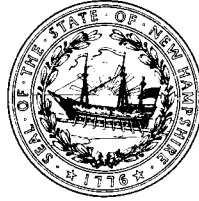


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October 5, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Justice to accept the sponsorship of a speaker with an approximate value of \$1,925 from the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services for the 2015 Tri-State Advanced Victim Assistance Academy to be held November 16-17, 2015 at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester, New Hampshire.

EXPLANATION

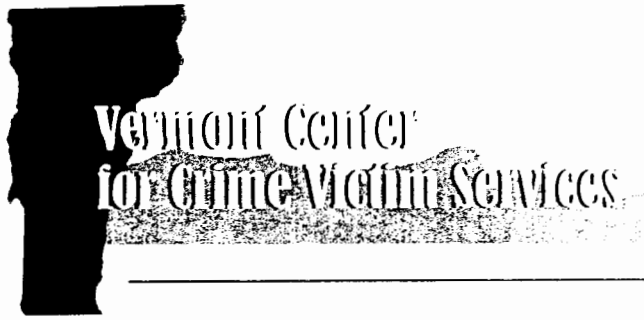
The Department of Justice is hosting a two-day training for advocates working with victims of domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking and elder abuse. For the past several years, we have combined resources with Maine and Vermont to provide this much needed training at a minimal cost. The three States take turns hosting the advocate training and each participating State commits to contributing to the event in various ways.

This year the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services would like to cover some of the expenses to bring a nationally recognized expert on victimization, trauma and mental health issues to speak at the event. The total cost covered by the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services is \$1,925.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney General

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Attorney General Joseph Foster
New Department of Justice
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

September 24, 2015

Dear Attorney General Foster:

Since its creation in 1992 the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services (VCCVS) has been providing compassionate, victim-centered services to Vermont's victims of crime. Part of our mission includes providing continuing education opportunities to advocates, and other allied professionals working with victims of crime. One such effort includes our participation in the Tri-State Victim Assistance Consortium (Consortium).

For over 10 years we have participated in the Consortium, with New Hampshire and Maine, which includes holding an annual Advanced Victim Assistance Academy. This 2-day advanced training is a unique collaboration designed to provide advanced training to victim advocates in each of the three states at a minimal cost by combining resources from each of the states. Each state takes turns hosting the event and this year New Hampshire is hosting the event November 16-17, 2015 at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester.

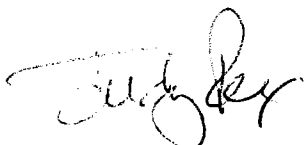
As part of our involvement, this year we would like to sponsor a speaker, Cathy Cave, from the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health to present at the conference. The mission of the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health is to develop and promote accessible, culturally relevant, and trauma-informed responses to domestic violence and other lifetime trauma so that survivors and their children can access the resources that are essential to their safety and well-being. Given that this year's conference topic is victimization, trauma and co-occurring issues, the National Center seemed an excellent choice to include on our agenda.

The speaking fee, consistent with federal guidelines, is \$1,925, which includes preparation, travel and presenting time. The VCCVS will cover the expenses as outlined in the budget listed below. We feel this is a very worthwhile investment on our part to bring in a nationally recognized expert in this field to share innovative and best-practices to professionals working with this particularly vulnerable population.

It is both of our goals to improve the systemic response to victims of violence in our society. We feel that by sharing the knowledge and experience of such experts as Cathy Cave, we can continue our progress towards that goal.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to provide quality training opportunities on these critical issues to advocates. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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DESCRIPTION:

Cathy Cave will provide a one-day, in-person training on November 16, 2015 at the 2015 Tri-State Advanced Victim Assistance Academy. The training will be held at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester New Hampshire.

COMPENSATION:

\$550.00 per day for 3.5 days (1 training day, 1.5 travel day, and 1 prep day) for a total of \$1,925.00.