

North Carolina Victims of Crime Needs Assessment

Process-oriented Recommendations

1. Establish or designate a representative group to review this study's findings and develop an implementation plan based on them.
2. Implement and promote community-engaged approaches in all phases of funding.
3. Sustain services currently provided for specific types of crime that multiple stakeholders already consider to be adequately addressed.
4. Expand the list of priority populations and adopt the language and terms endorsed by the CAB.
5. Prioritize discretionary and competitive funding for initiatives that address population-specific or regional and rural barriers to accessing services.

Recommendations to Address Barriers

1. Build communities' trust in service providers and law enforcement to reduce community members' hesitancy to seek needed services.
2. Analyze sub-recipient contracts and applications for variations in applicants, scoring, and funding distribution based on priority populations, regions, and rural/urban areas.
3. Expand resources for longer-term, discretionary, and non-traditional support services for crime victims.
4. Promote and/or provide enhanced training for providers and law enforcement on cultural humility, cultural responsiveness, and trauma-informed approaches.
5. Support cross-training between traditional crime victim service sectors and culturally specific organizations.
6. Fund enhancements for communication and outreach across priority populations.
7. Commit resources to address rural and regional disparities, considering the benefits and challenges of multi-county agencies covering large geographic areas.

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