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## OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AWARDS \$ 114 MILLION TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE CRIME PREVENTION

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has released more than \$114 million in formula awards to 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories to support comprehensive strategies addressing violence against women, announced Cindy Dyer, Director of OVW. The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) supports a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to stopping and responding to crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

"The STOP formula program, one of OVW's oldest grant programs, provides critical support to each state to enhance services to victims," said Director Dyer. "Central to OVW's mission is the strengthening of local efforts across the country. This funding to communities will improve coordination between law enforcement, prosecution, and courts and strengthen victim services."

STOP formula grants are intended for use by states and territories; state, local and tribal courts (including juvenile courts); Indian tribal governments; local governments; and nonprofit, nongovernment victim services programs. Recipients are required to meet one or more of 14 statutory purpose areas. These areas include, but are not limited to:

- training law enforcement officers, judges, court personnel and prosecutors;
- developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs;
- developing, installing or expanding data collection; and
- developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.

By statute, OVW awards a base amount of \$600,000 in STOP funds to each state. Funds remaining after the allocated base amount are distributed among the states based on population. The most accurate and complete data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau is used to determine the state populations. Indian tribal populations are not included in the population count. Attached is a list of the awards. More information about STOP can be found at <a href="https://www.ovw.usdoj.gov">www.ovw.usdoj.gov</a>.

The Office on Violence Against Women provides leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women through the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act and subsequent legislation. Created in 1995, OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities across the country that are developing programs, policies and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. In addition to overseeing 12 federal grant programs, OVW often undertakes initiatives in response to areas of special need, dedicating resources to develop enhancements in areas requiring particular attention or in communities facing particularly acute challenges.

2008 Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program Awards (in dollars)

STATE	AMOUNT	STATE	AMOUNT
ALABAMA	1,826,741	NEVADA	1,274,265
ALASKA	754,535	NEW HAMPSHIRE	949,678
ARIZONA	2,210,582	NEW JERSEY	2,906,894
ARKANSAS	1,349,562	NEW MEXICO	1,074,035
CALIFORNIA	10,227,267	NEW YORK	5,713,883
COLORADO	1,880,786	NORTH CAROLINA	2,984,679
CONNECTICUT	1,529,854	NORTH DAKOTA	761,341
DELAWARE	829,494	OHIO	3,647,998
DIST OF COLUMBIA	756,173	OKLAHOMA	1,487,162
FLORIDA	5,441,594	OREGON	1,584,858
GEORGIA	3,134,949	PENNSYLVANIA	3,906,278
HAWAII	940,257	RHODE ISLAND	880,106
IDAHO	993,945	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,769,936
ILLINOIS	4,013,551	SOUTH DAKOTA	794,387
INDIANA	2,285,733	TENNESSEE	2,235,454
IOWA	1,393,190	TEXAS	6,925,723
KANSAS	1,332,365	UTAH	1,295,874
KENTUCKY	1,727,471	VERMONT	764,896
LOUISIANA	1,736,711	VIRGINIA	2,647,939
MAINE	948,947	WASHINGTON	2,295,681
MARYLAND	2,092,045	WEST VIRGINIA	1,081,735
MASSACHUSETTS	2,313,450	WISCONSIN	2,078,708
MICHIGAN	3,267,412	WYOMING	735,932
MINNESOTA	1,968,778	PUERTO RICO	1,648,040
MISSISSIPPI	1,374,023	VIRGIN ISLANDS	628,938
MISSOURI	2,158,743	GUAM	646,217
MONTANA	839,040	AM. SAMOA	615,364
NEBRASKA	1,068,274	N. MAR. ISLANDS	622,527
TOTAL	114,354,000		