



2026-27 Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods (VICTIM) Program Grants

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About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the [2026-27 Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods \(VICTIM\) Program](#) funding announcement and application process, which opened on September 9, 2026. Responses will be provided as staff are able to process questions through October 14, 2026.

Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at RA-PCCD-OCJSI@pa.gov with “2026-27 (VICTIM) Program Grants” in the subject line.

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1. Eligible Applicants

- a. *Our Police Department has just attained NIBRS Certification, yet we do not appear on Appendix A. Our GoLive date was supposed to be September 2nd and our first NIBRS submission will be for September this year. Can we apply for Track 2 funding if we are certified, but not on the Appendix A? Are we eligible for the Track 1 funding?*

Answer: Appendix A contains all law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth who were NIBRS compliant on September 8, 2026, which was the day prior to the release date of this solicitation. Any agency that subsequently obtains NIBRS certification is eligible to apply under Track 2. All applicants who apply under Track 2 must attest to NIBRS compliance in their application and compliance will be confirmed by PCCD during the application review process.

2. Eligible Program Activities and Expenses

- a. *Our Police Department is interested in pursuing funding through the 2026-27 Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods (VICTIM) Program Grant to support the acquisition of a new, NIBRS-compliant records management system. Axon has already been selected as the vendor, and the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Township to enter into a 10-year contract. However, the contract has not yet been executed, and no payments have been made. For additional context, I have attached the memorandum that was presented to the Board during the authorization process. Given these circumstances, could you please confirm whether the Police Department would remain eligible for VICTIM funding, or whether the vendor selection and Board authorization would conflict with PCCD's procurement requirements or grant payment criteria? I appreciate any guidance or clarification you can provide.*

Answer: Based on the information provided in your question, it seems like this would be an issue of supplantation as it appears that funding has already been made available to the Police Department by the Township. The funding announcement includes the following regarding supplantation:

Non-supplantation – Funding must not be used to supplant/replace state, federal, or local funds that would otherwise be available to provide for program-related services. PCCD funding is to be used in addition to other funds that are made available for services.

- b. *We are assisting a municipal police department with a Track 1 PCCD VICTIM application. The Department recently acquired a new RMS that will support its transition to NIBRS; however, its existing computers cannot support the updated Windows operating environment required to run the new RMS. The applicant is considering requesting Track 1 funding for replacement computers necessary to operate the new RMS and complete its NIBRS transition. Would these computers be considered an eligible Track 1 hardware expense? Additionally, if the computers are specifically identified and justified in the original Egrants budget, does approval of the application satisfy PCCD's prior-approval*

requirement for computer equipment, or is separate equipment approval required after award and before purchase?

Answer: Due to the competitive nature of this funding announcement, staff may not advise an applicant on how to respond to any section of the application. The goals and objectives and eligible activities are defined within the funding announcement in the Eligible Program Activities and Expenses section. Applicants should determine if the proposed project/activities are in alignment with the funding guidelines.

3. Required Attachments

- a. *I see that under required attachments there is a data sheet that is required. This application is coming from the District Attorney's Office, and the detectives are saying that this data is not recorded so they cannot fill out this form. We may assist with investigations in those types of cases, but the crime reporting statistics are generated by the agency with primary jurisdiction. For example, if the city has a homicide and asks us for assistance, our report is listed as assist other agency. If we were to list it as a homicide, state and federal statistical data will be inaccurate. What should we do for this attachment? Thank you.*

Answer: PCCD has updated the [VICTIM Program Quarterly Reporting Data Worksheet](#) to include a column for Agency ORI. When completing the worksheet, you must indicate the agency ORI that was jurisdictionally responsible for investigating the offense. If your agency is assisting/supporting another agency's investigation, please add the lead-investigating agency's ORI in the worksheet.