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# Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP)

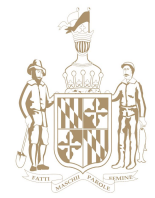
**State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027**  
**Legal Services for Victims of Crime (LSCV)**

**Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**  
**for Competitive Funds**

**Applicant Technical Assistance Call**  
***March 17, 2026, 11:00 AM (EDT)***

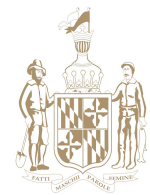
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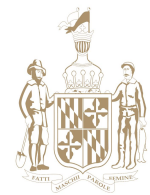
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- To ask questions, please type them in the Q&A Feature. Panelists may unmute you to ask or clarify aloud
- The presentation will be posted to its corresponding [grant program page](#) on the GOCPP website



# About Us: Our Mission

- To serve as a coordinating office that advises the Governor on criminal justice strategies.
- The office plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims.



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# GOCPP- SFY27 LSCV Team: Introductions



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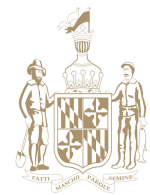
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# Technical Assistance Objectives

Understand key concepts related to submission of an application under SFY27 LSCV for Competitive Funds, including:

- Goals and priorities of this program
- Eligibility
- Award information
- Application requirements
- Application review process



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# Overview: LSCV

- ★ Authorized by §11–919 of the Criminal Procedure Article, the primary purpose of the LSCV Fund is to ensure that money obtained from unclaimed restitution under §11-614 (b) of the Criminal Procedure Article is used for annual grants to provide legal counsel to victims of crimes and delinquent acts and to protect victims' rights as provided by law.
- ★ The LSCV Fund was created by the Maryland General Assembly during the 2007 legislative session. The Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) and the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) collect court-ordered restitution from adult defendants and juvenile respondents for subsequent distribution to crime victims. When a victim cannot be located, the unclaimed restitution goes into the LSCV fund. Accordingly, LSCV funding levels fluctuate.
- ★ All funding is contingent upon the final approval of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy budget during Maryland's 2026 Legislative Session of the General Assembly.



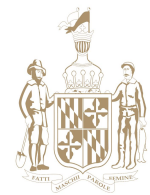
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# Funding Eligibility

The following entities in Maryland are eligible to submit applications for Legal Services for Crime Victims (LSCV) Grant funding:

- Non-Profit Agencies, including Faith-Based and Community Organizations that provide statewide legal counsel
  - Local Government Agencies that provide statewide legal counsel
  - State Government Agencies that provide statewide legal counsel
- ★ *Note: **Legal counsel*** is defined as legal advice, consultation or representation provided by a licensed attorney.
- ★ Only one application may be submitted per agency/organization.

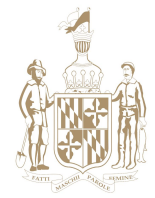


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# Funding Goals

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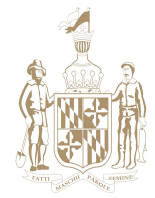
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# Funding Priorities

The primary purpose of SFY27 LSCV competitive funding is to ensure the money obtained from unclaimed restitution:

- Provides legal counsel to victims of crime, delinquent acts
- Protect victims' rights as provided by law



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# Award Details

- Due Date for Applications: Friday, April 10 , 2026
- Period of Award: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
- Funding Available: \$150,000
- Maximum Award Amount: Not to exceed \$75,000 for SFY2027
- Number of Award(s): 2

# Program Narrative

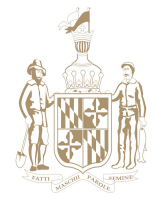
All applicants are **required** to adhere to the word limit applied to each section of their narrative:

- Overall Organization Information (Word Limit: 500)
- Problem Statement/Needs Justification(Word Limit: 500)
- Program Purpose Area (Word Limit: 150)
- Project Design (Word Limit: 750)
- Goals & Objectives (Word Limit: 1,500)
- Data Collection Plan (Word Limit: 250)
- Grant Personnel (Word Limit: 500)
- Sustainability (Word Limit: 200)
- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications Statement (Word Limit: 150)
- Budget Details and Spending Plan (Word Limit: 750)



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# Budget



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- All budget line items must be reasonable, allowable, and allocable to the project proposed for funding.
  - GMS Application Instructions on general guidance on cost allocation and proration
    - Applicants must determine the appropriate methodology for allocating shared costs that are budgeted and charged to multiple grants.
    - Reimbursable funds charged to multiple costs in the accounting and financial management system must be distributed in proportion using the principles of reasonable, allowable, and allocable expenditures per budget category and line item, as applicable.
- ★ The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy reserves the right to determine allowability.

# Personnel



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## Examples of Covered Personnel:

- Staff Attorney
- Director of Legal Services

# Budget



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**Unallowable Costs:** The following services, activities, and costs cannot be supported with the SFY2027 LSCV funding:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Bad debt
- Bonuses or commissions
- Construction/Capital Expenses/Land Acquisition
- Corporate formation (costs associated with incorporation fees, brokers' fees, fees to promoters, organizers or management consultants, attorneys, accountants, or investment counselor in connection with establishment or reorganization of an organization)
- Fundraising
- Honorarium
- Lobbying and administrative advocacy
- Perpetrator rehabilitation and counseling

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**Unallowable Costs (Continued):** The following services, activities, and costs cannot be supported with the SFY2027 LSCV funding:

- Audit costs
  - Property insurance
  - Printing
  - Telephone/fax
  - Food/beverage (the only exception is the allowance of food expenses for per diem for travel)
  - Trinkets such as hats, mugs, portfolios, t-shirts, coins, gift bags, etc.
- ★ **The list above is not exhaustive. The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy reserves the right to make additional budget reductions/restrictions and adjustments at its discretion.**
- ★ **Cost Sharing (Match) is not required for this funding source.** Do NOT enter a match into your budget. If you wish to show other financial or in-kind contributions to your program, it may be written into your narrative.

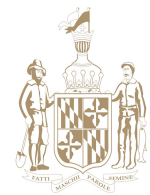
# Required Documents

The following documents are **required** to be submitted with your application:

- Certified Assurances
- Certification Regarding Lobbying
- Current W-9 Form
- Screenshot of SAM.gov/Unique Entity Identifier Registration
- Certificate of Applicable Financial Reporting Requirements and Required Financial Report Uploading
- Determination of Suitability to Interact with Minors Form
- **NEW**: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY QUESTIONNAIRE (OCQ) with applicable attachments
- Most Recent Organizational Chart
- Proof of 501 (c)(3) Status REQUIRED for all NEW nonprofit applicants



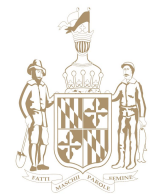
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# Application Technical Review

An internal reviewer will assess the following components of the application:

- Applicant eligibility
- Submission of all required documents (**points will be deducted from the final score for each missing required document**)
- Budget compliance
  - Application requests outside of the allowable funding range will **have points deducted from the final score**
  - Unallowable costs will be identified and those costs will be deducted from the final award if the application is approved for funding
- Compliance with word limits applied to each section of the application
  - Text that exceeds the word limit will be redacted prior to the scoring review.

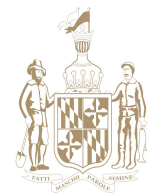


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# Application Scoring Review

1. Each eligible application will be assigned to a three-person team that will review and score the application based on compliance with the criteria outlined in the NOFA
2. Each reviewer will score each section of the application, calculate a final score, and make a funding recommendation
3. The three scores will be used to calculate a preliminary score
4. **Deduction points will be applied to the preliminary and final scores**
5. Applications will be ranked based on final score and funding amounts will be assigned
6. Those applications recommended for funding will then be submitted for review and approval by GOCPP's Executive Director
7. Once the recommendations have been approved, applicants will be notified and applications will be processed for award



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## Grants Management System (GMS): Access

For new GMS users, please follow the instructions under Request GMS Access webpage:

- <http://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/>

For GMS technical support (system support such as GMS access/login), please contact our GMS Help Desk via the following email:

- [support@goccp.freshdesk.com](mailto:support@goccp.freshdesk.com)

For GMS resources, please use the following link:

- <http://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/gms-help-videos/>



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# GMS Help videos

## Grant Application Submission

- [Introduction of Notices of Funding Availability & NOFA Instruction](#)
  - <http://gocpp.maryland.gov/programs/> (review specific NOFA)
  - <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/gms-application-instructions/>  
(accurate submission of line items/narrative in GMS)
- [Facesheet and Grant Application](#)
- [Officers, Services Sites, Summary, and Narrative](#)
- [Budget](#)
- [Electronic Submission](#)



# Pre-Application Checklist

- ❑ Follow the GMS Application Instructions to submit a successful application in GMS
- ❑ Respond to each program-specific Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and the NOFA checklist
- ❑ Verify eligibility criteria to apply for funding in each NOFA
- ❑ Access GOCPP's GMS  
<http://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/>
- ❑ Register with [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)



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# Application Submission Tips!

- **GMS submission is required. Hard copy applications are not accepted.**
  - Note: Once your application is submitted it will display “Awaiting Hard Copy”
- **Review Application Checklist.**
  - Make sure all items that are listed as “Required” are included/uploaded in the GMS before your application submission.
    - Certified Assurance
    - Anti-lobbying
    - Snapshot of SAM.Gov/UEI
- **Do NOT open the GMS in two separate tabs in the same browser window**
  - To avoid GMS glitches, try to copy and paste information from a separate file or different web browser (ie. Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Google Chrome).
- **Contact Grant Manager or Policy contact listed in the NOFA on page 2.**



# GMS SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION

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Available Funding

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| View | Code ▲ | Title                                                    | Deadline  | Active                              | Docs | Apply |
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Applications

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| Health Care Response to DV Survivors      | 11/15/2012 | 09/01/2013 | Pending            |
| Health Care Response to DV Survivors      | 10/01/2012 | 09/30/2013 | Pending            |
| Test Application                          | 07/01/2012 | 06/30/2013 | Pending Revision   |
| Health Care Response to DV Survivors 2012 | 11/15/2012 | 09/01/2013 | Awaiting Hard Copy |

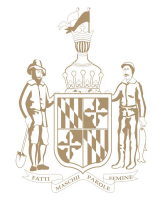
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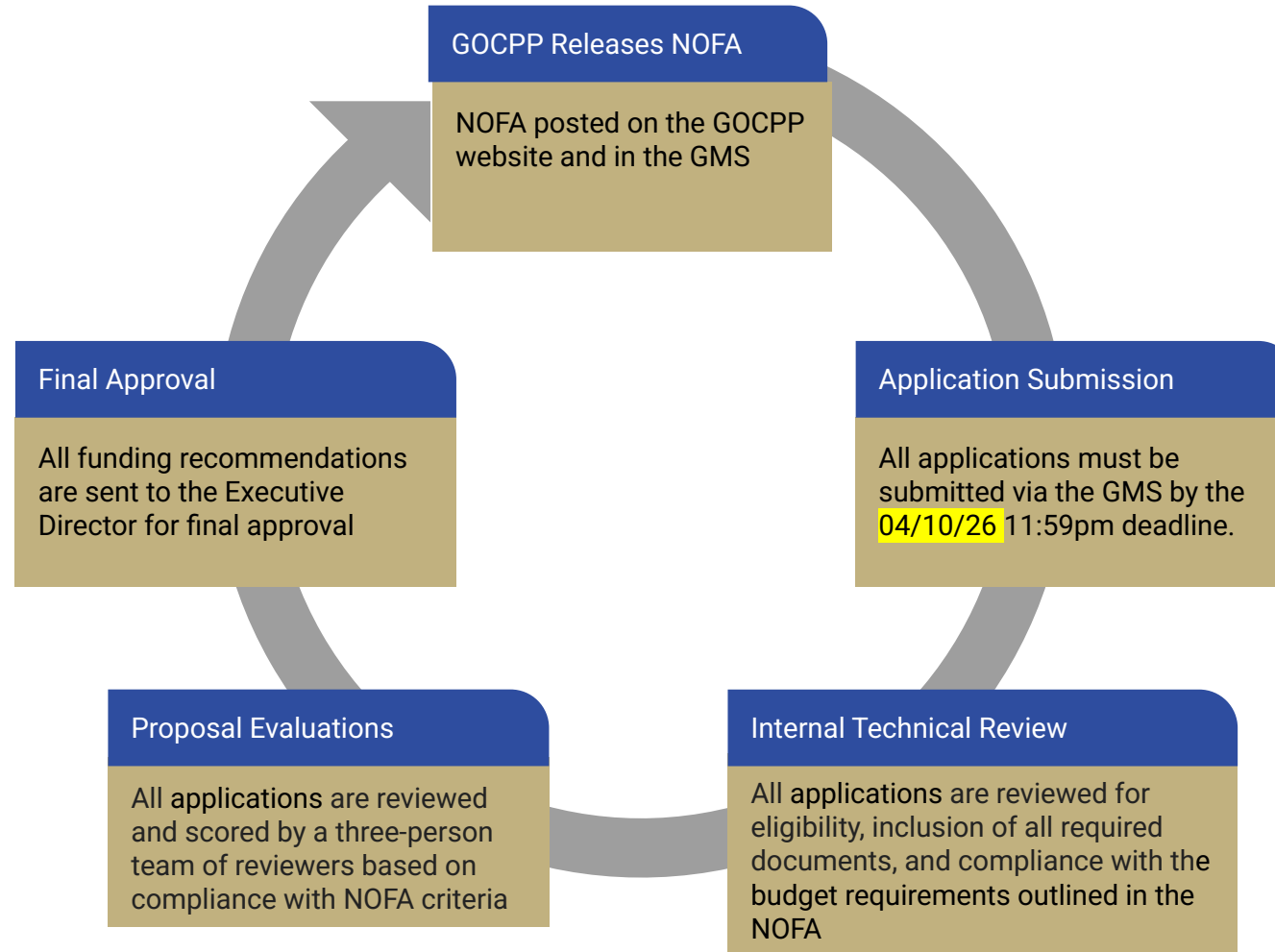
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|      | <a href="#">BARM-2013-0002</a> | <a href="#">2012-BA-0029</a> | GOCCP Body Armor Project 2 (2 Awards from 1 App Test) | 07/01/2012 |

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# Application Process Overview



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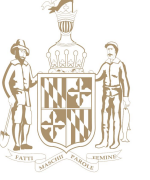


# Important Dates!



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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Deadline to Request GMS User ID</b>   | <b>Friday, March 27, 2026</b> |
| <b>Deadline to Submit an Application</b> | <b>Friday, April 10, 2026</b> |
| <b>Funding Decision</b>                  | <b>June 2026</b>              |
| <b>Project Start Date</b>                | <b>July 1, 2026</b>           |
| <b>Project End Date</b>                  | <b>June 30, 2027</b>          |



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# **Any Questions?**

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