer to the application instructions.

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES:

POSITION TITLE	EMPLOYEE NAME	FT	ACTUAL MONTHLY SALARY	TIME DEVOTED TO PROJECT	NUMBER OF MONTHS	TOTAL SALARY PAID BY GRANT	PAID WITH F	PAID WITH C
Victims' Liaison Officer	Patty Giovingo	FT	$3,640.00	100.00%	12.00	$43,680.00	☐	☐
		FT				$0.00	☐	☐
		FT				$0.00	☐	☐
		FT				$0.00	☐	☐
		FT				$0.00	☐	☐
		FT				$0.00	☐	☐
		FT				$0.00	☐	☐
		FT				$0.00	☐	☐
SUBTOTAL AMOUNT OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES SALARIES:						$43,680.00	F = Fed Funds C = Cash Match	

PART-TIME OR OVERTIME EMPLOYEES:

POSITION TITLE	EMPLOYEE NAME	PT OT	ACTUAL EMPLOYEE HOURLY SALARY RATE	NUMBER OF HOURS	TIME DEVOTED TO PROJECT	NUMBER OF WEEKS	TOTAL SALARY PAID BY GRANT	PAID WITH F	PAID WITH C
							$0.00	☐	☐
							$0.00	☐	☐
							$0.00	☐	☐
							$0.00	☐	☐
							$0.00	☐	☐
							$0.00	☐	☐
							$0.00	☐	☐
							$0.00	☐	☐
SUBTOTAL AMOUNT OF PART-TIME AND/OR OVERTIME EMPLOYEES SALARIES:							$0.00	F = Fed Funds C = Cash Match	

VOLUNTEERS:

DUTIES: List ONLY volunteers used as In-Kind Match. Duties must directly relate to the focus of this project. For further information and direction, please refer to the application instructions.	NO. OF HOURS	VALUED RATE OF HOURLY PAY	IN-KIND TOTAL
			$0.00
			$0.00
SUBTOTAL AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEERS IN-KIND SALARIES:			$0.00

SECTION 100. PERSONNEL SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,944
CASH MATCH	$8,736
IN-KIND MATCH	
PERSONNEL TOTAL	$43,680

SECTION 100. PERSONNEL (Continued) – BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

☒ Yes ☐ No Are job descriptions for each position attached? If not, explain:

☒ Yes ☐ No Are resumes for each position attached? If not, explain:

A) Need for each position shown above; justify need for overtime:

The Victims' Liaison Officer (Patty Giovingo) is needed to maintain a statewide coordinated response to providing direct services to victims of violent crime. The Victims' Liaison Officer is responsible for providing victim assistance on behalf of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association. The Victims' Liaison Officer is also responsible for the development of resources to assist victims of sexual assault, stalking, domestic abuse, child abuse, and the previously underserved victims of crime, in understanding and navigating the criminal justice system, and sharing those resources with prosecutors and victim advocates around the state, as well as keeping them aprised of changes and updates in the area of victim's rights. The Victims' Liaison Officer is needed to coordinate and assist in training statewide Victim Assistance Coordinators and prosecutors. The Victim's Liaison Officer is responsible for serving as a liaison between Louisiana's prosecutors and various state and local agencies to encourage and foster cooperation between those agencies in the area of victim's rights. The goals and objectives for this grant could not be completed without such a person.

B) The basis for determining the salary of each position:

The salary range decided upon is consistent with like positions in the Baton Rouge area.

C) Project duties of each position requested:

The Victims' Liaison Officer will be responsible for providing victim assistance on behalf of the Louisiana District Attorneys Associaiton. This position is also responsible for the development of resources to assist victims of sexual assault, stalking, domestic abuse, child abuse, and the previously underserved victims of crime, in understanding and navigating the criminal justice system, and sharing those resources with prosecutors and victim advocates around the state who work directly with victims of violent crime, as well as keeping them aprised of changes and updates in the area of victim's rights through training programs. The Victim's Liaison Officer is responsible for serving as a liaison between Louisiana's prosecutors and various state and local agencies in the area of victim's rights. The Victims' Liaison Officer will maintain and regularly update the previously developed victim assistance webpage for the LDAA website. This webpage is available for victims seeking assistance/services via the web. The Victims' Liaison Officer will continuously work to develop innovative means of responding to the needs of victims of crime locally and statewide by working closely with statewide Victim Assistance Coordinators who meet regularly to review victim issues and share best practices.

D) Indicate if personnel will be new or existing personnel. If existing, indicate if position has been backfilled. If this is a continuation application, indicate the personnel's original status. [Existing personnel is an employee that currently works for the agency, but will now be working on grant activities. If so, the position from which the employee was moved must be filled. If employee is same from the previous grant, indicate if the employee was originally hired for that position.]

Since this is a continuation grant, Patty Giovingo will continue in her present position as the VAC Liaison Officer. Therefore, the position has not been backfilled.

SECTION 200. FRINGE BENEFITS (Employer's Share Only)

Enter the Individual Name(s) of the employees receiving fringe benefits for each position funded through this grant. There are two sets of each benefit below to allow budgeting for eight employees. For further information and direction, please refer to the application instructions.

Check: ☒ **All Fringe Benefits Will Be Paid by Applicant Agency** ☐ **Additional Fringe Benefits Will Be Paid by Applicant Agency**

EMPLOYEES' NAMES:					EMPLOYEES' NAMES: (Continued)				
SOCIAL SECURITY	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	SOCIAL SECURITY	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1. Patty Giovingo	.062		$43,680	$2,708	5.	.062			$0
2.	.062			$0	6.	.062			$0
3.	.062			$0	7.	.062			$0
4.	.062			$0	8.	.062			$0
MEDICARE	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	MEDICARE	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1. Patty Giovingo	.0145		$43,680	$633	5.	.0145			$0
2.	.0145			$0	6.	.0145			$0
3.	.0145			$0	7.	.0145			$0
4.	.0145			$0	8.	.0145			$0
HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE Provide monthly insurance rates	RATE	MONTHS	TIME DEVOTED TO PROJECT	TOTAL	HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE Provide monthly insurance rates	RATE	MONTHS	TIME DEVOTED TO PROJECT	TOTAL
1. Patty Giovingo	750.00	12.00	100.00%	$9,000	5.				$0
2.				$0	6.				$0
3.				$0	7.				$0
4.				$0	8.				$0
WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1. Patty Giovingo	0.006		$43,680	$262	5.				$0
2.				$0	6.				$0
3.				$0	7.				$0
4.				$0	8.				$0
UNEMPLOYMENT TAX Based on first $7,000 or Less	RATE	TYPE	SALARY	TOTAL	UNEMPLOYMENT TAX Based on first $7,000 or Less	RATE	TYPE	SALARY	TOTAL
1.	0.008	CHECK TYPE:		$0	5.		CHECK TYPE:		$0
2.				$0	6.				$0
3. Patty Giovingo	0.008	☒ FUTA	$7,000	$56	7.		☐ FUTA		$0
4. Patty Giovingo	0.008	☒ SUTA	$7,700	$61	8.		☐ SUTA		$0
PUBLIC/PRIVATE RETIREMENT	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	PUBLIC/PRIVATE RETIREMENT	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1. Patty Giovingo	0.09☐		$43,680	$3,931	5.				$0
2.				$0	6.				$0
3.				$0	7.				$0
4.				$0	8.				$0
OTHER:	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	OTHER:	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1.				$0	5.				$0
2.				$0	6.				$0
3.				$0	7.				$0
4.				$0	8.				$0
			FRINGE BENEFITS TOTAL (A):	$16,651				FRINGE BENEFITS TOTAL (B):	$0

PLEASE NOTE: IF MORE THAN EIGHT EMPLOYEES CHARGED TO THIS PROJECT, PLEASE COMPLETE AN ADDENDUM PAGE.

Fringe Benefits Total (A+B): $16,651

SECTION 200. FRINGE BENEFITS SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,321
CASH MATCH	$3,330
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	$16,651

SECTION 300. TRAVEL

Itemize travel expenses of project personnel. Mileage is unallowable in agency owned vehicles. Charges are not to exceed established agency travel rates, but in no case can this exceed current Louisiana Travel Guideline rates. *Only 50% of out-of-state travel reimbursement and requires prior approval from LCLE.*

LOCAL TRAVEL: NAME/POSITION TITLE/PURPOSE OF TRAVEL	MILEAGE RATE	TOTAL MILES	TOTAL COST	PAID WITH F	C	IK
NAME: Patty Giovingo TITLE: Victims' Liaison Officer PURPOSE: Visit DAs' offices and for DA meetings and trainings	$0.48	1,800.00	$864.00	☐	☐	☐
NAME: TITLE: PURPOSE:			$0.00	☐	☐	☐
NAME: TITLE: PURPOSE:			$0.00	☐	☐	☐
NAME: TITLE: PURPOSE:			$0.00	☐	☐	☐
		SUBTOTAL FOR LOCAL TRAVEL:	$864.00	F = Federal Funds C = Cash Match IK = In-Kind Match		

NON-LOCAL IN-STATE/OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL (OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUIRES PRIOR APPROVAL FROM LCLE) NAME/POSITION TITLE/PURPOSE OF TRAVEL	TRAVEL DESTINATION	TRAVEL DATES: FROM	TO	PAID WITH F	C	IK
NAME: Patty Giovingo TITLE: Victims' Liaison Officer PURPOSE: DAs' offices & for DA meetings & trainings	Unknown			☒	☒	☐
NAME: TITLE: PURPOSE:				☐	☐	☐
NAME: TITLE: PURPOSE:				☐	☐	☐

CONTINUED FROM ABOVE TABLE	MILEAGE RATE	TOTAL MILES	MILES COST	NO. OF DAYS	NO. OF MEALS	MEAL COSTS	AIRFARE COSTS	LODGING COSTS (Include Tax)	OTHER TRAVEL COSTS	TOTAL COSTS	PAID WITH F	C	IK
NAME: Patty Giovingo	$0.48	1,200.00	$576.00	24	72	$912		$924		$2,412.00	☒	☒	☐
NAME:			$0.00							$0.00	☐	☐	☐
NAME:			$0.00							$0.00	☐	☐	☐
									SUBTOTAL FOR NON LOCAL IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL COST:	$2,412.00	F = Federal Funds C = Cash Match IK = In-Kind Match		

SECTION 300. TRAVEL SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,621
CASH MATCH	$655
IN-KIND MATCH	
TRAVEL TOTAL	$3,276

SECTION 500. SUPPLIES

SECTION A: List items within this category by major type; e.g., office supplies (pens, pencils, paper, etc.), postage, blank cassette tapes, etc. Include tax and shipping costs in Unit Price. If office supplies average $50 per month or less, i.e., $600 for a 12-month grant period, do not itemize items. List as "Basic Supply Allowance" under "Type" and the dollar amount under "Total Cost". Please refer to application instructions for direction.

TYPE OF SUPPLIES	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	PAID WITH F	C	IK
Consumable office supplies (pens, pencils, paper,	12.00	$50.00	$600.00	☒	☒	☐
folders (amt is est only; actual exp will be charged)			$0.00	☐	☐	☐
Postage (VAC New sletter & misc correspondence)	1,200.00	$0.44	$528.00	☒	☒	☐
			$0.00	☐	☐	☐
			$0.00	☐	☐	☐
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			$0.00	☐	☐	☐
			$0.00	☐	☐	☐
			$0.00	☐	☐	☐
SUBTOTAL OF SECTION A SUPPLIES:			$1,128.00	F = Federal Funds C = Cash Match IK = In-Kind Match		

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN:

A) Need for and use of each major supply type requested:

To develop and maintain print, mail, and web correspondence, newsletters, resource materials/manuals, training materials, upcoming training brochures and information and other items of interest to victim assistance coordinators and prosecutors working directly with victims of crime. To mail CVR, LAVNS, and other victim resource information to crime victims upon request. To develop a Victim/Witness Booklet to assist victims and witnesses in understanding and participating in the criminal justice system.

B) Its relationship to this project.

These supplies are necessary for the successful implimentation of the project.

SECTION 500. SUPPLIES (Continued)

SECTION B: Use this section only for Publications, workbooks, curriculum guides, videotapes, etc. Under type choose: **P** – Publications; **W** – Workbooks; **CG** – Curriculum Guides; **V** – Videotapes; **O** – Other. Itemize each item separately. Include tax and shipping costs in Unit Price, when applicable.

TYPE	TITLE OF PUBLICATIONS/FILMS	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	PAID WITH F	C	IK
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
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				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
SUBTOTAL OF SECTION B SUPPLIES:				$0.00	F = Federal Funds C = Cash Match IK = In-Kind Match		

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN:

A) The use of each request and its relationship to the project. Also explain the choice of materials, e.g. based on previous experiences or research showing its effectiveness, etc.:

SECTION 500. SUPPLIES SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	$902
CASH MATCH	$226
IN-KIND MATCH	
SUPPLIES TOTAL	$1,128

SECTION 800. OTHER DIRECT COSTS

Itemize each type: e.g., audit, rent (show square footage and cost per square foot), phone charges, utilities, printing, duplicating, registration fees for conferences/workshops, etc. Prorate telephone and utility bills. Show method of determining cost. Please refer to application instructions for direction.

TYPE OF OTHER DIRECT COST	METHOD OF DETERMINING COST	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	PAID WITH F	C	IK
Auditing Costs	% of time dedicated to audit grant	1.00	$400.00	$400.00	☒	☒	☐
Accounting Expense	2 hours/week	104.00	$42.50	$4,420.00	☒	☒	☐
Telephone & Facsimile Usage	Est. budgeted; actual cost charged	12.00	$75.00	$900.00	☒	☒	☐
Rental of Office Space	% of usage (8.63%) x $1200/mth	12.00	$103.56	$1,242.72	☒	☒	☐
Maintenance Agreements	% of usage (8.63%) x $150/mth	12.00	$12.95	$155.40	☒	☒	☐
Security Expense	% of usage (8.63%) x $300/mth	12.00	$25.89	$310.68	☒	☒	☐
Trash Disposal & Pest Control	% of usage (8.63%) x $200/mth	12.00	$17.26	$207.12	☒	☒	☐
Janitorial Service & Yard Main	% of usage (8.63%) x 700/mth	12.00	$60.41	$724.92	☒	☒	☐
Utilities Expenses	% of usage (8.63%) x $1111.70/mth	12.00	$95.94	$1,151.28	☒	☒	☐
Ins Exp (building/contents)	% of usage (8.63%) x $150/mth	12.00	$12.95	$155.40	☒	☒	☐
Website Updates and Maint	Est. budgeted; actual cost charged	12.00	$100.00	$1,200.00	☒	☒	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
				$0.00	☐	☐	☐
			SUBTOTAL OF OTHER DIRECT COSTS:	$10,867.52			

F = Federal Funds
C = Cash Match
IK = In-Kind Match

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN:

A) Need for each type listed; and

The need is justified in order to accomplish the goals and objectives outlined in this program, including but not limited to, training for the Victims' Liaison Officer, staff, victim assistance coordinators, prosecutors, and the development of the Victim/Witness Handbook. The remaining items listed are for expenses incurred in the normal operation of the program (e.g., rent, utilities, etc.)

B) Its relationship to project.

The relationship to the project is integral to the successful implimentation of the project.

SECTION 800. OTHER DIRECT COSTS SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,694
CASH MATCH	$2,174
IN-KIND MATCH	
OTHER DIRECT COSTS TOTAL	$10,868

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

A. PROBLEM DEFINITION

1. Identify the nature and magnitude of the specific problem existing in your particular community that needs to be addressed through this proposed project. **Document the need, not the symptoms or solutions.** Be sure to include current **valid local data** to support the justification. Give the source and date of your information. State the needs of your agency and the needs of the victims in your area as related to this problem and justify the need for the proposed project.

Of the EBR Parish residents surveyed by the 2009 BR Area Foundation's CityStats project, 41% say they don't feel safe walking alone at night in their neighborhood. Nearly 60% say they're more concerned about crime than a year ago. In the 2010 Spring LA Survey conducted by the Public Policy Research Lab at LSU, more than 65% of those polled graded the state's efforts to reduce crime at a C or below. More than 24% of those polled felt that crime was one of the three most important problems facing LA, and 8% felt that crime was the single most important problem.

An indication of the level of crime in the state and the resulting impact on its victims can be found in the statistics below, extracted from Crime in Louisiana and Crime Victims Reparations (CVR) Board Annual Reports, both published by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement. In 2008, the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board approved the largest number of CVR claims to date with 924 claims awarded totaling $2,350,613.77.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Violent Crime Total	30,440	30,678	29,690	29,062	28,844	26,889	29,919	31,317	28,944
Non-Violent Crime Total	211,904	207,693	198,838	195,569	199,153	166,611	171,239	174,991	168,630
Crime Rate per 1,000,000	5,423	5,332	5,098	4,996	5,049	4,278	4,692	4,805	4,479
National Crime Index Rank	4	3	6	9	4	18	7	6	10
CVR Claims Awarded	570	693	792	760	702	725	680	791	924
Awarded - in $1,000s	$1,351.2	$1,722.8	$1,827.8	$1,670.0	$1,741.0	$1,698.4	$1,719.9	$2,184.9	$2,350.6

The crime rate in LA is about 18% higher than the national average rate. Property crimes account for around 85.4% of the crime rate in LA which is 16% higher than the national rate. The remaining 17.9% are violent crimes and are about 31% higher than other states. According to figures from the "Why Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2007 Homicide Data" released by the Violence Policy Center, LA ranked first (2.53 per 100K) in the number of females murderd by males in single victim/offender incidents, nearly double the national average of 1.30 per 100K. In 2006, LA was also ranked first in per capita gun death rates at 19.58 per 100,000, according to the Violence Policy Center. According to the FBI's UCR for 2008, LA was ranked first in the number of homicides per 100,000 people for 2005, 2006, and 2007, and 2008, and ranked sixth overall in violent crime for 2008. Although LA saw a drop in violent crime last year, its two major urban areas remained among the most violent places in the nation, FBI figures show. LA's incarceration rate is 48% higher (866 per 100K) than the national average of incarcerated adults (447 per 100K).

Crime trends have changed dramatically since the passage of the victims' rights statute and these changes pose new challenges to the criminal justice system.

2. Describe gap in community resources and how the gap was identified. Explain what need is created by this gap in services/programs.

This program fulfills the need for a statewide coordinated response to providing resources and services to victims of violent crime on behalf of Louisiana's District Attorneys. This program fills this need by increasing resources and services for crime victims through avenues such as the LDAA website and providing referrals to other victim service agencies, as well as increasing awareness of victim resources including LAVNS, Crime Victim Reparations, and the Louisiana Victim Notice and Registration Form.

This program also fills the gap of a lack education directed at victim advocates by implementing training designed to provide crime victim advocates with the most current information and tools available to assist victims of crime.