

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All LSC Program Directors

**FROM:** Helaine M. Barnett, President

**DATE:** February 21, 2006

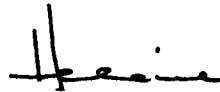
**SUBJECT:** LSC Program Letter 06-2 and Recipient Boards' Responsibility to Adopt Changes to Programs' Eligibility Policy

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Attached is LSC Program Letter 06-2 providing LSC's guidance for implementing the significant changes resulting from the recent enactment of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 103-322, signed into law on January 5, 2006 ("VAWA 2006"). The VAWA 2006 changes affecting the eligibility of individuals for legal services, as well as the use of LSC funds to support those services, became effective upon signing.

This is a reminder that as with all changes affecting LSC-funded programs' client eligibility criteria, each program's Board of Directors must formally adopt those changes and incorporate them into the program's overall eligibility criteria. Those Board adopted intake and eligibility criteria should be consistent with this LSC Program Letter 06-2 and the recipient program's priorities. Given the significant changes that have resulted from these new amendments to VAWA 2006, we recommend that each local program's Board adopt appropriate revised program policies at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Thank you for your attention to these requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Sarjeant at 202-295-1645 or sarjeantk@lsc.gov.

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