**Section 1590.120 Eligible Persons**

a) A victim services coordinator or victim coordinator, as defined in the notice of funding opportunity, will determine whether a witness is "actively aiding in the prosecution" of a crime or is at risk of a discernible threat of violent crime.

b) Eligible persons:

1) must not be subject to the Sex Offender Registration Act [730 ILCS 150];

2) must have delivered testimony or provided other assistance in the furtherance of the prosecution of a violent crime that occurred on or after January 1, 2023 or be at risk of a discernible threat of violent crime as determined by the victim services coordinator or victim coordinator;

3) if the Eligible Person is a minor or unable to provide information due to a disability, a parent, guardian, or next friend may assist law enforcement on the Eligible Person's behalf and may be eligible for assistance; and

4) must have been a victim of, a witness to, or an appropriately related person to a victim of or witness to a crime in Illinois.

c) Eligible persons may receive funding from Program Participants for up to 60 days following the cessation of assistance with the prosecution of a crime, as determined by a victim services coordinator. If the Program Participant identifies extenuating circumstances wherein funding will be required beyond 60 days, the Program Participant must notify ICJIA in writing.

d) Program Participants will use an eligibility application provided by ICJIA to determine if a victim or witness is an Eligible Person. The application will include the following:

1) information identifying the requesting authority and victim;

2) a description of the related violent crime;

3) identification of the proposed recipient of the financial assistance and the proposed recipient's relationship to the violent crime;

4) the amount and type of financial assistance requested for mental health treatment assistance, relevant insurance and benefits information; and

5) for lost wage assistance, proof of employment, proof of wages and/or salary, and evidence of missed working hours due to the violent crime.

e) Eligibility applications will be retained in accordance with Section 1590.70 in this Part. The eligibility application will not be required to be submitted to the ICJIA but will be subject to audit by the ICJIA when evaluating program performance.