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FAIRFAX COUNTY COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO ANNOUNCING GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SERVING VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

~ Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis and are due October 1 ~

FAIRFAX COUNTY — Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano is pleased to announce a new Community Partnership Grant Program, available to Fairfax-based non-profit organizations that provide services to support youth victims of crime, sexual abuse victims, and domestic violence victims.

"Victims of these types of crimes will always be a top priority of mine and my team, and that means doing everything in our power to support them, inside and outside of the courtroom" Descano said. "That's why I am pleased that my office is able to extend this first-of-its-kind grant opportunity and I encourage all qualifying community organizations to apply."

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded on a rolling basis. Grant money must be used to provide services and programs in support of youth victims of crime, victims of domestic or sexual abuse. Such activities might include training opportunities for system stakeholders, community engagement, or direct support of victims.

"The work these agencies do is vitally important to victims' recovery and healing from the trauma they experienced," Descano said. "I know these investments – though modest – can promote community safety by helping victims of these crimes rebuild their lives."

Descano aims to maintain the grant opportunity, funded through resources acquired by the office via Virginia Code 19.2-386.14, as an annual program. Qualifying organizations can apply via the Commonwealth's Attorney Office's website:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/commonwealthattorney/community-partnership-program-grant-application>

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