Underserved Teen Victims Initiative* National Crime Prevention Council and the National Center for Victims of Crime Application to Become a Project Site, 2010-2011

The Underserved Teen Victims Initiative (UTVI) is a project of the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and the National Center for Victims of Crime (National Center) funded through a cooperative agreement with the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. These three organizations share the goal of educating adolescents in underserved populations on the dynamics of victimization and providing information on where they can turn for help and support.

We are now seeking 25 local teams to participate in UTVI for the 2010-2011 school year.

This application will be used to select 25 new sites to participate in the UTVI project. The roles and responsibilities of UTVI sites, NCPC, and the National Center are spelled out in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). By submitting this application, your school or organization states that it has read and understands both the project description and the MOU and is willing to commit to their contents. Your school or organization must have an adult leader who is committed to the project and who has read and understands the project description and the MOU. Your school or organization must also have identified a minimum core of three young people (ages 13 - 17) who understand the project and are willing to actively participate and recruit other teens to do so. This application must be signed by 1) the person within the organization with the authority to enter into contracts (this person will also sign the MOU), 2) the adult who will be directly responsible for leading the project, and 3) two of the youth who will work on the project. (Please note that the MOU does not need to be signed at this time. Only sites selected to participate in UTVI will be required to sign the MOU.)

The selected sites will be awarded subcontracts of not more than \$2,500 to design and implement youth outreach campaigns. Further details on the funding of these sites can be found in Section F of the MOU.

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Selection Criteria

The strongest applications will be from organizations or schools that have a commitment to addressing the issue of victimization among underserved populations of young people and developing youth leadership in the process. Sites are not required to have a great deal of expertise in these areas as long as there is a sincere interest and willingness to undertake the tasks of the project, take advantage of NCPC's and the National Center's training and technical assistance, and build relationships with other organizations in the community that have expertise on the issues of victimization and youth leadership.

NCPC and the National Center will select sites with a desire to reach teens from the following underserved populations:

- Hispanic/Latino
- Youth with disabilities
- Asian and Pacific Islander
- Runaway and homeless youth
- American Indian

- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth (LGBTQ)
- Muslim and Arab

Selection of project sites will be based on the following criteria:

- Capacity to undertake the project
- Desire to reach underserved youth with information and victim services
- Geographic and community diversity
- Organizational variety (e.g., schools, community youth programs, school-based programs, victim service providers)

Questions

(You may retype this form if you need more space to answer the questions.)

Organization/School Name	
Underserved group(s) you wish to reach	
Mailing Address	
Web site	
Contact Name and Title	
Phone Fax	
Email	
Name and title of adult leader who will be directly responsible for implementing th	1 0
Names and ages of three youth who will be involved in the project (you may use fin to protect the privacy of minors):	

1. Describe your organization's purpose and its primary activities with teens ages 13 - 17.

2. Why do you want to conduct outreach to underserved teen victims?

3. What is your organization's relationship with the underserved community you wish to reach?

4. What resources do you have to conduct a public awareness campaign?

5. How will you recruit additional youth to participate in this project, particularly youth from the underserved population(s)?

6. Who are your local victim service providers?

7. What other organizations in your community support the underserved population(s) you wish to reach?

8. Describe your organization's relationship, especially any collaborative efforts, with other organizations that work with underserved youth victims, such as cultural centers, police departments, child protective services, victim service providers, district attorneys, local government, schools, and youth programs.

9. What is your organization's philosophy on youth leadership/teen empowerment? How is this put into practice in the programs of your school or organization?

By signing this application, we commit to the following basic requirements, if selected as a UTVI site:

- Sending two youth and one adult to the UTVI training to be held in early August 2010
- Holding regular meetings of our UTVI team, at least weekly
- Taking attendance at meetings
- Submitting monthly progress reports to NCPC and the National Center
- Designing and carrying out outreach campaigns on a topic related to teen victimization that affects our targeted underserved population
- Signing a Memorandum of Understanding that further details our responsibilities and those of NCPC and the National Center

Organizational Representative:

Printed name	Signature		Date	
Adult Project Leader:				
Printed name	Signature		Date	
Youth Project Leaders:				
Printed name	Signature		Date	
Printed name	Signature		Date	
Return application** no later than March 19, 2010, by mail, fax, or email to				
Kelsey Tokar National Crime Prevention Council 2345 Crystal Drive Suite 500 Arlington, VA 22202-4816		Phone: 202-261-415 Fax: 202-296-1356 Email: ktokar@ncpc		

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***If you email the application, please mail or fax this signature page to the address above.