**Victim Compensation Fund (VCF)**

**Answers to inquiries**

The questions below arose from the RFP Information Session on April 18, 10:30am -12pm

*No additional questions were submitted to OIRARFP@seattle.gov*

**Q. Would it impact our application if our goal is to increase our work *into* the AAPI community (even though that is not our organization’s focus?**

A. The focus of the grant is on AAPI communities, but all organizations serving immigrant and refugee communities are welcome to apply. If you have outreach plans to increase services to this population, please describe your goal and the methods you plan to use to achieve your goal.

**Q: To help victims of a crime, how far back can we go in time to assist them? Up until how long ago should the incident have happened?**

A: Eligible recipients are victims of crimes that occurred between March 2020 (the period in which there has been a notable increase in this violence) and the present.

**Q. Our organization specifically serves Pacific Islander LGBTQIA communities in Seattle, but our office is in Kent and none of the board members are in Seattle – clarifying our eligibility.**

A: There is no restriction on the geographic location of the organization or its staff. The restriction is on the eligible recipients of the fund.

**Q. Funding coming from City of Seattle miss the people it’s trying to serve by a long gap because these communities are at the outskirts of the City. Are there any ways that the City is looking to address this gap?**

A. The funding is coming from the City of Seattle taxpayers and by Constitution we are mandated to spend them for the purposes of City of Seattle. We cannot change the WA State Constitution (gift of public funds provision).

**Q. Does this geographical limitation apply to both grants?**

A. Yes, the geographical restriction for eligible recipients (to Seattle residents) applies to both RFPs.

**Q: Are there any immigration status requirements for the clients who are qualified for using this funding?**

A: No, there are no immigration status requirements for cash recipients.