

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Summary of Project/Program Grant Submission**

Department Name: Office on Women

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Name of ARRA Grant Program Submitting To: Byrne Justice Assistance Competitive Grant Program (U.S. Department of Justice)

Deadline for ARRA Grant Application Submission: April 27, 2009

Title of City Program/Project: Office on Women, Sexual Violence Program

Description of Program/Project and Current Need – *Provide a description of the program or project that you are submitting a grant application for. Indicate if this is a new program or project. What is the current need (i.e. why are you applying for stimulus funds)?*

The Office on Women (OOW) will apply for Byrne competitive grant funding under Category VI of the program: Improving Resources and Services for Victims of Crime. The OOW is applying for a total of \$54,000 (\$27,000 per year) for the two year grant period. If awarded, grant funding will restore a Sexual Assault Advocate position to full-time status. This position is proposed for reduction from full-time to part-time status in FY 2010 due to reductions to the City's operating budget.

The responsibilities of this staff person are to provide crisis intervention and supportive counseling to victims of sexual violence and their families/friends; assist victims in responding to law enforcement and hospital staff during forensic exams and interviews; and provide legal advocacy and court accompaniment for all pre-trial meetings and criminal court hearings. This position also responds to the Center for Alexandria's Children to provide services to child victims of sexual assault during post forensic interviews. Finally, the position provides educational presentations to the community and risk-reduction sessions to youth.

Implementation – *When can this program be up and running?*

If funding is awarded, the Office on Women can continue the current incumbent occupying the position at full-time status with no delays.

What principals and goals of the ARRA does this program/project fulfill? *(Will it result in the creation of jobs or can it be shown in some other way to stimulate the economy)*

Grant funding will preserve one job at its full-time status, thus preventing the reduction of the position to part-time status.

Short-term/Long-term Fiscal Impact - *Does the grant program require any funding (i.e. match) from the City in order to implement? Will this program create a long-term fiscal commitment for the City? What will happen after funding runs out?*

The individual in this position will be informed that the grant is for a two-year period only and funds to keep the position at full-time status will be exhausted at the end of the grant period. The position will revert to part-time status at the end of the grant cycle.