

March 1, 2017

Oklahoma District Attorney Council
Oklahoma Crime Victims Compensation Board
421 NW 13th, Suite 290
Oklahoma City, OK 73103

Dear VOCA Board,

I write on behalf of the Okfuskee County Sheriff's Department, in support of Muscogee (Creek) Nation's proposal to the Oklahoma Crime Victims Compensation Board, FY 2017 Victims Advocacy Services Program, request for funding for the continuation of S.A.N.E. Services in two community hospitals, advocacy services to victims and their families impacted by domestic violence, teen dating violence, stalking, sexual violence, and other violent crimes. This grant program will continue to ensure the delivery of advocacy and supportive services to adult victims and their family members, through a holistic and collaborative approach in rural communities across the eleven counties that comprise the jurisdictional boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

As a County Sheriff tasked with working to ensure victim safety and/or offender accountability, I highly prioritize the need for a variety of supportive services to ensure safety, justice, support and healing for adults impacted by sexual or domestic violence. I am responsible for the wellbeing and support of the citizens of Okfuskee County and realize the need for team work with this entity. I will continue to support and utilize them to assist the citizens of my county.

Through this letter, I acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities that are crucial to a successful and effective partnership. In the event this proposal is funded, we would expect our role in this project to include:

- Continue a positive partnership with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation,
- Help to promote victim and sexual assault advocacy services notifying families of the Family Violence Prevention Program.
- Continue to promote S.A.N.E. Services by notifying victims of sexual assault examinations are available in Okemah and Okmulgee.

The Okfuskee County Sheriff's Department strongly supports the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Violence Prevention Program and their continued advocacy services to victims and their families impacted by domestic violence, teen dating violence, stalking, sexual violence, and other violent crimes.

Sincerely,



Sheriff R. Steven Worley