

## **CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE**

### **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund**

The applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance (OES 656), which includes details regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEO), Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board, and the special conditions under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the Grant Award Agreement. In signing the Grant Award Face Sheet, the applicant formally notifies OES that the applicant will comply with all pertinent requirements.

Resolutions are no longer required as submission documents. OES has incorporated the resolution into the Certification of Assurance of Compliance, Section VI, entitled, "Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board." The Applicant is required to obtain written authorization (original signature) from the City Council/Governing board that the official executing the agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so, and will maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand. This requirement does not apply to state agencies.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that  
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

RECIPIENT: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

is responsible for reviewing the *Grant Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

**I. *Equal Employment Opportunity – (Recipient Handbook Section 2151)***

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. *Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (Recipient Handbook, Section 2152)***

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

**III. *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (Recipient Handbook, Section 2153)***

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

**IV. Lobbying – (*Recipient Handbook Section 2154*)**

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

**V. Debarment and Suspension – (*Recipient Handbook Section 2155*)**  
*(This applies to federally funded grants only.)*

OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

**VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board**

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

**VII. Special Condition for Grant Awards with Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund**

The grant recipient agrees to administer the grant in accordance with the VOCA, the VOCA Program Guidelines, and the Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Official's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Official's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Executed: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Executed in the City/County of: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED BY:** *(not applicable to State agencies)*

- City/County Financial Officer or
- City/County Manager or
- Governing Board Chair

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_